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2003 Seascape Vineyard SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY 2003 Chardonnay Seascape Vineyard (300cases.), a Louis Latour Batard-Montrachet-like effort displaying huge honeyed orange, lemon zest, white peach and crushed rock characteristics. From a cool climate hillside vineyard close to the Pacific Ocean's Bodega Bay, this beautiful, full-bodied effort boasts huge fruit, density and intensity. Enjoy this profound Chardonnay over the next 3-4 years.

2003 STONE CÔTE VINEYARD Sonoma Coast CHARDONNAY 2003 Chardonnay Stone Côte Vineyard (600 cases) tastes like a box of rocks drizzled with citrus oil. Poached pear, orange rind, stony white peach notes and striking minerality are reminiscent of a Chevalier-Montrachet from the likes of Michel Niellon. With lovely body, acidity and purity, it should be drunk of the next 4-5 years.

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2003 Three Jacks Vineyard GREEN VALLEY CHARDONNAY

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ARRENDELL VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR

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Seascape Vineyard Sonoma Coast PINOT NOIR More leesy/brioche characteristics interwoven with apricot, peach and pineapple fruit emerge from the 2003 Chardonnay Three Jacks Vineyard. (500 cases) It reveals superb complexity and richness along with an unexpected notion of smoky bacon fat and a blockbuster finish.

2003 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard (a 30-year old site in the cold Green Valley section of Sonoma) offers up scents of kirsch liqueur, raspberries, roasted meats, and herbs, a sweet attack and mid-palate, stunning purity, and a long concentrated finish. This beauty should drink well for a decade.

Made from Dijon clones 115, 777 and 667, the 2003 Pinot Noir Seascape Vineyard exhibits a medium dark ruby color as well as a big, sweet nose of raspberries, pomegranate, cranberries and allspice. Round, rich and elegant with a hint of sassafras, it should be drunk over the next 5-7 years.



2004 RUSSIAN RIVER ZINFANDEL

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A terrific buy is the blend of seven different vineyards (the average age of 80+ years), the 2004 Zinfandel Russian River. This gorgeously rich effort reveals a Pinot Noir-like sensitivity along with a seductive, fragrant nose of black raspberries, charries, spice box, pepper and earth. In the mouth, it's a flamboyant, seductive, expansive, full-bodied, savory wine with beautifully integrated acidity, wood, alcohol and tannin. Drink this decadent Zin over the next 5-6 years.

FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER ZINFANDEL The 2004 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard, from vines planted in 1906, boasts a dense saturated ruby/purple color, and a big, peppery, sweet nose of black cherries, raspberries, licorice, forest floor and underbrush. This spicy Zinfandel possesses abundant richness, concentration and intensity. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

HARTFORD VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER ZINFANDEL The 2004 Zinfandel Hartford Vineyard (90+ year old vines) reveals a dark ruby/purple color along with an elegant, Pinot Noir-like nose of crushed rocks, raspberries and briery boysenberry fruit. Medium to full-bodied, extraordinarily well-balanced and elegant, it should drink well for 5-7 years.

2004 HIGHWIRE VINEYARD Russian River ZINFANDEL

The dark ruby/purple-colored 2004 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard (96 year old vineyard) boasts copious quantities of blackberry, licorice, peppery, briery fruit and spice, good underlying acidity and a full-throttle, blockbuster finish. Consume it over the next 7-8 years.

2004 Dina's Vineyard RUSSIAN RIVER ZINFANDEL

The 2004 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard (90 year old vines) displays a dense purple color along along with huge flavor intensity, but its exremely high acidity is almost painful. Mike Sullivan told me it was all natural and it was just the way the vineyard came in 2004. I really do not know what to make of this wine. I expect the high acid will allow it to age well past ten years, but whether it will ever completely open and be totally balanced is questionable.