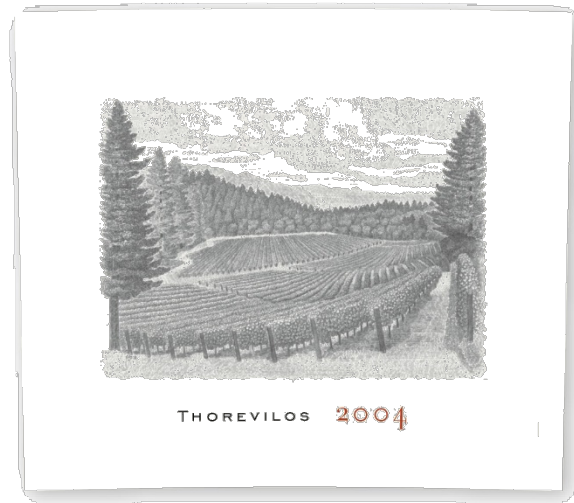


# Abreu

MADRONA RANCH    CAPPELLA    THOREVILOS    HOWELL MOUNTAIN



The 2004 vintage began with an early bud break at Thorevilos vineyard. The weather during bloom was warm and dry, yielding very uniform cluster and berry sizes. Suckering occurred during the warm spring days, with removal of both unwanted shoots to allow only the most fruitful to carry grape clusters, and lateral growth to allow filtered sun into the canopy. With the warm weather advancing the season, green harvest occurred in late June and early July, wherein select grape clusters were removed before veraison to create vine balance and ensure optimum ripeness. In August and September, the summer heat intensified. During the month of September, over 15 days recorded temperatures above 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Our mature vines withstood the hot days due to judicious and timely water management. The Merlot was the first to ripen in the middle of September, while the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot were all picked over a five day period at the end of the month.

Initially released in the spring of 2009, the 2004 Thorevilos is a monumental wine of richness and sweet tannin with a dense core of fruit reflective of the vintage. The structure and length in this wine has evolved showing the greatness of the vineyard. At age 10, the 2004 is in its prime and will continue to evolve over the next decade.

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#### PROVENANCE:

100% Thorevilos · Napa Valley

#### VINEYARD COMPOSITION:

22 acres · Volcanic Tufa

Cabernet Sauvignon · Cabernet Franc · Merlot · Petit Verdot

Planted in 1990, Thorevilos is located in the eastern hills of Saint Helena just below Howell Mountain. The Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot are at the base of the vineyard while the Cabernet Sauvignon stretches up the steep western facing slopes of the vineyard. The uniqueness of this site is the white tufa rock soils which are very well-drained and mineral rich. Coupled with the microclimate, the very unique character of the wine can only be described as Thorevilos.

The first release from Thorevilos was the 2000 vintage.

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