

**m2 wines****2004 Dos Arkies
(California)**

Layne Montgomery and Chris Matheny started making wine together in 2000, releasing Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, and several Syrahs from different regions in California. They created m2 in 2004, giving their garage operation a name inspired by mutual m's in their last names. They produce small lots artisanally from across the state and own no land. In 2004 and 2005 they custom crushed at a host winery in Amador County and in 2006 they produced wines in their own facility in Lodi, California.

Dos Arkies is a blend of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Pratt Vineyard in the Fairplay AVA, 35% Syrah from Lani's Vineyard in the Shenandoah Valley AVA, and 23% Petite Sirah from the Herzog Vineyard in the Clarksburg AVA.

Cloudy and opaque purple, this opulently fruity and youthfully brash wine has intoxicating aromas of spearmint, menthol, blueberry, cassis, plum, cherry, vanilla bean, maple syrup and pine needle along with a fairly high impression of alcohol. On the palate it is full, ripe, round and creamy with notes of sea spray, blueberry, black currant, and vanilla. Chewy fruit tannins provide grip and structure. Oak tannins are beautifully integrated. The finish is pithy and slightly drying.

Reviewed January 14, 2007 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [m2 wines](#)

Vintage: 2004

Wine: Dos Arkies

Appellation: [California](#)

Grapes: [Cabernet Sauvignon](#) (43%), [Syrah](#) / [Shiraz](#) (35%), [Petite Sirah](#) (22%)

Price: \$18.00

THE REVIEWER**Catherine Fallis**

Founder and President of Planet Grape LLC, a company committed to bringing the joy of wine, food, and good living into the lives of everyday people, Catherine is creator of the "grape goddess guides to good living," a series of books, television presentations, seminars, and e-learning programs. The fifth woman in the world to become a Master Sommelier, grape goddess Catherine Fallis is still very much down-to-earth.