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beverage dynamics

AUSTRALIA

2007 Morambro Creek Shiraz 90 pts Wine Advocate

The purple-colored 2007 Morambro Creek Shiraz delivers a perfume of violets, pepper, black cherry, and blueberry. Medium-bodied, on the palate mineral notes and savory black fruits emerge leading to a fruit-filled finish. This tasty Shiraz will evolve for 1-2 years and drink well from 2011 to 2019.

2008 Jip Jip Rocks, Chardonnay 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate
WHITE VALUE

2007 Jip Jip Rocks, Shiraz 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate
RED VALUE

2008 Radford Dale, Riesling, Eden Valley 90 pts Wine Advocate

Another superb Riesling from the Clare Valley, the 2008 Radford Riesling has an excellent bouquet of spring flowers, lemon blossom, mineral, and a hint of tropical aromas. Crisp, dry and steely on the palate, it is impeccably balanced with a zingy finish. It will evolve for 5-7 years and drink well through 2020 if not longer.

2006 Radford Dale, Shiraz, Eden Valley **91 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The purple-colored 2006 Shiraz displays a perfume of cigar box, pepper, lavender, smoked meat, and blueberry. Layered on the palate with a sense of elegance, it is dense, savory, structured, and well balanced. Give it 2-3 years of additional bottle age and drink it from 2012 to 2020.

2005 Radford Dale, Shiraz, Eden Valley, 12/750ml **91 pts** **Tanzer**

« Inky ruby. Sexy, powerfully scented bouquet of candied dark berries, cherry compote, vanillin oak and mocha. Broad and dense, with sweet blackberry and boysenberry flavors, supple texture and fully absorbed tannins. Forward, sappy and very easy to drink, with no rough edges. But there's plenty of deep fruit here and I suspect that it will hold well. »

93 pts **Wine Spectator**

"Smooth and round, this vivid wine delivers gorgeous blackberry and plum fruit that's shaded with perfumy floral notes and hints of cardamom and fennel seed, all of it supple and insinuating. Drink now through 2015."

93 pts **Wine Advocate**

"The 2005 Shiraz was aged in French and American oak, 40% new. Purple-colored and intensely fragrant, it offers up notes of toasty oak, wood smoke, meat, pencil lead, and blueberry compote. Smooth-textured, already complex, and ripe, this succulent effort will continue to blossom for several more years. It will be at its best from 2011 to 2020."

2007 Schwarz Wine Company, Dust Kicker, Shiraz Mataro Barossa Valley **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The purple-colored 2007 Dust Kicker Shiraz-Mataro displays an expressive nose of underbrush, clove, smoked meat, plum, and licorice. Dense, layered, and ripe, it has plenty of weight and power as well as a lengthy, pure finish.

2006 Schwarz Wine Company, Thiele Road, Grenache, Barossa Valley, 6/750ml **91 pts** **Tanzer**

"Deep, glass-staining red. Spicy raspberry, maraschino cherry, incense and dried rose on the nose. Fleshy and sweet, offering suave red berry preserve and cocoa flavors and an undercurrent of baking spices and mocha. Picks up floral pastille and refreshingly bitter cherry skin qualities on the long, juicy finish. This really clings to the palate."

2007 Schwarz Wine Company, Nitschke Block, Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 6/750ml **91 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Nitsche Block Shiraz delivers an aromatic array of Asian spices, blackberry, blueberry, bitter-sweet chocolate, and earth notes. On the palate the wine is full-bodied and rich with flavors of black fruits and licorice, buttressed by ripe tannins. It will evolve for several years and offer a drinking window extending from 2012 to 2022.

2006 Schwarz Wine Company, Nitschke Block, Shiraz, 92 pts Tanzer
Barossa Valley, 6/750ml

"Saturated ruby. Seductive raspberry, cassis and mulberry scents, complicated by cracked pepper and incense. Deeply concentrated, pure red and dark berry flavors are joined by sweet cola and Asian spices, with supple tannins adding gentle grip. Extremely seductive wine, with outstanding finishing clarity and thrust. This refuses to let up."

2004 Spinifex, "Esprit", Barossa Valley 12/750ml 92 pts Tanzer

"Ruby-red. Flamboyant, pungent nose offers a wild combination of ripe red and dark berry aromas, fresh flowers, pipe tobacco, high-grade chocolate and roasted coffee. On the palate, the red fruit element speaks strongest today, even if the finish takes a darker turn toward blackberry liqueur and blackcurrant. Sweet and lush in texture and nicely framed by fine, well-integrated tannins. Finishes with superb length and concentration and a distinctly sappy impression. This highly successful blend should be given at least a few years of cellaring."

2004 Step Rd, Beresford, Shiraz, 91 pts Wine Advocate
McLaren Vale 12/750ml

"The dense ruby/purple-hued 2004 Shiraz exhibits some spicy vanillin, but that component is much less noticeable in this vintage. Full-bodied and rich with plenty of blackberry and cassis fruit, it should drink well for 7-8 years."

2002 Step Rd, Beresford, Semillon, 90 pts Tanzer
Reserve Selection 12/375ml

"Orange-tinged gold. Explosive aromas of orange, apricot, candied peach and floral honey, with a light touch of coconut. Dense, weighty and palate-staining, the ripe apricot and cling peach flavors displaying excellent focus and power. Finishes supple and rich, coating the palate with a flavor of orange marmalade."

91 pts Wine Advocate

"Readers looking for a Barsac look-alike should check out the 2002 Semillon Reserve Selection, a sweet, botrytised cuvee made from 100% Semillon. Gorgeous aromas of honeysuckle, creme brulee, apricot jam, and pineapple soar from the glass. In the mouth, fresh acidity buttresses the wine's rich, unctuous style. This Aussie Barsac should be drunk over the next 5-7 years."

2007 Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa, 91 pts Wine Spectator
Chardonnay, Eden Valley 12/750ml

"This sneaks up on you. A pretty, open-textured wine at first, but the pear, melon and spice flavors just keep sailing on, getting deeper and longer. It has elegance and restraint, but won't shortchange on flavor. Drink now through 2012."

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.

2006 Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa, Cabernet Sauvignon Importers Reserve 12/750ml **90 pts** **Tanzer**

"Ruby-red. Peppery red- and blackcurrant aromas show very good clarity and become more floral with air. Medium-bodied red berry and cherry tart flavors are underscored by zesty minerality. The tannins are deftly woven into the tangy fruit and only make their presence felt on the back end. An energetic cabernet with very good finishing lift and length. This would be ideal with a spicy piece of grilled lamb."

2008 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire, Shiraz **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The 2008 Shotfire Shiraz was aged for 14-16 months in 40% new French and American oak hogsheads. Purple-colored, it offers up a nose of toasty oak, Asian spices, incense, blueberry, and blackberry. On the palate it has excellent flavors in a plush, nearly opulent style. The wine is balanced, rich, fleshy, and ripe. Drink this full-flavored effort over the next 6-8 years.

2006 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml **90 pts** **Tanzer**

"Inky ruby. Dark cherry and cassis on the nose, with suave vanilla, cola and floral qualities adding complexity. Medium-bodied red and dark berry flavors are impressively pure, with fully absorbed tannins and gentle acidity on the back end. A very nicely balanced wine with no excess sweetness or weight."

2006 Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Cuvée 12/750ml **90 pts** **Tanzer**

"Vivid ruby-red. Fragrant red berry, cherry and Asian spice aromas gain power with air, picking up suave cola and mineral notes. Energetic and sharply focused, with racy strawberry and raspberry flavors, nervy minerality and silky tannins. I really like the combination of sweetness and brightness here. Finishes clean, tangy and long. This is a real bargain."

