

Wine & Spirits

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2004 Russian River Valley Zio Tony Ranch Chardonnay

Creamy-rich, this has the integration of flavors of a fine Champagne. Aged on the lees with weekly stirring, it has a lessiness that melds with its golden apple flavors. And its mouthwatering acidity has a briskness that will heighten the flavors of grilled hen-of-the-woods mushrooms and wood-roasted game birds.

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2004 Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch Chardonnay

This has the cool, supple feel of a fine Russian River Valley Chardonnay, ripened to the flavors of apricot and orange zest. The wine has plenty of staying power, finishing bright and spicy.

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2004 Carneros Hyde Vineyard Pinot Noir

Grown in the cool soils of Larry Hyde's vineyard, this wine ripened to dark-toned cherry fruit while maintaining the delicacy of fine pinot noir. The flavors build on savory spice and the clay-inflected tannins of Carneros, growing more sophisticated with air. Serve it with roast partridge stuffed with figs.

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2004 Sonoma Coast Burnside Pinot Noir

Velvety raspberry flavors contrast with black, ferrous tannins, needing time to meld. Age should emphasize the textural grace of the wine, while the fine raspberry fruit will bridge the tannins to roast boar.