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**2003 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard Carneros** (\$53): Tropical fruits, smoke and butterscotch on the nose. Broad, chewy and quite dry, with intriguing suggestions of pineapple, smoked meat and earth. A fat, lush wine with a surprising gripping and thoroughly ripe aftertaste. 92.

**2004 Chardonnay Two Rivers Ranch Napa Valley** (\$50; from a vineyard in Yountville): Hazy, unfiltered appearance. Crystallized lemon and orange peel on the nose, with good mineral lift. Then fat and sweet, with exotic, highly concentrated soft citrus flavors. Quite lush and seamless, and very long on the back end. 92.

**2004 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard Wente Carneros** (\$53): Complex aromas of lemon cream, minerals and butter, plus an exhilarating crystallized fruit character. Impressively fat with fruit but at the same time dense, bright and sharply delineated. Saline, mineral and dusty stone components add to the wines' tactile texture. The dust stone character gives the finish terrific chewy texture and grip. 93.

**2004 Syrah Carneros** (\$60): Bright ruby-red. Idiosyncratic aromas of smoked meat and black olive tapenade; the Old World. Then sweet and fine-grained in the mouth, with lovely herbal and olive lift to the red berry flavors, not to mention a firm edge of acidity. Finishes with a lingering olive flavor. The pH of 3.8 is actually low for this fruit, notes Tor Kenward. 89-91.

**2004 Syrah Napa Valley** Good medium ruby. Musky aromas of black raspberry, chocolate and mint. Juicy, minty and a bit youthfully clenched, with the intense mountain berry fruit currently dominated by the wine's firm acids. Finishes with very good length. 89-91.

**2004 Cabernet Mast Mast Vineyard Napa Valley** Medium ruby. Cool, bright aromas of rocks, mineral and aromatic spearmint. Dense but bright, with a distinct eucalyptus character. Juicy, firmly built and persistent. This seems to rely more on its acidity than on its tannin for structure. 91-93.

**2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Mast Vineyard Napa Valley** (\$65): Good full medium ruby. Black cherry, currant, mint, meat and leather on the nose. Dense and ripe in the mouth, but the brisk acids leaven the sweetness and gives the currant, cedar and menthol flavors good definition and brightness. A juicy, persistent cabernet with considerable early appeal. 91.

**2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard Howell Mountain** (\$75): Good full medium ruby. Aromas of black currant, bitter chocolate and menthol. Dense, sweet and lush, with terrific ripe acidity giving vinosity and clarity to the dark cherry and cassis fruit. Finishes sweet, firm and very long. In contrast to the Mast, this really demands a few years of cellaring and should age very well for a good 15 years. 92(+/-?)