

DELECTUS

N A P A V A L L E Y

2005 Merlot

The return of a widely appreciated and loved varietal at Delectus – Merlot! Many of our fans have referred to Gerhard's Merlot as a "Cab-drinker's Merlot" because it is always incredibly stout and complex. We finally found a vineyard that was worthy enough to make a single varietal bottling again, and – *oh my!* – is this a gorgeous wine. The 2005 Merlot has knocked our socks off since the day we first tasted it in the fermenting tank and has continued to earn our highest praises. It is bold enough to pair with a steak, but this wine begs to compliment stew or a leg of lamb.

Vineyard:	Undisclosed
Appellation:	Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley
Composition:	94% ML, 6% CS
Case Production:	425
Release Date:	03/08

Tasting Notes:

Aromas of cinnamon, cherry, marionberry, and white pepper fold into dried cranberry, banana-nut bread, and dark chocolate. The palate is round and vivacious and is filled with orange zest, vanilla bean and mineral. Full-throttle, powerful yet elegant, with a long velvety finish. Stellar! (02/08)