2005 Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire Cuvée, Barossa Valley 12/750ml **91 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"Elegant, expressive and appealing, offering plum, fresh currant and vibrant mulberry notes with hints of cream and sweet spices on the long, refined finish. Drink now through 2013."

90 pts **Tanzer**

"Bright ruby. Seductive dark berry and kirsch aromas show good depth and are brightened by lively floral and mineral notes; there's oak here but it's playing a supporting role. Light on its feet, with pure blackberry and cassis flavors building in power through the finish. Delicious and impressively balanced."

2006 Thorn-Clarke, William Randell, Shiraz, 91+ pts Wine Advocate
Barossa Valley 6/750ml

Thorn-Clarke makes a luxury bottling, the 2006 William Randell Shiraz. It is a glass-coating opaque purple color with an expressive bouquet of balsam wood, Asian spices, incense, game, blueberry, and licorice. Structured on the palate, it has layers of savory black and blue fruits, good balance, and a lengthy finish. Give it another 4-6 years of bottle age and drink it from 2014 to 2026.

2005 Thorn-Clarke, William Randell, Shiraz, 94 pts Jeremie Oliver - Tanzer
Barossa Valley 6/750ml

"Seamless, long and juicy, this vibrant and supple shiraz presents a rare level of freshness and brightness for this Barossa vintage. Scented with violets, blackberries, cassis and sweet new oak, it's generous, finely balanced and mouthfilling, tightly integrated with fine, smooth tannin and refreshing, lively acidity."

92 pts Tanzer

Saturated ruby. Dark berry liqueur, cocoa powder, tobacco and vanillin oak spices on the nose, plus a subtle graphite undertone. Broad and fleshy, offering sweet and spicy blackberry, cassis and candied licorice flavors, and picking up a cherry-cola quality with air. Becomes brighter and more tannic with air, with the tannins adding shape and structure to the sweet, oak-accented fruit. Very sexy wine, with impressive energy for its size.

2004 Thorn-Clarke, William Randell, Shiraz, 92+pts Wine Advocate
Barossa Valley 6/750ml

"Readers looking for an Australian imitation of a Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa should check out Thorn-Clarke's 2004 Shiraz William Randell. Huge, minty, black cherry, and blackberry aromas jump from the glass of this intense red. It bears an unreal resemblance to some of the pre-1985 vintages of Heitz Martha's Vineyard. Full-bodied, with moderate tannin, and an extremely long finish, it will be even better with 2-3 years of bottle age, and should last for 15 plus."

92+pts Tanzer

"Inky ruby. Deep, brooding, primary nose reluctantly yields scents of blackberry liqueur, kirsch, blackcurrant, chocolate, espresso, vanilla, cured tobacco and candied licorice. Deep and packed with ripe, concentrated fruit, with exotic oak spice notes and a subtle vanilla quality folding seamlessly into the wild array of suave dark berry flavors. Finishes with broad, chewy tannins and a late hit of cherry skin. It would be a shame to open this anytime soon, but if you must, at least give it a few hours in a decanter."

91 pts Wine Spectator

"Ripe and spicy, with a plump core of fresh blackberry and plum flavor, shaded with white pepper and a meaty texture that lets it all linger on the generous finish. Drink now through 2014."

2007 Tin Shed, Melting Pot, Shiraz, Barossa **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The purple-colored 2007 Melting Pot Shiraz contains a dollop of Grenache and Mourvedre and was aged in seasoned French oak for 12 months. Spice box, underbrush, licorice, and an assortment of black fruit aromas lead to a medium to full-bodied, savory wine with layered fruit and plenty of tannin. The wine is well-balanced but will benefit from 2-3 years of additional bottle age. This lengthy effort will drink well through 2019.

2005 Tin Shed, Melting Pot, Shiraz, Barossa 12/750ml **93 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"Dark, dense and chewy, offering a serious mouthful of cardamom-scented black cherry, beet and black olive character. The distinctive flavor profile and rich texture need time to soften and gain some harmony. Best from 2012 through 2020."

91-94 pts **Wine Advocate**

"A stunning offering, the 2005 Shiraz Melting Pot reveals flamboyant aromas of cassis, black pepper, licorice, and espresso roast. This medium to full-bodied, pure, rich Shiraz offers another example of the seamlessness of this vintage."

2004 Tin Shed, "Three Vines MSG", Barossa 12/750ml **92 pts** **Tanzer**

"Ruby-red. Elegant, mineral-laced aromas of cherry, raspberry, plum and flowers, with subtle hints of graphite, iron and cured tobacco. Features loads of sweet, vibrant berry and cherry flavor but this silky, polished midweight also shows a deft touch. Bright fruit is nicely supported by fine-grained tannins and gentle acidity. Finishes on a lingering, juicy note of fresh blackcurrant. Impressive for its balance of brash flavor and suave, even understated texture and weight."

2003 Tin Shed, "Three Vines MSG", Barossa 12/750ml **91 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"Zingy, offering a lively mouthful of peppery currant and plum flavors. This is tightly packed with layers of spice and toast around vibrant fruit, which lingers against refined tannins on the juicy finish. Best from 2009 through 2015."

91 pts **Wine Advocate**

"The deep, ruby/purple-hued, perfumed 2003 MSG (40% Mourvedre, 20% Shiraz, 40% Grenache) offers up aromas of coffee beans, black cherries, mocha, chocolate, and dried herbs. This opulent, attractively textured, medium to full-bodied effort can be enjoyed over the next 5-7 years."

2004 Tin Shed Shiraz, "Single Wire", Eden Valley 6/750ml **94 pts** **Tanzer**

"Bright ruby. Dense, brooding, inky nose opens slowly to reveal powerful aromas of candied plum, blackberry, kirsch, tobacco, graphite, black cardamom and musky underbrush. A medium-bodied shiraz with a gentle dryness that puts the sweet fruit into high relief. The very concentrated fruit flavors offer excellent delineation and structure, not to mention length on the

palate. I'd call the fruit explosive but it's really more of a slow, silky burn. You could easily pay twice as much for a wine with similar elegance, balance and intensity."

93 pts Wine Spectator

"Has density and richness, but manages to focus its supple blackberry, white pepper and clove flavors, weaving a licorice note through the long, expressive finish. Balanced with enough acidity to cut through the richness, this sails through the finish seamlessly. Drink now through 2016."

NEW ZEALAND

2005 West Brook, Blue Ridge, Pinot Noir 12/750ml **93 pts** Int. Wine Review

"The 2005 Westbrook Blue Ridge, produced by this small family winery, is among the best Pinot Noirs of the vintage. It is medium-dark ruby in color and displays lovely ripe cherry aromas with hints of violets on the nose. On the medium-bodied palate it exhibits lush mouth feel with round and flavorful plum fruit, excellent balance and a long finish. This wine will benefit from aging."

2008 Kennedy Point, Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc **90pts** Wine Spectator

"Fresh and zingy, with pretty grapefruit and green papaya flavors that remain refreshing through the open-textured finish. Drink now."

ARGENTINA

2008 Maipo, Malbec, Mendoza **90 pts** Wine Advocate

The 2008 Malbec is a glass-coating purple color with a striking perfume of violets, black cherry, and black raspberry. Exhibiting surprising complexity for its price category, the wine has gobs of fruit, savory flavors, and excellent depth and length. It is an outstanding value for drinking over the next 3-4 years.

