

**Trium Winery****2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Evans Creek Vineyard
(Rogue Valley)**

Cabernet Sauvignon can be iffy in Southern Oregon. It's a big appellation and just because it's warm doesn't mean the grape thrives in every vineyard. But when the site's microclimate matches the Cabernet's needs, the wine can be fantastic. Like this one.

The grape source for this wine is Evans Creek Vineyard, a 13-acre farm near the City of Rogue River, with 5 acres dedicated to mostly self-rooted, 20-year old Cabernet vines at around 1200-ft. elevation. Apparently, it's a great site for Cab!

The evidence is that this wine offers a remarkably clear and ripe fruity core of black cherry and blackcurrant flavors with a light accent of freshly-mown sweet grass. There is no overt oakiness, nor is there a hint of jamminess. Indeed, the wine feels fully fresh and young, with very fine and smooth tannins and an acid backbone that never protrudes. Nuances of violets and a hint of cola make the lingering finish delightful.

The three couples who form the Trium label have contracted with Willamette Valley-based winemaker Peter Rossback to produce Trium wines from their Rogue Valley vineyards. Rossback has a cult following for his wines, and this wine shows why. It is at once delicate, delicious, and delightful. A mere 45 cases were made.

Reviewed April 26, 2007 by [Cole Danehower](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Trium Winery](#)

Vineyard: Evans Creek Vineyard

Vintage: 2004

Wine: Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: [Rogue Valley](#)

Grape: [Cabernet Sauvignon](#)

Price: \$38.00

THE REVIEWER**Cole Danehower**

Cole Danehower is the creator of the *Oregon Wine Report*. A frequent judge and a member of *Northwest Palate* magazine's review panel, Cole's palate is particularly attuned to Northwest wines. He believes numerical scoring is inadequate in conveying the character

of a wine, preferring to communicate his experience and evaluation of a wine through words. A believer in terroir (especially in Oregon's cooler growing regions) he also pays attention to the impact of winemaking style and vintage variation on a wine. He views balance, flavor purity, and a sense of character as key vinous virtues.