



2000 Merlot

Varietal	100% Merlot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	14.2%
Release Date	September 2002
Case Production	700 cases

The distinct character of 3 low-yielding vineyards from Pritchard Hill, Oak Knoll and Oakville is reflected in our 2000 Merlot Napa Valley. The wine displays showy cedar, clove, black cherry and sweet tobacco aromas. Finely textured and framed by soft tannins, the wine is supple yet serious.

“Very deep, fully ripened plum and black cherry fruit sits amidst a wealth of rich oak in the lightly spicy, coffee-tinged aromas of this impressively filled Merlot, and, while similarly unabashed in oak, its broad, decidedly succulent flavors are brimming with highly extracted fruit that remains true to the lush, black cherry themes of the nose. The wine is long on substance but retreats behind pushy young tannins at the finish, and, while its present richness is enticing, it warrants a few years of keeping in which to reach its very best.”

- *Connoisseur's Guide*