

GRGICH HILLS



GOLD MEDAL!
2004 Pacific Rim International

2000
MERLOT

90 points - EXCEPTIONAL!
2003 Beverage Testing Institute

Napa Valley

This 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.

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.

Winemaker's Notes

Alcohol	13.85 % by volume
Fermentation	2 weeks
Harvest date	October 20, 2000
Sugar	24.0° Brix
Bottling date	June 1, 2002
Release date	September 1, 2003
Residual sugar	0%
Total acid	6.45 g/L
pH	3.34
Time in oak	19 months
Type of oak	60% French 40% American
Case production	1,786

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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