



# CHARLES CREEK

## VINEYARD

2004

*Muy Bonito*

*A Blend of Syrah, Grenache, Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon*  
*Napa/Sonoma County*

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey

Production: 1200 cases

Date of Bottling: October 19, 2006

The Vineyards: 23% Schlumberger (Sonoma County), 32% Ballentine & Shaeffer (Napa)  
40% Sangiacomo Vineyard-(Sonoma Valley-Carneros), 5% Courtside (San Luis Obispo)

The Vintage: Early bud-break and a warm, dry growing season led to an earlier than usual harvest in the vintage of 2004. Temperatures in the Carneros were milder than those in the Napa Valley, allowing for full maturation without shriveling or dehydration. With low crop yields, the fruit is deeply colored, flavorful and concentrated, inviting comparison to the dynamic wines of 2002.

The Blend: 50% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Grenache

Winemaking: 100% Open Top-Punch Down Tank Fermentation  
22 months in French Oak Cooperage

The Wine: Veering into the somewhat non-traditional, this delightful, eminently drinkable red brings together the forward fruit and spice of the varietals associated with France's southerly Rhone region and the structure and complexity of the grapes typically (historically) cultivated in the Bordeaux.

Black fruit aromas and a hint of peppery spice are accompanied by mouthwatering raspberry and blackberry fruit in the mouth. Hints of vanilla and toasty oak bring a touch of seriousness to the endeavor, allowing some aging potential of at least 3-5 additional years.

To drink tonight with any of the usual suspects, ranging from the red meats to the red sauced pastas or wild mushrooms would be a pleasure. Versatile and fun but with a serious side (just like some people we know).

The Stats: Alcohol: 14.4%  
Total Acidity: 6.5 G/L  
pH: 3.6  
RS: .03

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