

DELECTUS

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2000 Delectus Merlot

Gracing the front cover of Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine, Delectus Merlot is an icon to what Merlot was meant to be: boldly memorable and not leaving you begging for more substance. While we are grateful that Merlot served as a gateway to many red drinking wine lovers, over the course of time it was made green, simple, and quite frankly cheaply. At Delectus we are committed to bringing back the true nature of great Merlot.

Vineyards: Stanton
Appellation: Oakville, Napa Valley
Composition: 97.5% ML, 2.5% CS
Case Production: 850
Release Date: 10/03

Winemaker notes: Aromas of light smoke, cinnamon and clove. The palate is silky smooth, with evolving dark fruits. Additional notes of milk chocolate shavings and dusty earth are finished with a creamy feel of velvety tannins and a long finish.

TOP RATED 2000 CALIFORNIA MERLOT – 93 pts, CGCW 3/03, *“Here is an intense and deeply filled expression of Merlot that is loaded with lovely oak, but never loses sight of the lavish fruit that is its first and foremost gift. Wonderfully layered in character and accented with elements of vanilla, cream, coca and dried orange peel, it is broad and coating on the palate with so much richness that its finishing heat and minor tannins become next to negligible. There is every reason to expect even better with a few years of age, but early drinking is easily excused, if not outright condoned.”*

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