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

"The Bressia portfolio contains one white wine, the 2007 Lagrima Canela, an intriguing blend of 70% Chardonnay and 30% Semillon aged for 14 months in new French and American oak. Light gold colored with a perfume of candle wax, pear, melon, and toasty oak, on the palate the wine is medium-bodied with well-integrated oak, dry flavors, a creamy texture, and outstanding depth and concentration. This nicely balanced effort is likely to drink well for another 4-5 years."

2006 Bressia, Lagrima Canela, Mendoza 6/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2006 Lagrima Canela Chardonnay-Semillon spent 14 months in French and American. Light gold-colored, the nose reveals obvious barrel notes along with candle wax, apple, and citrus. The palate is smooth, the flavors concentrated, and the finish lengthy."

2007 Bressia, Monteagrello, Syrah Mendoza 6/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate

"The red wines begin with the 2007 Monteagrello Syrah, Bressia's first vintage of Syrah. It spent 12 months in a mix of new and used French and American oak. Deep purple-colored, it offers up an alluring perfume of cedar, leather, pepper, game, and blueberry. Surprisingly elegant on the palate, it has plenty of ripe black and blue fruit, spicy, savory flavors, a plush texture, good depth, and a fruit-filled finish. This nicely balanced effort will evolve for 2-3 years and offer prime drinking from 2011 to 2019."

2005 Bressia, Monteagrello, Malbec Mendoza 6/750ml 91 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Malbec Monteagrello was sourced from five parcels, aged in French oak, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Deep crimson-colored, it has an expressive nose of cedar, tobacco, coffee, black currant and black cherry. This leads to a smooth-textured, seamless wine with superior depth, ripe flavors, and a forward personality. Drink this outstanding value in Malbec over the next 5-7 years."

2004 Bressia, Profundo, Mendoza 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Profundo is composed of 50% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, and 10% Syrah and was aged in French and American oak. Purple/black in color, it reveals notes of wood smoke, pencil lead, black currants, and blueberry. On the palate it is medium to full-bodied with layers of spicy dark fruits, intense flavors, nicely concealed tannin, and a 45-second finish. It will evolve for several years and drink well through 2020."

2005 Bressia, Conjuero, Mendoza 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Spectator

"Dense, but nicely rounded and well-integrated, with hints of mesquite and fruitcake mingling with dark plum and blackberry fruit. Long and lush through the finish, while staying focused and pure. Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2011."

2004 Bressia, Conjuero, Mendoza 6/750ml 94 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Conjuero is a blend of 50% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Merlot from the Tupungata region of Mendoza and was aged in French and American oak. Inky purple, it offers an impressive bouquet of pain grille, mineral, scorched earth, black currant, and blackberry liqueur. Full-bodied, dense, and brooding, the wine has gobs of flavor, ripe tannins, and a long, pure finish. It will profit from an additional 8-10 years in the cellar and should drink well through 2040."

2005 Tiza, Malbec, Mendoza 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate

"It has a fragrant perfume of toasty oak, vanilla, wild raspberry, and black cherry. This is followed by a ripe, smooth-textured, spicy wine with vibrant fruit, silky tannin, and a fruit-filled finish. Drink this outstanding value in Malbec over the next 5-7 years."

FRANCE

2008 Coussergues Chardonnay Viognier **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

My favorite from this winery is the medium-bodied, dry, fresh, lively 2008 Chardonnay/Viognier (a 50-50 blend). Exotic tropical fruit, honeysuckle, and floral undertones offer a lovely aromatic display.

2006 Manoir du Carra, Moulin à Vent, Cru Beaujolais 6/750ml **90 pts** **Tanzer**

"Saturated red. Fresh cherry, anise, floral and mineral aromas offer impressive clarity and penetration. Deep bitter cherry and cassis flavors are brightened by zesty minerality and framed by dusty tannins. Tangy berry skin dominates the lively finish, which is impressively focused and long."

2005 Maurice Ecard, Savigny-Les-Beaune, 1er Cru, "Les Jarrons" 12/750ml **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"Maurice Ecard's 2005 Savigny-les-Beaune Les Jarrons offers aromas of smoked meat, nutmeg and cherry. Meaty, sinewy, densely tannic, and showing a bit of new wood, it nevertheless displays clear, bright cherry and cranberry fruit tinged by fruit pit bitterness and spice, and underlain by rich meat stock and saline mineral notes. This is the cuvee I'd pick for "last of ..." cellaring, and I expect it will offer the 12-15 years of positive maturation for which Ecard wine from this site is justly."

2005 Maurice Ecard, Savigny-Les-Beaune, 1er Cru, "Les Serpentières" 12/750ml **90 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"An elegant style, displaying black pepper, rose and cherry aromas and flavors. Silky and firm, with a minerally finish. Lovely balance and harmony. Drink now through 2022."

2005 Maurice Ecard, Savigny-Les-Beaune, 1er Cru, "Les Peuillets" 12/750ml **90 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"This supple red is filled with sweet cherry and oak spice flavors. Has a nice creamy quality midpalate, before the tannins shore up the finish. All the elements are there. Best from 2009 through 2018."

2006 Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, "Ronchevats" 12/750ml **90 pts** **Tanzer**

"Light yellow. Rich orange and pear aromas are complemented by exotic baking spices and

smoked meat; smells like a Meursault. Fleshy orchard fruit flavors give way to spicier citrus on the strikingly nervy, long finish."

2006 Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, "Vignes Blanches" 12/750ml **90 pts** **Tanzer**

"Green-gold. Spicy citrus and pear scents are complicated by anise and dusty minerals. Crisp and energetic, with light-bodied orange and Anjou pear flavors, gentle minerality and a broad, long finish. Gained weight with air while maintaining energy. Offers impressive balance."

2007 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."

N.V. Champagne Trouillard, Cuvée ELEXIUM 12/750ml **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."

N.V. Champagne Trouillard, Cuvée ELEXIUM 12/375ml

N.V. Champagne Trouillard, Blanc de Blancs 12/750ml **90 pts** **Tanzer**

"Pale straw, with an energetic bead. Racy citrus and pear aromas are sharpened by white pepper and dusty minerals, which carry through a long, tangy finish. Quintessential chardonnay-based Champagne, with admirable freshness and balance."

90 pts **Wine Spectator**

"Mixes citrus and candied berry notes with a hint of yeast and pastry in an appealing way. Elegant and deftly balanced, with a crisp mineral finish. Drink Now."

92 pts **IWineReview**

Light green gold color. A rich and complex Blanc de Blancs with a rich mousse and fine beads. Lively aromas of lime zest, pear, and fresh dough. Soft and round on the palate, beautifully balanced and long lasting on the palate. Key-lime pie in a bottle.

N.V. Champagne Trouillard, Brut Extra Selection 12/750ml **92 pts** **IWineReview**

Medium gold color with a rich, seductive nose of roasted grains. Shows an elegant attack and a very fine, rich mousse. Finishes very dry but long. Dried lemon peel and toasted bread are evident on the richly textured palate with notable mineral character. Finishes very dry and long.

1999 Champagne Trouillard, Cuvée du Fondateur, Brut 6/750ml **91 pts** **Tanzer**

"Yellow-gold with a very fine bead. Bright lemon and pear skin aromas are gently underscored by subtle leesiness and sweet butter. Impressively focused citrus and orchard fruit flavors expand and deepen with air, picking up an exotic cardamom quality while maintaining vivacity. Offers excellent grip and depth on the long, juicy finish. There's plenty of spine here to give it a long life, but I wouldn't hesitate to drink it now."

