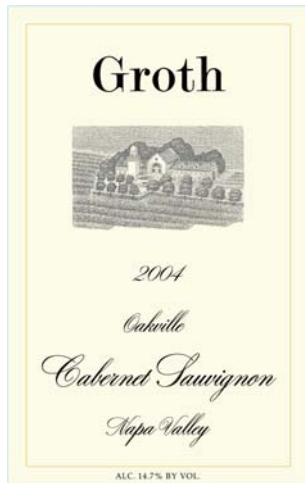




**Groth**  
VINEYARDS & WINERY  
*Rooted in Oakville*



## 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

**Vintage:** The grapevines got off to an early start in 2004 thanks to incredibly warm weather in early spring. An early start was tempered by cooler weather during the summer interspersed with heat spikes. The results were clusters with excellent fruit character and development in both whites and reds. The 2004 will go down in the books as a stellar vintage.

**Harvest:** The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit is grown on our Estate controlled vineyards, in the Oakville AVA, in the heart of the Napa Valley. The Oakville District is renowned for its Cabernet Sauvignon and produces wines that are full, lush and very elegant.

**Winemaking:** Fermentation was carried out over a ten-day period in small, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at an average temperature of 85 F. After pressing and settling, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels for aging. The sweet vanilla character derived from 20 months in the barrels blends well with the black cherry and blackberry flavors and aromas of the wine. Blending with the Merlot occurs just prior to bottling.

**Winemaker Tasting notes:** We began our sequential replanting program of our 60 acres of Cabernet in 1998 culminating with the replanting of the last block in 2002. Most of the replanted vineyards were back into mature production for the 2004 harvest. The 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon is big and lush with huge gobs of fruit in the aroma and flavor. The texture of the wine is soft and supple, typical of Cabernet Sauvignons grown in our area of the Oakville AVA. Patience during bottle aging will reward the “steward” with an outstanding bottle over the next 10 to 15 years.

**Menu suggestion:** “A slab and a Cab”, Dennis Groth recommends you drink his Cabernet Sauvignon with steak.

### Key Points

- Oakville Appellation
- Cabernet Sauvignon 87%, Merlot 13%
- Aged in French oak barrels for 20 months, 50% new French oak.
- Lush flavors with subtle tannin backbone
- Bottled in August 2006
- Will age beautifully for the next 10-15 years

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