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Dry Creek Valley

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"Very attractive in a softer, rounder style as befits its high percentage of Merlot, this medium-full-bodied bottling shows equally well on the palate as it does in its inviting aromas and finds its rounded mouthfeel nicely firmed up by a streak of solidifying tannins. Its cherry and currant character makes it one to consider even now, but its finishing astringency promises that it will age well for several years."

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