

# HALL

THE NAPA VALLEY COLLECTION



## 2005 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Our 2005 Napa Valley Merlot is sourced from two of our premiere estate vineyards, Napa River Ranch and Hardester. The Hardester vineyard, with its rugged, low-yielding hillside vines, produces fruit with weight, density and broad structure. By contrast, the dry-farmed valley floor vines of Napa River Ranch contribute rich fruit with lively aromatics and a plush mouthfeel. A small amount of fruit from renowned sub-appellations beyond our vineyard portfolio further enhances the depth and complexity of this harmonious blend.

Intense aromatics of cedar oak are accented by scents of roasted coffee beans and a hint of violets and roses. An open, textured palate of ripe briar fruit, dusty mocha and black pepper finishes with a surge of plum and soft tannin.

—*Richard Batchelor, Winemaker*

VARIETAL .....	90% MERLOT, 8% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2% MALBEC
APPELLATION .....	NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARD .....	97% ESTATE GROWN FRUIT, 3% SELECT VINEYARD PARTNERS
BARREL PROGRAM .....	18 MONTHS 100% FRENCH OAK, 55% NEW OAK
ANALYSIS .....	ALCOHOL 14.5%, pH 3.60, TA 5.3
RELEASE.....	MARCH 1, 2008
RETAIL PRICE.....	\$28 PER BOTTLE