

THE CHRONICLE'S TOP BARGAIN WINES OF 2005



2004 Dry Creek Vineyard Clarksburg Dry Chenin Blanc

“In 1991, California had more than 30,000 acres of Chenin Blanc, representing more than 17 percent of the state’s white wine grapes, according to the California Agricultural Statistics Service. By 2004, total white wine grape plantings were up slightly, but Chenin Blanc had dropped under 12,000 acres because it lost favor in the industry. Most of that Chenin Blanc goes into jug wines, and few California wineries still produce it as a varietal. **This wine shows why wineries shouldn’t give up on it, with floral and ripe fruit notes that pair with zesty citrus flavors.**”

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