



JACKSON ESTATES GROWN

## MERLOT

CALIFORNIA 2006

VINTNER'S RESERVE®

### *Winemaking Philosophy*

For nearly three decades, Kendall-Jackson has remained relentlessly committed to producing only the finest quality wines from grapes grown in California's cool coastal vineyards. We carefully match climates and soil types for each grape varietal, and then handcraft each vineyard lot throughout the entire winemaking process. Our proprietary approach to winemaking has earned us our world-renowned reputation for red wines that consistently exhibit intense layers of flavor with complexity and balance.

### *Key Points*

- 100% Jackson Estates Grown.
- Primarily Merlot with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. A splash of Petit Verdot and Malbec as well for added backbone and complexity.
- North Coast Sourcing.
  - Sonoma County mountain and hillside vineyards provide plum and black cherry flavors.
  - Cool Mendocino ridge vineyards add wild berry and anise notes.
  - Napa County mountain vineyards lend chocolate, currant and cedar undertones.
- Aged 12 months in French (76%) and American oak barrels for a wine that is strong and round.
- Artisan winemaking techniques, such as cold soaking, *saignée* method and extended maceration were used to enhance and simultaneously soften the tannins, deepen the color and intensify the flavors.



### *Tasting Notes*

"Wonderful plum, spice, currant and wild berry flavors. The soft tannins of this Bordeaux varietal carry these aromas and flavors to a long lingering finish — one that beckons for another sip, or better...a glass!"

—Randy Ullom, Winemaster

### *Statistical Information*

#### **Appellation:**

Sonoma County  
Napa County  
Mendocino County

#### **Composition:**

96.4% Merlot  
3.3% Cabernet Sauvignon  
.1% Cabernet Franc  
.1% Petit Verdot  
.1% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**T.A.:** 0.57/100ml

**pH:** 3.56

#### **Growing Regions:**

61% Sonoma County  
23% Napa County  
16% Mendocino County



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