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90+ pts Wine Spectator

WINE ENTHUSIAST



Wine & Spirits



beverage dynamics

## AUSTRALIA

### 2009 Morambo Creek Shiraz

**96 pts**

**BTI + Platinum**

"Garnet black color. Rich melted toffee, strawberry-raspberry pie, watermelon gelato, honeycomb, and clay aromas are inviting with a satiny fruity medium-to-full body and a long, tangy pomegranate, tomato, praline, sour cherry, and passionfruit finish. A sensationally delicious shiraz that hits all of the high notes with complexity, power and finesse."

### 2011 Jip Jip Rocks, Chardonnay 12/750ml

**90 pts**

**BTI + Gold**

"Interesting aromas of honeycomb, pink peppercorn, pineapple-mango cake and coriander with a tart, dry-yet-fruity light-to-medium body and a crisp, tangy passionfruit accented finish. Sassy and flavorful with lively acidity that will play well at the table."

### 2009 Jip Jip Rocks, Shiraz 12/750ml

**90 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

Also outstanding, the 2009 Shiraz reveals a judicious touch of oak that provides an attractive spicy component that complements the blackberry and black currant fruit in the aromas and flavors. Full-bodied yet fresh and lively, without the alcoholic and oaky heaviness that sometime interfere with the appreciation of southern Australian wines, it should provide pleasure over the next several years.

### 2009 Jip Jip Rocks, Shiraz Cabernet 12/750ml

**90 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

The outstanding 2009 Shiraz/Cabernet boasts a deep purple color in addition to super-ripe mulberry and boysenberry fruit interwoven hints of cedar box, pepper, and underbrush. An opulent, voluptuously textured red with beautiful density and purity as well as a succulent style, it should drink nicely for 4-5 years.

**2010 Jip Jip Rocks, Shiraz Cabernet 12/750ml 90 pts BTI**

"Deep garnet black color. Aromas of blueberry compote, cocoa, pepper dust and eucalyptus with a silky, fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body and a tangy, sour cherry, praline, and spicy poached apple nuanced finish. A very nicely balanced table wine."

**2008 Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa, Cuvée 90 pts Wine Advocate**

My favorite is the blend of 54% Shiraz, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 17% Petit Verdot, the full-bodied 2008 Terra Barossa Cuvee Terra Barossa. Its opaque ruby/purple color is followed by chocolate, blackberry, and blueberry fruit notes. Consumers will adore this inexpensive, delicious, full-flavored South Australian fruit bomb if they drink it over the next several years.

**2009 Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa, Shiraz, Winemaker's Selection 9/1.0Liter 90 pts Wine Enthusiast**

"This is a lush, full-bodied Barossa Shiraz at a bargain price. Hints of charred wood accent mixed berries and rich, chocolaty flavors. creamy on the finish, with mouthwatering acidity. Drink now - 2012 – JC"

**2008 Thorn-Clarke, Wm Randell, Shiraz, 90 pts Wine spectator**

"Ripe and broad, with a purity of spicy, coffee-accented berry and purple plum flavors that ride over a plush texture and linger on the rich but balanced finish. Best from 2012 through 2018. 1,000 cases made. –HS"

91 pts Tanzer

**2008 Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa, Shiraz, Winemaker's Selection 9/1.0Liter 90 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2008 Terra Barossa Shiraz Winemaker's Selection was aged in French and American oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it is ripe, rich, yet light on its feet. Flavorful, layered, and well-balanced, it will evolve for 2-3 years and offer a drinking window extending from 2011 to 2020. It is an outstanding value.

**2009 Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 90 pts Wine Enthusiast**

"A great Value, Thorn Clarke's 2009 Terra Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon boasts bold aromas of cedar, cassis and mint, then follows up with similar flavors. It's medium to full in body, with firm tannins and mouthwatering acidity that make it drinkable now but suggest it may age nicely though 2020.- JC"

**2009 Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire, Shiraz 90pts Tanzer**

"Opaque violet color. Vivacious blackberry and candied cherry aromas are strongly underscored by coconut and vanilla notes. Broad, fleshy and sweet, offering an array of dark berry preserve flavors, supple tannins and mounting smokiness. The long finish boasts surprising energy for such a rich, concentrated wine."

**2009 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Enthusiast**

"Hits all the right Cabernet notes, from scents of cigarbox and cassis to heft on the palate and plentiful tannins. Ample oak brings coffee and vanilla into play. Soft enough to drink now, but should last through 2020.- JC"

## NEW ZEALAND

2008 Kennedy Point, Waiheke, Syrah **90 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"This is lively, tangy and peppery in both aroma and flavor, with the currant and plum fruit balancing the spiciness nicely, hinting at mineral notes as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2013."

## ARGENTINA

2008 Bressia, Monteagrello, Cabernet Sauvignon **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"Bressia's new releases begin with the purple-colored 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Monteagrello, which spent 12 months in 20% new French Oak. Made in an easygoing, smooth-textured style, it offers up plenty of succulent black current and blackberry fruit, ample spice, and a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. It will provide pleasure for another 5-6 years."

2007 Bressia, Monteagrello, Cabernet Sauvignon **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Monteagrello was aged in French and American oak for 15 months. Deep ruby red with purple overtones, it displays aromas of cedar, eucalyptus, pepper, and assorted black fruits. Made in an elegant style with a smooth texture and potential complexity, this tasty effort can be enjoyed now and over the next 6 years."

**90 pts** **International Wine Review**

"The Cabernet Sauvignon is a delicious wine. It is ripe and lush tasting with earth and red and black fruit flavors on the palate. It is soft, round and lush with a long savory finish."

2008 Bressia, Monteagrello, Malbec **91 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2008 Malbec Monteagrello is a sweetly-fruited, layered, plush, bordering on opulent, expression of Malbec that offers up an enticing nose of exotic spices and excellent depth of flavor. Give it 2-3 years to develop some complexity and drink it through 2021."

2008 Bressia, Monteagrello, Syrah **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2008 Syrah Monteagrello was aged in French and American oak for 15 months. Notions of sandalwood, lavender, smoked meat, and blueberry lead to an elegant style of Syrah with a smooth texture, good depth, and a seamless finish. Drink it over the next 6-8 years."

2007 Bressia, Profundo, Mendoza 6/750ml **91 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2007 Profundo is a blend of 50% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the balance Merlot and Syrah aged in 50% new French and American oak for 12 months. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it surrenders a slightly reticent bouquet of wood smoke, exotic spices, floral notes, incense, and assorted black fruits. Layered and plush on the palate, with some complexity, this concentrated offering has enough structure to evolve for another 2-3 years and will be at its best from 2013 to 2022"

**2006 Bressia, Profundo, Mendoza 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate**

"The 2006 Profundo is a blend of 50% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the balance Syrah and Merlot aged for 10 months in French and American oak. Aromas of spice box, chocolate, tobacco, black cherry, and lavender lead to a succulent wine that skillfully combines elegance and power. Concentrated, well-balanced, and ripe, this succulent offering will be in its prime from 2012 to 2021."

**2007 Bressia, Conjuero, Mendoza 6/750ml 93 pts Wine advocate**

"The 2007 Conjuero is composed of 50% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Merlot aged for 18 months in new French and American oak. Purple/black in color with an alluring aromatic array of sandalwood, leather, floral notes, Asian spices, incense, black cherry, and blackberry, on the palate it exhibits incipient complexity, 4-5 years of aging potential, and exceptional length. It offers a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2027

**2007 Chakana, Estate Red, Mendoza 6/750ml 91 pts Wine advocate**

"The 2007 Estate Red is composed of 60% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Shiraz that was aged for 15 months in 100% new French oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it offers up a brooding nose of toasty oak, mineral, tobacco, mocha, exotic spices, and assorted black fruits. Supple on the palate with a suave personality, it reveals incipient complexity, 3-5 years of aging potential, and a lengthy, pure finish. It, too, delivers plenty of bang for the buck."

**2009 Chakana Estate Malbec 91 pts International Wine Review**

"The Chakana Malbec Estate Selection boasts an opaque ruby purple color and aromas of ripe dark plum, lavender, spice and toast. On the palate it reveals a velvet mouth feel, dense savory flavors of dark plum fruit, earth, chocolate, and cedar and a soft and elegant finish. This is a beautiful wine. Chakana was established in 2002 by the Pelizzati family. It consists of a 150 hectare estate and modern winery in Alto Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo. Alberto Antonnini serves as consulting winemaker."

**2009 Cueva de las Manos, Malbec, Reserve 12/750ml 90 pts Wine advocate**

"Two winners from Argentina include the 2009 Malbec Reserve, a 100% Malbec aged 12 months in a combination of French and American oak. Copious aromas of chocolate, blueberries, blackberries, tar, and spice box jump from the glass of this inky/ruby/purple-tinged wine. Ripe, succulent, and loaded with fruit with silky tannins and a long finish, it will not make old bones, but for drinking over the next 2-3 years, this is a heck-of-a bargain. "

**2010 Maipe, Malbec, Reserve 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate**

"The 2010 Malbec Reserve spent 12 months in French oak. Cedar, Asian spices, incense, cherry cola, and assorted black fruits set the stage for a spicy, concentrated, layered Malbec that offers excellent value. Drink it over the next 5-6 years."

