

DUTTON *Goldfield*

Wine & Spirits
THE PRACTICAL GUIDE TO WINE

Top 100 Winery – 2006, 2005 & 2004

2004 Sanchietti Vineyard Pinot Noir: “Pure Russian River Valley scents fill this wine, taking pinot noir toward dark rose, the damp understory of a redwood forest and a fruit character like boysenberry. It feels cool and dense, the texture voluptuous, the interplay of flavors completely satisfying...**94 points.**”

2004 Devil’s Gulch Vineyard Pinot Noir: “Though the texture is lovely right from the start, and the fragrant scent lasts with the red fruit of a strawberry patch, air takes this to a higher level. It clarifies the finish, like a break in the coastal fog...the flavors shooting through to the finish. A beauty...**92 points.**”

2004 Morelli Lane Vineyard Zinfandel: “...the wine’s ripe strawberry and raspberry flavor give the impression of a monster pinot. Or a sleek and refined zin, its aromatics a quiet dynamite blast of rock, its tannins gentle enough for slow cooked beef ribs...**92 points and a Year’s Best Zinfandel.**”

2004 Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir: “A classic Russian River Valley pinot noir...the tannins feel like the cool earth, melding with the dark cherry and boysenberry flavors; a coastal scent emphasizes its freshness...**91 points.**”

2004 Russian River Valley Zinfandel: “This lively zin has clean flavors of woodland blueberries on a smooth, firm texture. The structure keeps it lifted and fresh, easy to enjoy...**90 points.**”

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2004 Dutton Ranch Chardonnay: “...massive in tropical fruit, pear, fig and melon flavors. The result is complex and lush...**Editors’ Choice, 94 points.**”

2004 Morelli Lane Vineyard Zinfandel: “This is quite a mouthfilling Zin. From old vines, it’s rich in flavor, with notes of blackberry jam, cassis, espresso, dark bitter chocolate and anise. It’s on the soft side...French oak contributes sweet tannins and toast to this full-bodied, zesty wine...**90 points.**”

2004 Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir: “What’s not to like? Cherries, cola, rosehip tea and cinnamon spice flavors mingle into a wonderfully long finish, in a texture marked by silk and satin...**92 points.**”

2004 Rued Vineyard Chardonnay: “...tropical fruits, the ripest white peaches and vanilla cream, baked into a spicy pastry crust. The impression is of impossible richness, California Chardonnay at its most opulent...**Editors’ Choice, 95 points.**”

2004 McDougall Vineyard Pinot Noir: “What a wonderful Pinot Noir, a joy to sip as it warms and changes in the glass...as good as it is now, it should improve for a decade...**Editors’ Choice, 95 points.**”



2004 Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir: “Delicious pinot noir: supple in texture, finely flavored, full bodied, and moderately rich, with a smooth, long finish...**5 stars.**”

2004 Russian River Valley Zinfandel: “Supple, intensely fruity, full bodied, crisp and long on the finish, with complex aromas/flavors reminiscent of black cherry, tobacco, clove, toast and blueberry. Exceptional...**5 stars.**”

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2004 Rued Vineyard Chardonnay: “Quite heavy look to this wine. Very opulent, a sort of Montrachet style. Undertow of minerality. Nice dry, tight, focused finish. Quite distinctive. On the palate, it’s much tighter than on the nose. Promising!...**18 points.**”

2004 Sanchietti Vineyard Pinot Noir: “Quite subtle nose and marked flavours of blueberries. Round, well constituted and well balanced. Very smooth textured. Surprisingly forward. Lots of acidity underneath but there is such ripe fruit on top that it’s easy to miss it. Long...**17.5 points.**”