



Wines & Vineyards ~ Notes

2004 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The Vineyards ~ The 2004 Destino Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon seamlessly blends exceptional grapes from two contrasting vineyards. Approximately half of the fruit comes from a vineyard in Napa Valley's acclaimed Coombsville region. Located at an elevation of 300 feet, this property's excellent soil and unique microclimate produces fruit with great structure and complexity. To complement this robust fruit, we have paired it with grapes from a valley-floor vineyard in the Oakville appellation. Meticulously cared for by the well-respected Nord family, these grapes add wonderful fruit-driven notes of ripe cherry. As with past vintages, our 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon gains nuance from a unique blend of three clones—337, 4 and 8—each of which contributes its own distinctive expression of Napa Valley Cabernet.

The Wine ~ This wine has been handcrafted using traditional Bordelaise techniques, which include fermentation with Bordeaux red yeast, thrice-daily pumpovers, and extended maceration or "cuvaision." In addition, the wine has gained added depth through a sophisticated barrel program which includes several French coopers (Nadalie, Vicard), distinctive toasting techniques, and the use of several wood sources including oak from Never, Center of France, and Limousin origins.

Tasting Notes ~ This delicious Cabernet Sauvignon strikes an elegant balance between voluptuous dark fruit components and soft, plush tannins. On the palate, the wine offers concentrated flavors of ripe Bing cherry and dark chocolate that stay present through a long, satisfying finish. Though this wine is already lush and approachable early in its development, it should continue to age well for 6 to 10 years.