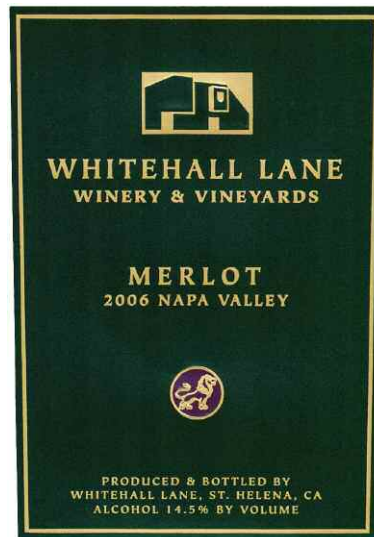


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**92** **Whitehall Lane 2006 Merlot (Napa Valley); \$28.**

A beautiful Merlot, noble and classic. It doesn't have the stuffing for cellaring, but is absolutely lovely now, with fine, brisk tannins framing flavors of cherries, herbs and sweet oak, and a lingering finish. Easy to find, with 12,100 cases produced.

*Editors' Choice.*