

RADIO-COTEAU

Radio-Coteau 2004 Vintage



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With pleasure we offer our third release, the 2004 vintage, which begins yet another chapter for Radio-Coteau, building on our foundation of handcrafted wines from coastal vineyards north of San Francisco. The warm 2004 growing season on California's North Coast yielded an early harvest of intense, ripe fruit. The resulting wines are accessible in their youth, yet possess structure and depth, and the potential for longer-term aging.

With this current release, we are excited to introduce four new wines to the Radio-Coteau portfolio, all grown in western Sonoma County. There are two Pinot Noirs: Terra Neuma, from vines planted on an exposed bluff overlooking the coastal enclave of Bodega; and Alberigi, from a sheltered knoll in the heart of the Russian River appellation. There are also two Syrahs: Cherry Camp, from a cool-climate vineyard that peers into the Freestone Valley; and Las Colinas, a Syrah blend, the sibling to our La Neblina Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir Cuvée.

Given growing demand and limited supply, we have moved to an online allocation system this year. The amount of wines we are offering each customer is a function of previous customer support. To access your allocation and purchase wine, log onto "My Account" with your user ID and password.

If you would like to purchase wines in addition to your allocation, you can make a request through the "Wish List" function at the end of the ordering sequence.

Thank you for your interest in the handcrafted wines of Radio-Coteau.

Eric Sussman
Winegrower

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2004 Vintage Wines



LA NEBLINA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR
ALBERIGI RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR
SAVOY ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR
TERRA NEUMA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR
LAS COLINAS SONOMA COAST SYRAH
TIMBERVINE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SYRAH
CHERRY CAMP SONOMA COAST SYRAH
VON WEIDLICH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ZINFANDEL

2004 La Neblina Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Radio-Coteau's *La Neblina* is a quest for synergy and balance. The 2004 bottling is an assemblage from two distinct vineyards along the Sonoma Coast: one northwest of Cazadero five miles from the ocean, and the other in northern Sebastopol. The Bing cherry, rose petal and spice notes emblematic of Sebastopol are deftly balanced with slightly gamey, black cherry counterpoints from the cooler Cazadero site. Notable for its supple mouthfeel, sweet tannins and exceptional depth of flavor, the 2004 *La Neblina* drinks well now, and can be enjoyed over the next five years.

760 cases produced. \$40 per bottle.
RELEASE DATE: March 20, 2006
*** SOLD OUT ***

2004 Alberigi Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

In the heart of the Russian River Valley, the Alberigi Vineyard lies on renowned Vine Hill Road. This debut-bottling captures the essence of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. It starts with ripe aromas of cherry and rhubarb, and unique complexities, such as shitake mushroom and white pepper. It then delivers high-toned medium-bodied pomegranate fruit, with contrasting notes of vanilla and wet earth. The wine gains structure on the long, dry finish, throughout which lingers a subtle cherry blossom perfume. Most enjoyable with food, this wine should be at its best over the next five years.

150 cases produced. \$42 per bottle.
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2004 Savoy Anderson Valley Pinot Noir

Richard Savoy's Pinot Noir grapes develop intense flavor over a season lengthened by cool maritime breezes which funnel through the Anderson Valley. Violet-purple in color, the wine displays a complex nose of berries, cherries, pennyroyal and baking spice. Layers of sappy red fruit unfold on the palate, enveloped in violet perfume and underpinned by ample acidity. Strikingly harmonious, this elegant wine remains densely packed in silky tannins on the youthful finish. Cellared properly, it can be set aside for many years of continued drinking pleasure.

480 cases produced. \$48 per bottle.
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2004 Terra Neuma Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Another debut-bottling, the 2004 Terra Neuma comes from a hillside vineyard, farmed biodynamically by the Benzigers, which is above the coastal enclave of Bodega. This dark purple wine boasts an opulent, "flashy" nose of toasted oak, black raspberry, minerals and fresh lavender. Flavors reminiscent of dark berries, black plum, and vanilla are projected against a backdrop of grainy tannins. The wine exhibits a flavor profile and tannic grip that we believe is similar to a young Nuits St. George. It shows well with roasted meats, and should reach its drinking apogee between 2006 and 2010.

74 cases produced. \$48 per bottle.
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2004 Las Colinas Sonoma Coast Syrah

Las Colinas blends fruit from a selection of Syrah vineyards in the hills surrounding the Bohemian Highway in western Sonoma County. The elegant nose effuses classic aromas of cool-climate pepper spice, blue and black fruits, and dried meat. The midpalate bursts with dark fruit and meaty flavors, and its chewy texture is tinged with bittersweet chocolate. The wine finishes with a rush of black pepper, blackberries and wet earth, displaying more complexity than you might expect at this age. In short, this wine is drinking well now, and will continue to evolve for several years.

380 cases produced. \$34 per bottle.
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2004 Timbervine Russian River Valley Syrah

This timber-lined Syrah vineyard is perched high above the Russian River just beyond the town of Forestville on the steep slopes of Black Mountain. Saturated in color like previous vintages, the black-purple wine reveals aromas of flowers and pepper on the concentrated nose, with a suggestion of cured meat. Well-integrated, the wine is brimming with crushed berry and black fruit flavors, as well as roasted coffee, minerals, chocolate and a hint of mint. Profoundly complex, this heady wine is ready to drink now with decanting, and stored properly, it should drink well through 2014.

350 cases produced. \$45 per bottle.
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2004 Cherry Camp Sonoma Coast Syrah

Originally planted to cherries in 1910, this cool-climate vineyard peers into Freestone Valley. The portentous Cherry Camp Syrah oozes with sappy flavors in the nose, such as blueberry syrup, chocolate fudge, candied violet and roast pork loin. In the mouth, it turns from confectionary to architectural, where a dusting of cocoa powder buffers emerging mineral-laced tannins. The finish remains chewy and dense, ending after some resistance with a stubborn flourish of dried blueberries and grilled meat. A powerhouse, this wine will benefit from proper cellaring for up to eight years.

240 cases produced. \$48 per bottle.
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2004 Von Weidlich Russian River Valley Zinfandel

Expressing the unique character of a sun-drenched vineyard on Goldridge soil, Robert Von Weidlich's old vines—dry farmed, head pruned and low yielding—reside on a ridgetop above the town of Occidental. With a bright purple color, the wine shows briary aromas alongside notes of red raspberry and boysenberry jam. Peppery, ripe raspberry and black cherry flavors on the palate are married with notes of baking chocolate, graham crackers and mountain pine. Enjoy the fruit-forward youthfulness of this old-vine Zinfandel, or set it aside to mature for several years.

220 cases produced. \$38 per bottle.
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