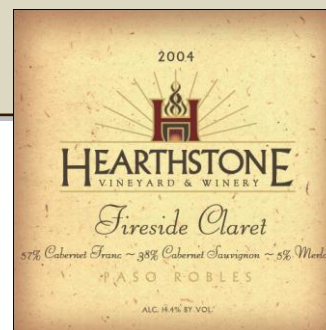




# HEARTHSTONE

## 2004 FIRESIDE CLARET

Paso Robles, California



### The Growing Season:

This season was one of the fastest and earliest in the state's history, starting at the beginning of August two to three weeks earlier than normal. Yields per acre were normal to light, but excellent quality fruit. We are very pleased with the wine quality from the 2004 vintage. High levels of color and dense flavors should result in some memorable wines. The early crush helped bring in the crop safely before the early arriving rains this year.

### Technical Information

Composition: 57% Cabernet Franc, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot

Appellation: Westside Paso Robles

Alcohol: 14%

Residual Sugar: .2 dry

Production: 181 Cases

Released: October, 2006

Barrel Program: Aged 18 months in neutral oak

Suggest Retail: \$28.00

### The Wine:

This wine has a nose of cherry cola, cedar and violets - likely from the Cabernet Franc. On the palate it is more bright with lively flavors of raspberry and cherry with a bit of truffle and dried coconut. Delicious!

### Winemaker Commentary:

This wine has ideally aged to perfection. The tannins in this wine have mellowed to create a softened and silkier wine with more aromatic and flavor complexity. As the wine rounds out and mellows, it starts to show better, filling out and becoming more lush and seductive. With the lush mouth feel of this wine I would recommend to enjoy it in the next year.

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