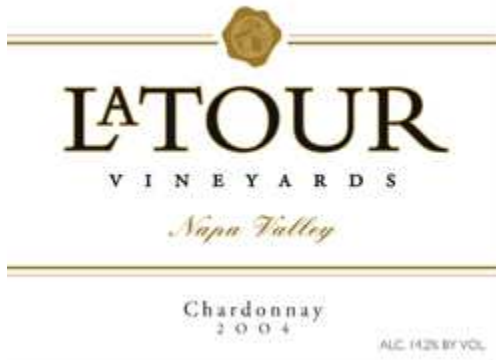


**WINE RECOMMENDATION**

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**LaTour Vineyards****2004 Chardonnay  
(Mount Veeder)**

Tom LaTour knows how to take a dream and execute it. As the Chairman and CEO of The Kimpton Group of Hotels & Restaurants, he has lots of practice. He also probably has lots of great wine at the cutting edge hospitality group's small boutique hotels with chef-driven restaurants. Top notch chefs are the draw, but high level sommeliers are also brought in to create winning food and wine destinations as part of the allure. In Tom's new venture he produces small lots of high quality wines from premium vineyards in both the Napa Valley and in Oregon.

Golden yellow and viscous, this delicious white has aromas of freshly baked apple pie, lemon meringue pie, lemon drop candy, violet, honey, and peach. On the palate the wine is round and silky, like chantilly cream, and has rich, honeyed and banana notes. The finish is dry and lemony. A wine as seductive as this would be a great choice as a cocktail on date night, but would be delicious with an omelette a la Celestine (with chicken breast, cream, and chopped parsley), turbot with leeks, duckling with lavender-honey and lemon, grilled lobster, or Chesire, a mild English cow's milk cheese.

Reviewed July 10, 2007 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [LaTour Vineyards](#)

**Vintage:** 2004

**Wine:** Chardonnay

**Appellation:** [Mount Veeder](#)

**Grape:** Chardonnay

**Price:** \$39.00

**THE REVIEWER****Catherine Fallis**

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