**2002 Champagne Trouillard,
Cuvee du Fondateur 6/750ml**

91 pts

Tanzer

"Bright gold with a frothy mousse. Honeyed orange and pear on the nose, with subtle leesiness adding depth. Delicate and focused, offering fresh apple, pear, tangerine and anise flavors. This balanced, pure, graceful wine offers good finishing lift and cut and an echo of honey. Would be perfect with a rich seafood dish."

**2000 Champagne Roland Champion,
Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru 12/750ml**

92 pts

Tanzer

"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 **IWineReview**

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.

**NV Champagne Roland Champion,
Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru 12/750ml**

91 pts

IWineReview

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!

**2005 Gourt de Mautens, Rasteau,
Cotes du Rhone Villages 6/750ml**

92+ pts

Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Rasteau is tannic, backward, and just massive. The wine needs 6-7 years of cellaring, and should age for 15-20 years as well. It is loaded with chocolate, black raspberries, and kirsch, intermixed with dusty, loamy soil notes, pepper, and the telltale chocolate that comes from the old vine Grenache that bakes in the sun in this high elevation appellation. This is a beauty, slightly rustic but enormously endowed. This is one of the sensational estates in Rasteau, with proprietor Jerome Bressy farming just over 20 acres of vines. Organic farming and the naturally low yields of his old vines (8-15 hectoliters per hectare) result in wines of extraordinary concentration and intensity. The general blend on his Rasteau is 70% Grenache and the rest Syrah, Mourvedre, and Carignan."

**2007 Clos des Cazaux
Cuvée de la Tour Sarrazine**

90 pts

Wine Advocate

This estate's 2007 Gigondas La Tour Sarrazine is a winner. Seductive notes of kirsch liqueur, garrigue, pepper, and lavender soar from the glass of this expressive, open-knit, round, ripe, medium to full-bodied, lush, succulent Gigondas. With outstanding purity and abundant upfront fruit and appeal, it can be enjoyed over the next 6-7 years.

**2006 Domaine Clos des Cazaux,
Gigondas, Tour Sarrazine 12/750ml**

90 pts

Tanzer

Saturated ruby. Powerful, pungent aromas of raspberry, aged steak, burning tobacco and garrigue Pretty

wild on the palate, with deep, sweet red and dark berry compote, licorice and smoked meat flavors. Supple in texture, with strong finishing notes of blackberry and tobacco. Not for the faint of heart.

**2007 Alain Jaume, Chateauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, 92 pts Wine Spectator
Vieux Terron**

A ripe, juicy, modern style, with a big blast of plum and blackberry fruit pushed by sweet toast, fruitcake and violet notes. The long, nicely rounded finish still has to absorb a bit of toast, but this is really rock-solid. Drink now through 2021.

90 pts Wine Advocate

The negociant offerings, sold under the Alain Jaume moniker, include the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieux Terron, which is a blend of 85% Grenache and the rest Syrah and Mourvedre. While it does not have the structure of the estate wines, it is a richly fruity effort exhibiting a dark ruby/purple color, plenty of black cherry and black currant fruit intertwined with licorice, tapenade, and earthy notes, medium to full body, and 5-7 years of drinkability.

2007 Alain Jaume, Vacqueyras Rouge 12/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate

The outstanding 2007 Vacqueyras Grand Garrigue offers black currant and black cherry fruit interwoven with notions of spice box, licorice, earth, and Provençal herbs. Big, full-bodied, and mouth staining, it is ideal for drinking now and over the next 7-8 years.

2005 Alain Jaume, Vacqueyras Rouge 12/750ml 90 pts Tanzer

"Ruby-red. Impressively complex aromas of fresh raspberry and blackcurrant, complemented by garrigue, olive and tobacco. Very sweet but vivid red and dark fruit flavors lead to a clinging finish that features supple tannins and mounting spiciness."

2007 Alain Jaume, Gigondas 91 pts Wine Advocate

From a cool-climate region, the 2007 Gigondas Terrasses de Montmirail is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. A very strong effort, it exhibits aromas of damp earth, crushed rocks, acacia flowers, and blue and black fruits as well as considerable body and concentration. Drink this impressive Gigondas over the next decade.

2005 Alain Jaume, Gigondas 12/750ml 91 pts Tanzer

"Bright ruby. Intensely floral nose offers vivid scents of red berries, cherry and rose, with lavender and mineral qualities adding complexity. Zesty redcurrant and wild strawberry flavors are youthfully taut and finish with subtle grip. Displays very good energy and cut."

**2007 Alain Jaume, Cotes du Rhone Villages 91 pts Wine Advocate
Rouge, Rasteau, Les Valats**

The deep ruby/purple-colored 2007 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Rasteau Les Valats displays the chocolatey side of Grenache along with aromas and flavors of scorched earth, black fruits, and earth. This masculine, classic Rasteau should age nicely for a decade.

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

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2007 Grand Veneur, Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge **93 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Lirac Clos de Sixte is composed of 50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, and 15% Mourvedre. Abundant licorice, graphite, black cherry, and blackberry characteristics are offered in a full-bodied, deep, fleshy style. Liracs generally do not age as long as Chateauneuf du Papes, but this effort is capable of lasting 5-7 years where well-stored as it is a big, impressively endowed wine.

2006 Alain Jaume, Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 12/750ml **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

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2005 Alain Jaume, Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 12/750ml **90+ pts** **Wine Advocate**

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

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**

2004 Alain Jaume, Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 12/750ml **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2004 Lirac Clos de Sixte has a dense ruby/purple color and exhibits a Syrah-like character in its blacker fruit-dominated aromatics and flavors. With medium to full body, ripe tannin, and good freshness as well as definition, it should drink well for 5-7 years."

2008 Alain Jaume, Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rose 12/750ml **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

A serious, full-bodied, dry rosé, it offers plenty of kirsch and strawberry scents along with a hint of Provençal herbs. The freshness, surprising depth, and intense flavor characteristics make this one of the more dramatic and serious rosés I have tasted from the 2008 vintage in the southern Rhône.

2007 Reserve Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Rouge **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**

As always, Grand Veneur has done a terrific job with the 2007 Cotes du Rhone Reserve red. Composed of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah, this gorgeous, dark ruby/purple-tinged offering exhibits plenty of meaty notes intermixed with black raspberries and kirsch. Full-bodied and luscious, it should provide plenty of pleasure over the next 2-3 years.

2008 Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Blanc de Viognier 90 pts Wine Advocate
Absolutely outstanding, and better than most of the disappointing 2008 Condrieus (a bad vintage for that appellation) is the 2008 Cotes du Rhone Blanc de Viognier. While Viognier from the south can be a little heavy handed, that is not the case. Flowery, honeysuckle, apricot, and peach marmalade notes are followed by a medium-bodied wine with good acidity, beautiful fruit, and a long finish. Drink it over the next year.

2007 Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Villages Rouge, Les Champauvins 12/750ml 91 pts Wine Advocate
Equally impressive as the Côtes du Rhône Reserve, Rouge, with slightly more complexity, muscle, and depth, is the 2007 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rouge, Les Champauvins. A more spice-driven, fuller-bodied, earthier effort, it is a rich, well-balanced, full-throttle Côtes du Rhône that demonstrates the heights of quality that were attainable in 2007.

2006 Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Villages Rouge, Les Champauvins 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate
"The estate Cotes du Rhone-Villages is always a winner, and the 2006 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Les Champauvins is again a classic example of southern France. It is a pure wine, with notes of garrigue, meat, and sweet kirsch in a medium to full-bodied, ripe, lovely style meant for drinking in its first 4-5 years of life."

