

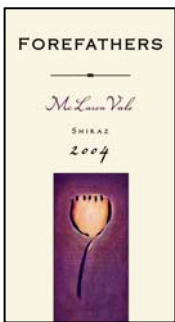
# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## FEBRUARY 2007

### Forefathers 2004 Shiraz (McLaren Vale) \$25

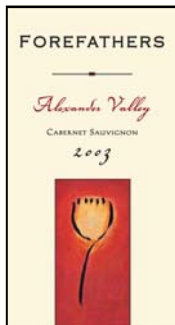
**90 Points**



Veteran winemaker Nick Goldschmidt is based in Healdsburg, California, as head of winemaking for Allied Domecq, but manages to find enough time to turn out this fine example of McLaren Vale Shiraz. The texture is lush and creamy, while the flavors run the gamut from dark mixed fruit to chocolate and spice. It firms up a bit on the finish, so while this is approachable now, it should easily age through 2015.

### Forefathers 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley) \$40

**90 Points**



Very ripe and forward, with flashy cherry, blackberry and cocoa flavors that lead to a long, spicy finish. It's a soft, slightly earthy wine, rich and balances, with lots of layered complexity. Very limited production, only 900 cases produced.

### Goldschmidt 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley) \$65

**92 Points**



This single vineyard Cab, from the personal label of the head winemaker at giant Beam Wines, is a very good example of Alexander Valley. It's rich, soft earthy and complex, a wine to lay down for 10 years or to open now. It shows ripe cherry-berry flavors that veer into chocolate and coconut pie, but it is dry and balanced.

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