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In our glasses

What we're drinking

2004 **Truchard** Carneros Roussanne (\$18)

What sold us: It's hard to find great Roussanne in California (or any, really) but Jo Ann and Tony Truchard, who grow some of Carneros' best fruit, manage it nearly every year. So what's this evocative northern Rhone grape doing in the land of Pinot? It must be a labor of love, because demand for Roussanne is still, shall we say, modest. A haunting nose of buttercups, ripe mango, lemon and mineral overtones hints at the bright, but still lavishly textured wine to come, with oak playing a quiet background role. Who needed another 3 acres of Chardonnay, anyway? Drink it now, with citrus-tinged seafood dishes or chicken.



Where to find it: JV Wine & Spirits (Napa)