2008 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 91 pts Wine Advocate
The 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape blanc, a blend of 50% Clairette, 30% Roussanne, and 20% Grenache Blanc, offers gorgeous aromas of quince, white currants, crushed rocks, and honeysuckle. This full-bodied, rich, refreshing white is more restrained and delicate than most vintages. Both of these wines should be drunk during their first 2-3 years of life.

2008 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, La Fontaine 92 pts Wine Advocate
The 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape La Fontaine blanc is one of the few 100% Roussannes made in the appellation. Honeysuckle, rose petal, waxy lanolin, and floral notes emerge from this fleshy, more delineated and subdued than usual, effort. In that sense, many consumers, particularly those who like their dry whites to be crisp and more mineral-dominated than fleshy and honeyed, may prefer it over the regular cuvee. Both of these wines should be drunk during their first 2-3 years of life.

2006 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, La Fontaine 12/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate
"The estate white Châteauneuf du Pape is a gorgeous wine, as Jaume continues to produce one of the top four or five white wines of the appellation almost on a yearly basis. The 2006 Châteauneuf du Pape La Fontaine blanc is barrique-aged Roussanne and shows amazing grand cru Burgundian characteristics in its nuttiness, rich honeysuckle nose, with some exotic fruit

character, great acidity, length, and richness. It tastes like a marmalade of rose petals, apricot, and lychee in an exotic, rich, classically structured style. This wine should drink well for at least 3-4 years and possibly longer, but it is almost impossible to know since there is so little of this wine available."

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 12/750ml **91-93 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape is a winner. Inky blue/purple with notes of graphite, blueberry, blackberry, smoke, Provençal 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."

2007 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, Les Origines 12/750ml **90-93 pts** **Tanzer**

Opaque purple. Pungent aromas of blackberry, blueberry, incense and potpourri. Offers brighter red fruits on the palate, with sweet floral pastille and smoky mineral qualities adding complexity. Becomes more energetic on the sappy, precise, very long finish.

92 pts **Wine Spectator**

Solid, with a mix of red and black currant fruit held together with notes of pastis, licorice and violet. A good dash of grip on the finish keeps this honest. Opens nicely in the glass. Drink now through 2019.

96 pts **Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Origines (50% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre, and 20% Syrah aged in small new oak barrels) is somewhat of an anomaly with such an amount of new oak, but it never seems to show given the wine's concentration and richness. This may be the estate's finest example of this cuvee, which generally represents 1,200-1,500 cases, all from their holdings in the northern sector of the appellation. A saturated purple color is accompanied by aromas of smoke, camphor, creme de cassis, licorice, and blueberries, amazing concentration, a full-bodied texture, and a stunningly long finish. The tannins are present, but silky, and the vintage's freshness and vibrant fruit are evident. Powerful and loaded with substance, but at the same time endearingly elegant and ethereal, it will benefit from another 2-3 years of bottle age, and should drink well for 15+.

2006 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, Les Origines 12/750ml **93-95 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2006 Châteauneuf du Pape Les Origines is one of the vintage's most profound wines. Inky purple to the rim, showing some subtle influence of barriques, the wine has an impressive nose of chocolate, smoke, roasted meats, blueberries, and jammy black cherries with some licorice

and smoke. The wine is full-bodied, powerful, but has silky tannins and good acidity. This wine should be drinkable upon release and last for 15 or more years."

90 **Tanzer**

Ruby-red. Sexy bouquet of cherry-vanilla, blackberry, cola and smoked meat. Fleshy and sweet, with lush red and dark berry compote flavors, velvety texture and slow-building tannins. As inviting as this is right now, it also has the material to reward patience.

**2007 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Rouge, Vieilles Vignes**

92-95 pts

Tanzer

Saturated purple. Stunning bouquet of mineral-laced raspberry, boysenberry and potpourri, with a strong note of licorice emerging with air. Deep and sweet but energetic, showing powerful red and black fruit flavors and a strong underpinning of graphite and iron. The boysenberry note recurs on the finish, which is strikingly pure, focused and long.

93 pts **Wine Spectator**

Very ripe and forward, with flashy fig, mocha and licorice notes pushed by sweet toast and spice. Round and juicy through the full-bodied finish, with the fruit hanging on nicely. Drink now through 2020.

98+ pts **Wine Advocate**

The newest special cuvee (introduced in 2006) is the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes (50% Grenache, 40% Mourvedre, and 10% Syrah). Made from 50- to 100+-year-old vines and aged 18 months in small oak barrels, it is potentially one of the longest lived wines of the vintage. This exquisite, dense purple-colored effort reveals intense but restrained notes of cassis, kirsch, lavender, licorice, and graphite. A wine of great intensity as well as remarkable finesse and elegance, is a full-bodied Chateauneuf that will require plenty of patience. Give it 3-4 years of bottle age, and drink it over the following 25-30.

**2006 Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Rouge, Vieilles Vignes 12/750ml**

92 pts

Tanzer

Bright ruby. Alluring aromas of framboise, cherry-vanilla, potpourri and smoky minerals. Completely stains the palate with sweet red and dark berry compote flavors sexed up by candied flowers and vanilla. For a wine with such flavor impact this is shockingly lithe, showing excellent finishing precision and persistence. And it's awfully seductive right now.

**2008 Domaine de la Mordorée, Côtes du Rhône Rosé,
La Dame Rousse**

90 pts

Wine Advocate

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

**2008 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé,
La Dame Rousse**

90 pts

Wine Advocate

A big-styled, dry, dramatic effort, it should drink well for a year.

90 pts **Wine Spectator**

"Ripe, with plump watermelon and cherry notes framed by a bright, stony edge. Long and juicy on the well-detailed finish. Drink now."

2007 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé,

90 pts

Wine Advocate

La Dame Rousse

"The 2007 Tavel is another superb rose from southern France, offering plenty of kirsch and spice characteristics, exuberant fruit, medium to full body, and an authoritative finish. This serious effort is befitting this appellation famous for one wine – rose. Enjoy it over the next 6-9 months."

91 pts **Tanzer**

"Light, bright pink. Spicy redcurrant, strawberry and blood orange aromas are complicated by dusty minerals and fresh rose. Light in body but intensely flavored, offering concentrated red berry flavors and tangy citrus pith flavors. Becomes richer with air, picking up black raspberry and bitter cherry qualities. Impressively precise rose, finishing with excellent cut and length. This really stains the palate."

2008 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Reine des Bois

91 pts **Wine Spectator**

"Very juicy but stylish, with hints of tea, sandalwood and dried cherry leading the way for plumper watermelon and floral notes. The long, tobacco-tinged finish is very elegant and persistent. Drink now."

91 pts **Wine Advocate**

The greatest rose I have tasted in the last year is the 2008 Tavel La Reine des Bois. Although this is a pretty hefty price for a rose, it is a superb effort with surprising body, the texture and richness of a red wine, and the crispness and refreshing aspects of a rose. It offers up an explosive perfume of watermelon, strawberries, and framboise, an amazing texture, and a dry, crisp personality. This tour de force in rose should be drunk before summer, 2010.

2007 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Dame Rousse 12/750ml

92 pts **Wine Advocate**

The outstanding 2007 Lirac La Dame Rousse, a blend of equal parts Syrah and Grenache, reveals a dense purple color as well as a gorgeous, sweet nose of creme de cassis, crushed rocks, violets, and licorice. This layered, full-bodied Lirac could easily pass for a Chateauneuf du Pape priced twice as high. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

91 pts **Wine Spectator**

"Rich and driven, with a range of raspberry ganache, crushed plum and warm fig notes followed by tobacco, spice and licorice notes. The finish is long and rich. Drink now through 2011."

