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2003 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

BEST MERLOT OF CALIFORNIA

BEST OF CLASS OF SONOMA

GOLD MEDAL ~ 94 POINTS

Charles Creek 2001 Miradero Merlot

Glen Ellen, CA -- With two GOLD MEDALS already awarded to this luscious Merlot, Charles Creek Vineyard's 2001 Miradero Merlot brings home *MORE* accolades at the 2003 California State Fair.

Within the last 30 days, not only have the 2003 Los Angeles County Fair and the Santa Rosa Press Democrat North of the Gate wine competitions given this Merlot gold medals, but now the California State Fair has also honored this win as "Best Merlot of California" and "Best of Class of Sonoma" among the 290 entries in the Merlot category.

"We are gratified by the awards we received at the California State Fair," expressed Bill Brinton. "It's very exciting to know that we've been recognized as the state's most prestigious Merlot. With 2,814 wines entered, and only a total of 183 golds awarded to all the varietals in total, this is excellent news for us and this 2001 Miradero Merlot."

Charles Creek Vineyard specializes in high quality Chardonnay, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon from great vineyard sources in the Sonoma and Napa valleys. The goal is to create outstanding wines that are an exceptional value. The wines are food-friendly, fruit-driven, and easily paired with all courses of a meal.

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