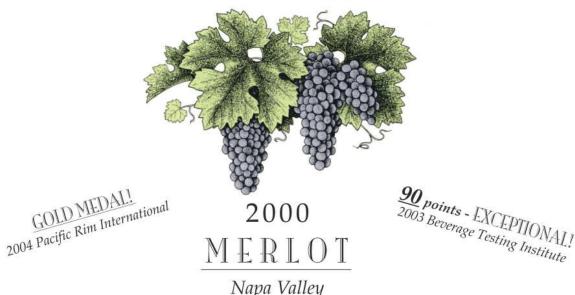
GRGICH HILLS



his is the second release of our highly acclaimed Merlot. This medium to full-bodied wine is a brilliant, dark ruby color. A warm spicy aroma of cedar, red berries and nutmeg invites you to take a sip. Your mouth will be tantalized by the smooth, ripe fruit flavors of cherries and plums with underlying nuances of herbs and chocolate. A touch of sweet vanilla oak, moderate tannins and good acidity give this Merlot a velvety texture and lingering aftertaste.

Winemaker's Notes

Alcohol	13.85 % by volume
Fermentation	
Harvest date	October 20, 2000
Sugar	
Bottling date	
	September 1, 2003
Residual sugar	0%
Total acid	6.45 g/L
pH	
Time in oak	
	60% French
	40% American
Case production	1,786

Although this Merlot drinks beautifully now, it will improve with age if you can hold on to it! Try serving it with a grilled steak, roast loin of pork with a red berry wine reduction sauce, lamb, eggplant parmesan, duck confit, or even a wild mushroom risotto.

WINE OF THE WEEK

2000 Grgich Hills Merlot, Napa Valley
Rich, with generous blackberry, black cherry and plum fruit.
Notes of coffee, pepper, chocolate and cigar. Soft texture.
Integrated tannins. Moderate to long finish.

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