2006 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Dame Rousse 12/750ml

90 pts **Wine Spectator**

"Offers a nice mix of red berry, blackberry and blueberry fruit, with a beam of sweet spice and toast notes. Shows good grip and focus through the finish, where there's a racy minerality. Should age well. Drink now through 2012."

2005 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Dame Rousse 12/750ml

90 pts **Wine Advocate**

"The 2005 Lirac Dame Rousse is an equal-part blend of Grenache and Syrah from 40-year-old vines. Dark ruby/purple with sweet black raspberry, cassis, and meaty notes, the wine is spicy,

medium to full-bodied, structured, but rich, full, and very impressive. It should drink nicely for another 7-8 years."

90 pts **Wine Spectator**

"Lovely plum cake, mocha, licorice and fig flavors run through this juicy offering, with dark fruit and a stony minerality lingering on the finish. Drink now through 2008."

91 pts **Wine Review Online**

"From the brilliant Rhône vintner Christophe Delorme comes this captivating red wine, which is broad and ample but never overwhelming, and redolent of red raspberry and juicy red plum fruitiness. Nature and nurture are both at work here: The intensity of flavor packed into 'Dame Rousse' is due in large part to the health of the biodynamically farmed grapes, which were raised in a meticulous 40-year-old vineyard."

**2008 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Blanc,
La Reine des Bois**

91 pts

Wine Advocate

The 2008 Lirac La Reine des Bois blanc is outstanding. Readers should keep in mind that 2008 is a far superior vintage for this appellation's white wines as opposed to the reds. This blend of 30% Grenache, 15% Viognier, 15% Roussanne, and the rest Marsanne, Picpoul, Clairette, and Bourboulenc exhibits beautiful sweet peach marmalade, honeysuckle, and white currant notes presented in an elegant, crisp, medium to full-bodied style with lots of zest and vibrancy. Drink it over the next 1-2 years.

**2007 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge,
La Reine des Bois**

92 pts

Wine Spectator

"Really loaded with fruit, this shows raspberry, boysenberry and blackberry notes all layered with sweet spice and bacony toast before the fresh, mineral-driven finish takes over. Impressive for the appellation. Drink now through 2012."

94 pts **Wine Advocate**

The outrageously superb 2007 Lirac La Reine des Bois (equal parts Grenache, Mourvedre, and Syrah) may be the finest wine Delorme has yet made. Its dense purple color is accompanied by a sumptuous perfume of black fruits, licorice, earth, and pepper. The fruit quality is deep, textured, and pure, and the 35-second finish is superb. This knock-out wine should drink well for 7-8 years.

**2006 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge,
La Reine des Bois 12/750ml**

91 pts

Wine Spectator

"Very pure and focused, with dark currant and fig fruit held in check for now by a layer of suave, dark toast. Espresso, mineral and aged tobacco notes flutter through the finish, but this needs a little time to unwind. Best from 2009 through 2013."

**2008 Domaine de la Mordorée,
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Reine des Bois**

90-93 pts

Wine Advocate

One of the finest Châteauneuf du Pape I tasted in the challenging 2008 vintage is Mordoree's 2008 Châteauneuf 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.

2007 Domaine de la Mordorée,

93-96 pts

Tanzer

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Reine des Bois 6/750ml

Inky ruby. The nose offers a highly complex, wild array of dark berry and floral scents, along with anise, herbs and smoky minerals. Utterly stains the palate with deep black and blue fruit flavors complemented by strong notes of lavender pastille and tobacco. Tannins come up with air but the fruit seems to suck them up. Finishes with a strong wallop of luscious blueberry and mocha and outstanding persistence. This looks to be one of the best wines of this superb vintage.

96 pts **Wine Spectator**

Stunning in its combination of density, purity and elegance. There's plenty of dark fig, cassis, pastis and crushed plum fruit, along with melted licorice, ganache and black tea notes. But the texture is supple, the tannins silky and the finish long and beguiling. Harnesses the precociousness of the vintage with true depth and length. Best from 2010 through 2030.

96+ pts **Wine Advocate**

Not surprisingly, the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape La Reine des Bois is another prodigious offering from this estate. A blend of 80% Grenache and the rest equal parts Mourvedre, Syrah, Counoise, and Vacarrese, it was aged 50% in stainless steel tanks and 50% in small oak barrels. The result is an inky/blue/purple-colored wine displaying a formidable nose of graphite, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, cherries, licorice, and violets. Full-bodied with exquisite depth, impressive purity, and a multilayered, sumptuous finish with moderate tannin, its purity, freshness, vibrancy, and precision are exceptional. Give it 2-3 years of bottle age and drink it over the following two decades.

2006 Domaine de la Mordorée,

93 pts

Wine Spectator

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Reine des Bois 6/750ml

"Very juicy, but sleek and racy, with a big core of warm, crushed fig and plum fruit layered with mocha, black licorice, Turkish coffee and graphite. The long, dark finish is nicely packed for the vintage. Drink now through 2023."

93 pts **Tanzer**

Glass-staining purple. Sexy aromas of red and dark berry preserves, incense and garrigue, with complicating cola and mineral qualities. Round and deeply concentrated, offering lush black raspberry, cherry-cola and candied lavender flavors and gently bracing acidity. The sweet, vibrant berry flavors cling impressively.

92-95 pts **Wine Advocate**

"Since 1996, their Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee de la Reine des Bois has been one of the stars of the vintage. The blue/purple-hued 2006 exhibits aromas of charcoal, creme de cassis, roasted herbs, meat juices, licorice, and camphor. Full-bodied, dense, and concentrated with sweet tannin, adequate acidity, and a stunningly long finish (40+ seconds), this beauty is one of the vintage's most complete and concentrated wines. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2023."

2006 Domaine Louis Geoffrey,

91 pts

Tanzer

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Cuvée Rabelais 12/750ml

Vivid red. Explosively aromatic bouquet of red berries, minerals, incense and Asian spices. Very elegant, with finely textured raspberry and strawberry flavors, no apparent tannins and excellent mineral snap. Finishes with impressive clarity and cut.

2008 Château de Ségriès, Tavel Rosé 12/750ml

90 pts

Wine Advocate

A brilliant, big-boned, brawny, dry rosé with plenty of flavor. It cuts a savory, heady feel across the palate. Enjoy it over the next 8-12 months.

2007 Château de Ségriès, Tavel Rosé 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate

"The gorgeous strawberry/kirsch-laden 2007 Tavel is full and very expressive. A total hedonistic turn-on, this wine should drink splendidly well for 10-12 more months. A super value treasure trove in the southern Rhone, Segries is a large estate of 109 acres brought back to life over the last decade by Henri de Lanzac. The wines continue to go from strength to strength."

2007 Château de Ségriès, Lirac Rouge, Cuvée Réservee 12/750ml 90+ pts Wine Advocate

A brilliant red wine which requires another 6-12 months of bottle age. A combination of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and the rest Cinsault, Mourvèdre, and Carignan, it exhibits a dense ruby/purple hue as well as a big, bold aromatic display of fresh mushrooms, tree bark, blueberries and black cherries. Deep textured, full-bodied, powerful, and muscular with some tannin to shed, this offering should be forgotten for a year or so, and consumed over the following decade.

2006 Château de Ségriès, Lirac Rouge, Cuvée Réservee 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2006 Lirac is superb, rich in black fruit, very Provencal, and medium-bodied. Drink it over the next 4-5 years."

