



DELAS

*Grands Vins de la Vallée du Rhône*

## MERLOT VIN DE PAYS 2006

Delas has purchased Merlot grapes from growers in the southern Rhône areas of Ardeche and Languedoc for many years. The soils of this region vary from Sandy Loem to Rhodanien sediments. Merlot is typically a Bordeaux variety, but recently growers have discovered that the south of France produces Merlot grapes with excellent sugar levels, color and quality.

### WINEMAKING

After harvest and a light pressing, the juice is transferred into stainless steel tanks that are temperature controlled at 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The juice is kept in the tanks where malolactic fermentation to take place. The richness of the wine is derived from the quality of the fruit as opposed to wood contact.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine has a rich, ruby color with spicy aromas. It is medium-bodied with good structure, soft tannins and a delicate finish.

*Appellation:* Pays d'Oc  
*Blend:* 100% Merlot  
*Suggested Retail Price:* \$10