**2010 Nuna, Torrontes, Reserve 12/750ml 90 pts International Wine Review**

"The Nuna Torrontés is made from 45 year-old vines located in Agrelo and Luján de Cuyo. It shows yellow fruit and dried herbs on the nose. The palate is full and round with good flavor complexity, bright framing acidity, and a long flavorful finish. Excellent."

**2010 Nuna, Bonarda, Reserve 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate**

"Nuna's 2010 Bonarda Reserve spent 12 months in French oak. Plums, mulberries, and violets inform the nose of a spicy, full-flavored, concentrated wine with excellent depth and complexity for this varietal. It is an outstanding value that will drink well for 5-6 years.

**2009 Viejo Isaias, Malbec, Reserva 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate**

"The 2009 Malbec Reserva is more influenced by its oak treatment (8 months in American barrels) and in the mouth exhibits greater structure and extract. It will evolve for 2-3 years and offer a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2021"

**2009 Viejo Isaias, Syrah, Reserve 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate**

"The 2009 Syrah Reserve sports an alluring aromatic array of smoke, meat, espresso, cinnamon, and a hint of earthy truffles. Savory, ripe, and pleasure-bent, it will evolve for 1-2 years and drink well through 2019."

## **CHILE**

**2007 Gran Crucero Limited Edition Colchagua Valley 90 pts Tanzer**

"50% syrah, 35% cabernet sauvignon and 15% carmenere) Opaque violet. Black fruits, licorice pastille and dark chocolate on the nose and in the mouth. Firm and focused on the finish but in no way hard, with suave floral and sweet dark fruit notes lingering. This is delicious right now."

## **FRANCE**

**2007 Alain Jaume, Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 12/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate**

A brilliant effort, the 2007 Lirac Clos de Sixte is composed of 50% Grenache and the rest Syrah with some sweet blueberry and blackberry fruit as well as hints of smoky oak, pepper, and herbs, Chewy, thick, and rich with good acidity in addition to outstanding depth and texture, the 2007 is slightly superior to the 2006 Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge. The latter wine, made from a similar blend, is more tannic and rustic, but still outstanding. It reveals a style similar to its 2007 counterpart. Both vintages should evolve nicely for 5-7 years.

**2005 Alain Jaume, Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 90+ pts Wine Advocate**

"Tannin, minerality, and structure are found in the Lirac Clos de Sixte."

**2006 92 pts Wine Enthusiast**

"Dense and richly fruited on the nose, but not jammy or simple - there's a healthy dose of spice to add nuance to the plum and black-cherry flavors. Ripe tannins impart a creamy texture to the midpalate, while the finish is long and fresh. Nuanced yet powerful, supple yet structured. This is top-notch stuff from a vintage that's looking extremely promising." **TOP 100 WINES OF 2006**

**2009 Alain Jaume, Chateauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, 90 pts Wine Spectator**  
**Vieux Terron**

"Ripe and focused, with a beam of black cherry, black tea and graphite notes laced with spice and cocoa that extend through the finish. Solid. Drink now through 2014.—J.M."

**2009 Alain Jaume, Vacqueyras, 91 pts Wine Advocate**  
**Grande Garrigue 12/750ml**

"The 2009 Alain Jaume Vacqueyras Grande Garrigue is much more backward, displaying a denser blue/purple color, thicker, richer blue and black fruits, and hints of kirsch, lavender, and garrigue. Still grapy and unformed, but loaded with potential given its depth of concentration and richness, it will benefit from another 2-3 months of bottle age, and keep for 5-8 years."

**90 pts Wine spectator**

"Dark and rich, with inviting plum, fig and boysenberry notes backed by a racy, graphite-filled finish. Nicely buried acidity helps this stretch out. Drink now through 2013. 2,000 cases made. —JM"

**2009 Alain Jaume, Gigondas, Terrasses de Montmirail 91 pts Wine Spectator**

"Ripe and mouthfilling, this displays fig, boysenberry and linzer torte character, with enticing notes of black tea, anise and spice. The long, racy finish has grip, but it's sleek and driven by fresh acidity. Drink now through 2013. 1,000 cases made"

**90/92 pts Tanzer**

"(80% grenache and 20% syrah) Glass-staining purple. Black raspberry and cassis aromas show a sexy, floral quality, along with notes of anise and smoky minerals. Lush and creamy but lively, with very good clarity and seductive spiciness to the dark fruit flavors. Silky tannins give shape and grip to the long, juicy finish. "

**2009 Alain Jaume, Cotes du Rhone Villages 90/92 pts Wine Advocate**  
**Rouge, Rasteau, Les Valats**

Deep red garnet color. Aromas of fresh red berries. On the palate, the richness of the fruit and tannins harmonizes with the roundness of the wine.

The finish is long, with spicy touches and minerals notes. Complete and authentic.

**2010 Domaine de la Bégude, Bandol, Rosé 6/750ml 90 pts Tanzer**

"Orange-tinged pink. Cherry, redcurrant, musky herbs and potpourri on the fragrant nose. Deeply pitched red fruit and blood orange flavors show a firm edge, along with complicating notes of candied rose and anise. Very well-balanced rose, playing richness off vibrancy and finishing with excellent clarity and persistence."

**2009 Bossard, Muscadet, Gneiss 90 pts Wine Advocate**

The L'Ecu 2009 Muscadet de Sevre et Maine Sur Lie Expression de Gneiss offers cool scents and generous juiciness of herb-tinged melon and grapefruit on a surprisingly lush palate. But the march of the minerals begins midway through and won't quit. Impingements of salt, chalk, and iodine lend savor to a finish that practically squeezes your salivary glands. It's impossible to taste – much less drink – these wines without a smile ... and I was cross when I put the glass to my lips for having accidentally received two bottles of this and none of "Granite." All three represent as usual excellent value, and should in this vintage be worth following for at least 3-4 years.

**2008 Château Rollan de By, Médoc** **90 pts** **Wine Spectator**  
Ripe but restrained, with nicely sinewy embedded, structure carrying solid black currant, black cherry and fig fruit, followed by graphite and sweet earth on the finish. Drink now through 2011. 25,979 cases made. –JM

**90 pts** **Wine Enthusiast**  
A firm but sweet-hearted wine, packed with juicy black fruits that balance the acidity and tannins. It has weight, good depth of flavor and a chance to age well.

**2009 La Font du Jeu, Castillon, Cotes de Bordeaux** **90 pts** **Wine Enthusiast**  
"A solid, distinctly tannic wine that has structure, some juicy black fruits and a more smooth polished aftertaste from the wood aging. Herbs and spice add attractive richness. It needs 2-3 years - RV"

**2009 Manoir du Carra, Fleurie, Cru Beaujolais 12/750ml** **90 pts** **Tanzer**  
"Bright purple. Intensely floral, perfumed bouquet of blackberry, musky herbs, anise and underbrush. Sappy and sweet, offering juicy red berry and bitter cherry flavors and firm mineral spine. Finishes clean and racy, with very good focus and a persistent floral quality."

**2008 Corbières Rouge, Grande Cuvée, Castelmaure 6/750 ml** **91 pts** **Wine Enthusiast**

**2008 Castelmaure, La Pompadour, Corbieres 6/750ml** **91 pts** **Wine enthusiast**

**2009 Cave de Tain, Les Hauts du Fief, Crozes-Hermitage Rouge 12/750ml** **91 pts** **Wine Spectator**  
"A ripe red, with dark, alluring roasted fig, espresso and mulled blackberry fruit that manages to stay fresh and racy through the finish, where licorice snap and roasted apple wood notes add length and definition. Drink now through 2014. 6,000 cases made. –JM"

**N.V. Champagne Roland Champion, Brut, Blanc de Blancs, Chouilly Grand Cru 12/750ml** **91 pts** **International Wine review**  
"Medium gold color with very attractive aromas of yeast and lemon tart. A lovely and very flavorful palate of yeast and nuts gives way to a long, long finish. This is a crowd pleaser!"  
**90 pts** **Wine spectator**

"Graphite, bread dough and citrus aromas segue to lemon, apple and floral notes as this remains focused and crisp. There's a nice chalky feel on the long finish. Drink now through 2014. 1,800 cases made. –BS"

**90 pts** **Tanzer**  
(65% 2005 juice and 35% from 2004; L40) Light gold with a fine bead. Highly floral bouquet displays pear, green apple, honeysuckle and chamomile, with a suave mineral undertone. Begins tight but gains weight and richness in the middle palate, offering pliant orchard fruit and baking spice flavors and a tangy bite of lemon zest. Nicely balanced and pure blanc de blancs with strong finishing cut and floral persistence. This is all grand cru juice, from Chouilly.

**2000 Champagne Roland Champion, 92 pts Wine spectator**  
**Blanc de Blancs, Chouilly Grand Cru 12/750ml**

Even if it doesn't say on the label, 100% of the production is RD (Recently Disgorged)  
"The finesse and creamy texture in this bubbly are as much a part of the experience as its peach, ripe apple, coffee and mineral flavors. This is vivid and long, with a savory aftertaste. Best from 2012 through 2025."

