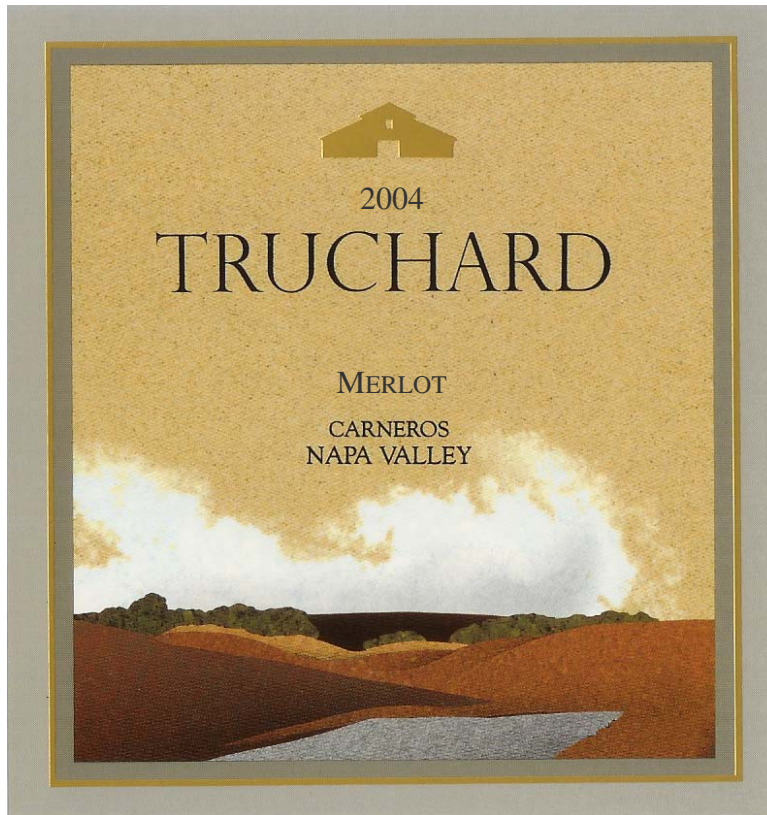


# KOEPPEL ON WINE



## **Truchard Vineyards**

### **Merlot Napa Valley Carneros 2004**

**EXCELLENT** – Wonderful — here come those words again — purity and intensity; this breathes black currants and black cherries penetrated by piercing minerality. The wine is vibrant and resonant in the mouth, sleek, elegant and polished but with dark depths of fruit and spice and smacky tannins that swim through and take a grip on the finish. Drink through 2012 or '14.