



2004 Barrouge Napa Valley

The 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Barrouge (85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot) offers both power and elegance. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by pure creme de cassis flavors, a hint of wood, an intriguing, earthy, graphite-like note, and a full-bodied finish. It is surprisingly youthful, and should drink well for 10+ years. Drink: 2014-2024

The 2004 vintage got started very early; warm early spring and very moderate summer conditions. A heat spike in early September put a bump in the road for most of the reds with sugar spiking quickly. Once the weather cooled, the grapes were able to ripen more gently and evenly, putting some high potential red wines in the tank. A light crop produced high levels of color and dense flavors and should result in some memorable wines from the 2004 vintage.

Awards and Ratings:

*90+ Points Wine Advocate, Robert Parker,
Reviewed April 2014*

Vintage Statistics:

Blend	<i>85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot,</i>
Harvest Date	<i>September -October , 2004</i>
Bottling	<i>July, 2006</i>
Aging	<i>20-22 months in French Oak</i>
Alcohol	<i>15.1%</i>
Production	<i>394 cases</i>
Release Date	<i>April, 2007</i>