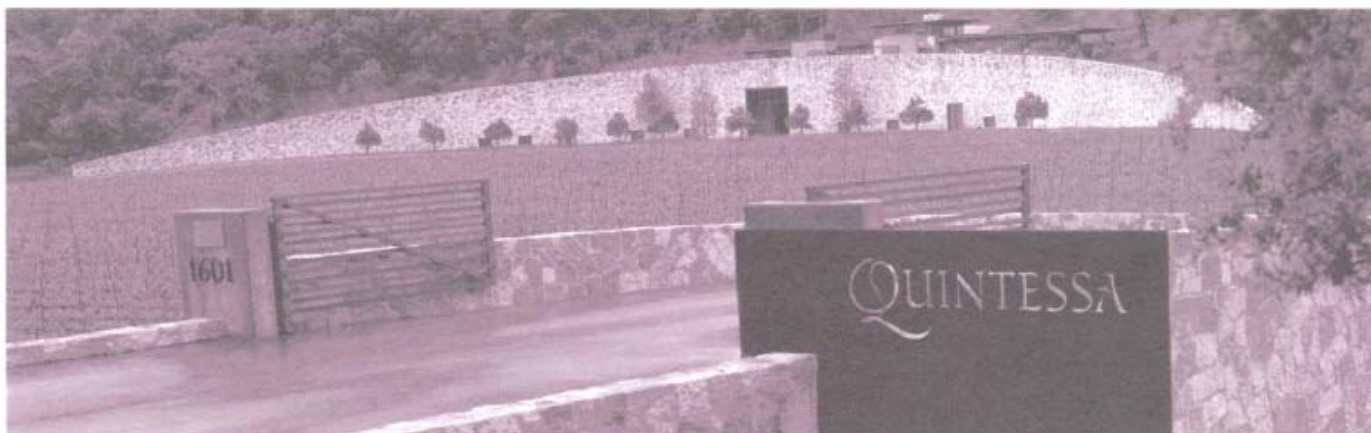





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## \*\*\* 96 **QUINTESSA Rutherford Napa Valley 2004**

This dazzling effort from Quintessa recalls the first-rate bottlings of a few vintages back and re-establishes the winery at the top of the list for varietal excellence. From the very outset, the wine establishes a strong base of deep, cassis and sweet plum fruit and adds in layers of enriching, wholly complementary oak. It comes with exceptional balance and is buttressed by an ample dose of youthful tannin, and everything about this handsomely executed bottling points to its certain acquisition of increased complexity and polish over a decade and more.    **\$125.00**