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In our June 2002 issue, we observed that the L'Aventure 1998 Zinfandel was "a liquid promise of great things to come." With his L'Aventure 2004 Estate Cuvée (www.aventurevine.com, \$75), proprietor and winemaker Stephan Asseo has admirably delivered on that promise. The 2004 Estate Cuvée—which comprises 60 percent Syrah, 29 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, and 11 percent Petit Verdot, all fermented in the same tank—is not only beautifully rendered, but playful, its Bordelaise blueberry intertwining with the leathery, cigar-sweet refrains of the Syrah to create an intoxicating jazz impromptu that envelops nose and palate. —B.A.

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