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## SUISUN VALLEY

Recognized in Colorado Wine News with **Two Best Buys**

Ledgewood Creek

### BEST BUY

The **2004 PicNique Red**, *Suisun Valley*, \$9, is a blend of 16% mouvedrè, 21% syrah, and 53% grenache. It spent 15 months in oak and opens with earth, coffee grounds, black cherry, and plum on the nose. All repeat as smooth, clean, shallow flavors which finish medium-broad and medium-long. Simple for everyday.

The **2004 PicNique Fumé Blanc**, *Suisun Valley*, \$9... herby nose... melon. Flavors of herb and green apple finish long and medium-broad. A Fumé to pair with food. The **2004 Chardonnay**, *Suisun Valley*, \$12.75, was barrel fermented and aged for 12 months in equal amounts of French and American oak, 50% new. It has an oaky nose before flavors of cream, green apple, and lots of spice. The oak reappears of the finish which is also quite spicy.

The **2003 Merlot**, *Suisun Valley*, \$15, spent 15 months in 50% new French and American oak and shows... blackberry, cherry... on the nose. Flavors of cherry, blackberry, and... oak plus a moderate amount of smooth tannin finish long and medium-broad with addition of light spice. The **2003 Syrah**, *Suisun Valley*, \$10, was aged for 14 months in French and American oak. It has aromas of raspberry, cherry, earth, and smoke which repeat... with light tannin and finish long and medium-broad with the addition of... cranberry.

Wooden Valley

### BEST BUY

The **2003 Primitivo**, *Suisun Valley*, \$10, 342 cases, matured in American oak for 14 months and has a very sweet, rich nose of sweet Virginia tobacco, plum, and pepper. All repeat as flavors plus sweet cedar on the sides at the back and somewhat dry tannin before a medium-broad, medium-long finish. It should be very popular. Well balanced, structured, and integrated. Good.

Thirty-eight percent of the **2004 Chardonnay**, *Suisun Valley*, \$8, 595 cases, was barrel fermented. It has aromas of oak, smoke, lemon peel, and lemon. Flavors of pineapple, pear, lemon, and oak finish long... The **2005 Sauvignon Blanc**, *Suisun Valley*, \$8, 307 cases, has round flavors of green apple and lemon which finish light, medium-broad and medium long with the... hint of spice...

The **2005 White Gamay**, *Suisun Valley*, \$7, 564 cases, is made from valdiguié. It is pale pink in color with very light, woody, wild strawberry, lightly sweet aromas which continue as fairly sweet flavors and finish medium-broad and medium-long. Softly structured and very simple, it should be popular.

The **2003 Pinot Noir**, *Suisun Valley*, \$12, 406 cases was aged for almost 20 months in American oak. It has a smoky earthy nose before... flavors of dusty cherry and earth which finish long... medium-broad. Straight forward. The **2002 Syrah**, *Suisun Valley*, \$9, 210 cases, spent about 16 months in American oak and opens with dark chocolate aromas leading to broad, soft, mouth filling flavors dominated by black cherry... the finish is broad and medium-long.

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