

# FOOD & WINE

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## wine made simple

TASTING ROOM

### superstars & super steals

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rules  
tiring  
plus 67  
wine-friendly  
recipes

Spicy pork & tomatillo stew—dressed with a Syrah blend  
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NAPA VALLEY CABERNET (\$70)

**2004 Ladera Howell Mountain Cabernet**  
Ladera winemaker

Karen Culler often praises the elegant, silky tannins that Howell Mountain gives Cabernet. This wine shows what she means: The firm tannins are so fine-grained they're almost imperceptible, allowing the ripe black currant and blackberry flavors to take center stage.



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