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Meridian: 03 Pinot Noir, \$11
Falling Star: 04 Merlot Malbec, \$5
Alice White: 04 Merlot, Shiraz, & Cab.-Shiraz, \$7
Olathe: 00 Merlot and nv White Riesling, \$11
Kendall-Jackson: 02 Zinfandel, Vintners Res., \$12
Ledgewood Creek: 03 PicNique Rouge, \$8
R&B Cellars: 03 Swingsville Zinfandel, \$10
Field Stone: 03 Convivio Semillon, \$10
Raymond: 02 Amberhill Cab. Sauv., \$13

Banrock Station: nv Sparkling Chardonnay, \$10 and 04 Chardonnay, \$7
Korbel: nv Brut Rose, \$11
the Little Penguin: 04 Shiraz, Merlot and Cab. Sauv., \$8
Round Hill: 02 Merlot, \$9
Selby: 03 Rosé of Syrah, \$12
Wooden Valley: 00 Cab. Sauv., Estate, \$12
Wyndham Estate: 03 Shiraz, Bin 555, \$10

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**Here are the results of a focused tasting of
Suisun Valley Wines
in the April - June 2005 issue of
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Ledgewood

The **2002 Syrah**, Suisun Valley, \$12, 311 cases, contains 0.5% carignane. It has aromas of herb, black cherry, currant, earth, and smoky oak introducing the same fruit with a cooked character laced with dry grippy tannin. The finish is medium-broad and somewhat short.

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The **2002 Contado, Cabernet Sauvignon**, Suisun Valley, \$19.75, spent 12 months in French, American, and European oak and opens with oak over blackberry, blueberry, and cherry before flavors of blackberry, blueberry, cherry, cedar, and celery seed. Everything carries through the long, medium-broad, persistent finish which adds sweet tar at the end. Well balanced, structured, and integrated. Tasty.

Sunset

The **2002 Zinfandel**, Suisun Valley, \$15, contains 0.5% each of petite sirah and carignane. It has aromas of very jammy black cherry plus raspberry leading to light bodied flavors of the same plus some plum, lots of pepper and plenty of tannin. Everything carries through the broad, medium-long finish. Well balanced, structured, and integrated. Good

Wooden Valley

The **2003 Chardonnay**, Estate, Suisun Valley, \$10, 621 cases, spent 8.5 months in new and alder French oak. It shows oak, peach, and apple on the nose. All repeat in the reverse order as flavors joined by some astringency. The **2004 White Gamay**, Suisun Valley, \$5, is made from valdiguie. Aromas of unripe strawberry lead to sweet strawberry flavors. Fairly thin but would serve for an afternoon on the deck.

The **2002 Pinot Noir**, Suisun Valley, \$10, has aromas of smoke and black cherry which repeat in the reverse order as thin, tart flavors which finish short and narrow. Tasty. The **2001 Syrah**, Suisun Valley, \$8, was aged for about 13 months in one and two-year-old American oak. It opens with an inviting nose of coffee, blueberry, and cassis introducing light, fresh, slightly tart flavors of cherry, raspberry, blueberry, and cassis plus fine tannin. All carry through the broad, long finish. This is a well balanced, structured, and integrated Syrah to match with food.

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The **2000 Cabernet Sauvignon**, Estate, Suisun Valley, \$12, 872 cases, has a bright, forward bouquet of blueberry, blackberry jam, cherry, bittersweet chocolate, and smoke. Fairly light bodied flavors of the same plus lavender and with the oak last are laced with light tannin and nice acidity and finish medium-broad and medium-long. This well balanced, structured, and integrated wine makes a good match with food. Very Tasty. BEST BUY.

Ledgewood Creek

The **2003 Chardonnay, PicNique**, Suisun Valley, \$8, has flavors of candied lemon and apple which finish at the front of the palate. The **2003 PicNique Rouge**, Suisun Valley, \$8, has aromas of black cherry jelly and light oak introduce light-bodied flavors of raspberry and sweet cranberry laced with a moderate amount of dry, smooth tannin. The finish is long and medium-broad. Well balanced, structured, and integrated. BEST BUY.

The **2002 Merlot**, Suisun Valley, \$15, spent 15 months in equal amounts of French and American oak, 70% new. It has a bouquet of currant, blackberry, herb, and smoky oak before flavors of blackberry, currant, and black cherry plus soft tannins. It finishes medium-broad and medium-long.

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The **2003 Petite Sirah, King Vineyard**, Suisun Valley, \$35, 23 cases, has aromas of sweet coffee, sweet chocolate, and baked blackberry. All repeat as flavors led by the blackberry and with the addition of raisin at the edges.