**90 pts Wine & Spirits Magazine**

"The golden color shows the maturity of this 2000, a concentrated and powerful wine based on nutty richness and leesy minerality. It's not overt, and it needs food to bring out its flavors. Serve with boudin blanc."

**92 pts International Wine Cellar**

"Bright yellow-gold. Fresh, lightly toasty citrus and apple aromas are complicated by jasmine, chamomile and subtle grain and herbal qualities. Finely etched orange and poached pear flavors gain depth with air while maintaining vivacity. Dusty minerals add grip and focus to the long, juicy finish. Quite complex today."

**94 pts I-Wine Review**

"Bright deep gold with a very creamy mousse and an autolytic nose of rich yeast, dried apricots, and a touch of crème caramel. The elegant and silky but intense palate shows flavors of toasted nuts. Can hold up to strongly-flavored food."

**2004 Champagne Roland Champion, 92 pts Tanzer**  
**Special Club, Chouilly Grand Cru 6/750ml**

"(all chardonnay from the grand cru Chouilly) Light yellow with a faint green tinge. Spicy, mineral-driven aromas of Meyer lemon, orange, toasted grain and white flowers, plus a hint of anise. Dry, sharply focused citrus and orchard fruit flavors are complemented by talc and honey, with zesty mineral lift and back-end grip. Very young but lively and easy to drink, with gentle finishing fruitiness and excellent length. (I retasted the 2000 Blanc de Blancs Brut and it is showing very pretty, mineral-driven citrus and floral character, with good finishing cut and grip. It is evolving slowly and looks set for a long life in a cool cellar.)

**90 pts Wine Spectator**

"A tightly knit, vivid Champagne, with a supple texture and vibrant acidity buoying its apple, yeast, lemon and savory flavors. This has substance and class, if balanced on the sharp side. Give this time or enjoy with shellfish and oysters. Best from 2011 through 2018. 300 cases made. –BS"

**NV Champagne Roland Champion, 91 pts Wine spectator**  
**Brut, Rosé, Chouilly Grand Cru 12/750ml**

"A delicate, subtle Champagne, delivering aromatic notes of mulling spices and yeast that accent the flavors of kirsch, bread dough, candied lemon zest and rose petal. This is finely tuned, with lively acidity and a minerally finish. Drink now through 2021. 330 cases made. –AN"

**2009 Le Clos des Cazaux, 90/93 pts Wine advocate**  
**Vacqueyras, Templiers 12/750ml**

"A blend of equal parts old vine Grenache and Syrah, the 2009 Vacqueyras Les Templiers exhibits an impressive dense purple color as well as loads of blackberry, melted licorice, white chocolate, smoky barbecue, red fruits, earth, garrigue and peppery notes. Full-bodied and impressively endowed with sensational concentration and an unctuous texture, this terrific Vacqueyras should drink well for a decade."

**2009 Le Clos des Cazaux Gigondas, 91/93 pts Wine advocate**  
**Grande Cuvee 12/750ml**

"The spectacular 2009 Gigondas La Grand Cuvee (a blend of equal parts Grenache and Mourvedre aged 12 months in small barrels) exhibits a dense purple color along with a big, sweet bouquet of blackberries, camphor, garrigue, pepper and licorice. Deep and full-bodied with multiple layers of flavors that cascade over the palate, terrific concentration, superb purity and teeth-staining levels of fruit saturation, it will develop more nuances and delineation as it ages. It should prove to be an uncommonly long-lived Gigondas lasting at least 10-15 years. Very impressive."

**2009 Domaine du Colombier, 90/93 pts Wine advocate**  
**Crozes-Hermitage Rouge, Cuvée Gaby 12/750ml**

"The opaque inky/blue/black-colored 2009 Crozes-Hermitage Cuvee Gaby is even more concentrated, offering up notes of ink, graphite, meat, incense, herbs, blackberries and cassis. Full-bodied and dense, it is a seriously endowed wine that should drink well for 10-12+ years."

**2009 Charles Thomas, 91 pts Beverage dynamics**  
**Côtes du Rhône Rouge, 12/750ml**

"The bouquet is a ripe and fresh fruit basket, showing lots of complexity and a light herbal note adding interest; medium-full, round and plush, this has a softness and weight that seems more like Chateauneuf-du-Pape than Cotes du Rhone, and a level of fruit extract and richness that is impressive; it approaches "fruit bomb" intensity' but displays enough tannin and restraint to keep it nicely in check; a great value".

**2009 Maurice Ecard, Savigny les Beaune 1<sup>er</sup> Cru 90 pts Wine Spectator**  
**Narbantons 12/750ml**

"An elegant red, boasting red berry flavors, with accents of spice and mineral. Juicy and supple, with an intensity balanced to its delicate frame, followed by a lovely finish. Drink now through 2020. 300 cases made. –BS"

**2009 Château Gaudrelle, 90 pts Wine advocate**  
**Vouvray, Clos Le Vigneau 12/750ml**

"A superb, drier style of Vouvray (and finished with a screw cap as well, a rarity in France), this outstanding custom cuvee from importer Fran Kysela is 100% Chenin Blanc that tastes relatively dry, although I suspect there's a little residual sugar in the wine. Wonderful flowery, honeyed melon notes jump from the glass of this medium-bodied wine, which has excellent texture, purity and personality. Drink it over the next 1-2 years."

**2010 Château de Ségriès, 91 pts Wine advocate**  
**Tavel Rosé 12/750ml**

"An absolutely brilliant dry rose, and an unexpected value, especially from the prestigious rose village of Tavel, is the 2010 Tavel Rose, a blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Cinsault and the rest Clairette and Syrah. The wine displays plenty of raspberry and strawberry fruit, super aromatics that engulf the taster, and a medium-bodied, zesty yet authoritatively flavored mouthfeel. Drink it over the next year. The color is a light, vibrant pink. The new releases from proprietor Henri de Lanzac are all impressive."

**2009 Château de Ségriès, 90 pts Wine enthusiast**  
**Lirac Rouge, Cuvée Réservee 12/750ml**

"Full bodied and heavily extracted, this is a dark, plummy wine with almost chewy tannins on the finish. Yet the aromas remain fresh and floral, nicely accented by coffee and spice. Drink now–2017 - J.C."

**2009 Côtes du Rhône Rouge, 93 pts Wine advocate**  
**Clos de l'Hermitage 6/750 ml**

"Although expensive, one of the top wines of the Cotes du Rhone appellation is the 2009 Clos de l'Hermitage. A wine that consistently over-delivers, this stunningly concentrated wine, made from equal parts Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre aged nine months in oak barrels, has a dense ruby/purple color and a big, sweet kiss of black truffle, blackberry, cassis, licorice, and subtle barbecue smoke. Even a note of graphite seems to make an appearance in this wine, which comes close to being internationally styled but holds back as its Provencal typicity of spice box, herbs, lavender and kirsch emerges. This full-bodied beauty is powerful, rich, and capable of lasting a decade or more. Wines from this well-known estate of nearly 110 acres continue to go from strength to strength. The new releases from proprietor Henri de Lanza are all impressive"

**2009 Grand Veneur, Clos de Sixte, 93 pts Wine Advocate**  
**Lirac Rouge**

A prodigious effort, the 2009 Lirac Clos de Sixte blows away the 2008. This dense purple-colored wine offers up notes of black truffles, charcoal, blackberries, kirsch, garrigue, new saddle leather, herbs de Provence, spice box, and smoke. It possesses great fruit, full-bodied power, excellent depth, and abundant silky tannins. Drink it over the next 6-8 years.

**2009 Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Villages 90+ pts Wine Advocate**  
**Rouge, Les Champavins**

The outstanding, silky, pure 2009 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Les Champavins represents a baby Chateauneuf du Pape. Composed of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvedre, it reveals a deep ruby/plum color in addition to full-bodied flavors, light tannin, and lavender, truffle, black currant, and black cherry aromas.

**2008 Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Villages 90 pts Wine Advocate**  
**Rouge, Les Champavins**

Interestingly, it did not outclass its counterpart in the much inferior vintage of 2008, the 2008 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Les Champavins. The latter wine was made from the same blend, has an identical price, and is of essentially equal quality. However, the 2008 is far more evolved than the twelve months difference in age would suggest. It also moves more toward the earthy, autumnal, vegetative character, but there is no shortage of sweet black cherry fruit, pepper, licorice, and spice box characteristics in this wine. Drink this full-bodied 2008 over the next two years, whereas the 2009 should last for 4-5 years.

**2008 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 90 pts Wine Spectator**

"Toast, ganache and graphite notes lead the way for raspberry and black cherry pie flavors. Finishes with a dusting of cocoa and spice notes. Drink now through 2015."

**#92 on TOP100 for 2011 92 pts Wine Enthusiast**

"Chez Jaume, the family took the difficult decision not to produce its luxury Cuvée Origines in 2008. That old-vine juice ended up in this bottling, which no doubt accounts for its splendidly lush yet balanced midpalate and intense notes of cracked pepper, cassis and espresso. A great success for the vintage. J.C."

**2007 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 91 pts Wine Spectator**  
Rich but pure, with lovely crushed plum and violet aromas followed by layers of mesquite, roasted vanilla, melted licorice and pastis. Long and very silky through the finish. Still quite primal now, but should evolve nicely. Best from 2010 through 2022.

