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## 2004 Big Guy Red Wine California

*“The best thing about a man is his dog.” – French proverb.*

Winemaking goes to the dogs!

After eight years of faithfully welcoming guests to the winery, Ty (our Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier who Anthony calls “Big Guy”) felt it was time to share a little secret – his own favorite wine for those lovely BBQ dinners he so enjoys. Our Big Guy Red blend pairs beautifully with spare ribs, pork tenderloins, burgers, rib eyes – you get the idea! Don’t forget to share a tidbit with your faithful friend, and ENJOY!

Our Big Guy Red Wine is a blend from select lots drawn from California appellations. Bordeaux varietals Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec & Petit Verdot are blended with Syrah, a Rhone varietal. These lots display lively fruit aromas and flavors; enjoyable while young. The tannin structures will allow the wine to develop gracefully for several years.

### Vintage Notes

The 2004 vintage yielded fruit bearing the imprint of an early spring, a slow and steady ripening period that ended with a fast, hot finish several weeks ahead of traditional harvest timelines. Warm, consistent summer weather was bracketed by an early spring bud break, and several late summer hot spells, creating growing conditions that allowed for one of the earliest harvests in almost a decade. Overall yields were lower than expected and the resulting wines show inky color, ripe fruit flavors and great natural acidity.

### Tasting Notes

Our 2004 Big Guy is a blend created from several lots of wine drawn from the five traditional Bordeaux varietals. These lots display lively fruit aromas and flavors with a soft, supple tannin structure. The addition of Syrah makes this wine approachable at an earlier age, while still having a tannin structure that will allow the wine to develop for several years. A medium-bodied wine, with rich, complex flavors of fruit and toasty oak integrated with supple tannins, this wine is a delightful accompaniment to any occasion.

### Technical Analysis

Varietal:	Cabernet saugvignon (85%) Cabernet franc (7%) Merlot (6%) Petit verdot (1%) Syrah (1%)
Source:	Napa Valley and Sierra Foothills
Total Acid:	0.58 gm/100ml
pH:	3.66
Alcohol:	14.7%
Bottle Date:	June 2006
Production:	418 cases

