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VINEYARDS

TODAY – MSNBC WINE COLUMNIST EDWARD DEITCH RECOMMENDS ALHONA VINEYARDS 2004 MERLOT AS A RED WINE PICK FOR THANKSGIVING.

FOR THANKSGIVING, A CORNUCOPIA OF RED WINES

From delicate to bold, Edward Deitch rounds up reds to please any palate

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Edward Deitch
includes
Alhona Vineyards
2004 Merlot
as one of several
red wine selections
for your
HOLIDAY FEASTS

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We turned our house into a Thanksgiving test kitchen this past week-end with the aim of finding red wines that might make good matches for the holiday feast. We found many possibilities, and the need to be a little cautious about some of our favorites.

To approximate our Thanksgiving meal, we went out and bought a couple of chickens, filled them with stuffing and cooked up a bunch of side dishes, including roasted sliced sweet potatoes and carrots and steamed brussels sprouts with maple syrup.

One of our friends, summing up the confusion, year after year, on what to drink, asked in frustration, "Every Thanksgiving comes around and what do you have for the wine?" We focused on American reds....

BIGGER, MORE AGGRESSIVE REDS

...if you prefer bigger, more aggressive reds, here are a few possibilities: from California, the 2004 Merlot from Alhona Vineyards in the Carmel Valley... a superb example of this sometimes maligned variety — bright, well-structured and balanced with plum, blackberry and earth notes. It's \$25 and available from the winery at alhonavineyards.com.