

**Four Vines Winery****2004 Anarchy  
(Paso Robles)**

Winemaker Christian Tietje is a hedonist. He says so right on the Four Vines Website. But one taste of Anarchy, his unconventional Rhone blend and you would have assumed that anyway. Combining Syrah and Zinfandel and Mourvedre, Tietje has created a sensuous, rich, palate-pleasing winner. The Syrah lends that smooth, velvety mouthfeel. The Zin adds zesty spice and bramble berry back end. The Mourvedre adds the anise and the marriage license for the all the varietals to unite.

At a whopping 15 percent alcohol, this fruit bomb of a wine works mainly because it was blended well: 40% Syrah, 29% Zin, and 31% Mourvedre. Unlike more conventional Rhone blends that use Grenache, it is heavy of body, has a heady, spicy nose, and presents west side Paso Robles in a bottle. Alas, only 900 cases were produced but don't resort to anarchy to get a bottle of the 2004 Anarchy. By the time you read this the 2005 vintage of this different style Rhone blend will be available.

Reviewed June 27, 2007 by [Michael Lasky](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Four Vines Winery](#)

**Vintage:** 2004

**Wine:** Anarchy

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Grapes:** Syrah / Shiraz, Mourvedre / Mataro, Zinfandel

**Price:** \$30.00

**THE REVIEWER****Michael Lasky**

APPELLATION AMERICA's Senior Editor, Michael Lasky, has been writing about food and wine for over 20 years. His work has appeared in national magazines such as *Playboy*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, and *Parade*, and newspapers such as *The New York Times*, *USA Today*,

*Newsday*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. His wine reviews focus on the aroma, taste, and visual appeal of what's in the glass. He is decidedly not a wine snob and prefers to describe its virtues in conversational prose that speaks to everyone from wine neophytes to veteran connoisseurs. He only reviews delicious wines.