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California's Best of 2007

Top Ten Merlots of the Year

Nickel & Nickel, 2004 Suscol Ranch, Napa Valley

Fragrant, heady aromas of blueberry, black raspberry, minerals, clove and chocolate. Flavors of blackberry, oak char, coffee and clove are a bit leaner than suggested by the nose. Smoke appears in the lengthy close. *-BL*

Other Outstanding Merlots

Nickel & Nickel, 2004 Harris Vineyard, Oakville