

Stephen Tanzer's

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LANDMARK

2004 Lorenzo Vineyard Chardonnay
Russian River Valley

90 (+) Points

“Pale yellow color. Tight nose hints at peach and butterscotch. Sweet on entry, then quite firm and classically dry in the middle, with peach and oak spice flavors complicated by an exotic pineapple character. Today this very backward wine finished with a slightly dry edge. Drink the Damaris while giving this a year or so in the cellar. Winemaker Eric Stern described 2004 as a very early, extreme harvest. ‘We had high sugars and high acids due to vine shutdown, not to mention lowish crop levels,’ he explained. ‘We started the harvest in the third week of August and it was a mercy picking.’”

2004 Damaris Reserve Chardonnay
79% Sangiacomo Vineyard
21% Frostwatch Vineyard

92 Points

“Complex, leesy nose melds lime, nutmeg, honey and vanilla. Fatter and sweeter than the Overlook; this is loaded with lush, chewy, spicy fruit. A big, velvety wine but harmonious acids keep it fresh and firm. Conveys a strong impression of extract. This rich, long chardonnay should make superb drinking over the next three or four years.”