2007 Château de Ségriès, Côtes du Rhône Rouge, Clos de l'Hermitage 94 pts Wine Advocate

A remarkable wine, and even at \$30 a bottle, it represents a fabulous bargain. Made from 40-year-old vines, it is an equal part blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. Its opaque purple color is followed by a bouquet that smells more like a Côte Rôtie than a Côtes du Rhône. Flowery notes intermixed with tapenade, group pepper, roasted meats, and a copious black cherry and blackberry fruit soar from the glass. The wine possesses fabulous density, a rich, full-bodied style, and present but sweet tannin. It should drink gorgeously for 10-12 years, perhaps longer.

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

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

2006 Domaine du Monteillet, Cote Rotie Fortis 12/750ml 91 pts Tanzer

Dark red. Fresh, sexy scents of red berries, minerals and violet. Seductive and sweet, with deep raspberry and blueberry flavors, supple texture and good mineral snap. I really like this wine's lithe, focused personality and finishing cling.

**2006 Domaine de l'Ecu, Guy Bossard
Muscadet, Gneiss 12/750ml**

92 pts

Wine Enthusiast

"A rich, creamy, sumptuous wine, with an impressive, decisive shaft of minerality and a stony, dense character. The name of the wine, referring to the granite and schist soil, is one of an extraordinary series reflecting different soil types made by Muscadet's top producer, Guy Bossard."

2008 Michel Thomas Sancerre Blanc

90 pts

I-WineReview.com

Michel Thomas' Sancerre is medium yellow straw with leesy and mineral aromas and a touch of lime. It has a dry creamy palate with a lemon cream citrus and flint character and high acidity. The finish is also long with lingering lemon and lime citrus flavors.

SPAIN

2005 Convento Oreja, Roble,

Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

90 pts

Wine Spectator

"This plush red offers ripe flavors of cassis and blackberry, with accents of coffee and spice. The tannins are firm yet fresh. Mineral and sanguine notes add depth. Drink now through 2015."

N.V. Cava, Privat, Opus Evolutium, Brut,

Carmenet 6/750ml

90 pts

Wine Advocate

"The non-vintage Cava Privat Opus Evolutium is a high-class if expensive sparkling wine comparable to non-vintage Champagne in style and flavor. It offers up good brioche and pear scents, a steady stream of small bubbles, and full intensity, crisp flavors. It would work well on the table with Spain's spectacular shell fish."

90 pts

Tanzer

"Bright yellow. Fine, persistent mousse. Smoky, mineral-driven orange, pear, white peach and anise on the nose. Deep, dry and powerful, with vivid pear and apple flavors, a hint of smoke, and intriguing notes of magnolia and acacia honey. Wonderfully pure and bright, with a suave texture and a broad finish. There's elegance here that I seldom find in Cava."

2007 Palacio de Fefinanes Albarino,

Rias Baixas 12/750ml

90 pts

Tanzer

"Light gold. Musky pear and quinine aromas become richer with air, taking a turn to melon and yellow plum. Sappy orchard fruit flavors are braced by dusty minerals, which add a pleasantly bitter bite to the back end. Finishes with very good persistence and a strong echo of lemon zest. Boasts a good balance of energy and depth."

90 pts

2004 Pago de Carraovejas, Reserva,

Ribera Del Duero, 6/750ml

93 pts

Int. Wine Review

"Opaque ruby color with a lovely nose of licorice and black fruits. Reveals a soft, lush attack of spicy oak and blackberry flavors. This is a beautifully balanced, complex, and elegant wine showing ripe, rounded tannins on the lingering finish."

93 pts

Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Reserva was aged for 12 months in new French oak. Inky purple, it has complex aromatics with a slightly roasted character, notes of mineral, violets, blackberry, and blueberry. Fat and succulent on the palate, it has intense flavors, good density, and enough hidden structure to carry this wine for a decade."

2003 Pago de Carraovejas, Reserva, 90 pts Tanzer
Ribera Del Duero, 6/750ml

"Deep ruby. Ripe cherry and plum aromas are deepened by exotic oak spices and suggestions of cured tobacco, licorice and roasted coffee. Big, velvety and deep in dark berry and plum preserve flavor, with sweet vanillin oak and mocha accents gently supported by substantial but sweet tannins. The impressively long finish features a ripe cherry note. A distinctly warm and very ripe style which fans of the type may well rate even higher than I did."

Patricia, Aragon, Fino 12/750ml 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 12/750ml 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 12/750ml 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."

2005 Eban Ribera del Duero, Crianza 6/750ml 90 pts Tanzer

"Ruby-red. Seductively perfumed, sexy bouquet of red and dark berries, cherry and baking spices. Smoky minerals gain strength with air and carry onto the palate, adding structure to the deep, sweet raspberry and cassis flavors. A candied rose note lingers on the finish, which also features subtle vanilla and cola qualities. Pretty open-knit today, but has the concentration to warrant a few more years in the cellar."

2004 Ébano, Ribera del Duero, Crianza 6/750ml 90 pts Tanzer

"Ruby-red. Spiced plum, kirsch, cassis and graphite on the nose, with subtle clove and cinnamon accents. Crisp, focused and pure, with lively red and dark berry flavors complemented by deeper notes of licorice and mocha. This is impressively balanced, with very good concentration and thrust on the finish, along with a lingering mineral tone."

2005 Ébano 6, Ribera del Duero 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate

2006 Palacio de Fefiñanes, Albariño 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

2006 Mas Sinen, Negre, Priorat 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate

A blend of 35% Garnacha, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cariñena, and 10% syrah aged for 12 months in mostly French oak. Purple-colored, it offers up an aromatic array of crushed

stone, spice box, violets, black cherry, and blueberry. On the palate it has a plenty of succulent blue and black fruit, excellent depth of flavor, a bit of structure, and a lengthy finish.

2005 Mas Sinen, Negre, Priorat 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Tradition is a blend of 35% Garnacha, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Carinena, and 10% Syrah. The wine was aged in predominantly French oak for 12 months. Dark crimson-colored, it has an alluring bouquet of wood smoke, slate, cherry, blueberry, and plum. This is followed by a ripe, full-bodied wine with intense, spicy flavors, well-concealed tannins, and a long, pure finish. Although it will evolve for several years, it can be enjoyed now and over the next 10-12 years."

90 pts Tanzer

"Deep ruby color. Rich cherry and cassis aromas are complicated by smoky minerals, tobacco and cola. Fleshy red and dark berry flavors are given focus and grip by firm minerality and dusty tannins, maintaining freshness and a sweet quality. Finishes clean and bright, with lingering dark berry flavors and very good length."

2006 Mas Sinen, Coster, Reserve, Priorat 6/750ml 93 pts Wine Advocate

This wine is composed of equal parts Garnacha and Cariñena sourced from vines of 50 years of age. It offers additional complexity, greater depth, and additional aging potential. It will be at its best from 2012 to 2026.

2005 Mas Sinen, Coster, Reserve, Priorat 6/750ml 94 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Coster is an old-vine cuvee composed of 50% Garnacha and 50% Carinena, the two original grapes of Priorato. It was aged for 12 months in barrique. More fragrant and complex than the Tradition, the nose is dominated by the Garnacha component with its enticing cherry aromatics. On the palate, the wine is smooth-textured, sweet, and layered with flavor. With superb depth and length, this Priorat will be at its best between 2012 and 2025."

92 pts Tanzer

"Ruby-red. Ripe raspberry and candied cherry aromas are complicated by smoked meat, anise and roasted coffee. Deep, sweet and lightly chewy, picking up supple tannins with air. Liqueur-like red berry flavors offer palate-staining intensity but no excess weight or warmth. Finishes with impressive cling and a suave echo of baking spices."

