

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY / CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE

### WINE SPECTATOR (June 15, 2007)

James Laube

#### **92 Pts - 2004 Luna Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley**

(\$80) **Exquisite balance, with ripe, rich, concentrated fruit that's deep and profound without being heavy.** Tiers of currant, black cherry and smoky, toasty oak are well-proportioned, finishing with a long, integrated finish. Drink now through 2013. 800 cases

### INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR (May/June 2007)

Steven Tanzer

#### **91 Pts - 2004 Luna Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley**

(\$70; a blend of 75% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot and 10% cabernet franc; aged 22 months in barrel) Good deep ruby-red. Deep, rich aromas of liqueur-like black raspberry, graphite and bitter chocolate. Very ripe and concentrated but not porty, with intriguing notes of wild herbs, mocha and spices. **A major mouthful of wine, finishing with big, broad, dusty tannins.** The cabernet sauvignon comes from an east-facing vineyard on top of Atlas Peak, at an elevation of 2,200 feet, while the cabernet franc and merlot are from Howell Mountain.

#### **93 Pts - 2004 Luna Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Napa Valley**

(\$100; includes 7% cabernet franc and 3% merlot; from a vineyard on Crystal Springs Road, at an altitude of 1,200 feet) Good deep ruby. Bright, mineraly nose combines cassis, black cherry, menthol, graphite, meat and bitter chocolate. **Sweet, lush, dense and gripping; this is really packed with fruit.** An impressively chewy, full cabernet that finishes with ripe tannins and terrific lingering sweetness of fruit. This vineyard is actually on the lower slopes of Howell Mountain. **Superb.**

#### **91-94 Pts - 2005 Luna Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley**

(2% merlot from Carneros) Bright ruby-red. Lively, complex, claret-like aromas of currant, graphite, licorice, tobacco and mint. Then juicy, penetrating and tightly wound, with a **silky texture and noteworthy elegance.** The firm tannins arrive late, allowing this solidly structured wine to expand nicely on the back. **One senses that the winery did a very good job choosing when to harvest.**

#### **91-94 Pts - 2005 Luna Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Napa Valley**

(from low-yielding young vines near Yountville) Bright ruby-red. Pungent, dark aromas of cassis, lead pencil, minerals, licorice and cocoa powder. **Intensely flavored and precise...**currant and mineral flavors. Finishes with building tannins. Incidentally, Drash did 40 to 45 days of maceration in 2005, including 25 days after the end of the fermentation.