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Oops, They Did It Again: Looking at past reviewed wineries and their new vintages.

Ridgepoint Wines

Ridgepoint continues to surprise and delight me – located in the shadow of Vineland Estates (you can see the Vineland tower from Ridgepoint's parking lot), they never seem daunted by that monolith looming over the hill. In fact, it might just inspire them to make better wines. Going back to taste a couple of their new 2004's, I continue to be impressed by both the hospitality and the wines. The **2004 Merlot** is a lighter style than you'll usually find in an Ontario Merlot, still with some drying-tannins, but it's dark fruit make up and ready-to-drinknow style, suggests more Chilean than Ontario; a real winner. The **2004 Cabernet-Merlot** is Ridgepoint's first blend, and is ready for (and priced for) lots of quaffing over the summer. Plenty of blackberry in the mouth and on the nose, with a wonderful dark cocoa finish ... and at 14.95 it's a bargain.