



# AVALON

CALIFORNIA  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON HIGH FIDELITY

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2004  
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Winemaker  
Alex Cose

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'  
(1965 - Dunhill Records)  
THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS

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1966: *California*

*Dreaming* by The Mamas and The Papas hits the charts. We dream about California, too. Ours are of long warm summers with cool nights. We dream of no rain until after our September harvest. We dream of juicy grapes with deep flavors and of French oak barrels.

In 2004 dreams came true. The year started with an early spring, followed by a warm, mild summer.

Harvest started in early September and continued until mid-October. We typically pick at 26 degrees Brix and did so in 2004.

Depending on the development of fruit flavors and acid levels, that can vary by a couple of degrees.

Grapes arrived at the winery, were gently crushed and placed into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. We chill this "must" for three days to extract color and fruit flavors and then warm up the tank to get the fermentation rocking, typically finishing in 10-14 days.

We occasionally get the odd fermentation that ponders life a bit more, those may take up to 21 days. Most of our lots stayed separated until blending season, generally 8-10 months after harvest.

Our Winemaker Alex Cose tasted lots from around the state and decided how best to craft our new release.

Some lots have more fruit, some more grip, some nice oak nuances and others backbone or mid-palate texture. Blending them is a true art. No matter how much science a winemaker studied in college, blending is all right-brain activity.

Our 2004 blend comes from the Central Coast including Monterey and Santa Barbara and Northern California including Mendocino and Napa. To complement the rich flavors of Cabernet Sauvignon, we've added a touch of Merlot for a juicy fruit middle and a little Syrah for a note of blueberry.

Aromas of plum, cherry, boysenberry and a definite blueberry note with oak notes of caramel and cedar.

This wine always drinks easy in luscious fruit flavors similar to that of a berry pie with a white chocolate component.



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VINTAGE 2004

*Composition:*

78% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
17% Syrah, 4% Merlot,  
1% Tempranillo.

*Stats: Alcohol 13.7%,  
ph 3.66, TA 5.5*

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