**91 pts Wine Advocate**  
The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape (70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvedre from 65-year-old vines) is an exceptionally strong effort. Aged in tank (80%) and small oak barrels (20%), it is a dense, full-bodied wine revealing an inky/purple color along with notes of graphite, blackberries, and cassis. With a sumptuous, layered, full-bodied texture, sweet, velvety tannins, and zesty freshness as well as acidity, it should drink well for 12-14 years.

**2006 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 91-93 pts Wine Advocate**  
"The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape is a winner. Inky blue/purple with notes of graphite, blueberry, blackberry, smoke, Provencal herbs and a bit of licorice and pepper, it is deep, full-bodied, with sweet tannins and loads of fruit and glycerin. Drink it over the next 12-14 years."

**2009 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, Vieilles Vignes 89-91 pts Tanzer**

Bright purple. A heady bouquet displays scents of dark berries, cherry-cola and smoky herbs. Deep and distinctly ripe, displaying powerful blackberry and cassis flavors and a late note of candied licorice. In a warm, lush style but there's surprising energy here as well. The finish clings with good tenacity, echoing the smoky note

**91 pts Wine Spectator**  
Dense, but pure and fresh, offering a core of black currant, raspberry and plum fruit in reserve, with lots of sweet spice, melted licorice and graphite as well. There's a long, polished, violet-filled finish. Drink now through 2020. 200 cases made. –JM

**96 pts Wine Advocate**  
The most limited cuvee (350 cases) is the 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes (a blend of 50% Grenache, 40% Mourvedre and 10% Syrah from 50-100 year old vines located in the northern sector of the appellation). Its opaque purple color is accompanied by a gorgeous perfume of graphite, truffles, damp earth, cassis, kirsch, licorice and spice box. Despite the fact that it sees a lot of new oak, it reveals no evidence of wood. The fruit dominates in this quintessential, classic, full-bodied, powerful, massive as well as surprisingly pure and elegant Chateauneuf du Pape. Unlike most examples, the precociousness and suppleness of the 2009 vintage have given this wine a more forward appeal, although it still needs 2-3 years of cellaring. Drink it over the following 25-30 years.

**2009 Domaine Johann Michel, Cornas 12/750ml 92 pts Wine spectator**

"Tightly wound but very vibrant, with tangy white pepper, sweet tapenade and bracing iron notes woven around a core of sappy kirsch and plum fruit. Shows great cut on the finish. Should develop nicely in the cellar. Best from 2013 to 2020. 400 cases made"

**2005 Maison du Midi, Plan de Dieu, Cotes du Rhone Villages 12/750ml 90 pts Wine advocate**

"A blend of 95% Grenache and 5% Mourvedre, the 2005 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Plan de Dieu is a dense, seriously packed and stacked wine revealing a deep plum/purple color as well as a stunning perfume of black currants, ground pepper, new saddle leather, roasted meats, and lavender. This full-bodied, rich, exciting, full-throttle Cotes du Rhone-Villages can be enjoyed over the next 3-4 years. "

**2009 Domaine Jean-Michel Sorbe, 91 pts Wine Review  
Quincy Blanc 12/750ml**

"This wine is a very interesting aromatically and on the palate, but especially in the finish. It gets off to a good start with aromas that are grassy but not under-ripe, along with floral notes akin to lilacs that are unusual for Sauvignon. The flavors offer suggestions of grapefruit and lime, and these notes carry through to the finish, which shows lovely mineral tinges and lots of zesty acidity."

**2006 Domaine du Montillet, 91 pts Tanzer  
Saint Joseph, Cuvée du Papy 12/750ml**

Deep ruby. Sexy, perfumed aromas of raspberry, cherry preserves, potpourri and cured meat. Midweight red and dark berry flavors shows very good depth, with no rough edges or obvious tannins. The finish is sweet and impressively pure. This spent 24 months in demi-muids

**2008 Domaine de la Mordorée, Côtes du Rhône Rosé, 90 pts Wine Advocate  
La Dame Rousse**

A sensational, classic Provençal rosé offering copious quantities of sweet and sour cherries, framboise, spice, and flowers.

**2009 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, 90 pts I-winereview.com  
La Dame Rousse**

La Dame Rousse is blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and 10% Clairette. Deep pink rose in color, it boasts a floral and fresh raspberry/ cherry nose followed by vibrant fruit flavors, a touch of chalkiness and minerals, and a crisp long finish. Very nicely balanced and exceptionally fine drinking.

**90 pts Wine Spectator**

"Ripe and long, with a juicy beam of raspberry, strawberry and cherry notes laced with hints of dried orange peel and hot stone. The finish is solid and juicy. Drink now."

**90 pts tanzer**

Vivid pink. Expressive bouquet evokes wild strawberry, cherry skin, dried rose and a deeper note of licorice. Juicy, penetrating red fruit flavors stain the palate, picking up a dusty note of talc on the back end. Deftly combines depth and vivacity and finishes with lingering red berry flavors and a refreshing kick of blood orange.

**91 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2009 Tavel La Dame Rousse rose (60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and 10% Clairette) is a bigger effort displaying impressive notes of spring flowers, red and black currants, cherries, strawberries, and licorice. Aromatically, it reminds me of a red wine. In the mouth, it is medium to full-bodied with super fruit as well as a lush personality. To me, it is nearly the equivalent of the more expensive Tavel La Reine des Bois.

**2008 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, 90 pts Wine Spectator  
La Reine des Bois**

"Very ripe, but well put together, with a juicy beam of acidity that holds the plum, fig and raspberry ganache notes together. Turns brighter, with more spice on the finish. Rock-solid. Drink now through 2011. "

**2008 Domaine de la Mordorée, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Reine des Bois 90-93 pts Wine Advocate**

One of the finest Chateauneuf du Papes I tasted in the challenging 2008 vintage is Mordoree's 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape La Reine des Bois. It boasts a deep dark ruby/purple hue as well as aromas of camphor, blueberries, blackberries, licorice, and spice box. Dense and medium to full-bodied, it is one of the most concentrated efforts of the vintage.

**91 pts Wine Spectator**

"Quite ripe and well-rounded for the vintage, with flattering blueberry, blackberry and fig paste notes liberally laced with spice, toast and fruitcake flavors. The long, toasty finish is dense, with a lightly firm edge. Drink now through 2022."

**2008 Perchaud, Chablis AOC 90 pts Wine Spectator**

Smells like two pieces of limestone struck together. Lemon, green apple and flint flavors mingle on the palate as this fades to a long finish. Offers nice balance and persistence. Best from 2011 through 2015.

**N.V. Champagne Roland Champion, Brut, Blanc de Blancs, Chouilly Grand Cru 12/750ml 91 pts Inter. Wine review**

"Medium gold color with very attractive aromas of yeast and lemon tart. A lovely and very flavorful palate of yeast and nuts gives way to a long, long finish. This is a crowd pleaser!"

**90 pts Wine Spectator**

"Graphite, bread dough and citrus aromas segue to lemon, apple and floral notes as this remains focused and crisp. There's a nice chalky feel on the long finish. Drink now through 2014. 1,800 cases made. –BS"

**2004 Champagne Roland Champion, Special Club, Chouilly Grand Cru 6/750ml 92 pts Inter. Wine review**

"(all chardonnay from the grand cru Chouilly) Light yellow with a faint green tinge. Spicy, mineral-driven aromas of Meyer lemon, orange, toasted grain and white flowers, plus a hint of anise. Dry, sharply focused citrus and orchard fruit flavors are complemented by talc and honey, with zesty mineral lift and back-end grip. Very young but lively and easy to drink, with gentle finishing fruitiness and excellent length. (I retasted the 2000 Blanc de Blancs Brut and it is showing very pretty, mineral-driven citrus and floral character, with good finishing cut and grip. It is evolving slowly and looks set for a long life in a cool cellar.)

**90 pts Wine Spectator**

"A tightly knit, vivid Champagne, with a supple texture and vibrant acidity buoying its apple, yeast, lemon and savory flavors. This has substance and class, if balanced on the sharp side. Give this time or enjoy with shellfish and oysters. Best from 2011 through 2018. 300 cases made. –BS"

**NV Champagne Roland Champion, Brut, Rosé, Chouilly Grand Cru 12/750ml 91 pts Wine spectator**

"A delicate, subtle Champagne, delivering aromatic notes of mulling spices and yeast that accent the flavors of kirsch, bread dough, candied lemon zest and rose petal. This is finely tuned, with lively acidity and a mineral finish. Drink now through 2021. 330 cases made. –AN"

**2009 Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, "Ronchevats" 12/750ml 90 pts Wine spectator**

"Enticing aromas and flavors of peach, lime, mineral and light oak spices mark this supple white. This is lively and creamy at once, with a long finish of apple and stone notes. Drink now through 2014. 150 cases made. –BS"

**2010 Château Suau, Bordeaux Blanc 12/750ml 95 pts Beverage Dynamics**

"Made from 55% Sauvignon Blanc, 35% Semillon, 10% Muscadelle; aged sur-lie for three months; a beautiful, traditional white Bordeaux with perfect fruit/acid balance and great length."

