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For some reason, Lewelling Vineyards remains under most consumer's radar, which is a mistake. Proprietor Dave Wight makes a pure Cabernet Sauvignon possessing Pauillac-like sweet crème de cassis, charcoal, and spice box characteristics, but more power than is normally found in Bordeaux. These impressive efforts offer extraordinary natural beauty and symmetry. The 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa exhibits an opaque purple color as well as beautiful aromas of crème de cassis, flowers, licorice, and a hint of barbecue spice, medium to full body, silky tannin, adequate acidity, and well-integrated toasty oak. Enjoy this lovely Cabernet over the next 10-15 years. The more limited production, spectacular 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Wight Vineyard is one of the vintage's most stunning efforts. It reminds me of a top vintage of Screaming Eagle...it's that good. The purity, equilibrium, and sumptuous perfume of black currant liqueur intermixed with smoke and blueberries are all dazzling. Full-bodied, multidimensional, and beautifully layered, with a 45+ second finish, it is already accessible, but should age effortlessly for 15 or more years. If you haven't gotten on the Lewelling bandwagon, it's time to do so as these are absurdly modest prices for this level of quality.

2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Wight Vineyard
2004 Cabernet Sauvignon

96+ pts
90 pts

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