

**Groth Vineyards and Winery****2004 Cabernet Sauvignon  
(Oakville)**

This is another in a long line of beautifully made Cabernet Sauvignons from the Napa Valley. I'm so enamored of the vintage, which produced an abundance of classic, even-keeled wines that are distinctly from their place.

This one has perfumed blackberry aromas with a shade of oak. It's smooth and stylish in the mouth with some of that toasty oak, a hint of chocolate and lots of blackberry goodness. The tannins are finely honed for aging up to about 10 years. Here is a Cab that came in at a rather high alcohol level – 14.7 percent – but it doesn't detract from the quality. The wine spent 20 months in half new French barrels.

Reviewed February 21, 2008 by [Alan Goldfarb](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Groth Vineyards and Winery](#)

**Vintage:** 2004

**Wine:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:** [Oakville](#)

**Grapes:** [Cabernet Sauvignon](#) (87%), [Merlot](#) (13%)

**Price:** \$55.00

**THE REVIEWER****Alan Goldfarb**

Alan Goldfarb has been writing about and reviewing wine for 17 years. His reviews have been published in the *St. Helena Star*, *San Jose Mercury*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Decanter*, and *Wine Enthusiast*, among others. Not once has he used a point system, star

system, or an iconic symbol to quantify a wine. What counts in Mr. Goldfarb's criteria when judging a wine is: how it tastes in the glass; is it well-constructed; its food compatibility; and presence of redeeming regional attributes.