**2005 Château Suau, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux Rouge, Prestige 12/750ml 90 pts Wine enthusiast**

"A dense and complex wine, packed with ripe fruit while preserving an elegant demeanor. The tannins are dry, while the sweet fruit is developing well. Balanced, just waiting a year or so to show its best. — R.V."

**2009 Michel Thomas Sancerre Blanc 90 pts Wine Spectator**

Very juicy, with a delicious core of lemon verbena and straw laced with hints of nectarine, white peach and mineral. The finish is long and fresh. Delicious. Drink now.

**2008 Michel Thomas Sancerre Silex 90 pts Wine Spectator**

Fresh, with inviting plantain and gooseberry notes backed by a nervy, flint- and chive-filled finish that really stretches out nicely. Racy and vibrant, with excellent minerality underneath. Drink now.

**N.V. Champagne Trouillard, Cuvee ELEXIUM 90 pts Tanzer**

"Light gold with a vigorous mousse. Musky peach, pear and nectarine aromas are lifted by lively orange zest and anise. Fresh and lively, offering deep but finely etched citrus and pit fruit flavors and finishing with a building melon quality. This delicious wine strikes a fine balance of depth and vibrancy."

## **SPAIN**

**2010 Palacio de Bornos, Rueda, Verdejo 12/750ml 90 pts Wine enthusiast**

"Zesty and clean with grapefruit and passion fruit aromas, balanced with bright, focused citrus and pineapple flavors. Lemony acidity keeps the finish rolling. Serve with salad Nicoise; stuffed piquillo peppers."

**2006 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Reserva 12/750ml 90 pts Tanzer**

"Bright ruby. Cherry-vanilla and cassis on the nose, with oakspice and anise notes adding complexity. Juicy, broad and supple, with very good depth to its cherry compote and dark berry flavors. The vanilla note returns on the finish, which is sweet, smooth and long. This is delicious and fully mature."

**2004 Corpus Del Muni,** **92 pts** **I- Wine Review**

**Vina Lucia, Vino de la Tierra de Castilla 6/750ml**

"100 percent Tempranillo from the Viña Lucia vineyard located in the comarca [county] of La Mancha, aged 12 months in American and French oak. Opaque ruby-rimmed color showing a concentrated, meaty nose. Very soft, velvety, balanced and concentrated on the nicely-structured palate, showing black fruits and earth. This superb wine is better than when we first tasted it back in April 2007 and will improve still further with a little bottle age."

**2010 Palacio de Fefinanes Albarino,** **92 pts** **Tanzer**

**Rias Baixas 1583**

"Light gold. Fresh nectarine on the nose, with notes of orange peel, vanilla and smoky herbs adding complexity. Juicy and plump, showing energetic citrus pith and pit fruit flavors and a slow-mounting spiciness. Minerality builds with air and adds vivacity to this deeply concentrated but lithe wine, which closes on a suave floral note, with excellent length."

**2008 Pago de Carraovejas, Crianza, Ribera del Duero** **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The 2008 Crianza is made up of 85% Tempranillo, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Merlot aged in a mix of new and used French and American oak. Cedar, Asian spices, violets, tapenade, and blackberry aromas inform the nose of this elegant, savory, nicely proportioned Crianza from a very good vintage. This tasty effort will evolve for 2-3 years and deliver prime drinking from 2013 to 2023.

**2007 Pago de Carraovejas, Reserva,** **91 pts** **Wine Advocate**  
**Ribera Del Duero,**

"The 2007 Reserva is made up of 90% Tempranillo and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in new French oak for 24 months. Purple in color, it gives up an expressive nose of wood smoke, violets, espresso, mineral, and assorted black fruits. Full-bodied, dense, and savory on the palate, this medium-long effort will fill out for another 2-3 years and offer a drinking window extending from 2014 to 2022."

**Patricia, Aragon, Fino 6/750ml** **90 pts** **IWineReview**

"A Fino made of Pedro Ximenez. Medium gold with touch of amber. Tangy, rich nose with olive oil notes. Full and rich on layered palate of dried fruit, baked apple. Full, fine finish."

**Patricia, Aragon, Amontillado 6/750ml** **93 pts** **IWineReview**

"Pale medium orange amber. Nose of orange marmalade and caramelized pecans, and cognac notes. Very complex flavors of dried fruit, tobacco, orange zest, and vanilla. A first rate Amontillado."

**Patricia, Aragon, Pedro Ximenez 6/750ml** **92 pts** **IWineReview**

"Medium mahogany. A lighter style PX with aromas of tobacco and orange marmalade. Rich and nicely balanced palate with flavors of golden raisins and butterscotch. Finishes very, very long."

**2006 Eban Ribera del Duero, Crianza 6/750ml      91 pts      BTI**

"Aromas of beeswax candle, vanilla pod and chocolate strawberries with a supple dryish medium-full body and a long, tangy, and meaty nut, straw and herb bread accented finish. A delicious and structured Ribera that will work well with lamb"

**90 pts      Tanzer**

"Vivid ruby. Complex, expressive aromas of cherry, bitter chocolate, Indian spices, mocha and sexy oak. Lively and penetrating, with very good clarity and verve to its bitter cherry and dark berry flavors. Finishes spicy and long, with firm, fine-grained tannins adding shape and grip. I suspect that this wine will age slowly, on its balance."

**2007 Mas Sinen, Negre, Priorat      91 pts      Wine Advocate**

Mas Sinen's 2007 Negre is a blend of 35% Garnacha, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Carinena, and 10% Syrah aged in mostly French oak for 12 months. Purple-colored, it delivers an alluring nose of mineral, espresso, pencil lead, lavender, Asian spices, black cherry, and blueberry. On the palate it is dense, concentrated, intense and incipiently complex. It has enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years and should drink well through 2022 if not longer.

**91 pts      Wine enthusiast**

"Dark and crusty aromas of black fruit, wild black truffles, coconut and lemon peel are pure Priorato, while the tight, tannic palate provokes salivation as it delivers firm black cherry, dark plum and citrusy (lemon) flavors. Finishes with coffee and coconut. The definition of a harmonious Priorat red. Drink from 2011 through 2016. M.S."

**2007 Mas Sinen, Coster, Priorat      94 pts      Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Coster Reserve is 50% Garnacha and 50% Carinena sourced from 50-year-old vines aged for 12 months in oak. Aromas of slate/mineral, espresso, black truffle, licorice, black cherry, and plum lead to a dense, packed, powerful, impressively constituted Priorat that will add complexity with another 4-5 years of cellaring. Drink this pleasure-bent powerhouse from 2014 to 2027.

**92 pts      Wine enthusiast**

"A pure and intense rendition of Priorato. The nose is stacked with minerality, smoke, ink and tough but regal black fruit aromas. It's powerful and concentrated in the mouth, with bold cassis and blackberry flavors in front of a long, flavorful, slightly lemony finish. Needs a few years to show its best; drink from 2011 through 2017. M.S."

**2009 Montebuena Rioja      90 pts      Wine Advocate**

The 2009 Montebuena is 100% Tempranillo. Dark ruby-colored, it offers an appealing perfume of spice box, leather, tobacco, and blackberry. On the palate it is packed with ripe fruit, has outstanding concentration, and impeccable balance. It is a great bargain that offers a sneak preview of the great 2009 vintage in Rioja and northern Spain in general. It should drink well for 6-8 years."

**2005 Finca Sobreño, Toro, Reserva,  
Selección Especial**

**91 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

The 2005 Reserva Selecccion Especial is 100% Tinta de Toro selected from older vines and aged for 14 months in American oak. Purple-colored, it displays an expressive aromatic array of cedar, Asian spices, lavender, espresso, licorice, and blackberry. This leads to a complex, structured, broad-shouldered wine with outstanding volume, intense flavors, and 5-7 years of aging potential. It will be at its best from 2015 to 2025.

**2005 Valsacro, Rioja**

**90 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

Valsacro's 2005 Crianza is a blend of 50% Tempranillo, 40% Garnacha, and 10% Mazuelo aged in French and American oak. Purple-colored, it has an enticing bouquet of cedar, tobacco, mineral, spice box, black cherry, and blackberry. This leads to a medium-bodied, elegant wine with some structure, savory fruit, a smooth texture, and excellent depth. It will evolve for another 1-2 years but can be enjoyed now through 2020.

**90 pts**

**Wine Spectator**

"Fresh and vibrant, this red delivers juicy black cherry and crisp cranberry flavors, with leaf and espresso notes. Shows good depth, with balance and intensity. Drink now through 2015. 1,750 cases made. –TM"

**2005 Valsacro, Dioro, Rioja**

**92 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

The 2005 Dioro was produced from a stricter selection and was aged in new French oak for 12-14 months. A saturated purple color, it displays a brooding bouquet of wood smoke, pencil lead, espresso, truffle, and blackberry. Dense and loaded on the palate, it has gobs of ripe black fruit, excellent balance, and a lengthy, pure finish. It will continue to blossom over the next 3-4 years and have a drinking window extending from 2014 to 2025.

**92 pts**

**Tanzer**

"(aged in new French oak): Glass-staining ruby. Extremely perfumed, oak-accented nose displays cherry-vanilla and blackberry preserves, with a sexy floral note and building spiciness. Full-bodied and velvety, offering palate-coating flavors of macerated cherry, dark berries and vanilla bean. Finishes very long and sweet, with persistent spiciness and a hint of smoke. An extremely attractive and balanced example of the modern style."

