DUCKHORN VINEYARDS



NAPA VALLEY

2004 Howell Mountain Napa Valley Red Wine

2004 Harvest Notes

The 2004 season began with an early bud break and flowering that led naturally to an early harvest. We began picking grapes the second week of August, but then experienced a cooling trend that allowed additional hang time for many of the later red varieties. This slow and steady period of ripening ended just after Labor Day when we welcomed a heat wave that accelerated harvest to an early finish.

Comments from the Winemaker

This Napa Valley Red Wine reflects the power and intensity of its rugged, high elevation terroir, displaying excellent structure, strong tannins and a complex undercurrent of earthy minerality. Featuring extracted aromas of dark chocolate, mulled fruit and spice, this robust wine also offers savory hints of porcini and soy. On the palate, mouth-filling flavors of blackberry, black currant, mocha and menthol are accentuated by hints of lavender, graphite, herbs and sweet oak.

Varietal Content

91% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon .5% Cabernet Franc, .5% Petit Verdot

Harvest Information

Appellation: Howell Mountain
Harvest Dates: September 20 — October 6, 2004
Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.4° Brix
2 Vineyards Harvested – Stout and Candlestick Ridge

Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 Gallons) Barrel Aging: 20 Months Age of Barrels: 100% New

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5% Titratable Acidity: 0.57 g/100ml pH: 3.58

> Bottled: July 2006 Released: April 2008