



Our first stop was the brand spankin' new tasting room of **Jocelyn Lonen**, at what seemed to be the very Peak of Atlas Peak road. What a view! The lovely and gracious Brandi Jocelyn Pack was there to greet us, give us a tour of the estate and pour some of her beautiful Pritchard Hill cabernets. It is wonderful to see someone who cares so much about making great

wine while incorporating it into a life that still centers around friends and family. I encourage anyone going to the area to visit Brandi and sign up for her newsletter. These are worthy wines at wonderful price points. Fantastic. In an odd twist, Brandi sells her estate fruit (which had been under contract for some time) while sourcing cabernet sauvignon and cab franc from the Krupps. That is, however, soon to change. Jamie Whetstone, of Turley and Whetstone fame, is Brandi's winemaker and his commitment to outstanding, deep cabernet is immediately apparent. To the wines:

*****+Jocelyn Lonen Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, 2003:** Wow. Really lovely with pronounced aromatics right from the first pour. More pronounced cab franc elements of mocha, truffle, grilled meats and violets accompany great, rich red fruit notes. Wonderful richness again on the palate with superb depth and mineral notes. Sweet, long, spicy finish. Sexy.

*****Jocelyn Lonen Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, 2004:** A wonderful wine at a great QPR (quality / price ratio). Chocolaty, fruit forward, lovely Napa cab. Ripe fruit dominates the nose with elements of café latte and vanilla. Firm, full bodied, nicely integrated and palate coating, this wine can be consumed over the shorter term but will benefit from 12 months in the cellar.

*****++Jocelyn Lonen Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, 2004:** Powerful. Brooding. Great mountain fruit elements of briar, blackberry, cassis and chalky minerals. Great structure across the palate. Teeth staining. Firm, furry finish promises rewards for time in the cellar. Very Worthy.