**2010 Valminor, Albariño 12/750ml**

**90 pts**

**Tanzer**

"Pale yellow-gold. High-pitched aromas of lemon zest, honeysuckle and spices. Sappy, floral-accented citrus and pear skin flavors show good depth and a refreshingly bitter quality on the back half. Dry and precise, with a spicy edge to the long, clean, powerful finish."

## GERMANY

**2007 Kestener Paulinshofberg, Auf Den Felsen** 90 pts **Wine Enthusiast**  
**Riesling, Spatlese, Weingut Bastgen 12/750ml**

"A sweet, plump, succulent spätlese, Bastgen's 2007 Auf den Felsen (on the rocks, referring to the section of the vineyard) features scents of aloe and lime, followed by apple and citrus flavors surrounding a mineral core. Mouthwatering on the finish. J.C."

## ITALY

**2006 Accordini, Amarone,** 91 pts **Wine enthusiast**  
**Le Bessole, Classico 12/750ml**

"Here's a subdued and elegant Amarone that whispers rather than scream. It shows dried fruit, leather and spice but without the revved-up intensity usually brought about by air-dried grapes and the appassimento school of winemaking - MI"

**2006 Poggio Nardone, Brunello di Montalcino** 96 pts **Wine Enthusiast**

Incredibly smooth, rich and gorgeous with mature fruit, coffee and a very smooth texture. Tobacco and leather give it dimension."

93 pts **JamesSuckling.com**

"Amazing aromas of blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, and grilled meat rind. Full bodied, with a solid core of fruit and ripe tannins. Exotic and intense. Wonderful ripe fruit. Give it three to four years".

**2009 Poggio Nardone,** 91 pts **Wine enthusiast**  
**Rosso di Montalcino 12/750ml**

"This is a truly outstanding Rosso di Montalcino that shows all the ripe and opulent characteristics of the promising 2008 vintage. The wine is rich, smooth and determined. The tannins are polished and silky. M.L."

**N.V. Rebuli, Prosecco di Valdobbiadene,** 91 pts **BTI**  
**Extra Dry 6/750ml**

"Pretty silvery straw color. Orange, juicy lemon, peach aromas with a crisp, lightly effervescent, fruity-yet-dry medium body and a long, tangy mineral, starfruit and spice accented finish. Exceptional flavorful, balanced and stylish. A perfect aperitif."

**2006 Brunello di Montalcino,** 93 pts **Wine spectator**  
**Tradizione, Vitanza 12/750ml**

"Love the dark berry and licorice aromas to this red. Full body, very polished tannins and long and racy on the finish. It's a little reserved now, but will deliver lots of classy fruit and enjoyment in the end. Best after 2012."

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

### **2010 Keermont White Blend Terrasse 6/750ml      **91 pts**      **Wine advocate****

"A blend of 88% Chenin Blanc, 7% Chardonnay and 5% Viognier, the 2010 Terrasse was raised in 2nd and 3rd year French oak. It has fine delineation on the nose with lime flower, coconut, patisserie and a touch of brioche. The palate is vibrant and fresh on the entry with good acidity, a nice citrus seam that cuts through the vanilla and almond-tinged fruit with impressive precision on the saline finish. Bon vin! Drink now-2016.

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### **2010 Keermont Fleurfontein 6/375ml      **92 pts**      **Wine advocate****

"A blend of 60% Sauvignon Blanc and 40% Chenin Blanc made from grapes dried on the vine, this 2010 Fleurfontein has superb definition on the nose with Sauternes-like honeyed fruits with great purity and definition. The palate has very good acidity and tension to cut through the 126g/l sugar, leading to a mouth-caressing, understated finish with honey, pear, quince and vanilla. Drink now-2016+.

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### **2009 Keermont Syrah 6/750ml      **94 pts**      **Wine advocate****

"Just 1,500 bottles of the 2009 Syrah were sourced from deep red loam/granite soils at 350m altitude. It has a superb bouquet with blackberry, white pepper, white fennel and a touch of game that you could mistake for a Cote-Rotie. The palate is very elegant and well defined on the entry with palpable mineralite and finesse on the finish. Understated and very refined, South Africa needs more Rhone blends of this calibre. Drink now-2018.

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**2008 Keermont Red Blend 6/750ml** **90 pts** **Wine advocate**

"The 2008 Keermont has dark berries, allspice and a touch of cedar on the crisp nose that offers elusive scents of brine and seaweed with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruits on the supple entry, ripe sappy tannins and a structured, well-focused finish. It does not quite have the panache of the 2007 and lacks the same length, but it is patently handcrafted and blossoms with aeration. Drink now-2016.

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**2010 Mullineux, White blend 12/750ml** **91 pts** **Wine advocate**

"The 2010 White Blend consists of 80% Chenin Blanc, 10% Viognier and 10% Clairette fermented and aged in old French barrels for 12 months during which it goes through complete malo. It has an exquisite bouquet with notes of grapefruit, honeysuckle, melted candle wax and a hint of jasmine. The palate is well-balanced with a lovely, creamy textured entry. Racy from start to finish with just a dash of spice, dried honey, mango and orange zest and impressive persistence, this is a superb Chenin Blanc blend. Drink now-2018.

For the sake of disclosure, readers should be aware that I have known Chris and Andre Mullineux-s financial backer long before they established Mullineux Family Wines. However, this Swartland producer is too important and their wines too good to pass over. Along with Eben Sadie, Chris has been at the forefront of the so-called -Swartland Revolution.- He adopts a minimalist approach to his wine with particular focus upon expression of terroir and this has resulted in the debut of two single vineyard releases in 2010, with the goal of translating the granite and schist soils of Swartland. This is Old World mantra applied to the New World to great effect. But let us begin with their entry-level range entitled -Kloof Street,- which is sourced from vineyards under long-term contracts."

**2009 Mullineux, Syrah** **92 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"Sourced from six vineyards to represent the different terroirs of Swartland, the 2009 Syrah was 20% whole cluster fruit and it was raised in 10% new oak for 12 months. The nose is taciturn at first but a few swirls of the glass soon wakes it up with enticing scents of dark berried fruit, a dash of white pepper and kalamata olive that opens nicely with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with plump blackberry, boysenberry and a touch of black plum with very fine acidity. This leads to a caressing, fleshy finish that belies the structure underneath. Classic in style, reserved but ambitious, the 2009 Syrah should repay several years aging. Drink 2013-2018."

**2008 Mullineux, Syrah** **90 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"Very juicy, with ripe, enticing plum and fig notes laced with a tangy sanguine streak. The long, fleshy finish lets spice and graphite notes emerge. This has good buried grip. Not imported into the U.S. Drink now through 2010. 1,300 cases made."

**2010 Mullineux, Straw Wine 6/375ml 94pts Wine advocate**

"The secret to Straw Wine is harvesting grapes at normal ripeness levels to capture a healthy acidity, which is concentrated along with the intense Chenin blanc flavors, and sugar into a super intense, but balanced treat."

"The 2010 Straw Wine is a pure Chenin Blanc dried under trees for three weeks and fermented in older barrels with 345gms residual sugar and 8.5% alcohol. It has a gorgeous nose of honeysuckle, orange blossom, apricot and a touch of quince with superb definition. The palate is thick and viscous on the entry, very pure and seductive with marmalade, quince, honey and citrus peel. It is a ravishing straw wine and completely irresistible. Drink now-2025+"

## **USA**

**2008 Abeja, Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley 91 pts Wine advócate**

"The fruit for the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley came from the Sagemoor and Red Mountain vineyards. The wine is composed of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon with the balance Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc aged in 60% new French oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it sports a fragrant perfume of toasty oak, mineral, cassis, violets, and blackberry. Round, rich, and concentrated on the palate, this lengthy effort will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring and will offer optimum drinking from 2013 to 2023"

**2007 Arns, Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate Grown 6/750 ml 92 pts Wine advocate**

"This small, artisanal estate has released a dense ruby/purple-colored 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate revealing a distinctive bouquet of chocolate, espresso roast and cassis. Tight for a 2007, the wine reveals exceptional concentration, medium to full-bodied flavors and impressive purity, length and texture. Give it 1-2 more years of bottle age and drink it over the following 15+."

**93 pts Wine enthusiast**

"Few Cabernets get riper than this. It's fruity sweet in the mouth, with generous blackberry and cherry flavors, while charred oak lends a buttery, pie crust sweetness. Yet the wine is totally dry. Strong, refined tannins lend the necessary structure to make this a remarkable Cabernet. Fine now, and should develop over the next 6-8 years. S.H."

**2008 Blue Pirate, Pinot Gris 12/750ml 90 pts Cheers Magazine**

"Aromas of apples and pears; creamy with a touch of sweetness and perfect balance; an incredible value."

