

# CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE

to California Wine™



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## 2004 ESTATE FUMÉ BLANC DCV3

Dry Creek Valley



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POINTS



ONE PUFF

“Quiet, but fairly well-defined melony fruit in the nose gets a helping hand here from a nice dollop of sympathetic oak sweetness, and oak comes to play in this ripe and moderately rich wine’s ample flavors as well. If a bit crisper and firmer in structure than its softer cellarmate from Taylor’s Vineyard, it holds varietal herbaceousness in abeyance and keys instead on deftly oaked fruit from first sniff straight through to a fairly long finish.”

