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"A rich, dark, peppery, and well-balanced wine, with blueberry and cassis notes, a velvety tannin and a good finish."

Jacques Pepin

Chef, author, PBS television series host

"A stunning mélange of blackberry and chocolate. The wine has layers of sweet fruit, tar, and cedar. They are all encompassed with velvety tannins. A brilliant wine that deserves to be on all great wine lists."

Michael Mina

*Michael Mina, San Francisco and Las Vegas
XIV, Los Angeles
Bourbon Steak, Miami*

"The wine is polished and expressive with chocolate truffle and roasted coffee bean. The girth of a more veteran wine with fleshy cassis followed by palate saturating tannins. As you would expect from Narsai, the wine is powerful with impressive restraint and balance."

Jan Birnbaum

Epic Roasthouse, San Francisco

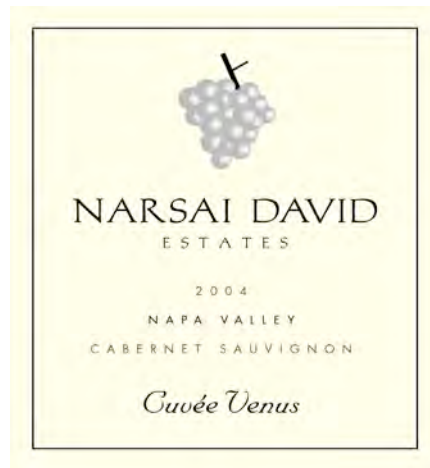
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We have just finished bottling our 2006 Cabernet, so the decks are cleared to receive this year's harvest, which looks marvelous already.

But wait—now is the time to talk about our new release!



I am excited to announce the release of our
2004 Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.

It has a new label and a new name. I am so thrilled with this wine that I have re-named it *Cuvée Venus* for my wife.

Our award-winning winemaker, Gary Brookman, was pleased with the great potential of the vintage throughout the season, and it really delivered! Our vineyard manager, Paul Garvey, believes the shorter growing season, with very uniform moderate to high heat and a lower crop level than usual, gave us a terrific concentration of sugar and flavor. The tannins are soft and velvety. The palate is rich and racy, jammy and toasty like a fresh baked berry pie.

I remember our dear friend Andre Tchelitscheff, the dean of California wine makers, proclaiming each vintage his best ever. Now I know what he meant. Each one simply must be better than the previous vintage in one way or another. It is so exhilarating to bring in the new harvest that it's easy to spontaneously proclaim it the best ever. The soft suppleness of this wine makes it drinkable already, but it will continue to develop for 4-5 years. The alcohol level at 14.1% makes our wine always food friendly. We produced 475 cases.

Cheers!

Narsai