



CHAPPELLET

2005 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

WINEMAKER, PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS



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*Napa Valley
Merlot*

PRODUCED
AND BOTTLED
BY CHAPPELLET
VINEYARD
ST. HELENA
CA. U.S.A.
B.W. 4537
ALC. 14.9% BY VOL.

WINE STATISTICS

Harvested September 29 through October 27, 2005

25.0–27.6° Brix at Harvest

14.9 % Alcohol

TA–0.59 g/100 ml

pH–3.60

Merlot 79%

Cabernet Sauvignon 17%

Malbec 2%

Petit Verdot 1%

Cabernet Franc 1 %

THE WINE

The supple and elegant Merlot grown on our Pritchard Hill vineyard continues to remind consumers how delicious Merlot can be. Aged for 18 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels (40% new) and blended with our Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc for added structure and complexity.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

The 2005 growing season was one of the longest and coolest seasons in recent memory. Budbreak occurred in March, followed by a long bloom and set, creating a hefty crop. The unseasonably cool, wet spring spurred vigorous growth in the vineyard, necessitating canopy management and fruit thinning to ensure proper ripening of the grapes. Mild, even weather prevailed into September, allowing for a lengthy harvest.

TASTING NOTES

Our Merlot offers an intriguing perfume of Maraschino cherry and cherry cola, with vanilla notes. This is followed by plush flavors with excellent depth, concentration, and sweet fruit. This is a firm well layered, well balanced wine that will yield immense enjoyment.