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**DRY CREEK VINEYARD ONLY U.S. WINERY TO WIN
the “Grandes Expressions de Chenin 2004” Award
AT LOIRE VALLEY COMPETITION**



Dry Creek Vineyard was the only U.S. winery awarded the “Grandes Expressions de Chenin” in a recent Chenin Blanc competition held in the Loire Valley, France. The winery took the honor with their **2003 Dry Chenin Blanc** from Clarksburg, California.

Of the 210 entries tasted, 51 wines from four countries were selected as ‘Great Expressions of Chenin’. 33 of the award-winning wines came from the Loire, France, 16 from South Africa, one from Australia and one from the United States.

The wines were tasted by 53 international wine professionals, in panels of 35 tasters per day. Each wine was tasted between eight and twelve times and never in the same order within a flight, in order to be as objective as possible. This year’s panel (sommeliers, journalists, producers, wine writers and other members of the wine trade) was made up of tasters from twelve different nationalities – French, South African, American, English, Australian, Japanese, German, Swedish, Belgian, Swiss, Indian and Greek, which represents the main key wine markets around the world.

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