



## Ramsay

### Merlot 2005

#### Napa Valley

**Grape Source** This wine is from several different vineyard blocks in the Oakville area. The character of grapes grown in this area changes dramatically, depending on how far the vineyard is from the Napa River. Grapes near the river tend to be fruitier and less tannic, while those towards the western hills have more structure. This wine also has a small percentage of Petit Verdot in its blend. These grapes add a nice nuanced side of black plummy fruit.

**Chemistry at Bottling** -pH: 3.65 -Total Acidity: 5.6 grams/liter -Alcohol: 13.28% -Free Sulfur Dioxide: 27 parts per million -Total Sulfur Dioxide: 75 parts per million

**Varietal Blend** Merlot with a small percentage of Petit Verdot

### Sensory Notes:

**Nose** Blending the fruit from several different Napa Valley areas gives this wine a wide array of aromas. First and foremost it has a bright black cherry note along with substantial cassis characteristics. In addition there is a ripe plum side from the Petite Verdot.

**Mouth** Lots of dark fruit and a wonderful countercurrent full of the bright nuances of plum, herb, sage, dill, and cassis. Well-balanced in the mouth with pleasant tannins and good acidity.