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California's Best of 2007

Top Ten Cabernets of the Year

Far Niente, 2004 Oakville

Complex, appealing nose of kirsch-like black currant and blackberry, dried lavender and mocha with a blueberry high note from the 6% petit verdot in the blend, which also includes 4% each merlot and cab franc. Rich and luscious with medium-full, supple tannins and a deep core of ripe cassis-dark berry fruit, enhanced by nutmeg spice and well-integrated sweet oak. Long, extended close.