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2004 NOVY SONOMA COUNTY SYRAH

2004 Sonoma County Syrah - Last year's Sonoma County Syrah may have been the most successful Novy wine ever. It was named one of the Top 100 Wines of 2004 by the Wine Spectator (it was wine #44 on their list). It sold out at a record pace, in just under 3 months. Most importantly, it just tasted great.

Thus we are particularly excited to release the 2004 Novy Sonoma County Syrah. Like its predecessor, it is a blend of Syrah from a number of vineyards throughout the county. The 2004 Sonoma County Syrah is a blend of 38% Judge Vineyard fruit, 21% Unti, 21% Amber Ridge, 12% Sapphire Hill, and 8% Christensen Syrah. That such disparate parts from Bennett, Dry Creek, and the Russian River Valleys can pull together and make one tasty and cohesive wine continues to fascinate us.

The 2004 Novy Sonoma County Syrah shares many of the same flavors as its predecessor with plenty of plum and boysenberry fruits. It is a bit more complex than the 2003 wine with a bit of white pepper poking through (probably due to more cool climate fruit) on the mid-palate. It is also a bit tighter than the 2003 at this stage making us think that 6 months to a year in the cellar will only make this wine more rewarding.

PRODUCTION: 1071 Cases

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