**2008 Buty, Rediviva of the Stones, 92 pts Wine advocate**  
**Walla Walla Valley**

"The 2008 Rediviva of the Stones is a blend of 79% Syrah and 21% Cabernet Sauvignon. Earthy minerals, truffle, lavender, smoked meat, black currant, and blueberry aromas inform the nose of a spicy, elegant, velvety-textured wine. In the glass it displays excellent volume and length. Drink this impressive blend from 2013 to 2023. Caleb Foster, the vigneron responsible for Buty, is on top of his game as these wines demonstrate."

**2007 Dashe Cellars, Zinfandel, 93 pts Wine & spirits**  
**Todd Brothers 12/750ml**

"Mike Dashe usually harvests the old vines at this Geyserville vineyard first - in 2007, that was early September. He doesn't inoculate the must and uses older French oak to mature the wine. The result is a zin with freshness and lovely textural grace. The fruit runs from transparent cherry skin to ripe peach and earthier notes of sweet carrots pulled directly out of the garden. As bright and juicy as the wine may be, the tannins are potent and need age to mellow. For the cellar, and eventually, brisket."

**91pts Wine advocate**

"The deep ruby/purple-tinged 2007 Zinfandel Todd Brothers Ranch reveals an attractive bouquet of white chocolate, briery fruit, spice box, and a Provencal/garrigue-like character. Full-bodied, rich, and heady, this gorgeous Zin possesses both elegance and power. Enjoy it over the next 5-7 years."

**2007 Dashe Cellars, Zinfandel, 90 pts Wine advocate**  
**Louvau Vineyard 12/750ml**

"The 2007 Zinfandel Louvau Vineyard Old Vines possesses more raspberry, garrigue, pepper and lavender notes which almost smell like something from southern France or Spain. Slightly deeper than the 2008, but with more acidity and more structure, it is not as endearing and charming as the 2008, but it is big, rich, and intense. It should drink well for 5-6 years. Readers looking for Zinfandel made with a Pinot Noir sensibility should check out these efforts from Dashe Cellars."

**2007 Dashe Cellars, Zinfandel, 92 pts Wine advocate**  
**Florence Vineyard 12/750ml**

The 2007 Zinfandel Florence Vineyard displays a Burgundian-like nose of forest floor, black currants, black cherries, earth, and spice along with a supple texture, a fleshy, rich, elegant style, and 5-7 years of drinkability ahead of it."

**2007 DeLille, D2**

**92 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

**Columbia Valley**

The red wines begin with the 2007 D2, a blend of 51% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. A total of 7 vineyards were sourced with 68% of the fruit coming from the Red Mountain AVA. Purple in color with an alluring bouquet of balsam wood, Asian spices, incense, cassis, and blackberry, on the palate it is lush with layered black fruits, plenty of spice, savory flavors, excellent volume, and a lengthy fruit-filled finish. Give it 3-4 years of additional bottle age and drink it from 2013 to 2027. In the scheme of things, it is an excellent value.

**2007 DeLille, Harrison Hill, Red**

**92 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

**Yakima Valley**

The 2007 Harrison Hill (located in Yakima Valley, the second oldest vineyard in Washington) is made up of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, with the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Dark ruby-colored, it proffers an inviting nose of sandalwood, pencil lead, herbs, violets, black cherry, black currant, and plum. Sweetly-fruited, succulent, and spicy on the palate, this well-balanced offering will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring and deliver prime drinking from 2013 to 2027.

**2007 Delille Cellars,**

**96 pts**

**Wine advocate**

**Grand Ciel Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain 12/750ml**

"The prodigious 2007 Grand Ciel Cabernet Sauvignon (100%) comes from an estate-owned vineyard in the Red Mountain AVA. Alluring notes of mocha, exotic spices, sandalwood, and wild berries lead to a complex, weighty, plush, loaded, succulent offering that will see its 20th birthday in peak form."

**92 pts**

**Wine Spectator**

"Firm, with chewy tannins around a lively core of plum and red currant, persisting against the tannins on the balanced finish. Tightly wound, this needs cellaring to bring things into focus. Best from 2013 through 2018. 400 cases made. –HS"

**2007 Long Shadows, Pedestal, Merlot**

**93 pts**

**Wine Spectator**

Aromatically pure and focused, brimming with currant, blackberry and currant fruit shaded with white pepper and allspice. Hints at wet earth as the finish persists impressively. It seems like this can go on for a long time in the cellar. Drink now through 2017.

**94 pts**

**Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Pedestal Merlot is the project of Michel Rolland. This latest release is composed of 75% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot aged for 20 months in 80% new French oak. It reveals a fragrant nose of sandalwood, incense, sage, cinnamon, black cherry, and black currant. Elegant on the palate despite its ample size, it is loaded with succulent fruit set off by enough ripe tannin to support an additional 3-4 years of cellaring. It will deliver prime drinking from 2013 to 2027.

**2006 Long Shadows, Pedestal, Merlot 94 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2006 Pedestal features Michel Rolland who was at Long Shadows on the day of my tasting to do some blending. His wine is 86% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec aged for 22 months in 85% new French oak. Purple-colored, it offers an alluring bouquet of sandalwood, pencil lead, spice box, incense, black currants, and black cherry. Seamless on the palate, this plush wine has layers of ripe, savory flavors, well-concealed tannin, excellent aging potential, and a 60-second finish. It will provide much pleasure between 2013 and 2026.

**93 pts Wine Spectator**

"Dark and spicy with a tarry edge to the blackberry and currant fruit, emerging on the never-ending finish with richness, polish and elements of spice, pepper and an extra whoosh of cherry. It all keeps sailing effortlessly."

**96 pts Connoisseurs'guide**

"...delivers a fair dollop of concentrated black cherry fruit together with rooty and crème brûlée richness in its layered aromas. Its slight tightness continues in the mouth, yet here the wine unbends just a touch more and offers complete and convincing proof that the depth and concentration presaged by the wine's early smells are wholly at hand. Rich, extracted, amply tannic, this one has all the pieces in place to mature handsomely over the next decade."

**2005 Long Shadows, Pirouette 6/750ml 91+ pts Tanzer**

(a joint project of Agustin Huneeus, Sr. and Philippe Melka; a Bordeaux blend based on 57% cabernet sauvignon) Good bright ruby. Sappy aromas of medicinal black cherry, licorice, espresso and earth. Sweet on entry, then dense and bright in the middle, with lovely purity to its dark fruit flavors. In its fruit component, this one reminded me of a Napa Valley wine. Finishes with powerful, youthfully tough tannins and noteworthy freshness.

**2007 Long Shadows, Feather 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Spectator**

Firm, chewy and distinctive for its smoky dried tomato accents around a core of blackberry, black cherry and bay leaf flavors, lingering expressively on the deftly balanced finish. Best from 2012 through 2017.

**93 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon (100%) is produced by Randy Dunn. It is a multi-regional blend of Cabernet with the Dionysus and Weinbau Vineyards as the principal sources. It was aged for 22 months in 90% new French oak. Deep purple-colored, it exhibits a classy bouquet of pain grille, pencil lead, earth notes, violets, and black currant. Supple and layered on the palate, it displays enough underlying structure to evolve for 5-6 years. With outstanding volume and grip, it will offer a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2027.

**2006 Long Shadows, Feather 6/750ml 93 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2006 Feather is a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon cuvee made by Randy Dunn of Napa Valley fame. The wine was sourced from several prime vineyards and aged for 22 months in new French oak. The nose gives up aromas of toasty oak, scorched earth, Asian spices, black

currant, and blackberry. Firm and structured yet elegant on the palate, there are layers of fruit and enough tannin to evolve for another 4-6 years. The wine will be at its best from 2013 to 2026.

**2007 Long Shadows, Saggi 6/750ml 91 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Saggi is a multi-regional blend of 43% Sangiovese, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 21% Syrah. It was aged for 18 months in 55% new French oak. Deep purple colored, it displays an expressive perfume of cedar, Asian spices, black cherry, and cassis. Supple and round on the palate, this savory offering has excellent volume, plenty of concentration, and enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years. It will drink nicely over the next 8-10 years.

**2006 Long Shadows, Saggi 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2006 Saggi is made by Ambrogio and Giovanni Folonari of the well-known Tuscan family whose winemaking history dates back to the late 1700s. The wine is made up of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Sangiovese, and 19% Syrah sourced and blended from several AVAs. It was aged for 19 months in 60% new French oak. This purple-colored wine offers aromas of pain grille, spice box, earth notes, cassis, and cherry. Smooth-textured, layered, and ripe, this well-balanced, elegant effort has ample savory fruit, excellent depth and concentration, and a lengthy finish. It should be in its prime from 2012 to 2021.

**2006 Long Shadows, Chester Kidder 6/750ml 93 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2006 Chester-Kidder Red Wine is produced by Gilles Nicault, resident winemaker who also oversees the daily upbringing of all the Long Shadows wines. The latest Chester-Kidder is composed of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Syrah, 10% Petit Verdot, and 9% Cabernet Franc sourced from multiple AVAs. Medium purple-colored, it sports an inviting perfume of sandalwood, smoke, spice box, lavender, blueberry, and blackberry. The Syrah component gives it a forward personality but there is enough structure for several years of further development. Layered, savory, and concentrated, this lengthy effort will offer a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2027.

