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Loads of fruit balance complex Syrah

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The State

2004 Bonny Doon Syrah “Le Pousseur,” California

Randall Grahm, who started this winery, likes to produce California wines with an old world French character.

This wine is soft and elegant while allowing the fruit to keep popping in the mouth. Aromas of peppery clove and dried blueberries fill the air immediately after you pull the cork. The flavors are superb, with rich dark jam like fruit, subtle hints of spice and oak, all rounded out with a vanilla softness that flows over the tongue.

The finish hangs on to the taste buds enough to let the flavors trail off. This is a great full-bodied syrah for the price.