



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS MERLOT 2004

Merlots' plushness, richness fit with holidays

Star panelists pick merlots from Artesa, O'Shaunessy, Truchard
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With the possible exception of chardonnay, no varietal in recent memory has been as victimized by the whims of wine's trend-following consumers as merlot. Thanks in part to a certain Academy-Award winning film, legions of wine drinkers who knew just enough to be dangerous shunned this classic variety in a fit of fashion-consciousness.

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In the discussion following the tasting, several panelists remarked that the overall quality of wine was better in the second flight than the first. One taster was concerned with typicity and indicated that the wines tasted in flight two were more true to variety and region than those in the first flight.

The **Truchard Carneros Merlot** was the panel's favorite wine from the second flight. Several tasters commented on the wine's pretty floral notes. They also found "ripe, big fruit," and pencil lead aromas. While several tasters remarked on the wine's big, tannic structure, they felt there was "enough acid to carry the weight," and that overall the wine had good structure and balance.