**93 pts Tanzer**

"Excellent bright ruby-red. Deep aromas of blackcurrant, licorice, spices and leather. Suave on entry, then primary, deep and sweet, with a penetrating quality to the rich dark berry, spice and mint flavors. This one has a tightly coiled spring and underlying minerality that suggest it will be long-lived. Finishes clenched in a positive way, with a rising finish and broad, integrated tannins."

**92 pts Wine Enthusiast**

"It has a feminine grace and softness in the aromas, a lovely mix of flowers and spice. The Syrah brightens up the fruit, accenting berry flavors with a hint of pepper, while the Petit Verdot adds clover and violet aromas and destiny to the tannins."

**2003 Long Shadows, Chester Kidder 6/750ml 91 pts Wine Advocate**

"A blend of six varieties, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Syrah, and the balance Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. The wine is made by Gilles Nicault who is also the winemaker in residence at Long Shadows. The wine was aged for 27 months in 95% new French oak. Opaque purple-colored, the wine exhibits a fragrant perfume of pain grille, pencil lead, black currant, and blackberry liqueur. This is followed by a layered, spicy wine with gobs of complex blue and black fruit flavors, soft tannins, and plenty of depth in its lush personality. The well-concealed structure should allow for 3-5 years of further development and the wine should drink well through 2030."

**2007 Long Shadows, Sequel 6/750ml 93 pts Wine Spectator**

Ripe and round, delivering a lively mouthful of blueberry, plum, floral and white pepper flavors that cascade around one another through the long, vivid finish. Drink now through 2017.

**92 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Sequel was made by Australian John Duval. It is made up of 98% Syrah and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 18 months in 65% new French oak and 5% 300-liter American oak "hogsheads". A glass-coating opaque purple color, it emits an expressive bouquet of smoked meat, bacon, lavender, sage, blueberry, and plum. On the palate it is plush and layered suggesting readiness for near-term drinking. However, there is ample underlying structure for those wanting to wait for a more aged character. This lengthy effort should provide pleasure through 2022.

**2006 Long Shadows, Sequel 6/750ml 93 pts Wine Advocate**

The 2006 Sequel is made by John Duval, former winemaker of Penfolds Grange. The wine is 96% Syrah and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 18 months in 65% new French oak. Aromas of cedar, smoke, game, bacon, and violets are alluring while leading to a round, layered, smooth-textured, full-bodied wine with several years of aging potential. This hedonistic effort will be at its best from 2013 to 2021.

**93+ pts Tanzer**

"Bright, full ruby. Sexy, almost liqueur-like aromas of raspberry, graphite, gunflint and rose petal. At once suave and penetrating, with terrific acidity giving shape to the raspberry, blackberry and spice flavors. This has a truly palate-staining core of primary dark berry fruit and finishes with superb persistence, but its tannic backbone shuts the wine down and will require patience. Australian John Duval ages this wine in all French barriques, 65% new, except for a single 300-liter American barrel."

**92pts Wine Spectator**

"Bright and generous, delivering a lively mouthful of blackberry and plum fruit, shaded with hints of pepper and spice, lingering nicely on the beautifully focused finish. This has depth without excess weight, along with the goods to develop long term in the cellar. Drink now through 2014. 2,012 cases made. *-HS*"

**90 pts Wine Enthusiast**

"Ripe berries, loaded with spice, concentrate the flavors of this exceptionally smooth, big-bodied Syrah. As is the custom with Sequel, the grapes are a blend of many vineyards and AVAs, which certainly enhances the polished mouthfeel, but at the expense of specificity. The acids stick out a little bit, but are soon covered in loads of chocolate and butterscotch barrel flavors. Drink soon. P.G."

**2007 Outpost, Howell Mountain, 95+ pts Wine advocate**

**Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml**

"The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon is their finest regular offering to date. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon possesses a dense, full-bodied personality, an inky/purple color, plenty of graphite, subtle toast, blueberry and blackberry fruit, striking minerality, a layered texture (something Thomas Brown seems to get in all of his wines), and a long finish. It is the kind of Cabernet Sauvignon that seems to pass the torch of quality and greatness from the old boys who started here, but have now been dramatically surpassed in quality by newcomers such as Outpost and nearby neighbor O'Shaughnessy, to name a few."

**2008 Outpost, Howell Mountain, 89/91 pts Wine advocate**

**Grenache 12/750ml**

"The 2008s include a beautiful 2008 Grenache, which is aged in old wood and steel barrels."

**2008 Outpost Cabernet Sauvignon 93-95 pts Wine Advocate**

**Howell Mountain**

The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits lots of cassis and blueberry fruit as well as hints of charcoal, licorice, and crushed rocks.

**2008 Outpost Cabernet Sauvignon 94-96 pts Wine Advocate**

**True Vineyard**

The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon True Vineyard is one of the finest 2008s I tasted. A stony minerality intermixed with blueberries, blackberry liqueur, and violets are found in this opaque purple-colored wine. It should drink well for 15-20 years.

**2007 Outpost Cabernet Sauvignon 98 pts Wine Advocate**

**True Vineyard**

From a single 9-acre parcel, the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon True Vineyard exhibits extraordinary aromas of acacia flowers and violets along with an irrefutable minerality, an abundance of blueberry and blackberry fruit, outstanding texture, full-bodied richness, great depth, and ripe tannin. This Cabernet will benefit from 4-6 years of cellaring, and should evolve for 40 years.

**2007 Outpost Petite Sirah The Other 93+ pts Wine Advocate**

Another 40-year wine is the 2007 Petite Sirah The Other. Some fascinating Petite Sirahs came from Howell Mountain under the old Ridge regime in the early seventies, but these vines were torn up by Randy Dunn, and replanted with Cabernet Sauvignon. That's a shame as this is an outstanding site for high elevation Petite Sirah. The 2007 Petite Sirah The Other reveals abundant amounts of blueberry and blackberry fruit, camphor, licorice, pepper, and incense. Amazingly rich and full-bodied with extraordinarily supple tannins, it will be even better in 4-5 years, and can be enjoyed over the following 40+ years.

**2008 Patton Valley, Pinot Noir Lorna Marie** **93 pts** **Tanzer**

Limpid medium red. Intense, complex bouquet evokes raspberry, medicinal cherry, allspice, orange zest and vanilla bean. Lush and creamy on entry, then gains firmness with air, picking up sexy notes of candied flowers and spices. This impressively pure and penetrating wine offers a very suave marriage of power and finesse and finishes with outstanding persistence and tangy bite.

**92 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2008 Pinot Noir Lorna Marie is a blend of the six best barrels in the cellar aged in 33% new oak. It displays some extra aromatic complexity, a bit more grip and power on the palate, and will benefit from another 4-5 years in the cellar."

**2007 Patton Valley, Pinot Noir Lorna Marie** **90+ pts** **Wine Advocate**

There are 120 cases of the 2007 Pinot Noir Lorna Marie Estate, a barrel selection of the best lots in the cellar. Aromas of sandalwood, incense, spice box, cherry and raspberry lead to a medium-bodied, ripe, intensely flavored Pinot with very good depth and concentration. It has enough ripe tannin to evolve for 1-2 years and will also drink well from 2011 to 2019.

"Very ripe and generous. Not a big wine, but brims with plum, currant, black olive, cedar and roasted meat flavors, all playing against crisp tannins and lingering on the tight finish. Needs time in the cellar in order to open and flourish. Best from 2012 through 2020."

**2009 Tamarack, "Firehouse Red",** **90 pts** **Wine & Spirits**  
**Columbia Valley 12/750ml**

"Ron Coleman's kitchen sink blend is dominated by cabernet this year (about 40 percent), plus syrah, merlot and five other varieties. It leads with a sweet spicy scent of cinnamon and graham cracker over generous cherry and plum fruit. The flavors are rich and extracted, perfect for barbecue."

**2008 Tamarack, Merlot,** **91 pts** **Wine & Spirits**  
**Columbia Valley 12/750ml**

"Dense and spicy in its plum, coffee and cinnamon accents, there's an elegance restraining the otherwise boisterous line on this brisk merlot, its dark caramel tannins delineated by acidity and oak. Give those tannins time to relax, then serve with steak."

**2007 Tamarack, Merlot,** **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**  
**Columbia Valley 12/750ml**

The 2007 Merlot contains 11% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Cabernet Franc aged for 12 months in 60% new oak, primarily American. Deep purple in color, it displays an attractive bouquet of sandalwood, Asian spices, incense, lavender, cassis, and black currant. Ripe, easy-going, and layered on the palate, this is a pleasure-bent offering that can be enjoyed now but has the stuffing to evolve for 1-2 years.

**2008 Waterbrook, Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserve, Columbia Valley 12/750ml** **92 pts** **Wine & Spirits**

**2007 Waterbrook, Syrah, Reserve, Columbia Valley 12/750ml** **91 pts** **Wine enthusiast**

"True Varietal character with white pepper, clove, herb, earth and still-sharp, angular berry fruit; fading into baking chocolate finish"

**2009 Yamhill Falls, Yamhill Carlton, Pinot Noir 12/750ml** **92 pts** **Cheers Magazine**

"A pinot that speaks of terroir, with subtle earthy notes; the palate is subtle but complex and actually shows some intensity in the finish; firm red raspberry, black cherry, Asian plum and subtle spice notes along with a hint of truffle; good balance and length."