



Vintage:	2004
Varietal:	97% Sangiovese, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon.
Appellation:	65% Red Mountain (WA), Rogue Valley (OR) 35%
Vineyards:	Ciel du Cheval, Del Rio
pH:	3.66
Total Acidity:	0.57 g/100mL
Alcohol:	15.0%
Cases Produced:	1249
Case Weight:	39 lbs
Case Size:	15" x 11" x 12" (12 bottles)
UPC:	712196400044

Harvest report

Harvested between September 30th and October 19th, the grapes were picked at an average of 25.2 degrees Brix, pH of 3.75, and 0.57 grams per 100mL titratable acidity. The year 2004 was again a warm and dry year with an extended dry period that typifies summer and autumn in these regions. This allowed us to let the fruit hang long enough to achieve optimal ripeness, resulting in very ripe flavors. Yields were held down to less than 2 tons per acre.

Winemaking process

The fruit was fermented 50% whole berry with approximately 5% whole clusters added to the fermentors. It was cold soaked for four days, and fermented with a combination of natural and commercial yeasts. Fermentation was done in 1½ ton open-top bins, punched down twice daily and lightly pressed off after about 20 days. Press fractions were kept separate and the wine was moved immediately to older French oak barrels where it was aged for 18 months. The wines finished malolactic fermentation in late spring, were racked off and bottled in May 2006.

Tasting notes

Aromas of black plum, dried cherries give way to orange peel and cocoa. Blackberries and black-cherry dominate the entry, followed by notes of currant, roasted tomatoes and spice. The ripe and supple entry is offset with well-structured tannins on the finish, ultimately creating a blend that is characteristically food friendly. Overall the impression is that of a robust wine possessing ripe fruit, balanced acidity and soft, talc-like tannins. It is expected that this wine will continue to drink well over the next several years.



Northwest Red Wines of Distinction

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