



### ***2004 Blankiet Estate Merlot, Paradise Hills Vineyard***

Review by Robert Parker  
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Rating: 94 points

The 2004 Merlot Paradise Hills Vineyard (1,100 cases) includes a dollop of Cabernet Franc in the blend. It exhibits gorgeous notes of chocolate, espresso, plums, blackberries, and cherries. Full-bodied with terrific intensity and opulence, it makes a dramatic statement about how great Napa Merlot can be. It should drink beautifully for 15 or more years.

Both 2004s have put on considerable weight and performed significantly stronger out of bottle than they did from cask.