

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection***Snows Lake Vineyard****2004 "Two" Cabernet Sauvignon Blend****Red Hills Lake County****350 Cases Produced**

After two decades of heavy investment and pioneering by a group of ambitious winegrowers, Lake County is re-launching itself with thoughtfully sited vineyards and state-of-the-art winemaking facilities. Although this just-north-of-Napa region has enjoyed a solid reputation for Sauvignon Blanc for a few decades, newer plantings in the high-altitude Red Hills of Lake County are responsible for some head-turning red wines, predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon. One of Red Hills' most successful proponents is George Myers, grower and owner of Snows Lake Vineyard who bottles small amounts of Cabernet Sauvignon. Myers began acquiring land there in 1996 and has since assembled 808 acres under vine (600 of which are Cabernet). Most of the Snows Lake grapes are sold to prestigious wineries with national and international acclaim, including Stag's Leap, Cakebread, and Rosenblum, to name a few. Myers wanted to further prove his vineyard's merits and held back some of his best 2004 fruit for the production of two limited-production wines, comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Myers simply wanted to validate that Lake County can make world-class Cabernet, and with two multi-award winning wines under his belt, it seems he has proved his point.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

The Snows Lake 2004 "Two" red blend comprises 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Cabernet Franc to display the kind of deep black fruit found in Napa Cabs, but with a finesse and elegance that's more akin to a Bordeaux. It's a profile that doesn't have an equivalent in any of California's prestigious Cab zones, and if Lake County can routinely deliver this caliber of Cabernet, it may become one of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon regions in the world. The Snows Lake 2004 "Two" was awarded **92 Points** by prominent wine and spirits reviewer *Anthony Dias Blue*, **90 Points** by *Wine Review Online*, and an additional **90 Points** by *Paul Lukacs* of *Saveur* magazine. This Cabernet's lifted aromas of blackberries and subtle raspberry are integrated with hints of cedar and toasted oak and flavors follow with the same rich blackberry, red berry, and even structure, with subtle oak and a tarry finish. The *San Francisco International Wine Competition* awarded Snows Lake's "Two" a **Double Gold Medal** and the international *Concours Mondial de Bruxelles Wine Competition* awarded it a **Gold Medal**. Not bad for an inaugural vintage from one of the smallest wine growing regions in California – this is one to keep your eye on. Aged 20 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2015.

REORDERS**2004 "Two" Cabernet Sauvignon Blend**

Winery Direct: \$45.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:**2-Bottle Members: \$38.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$35.00 /bottle**

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

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