2005 Finca Sobreño, Toro, Crianza, 12/750ml 90 pts Wine Advocate

"Finca Sobreno's 2005 Crianza is 100% Tinta de Toro aged for 7 months in American oak. Dark crimson-colored, it offers an enticing bouquet of cedar, mineral, blackberry, and floral notes. This leads to a ripe, supple, full-flavored, spicy wine with excellent depth and balance. Although designed and priced to be consumed in its youth, it will evolve for several years. It is an outstanding value"

2004 Finca Sobreño, Toro, Reserva, Selección Especial 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Advocate

This purple-colored wine is 100% Tinta de Toro (Tempranillo) from the estate's older vines aged for 14 months in American oak. It exhibits an attractive perfume of sandalwood, pencil lead, clove, vanilla, blackberry, and black cherry. This leads to a full bodied, ripe, concentrated

wine with layers of fruit, savory flavors, enough structure to evolve for 3-4 years, and a lengthy finish. It will profit from additional cellaring and will be at its finest from 2012 to 2024.

2001 Finca Sobreño, Toro, Reserva, 90 pts Tanzer
Selección Especial 6/750ml

"Ruby-red. Expansive, oak-accented blueberry and creme de cassis aromas display powerful vanilla, bourbon and cured tobacco nuances. The velvety dark berry flavors verge on liqueur-like but are firmed by juicy acidity and braced by firm tannins. Sweetness builds on the long, sappy finish, as do strong baking spice qualities."

2006 Tres Ojos, Old Vine Garnacha, Tinto, 90 pts Int. Wine Review
Calatayud 12/750ml

"Tres Ojos is produced at the Bodega San Gregorio, a cooperative located in the Ribota River Valley. It is named for the three arches of a local viaduct in the valley which is the origin of the 92 percent Garnacha (40+ years old) and 8 percent Tempranillo in this wine. Medium dark ruby color, the Old Vines Garnacha Tinto is aged 12 months in large steel vats. It has a rich, fruity nose of red plums and spice and reveals ripe tannins and dark plum fruit on the soft, nicely textured palate. A well-balanced wine with a long finish, and a truly excellent buy."

2004 Valsacro, Crianza, Rioja 6/750ml 90 pts Wine Spectator

"Tender and expressive, this red offers black raspberry, boysenberry, cocoa and tobacco flavors, generous on the palate, but with gentle tannins. Not muscular, but intriguing and harmonious. Drink now through 2011."

91 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Crianza is a blend of Garnacha, Tempranillo, and Mazuelo. Dark crimson in color, the nose reveals lots of spice, mineral, black raspberry, and black cherry. On the palate this Rioja is layered and rich with enough silky tannin to evolve for several years. Spicy, satisfying, and lengthy, this is a wine to enjoy now and over the next 8-10 years."

2001 Valsacro, Crianza, Rioja 6/750ml 91 pts Wine Spectator

" Alluring aromas of blackberry and spice give way to blackberry, cola, toast and mineral flavors on a plush texture, with well-integrated tannins and succulent acidity. A modern style, with lots of oak, but enough fruit for balance. Drink now through 2011."

90 pts Wine Advocate

"The Valsacro Riojas are first-class efforts. The 2001 Crianza, from an outstanding vintage, is a blend of Garnacha, Tempranillo and Mazuelo aged for 12 months in French and American oak. Made in a modern style, the wine is dark ruby in color with attractive aromas of cedar, black cherry, and licorice. It is medium-bodied, structured, and in need of time to blossom but the depth and purity of fruit suggest that patience will be rewarded."

90 pts Tanzer

"Ruby-red. Deeply spicy, pungent aromas of sweet red and dark berries complemented by toasty oak, dried flowers, cigar box and coffee. Lush, supple and weighty with vibrancy to its

cherry and blackcurrant tones, and focus from its supple tannins. Finishes sweet and long, with a lingering note of cherry liqueur."

2004 Valsacro, Dioro, Rioja 6/750ml **92 pts** **Wine** **Advocate**

"The 2004 Dioro is composed of 40% Tempranillo, 40% Garnacha, 10% Graciano, and, surprise, surprise, 10% Macabeo, a white grape. The wine is a barrel selection aged for 12-14 months in new French oak. Valsacro's rendition of Cote-Rotie works just fine. Purple in color, the wine is fragrant with notes of spice box, flowers, blueberry, and assorted black fruits. Smooth-textured, ripe, and lengthy, this is a hedonistic effort to drink over the next 6-8 years."

91 pts **Tanzer**

"Deep ruby. Smoky cherry and blackcurrant on the nose, with exotic oak spice and musky underbrush adding complexity. Suave, creamy red fruit flavors possess impressive depth and are supported by well-judged tannins. Gains sweetness and breadth with air but keeps its shape, finishing with a sexy candied licorice quality."

90 pts **Int. Wine Review**

"This winery located just outside the Rioja DO boundaries produces both DO and Table Wines [Vino de Mesa]. From an excellent vintage, the 2004 Dioro is a blend of 40 percent Tempranillo, 40 percent Garnacha and 10 percent Graciano. Aged in new French oak for 12-14 months, it displays a dark ruby color with dark smoky plum aromas and a touch of sandalwood. Lush and ripe, it has a very soft attack, light mid-palate, and a flavorful, fruity long finish."

2003 Valsacro, Dioro, Rioja 6/750ml **92 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2003 Dioro is a selection of the best barrels aged 12-14 months in new French oak. Purple in color with the nose exhibiting the barrique influence (lots of spice box and cedar) as well as black currants and cherry, this full-bodied effort has layers of sweet fruit, richness, and supple tannin. Give it 2-4 years to evolve and drink it for 8-10 years thereafter. Drink 2009-2019."

2006 Yasa, Tinto, Calatayud 12/750ml **90 pts** **IWineReview**

"100 percent Garnacha from 40-year-old vines. Dark ruby color with aromas of spicy dark plum and herb spice. Attacks soft and velvety with a tasty mélange of dark red fruits. Very flavorful, nicely balanced, and an exceptional value."

GERMANY

2008 Bastgen, Blauschiefer, Riesling **90 pts** **Wine Spectator**

"Apricot, passion fruit, spice and mineral notes mingle in this juicy Riesling. Crisp and balanced, with a lingering, mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2012."

2008 Bastgen, Brauneberger, Juffer Sonnenuhr, 92 pts Wine Spectator
Riesling, Spatlese 12/750ml

"This light-bodied, lively white shows appetizing, piquant flavors courtesy of the spice and acidity. Smoke, slate, lime and apple complete the flavor spectrum, and the finish is mouthwatering. Best from 2012 through 2030."

2007 Bastgen, Brauneberger, Juffer Sonnenuhr, 92 pts Wine Spectator
Riesling, Spatlese 12/750ml

"Pineapple, nectarine and citrus aromas and flavors are heightened by the vibrant structure in this piercing white. It's beautifully put together in an elegant package. Drink now through 2028."

2005 St Nikolaus-Hospital, 93 pts Wine Enthusiast
Graacher, Himmelreich, Riesling, Auslese 12/750ml

"A terrific value, this may be the best-priced top-quality auslese on the market. From a site that produced several other gems this vintage, this is a lush, slightly viscous wine that boasts scents of apricots, honey and crushed stone, while the flavors feature a beautifully harmonious interplay of stone fruits and ripe citrus. Long and balanced on the finish, with at least a decade or two or evolution ahead."

ITALY

2000 Carobbio, Leone 12/750ml 91 pts Wine Spectator

"Very ripe, almost jammy character, with hints of toasted oak and coffee. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long rich finish. Big red. Showing beautifully now. Best after 2006."

2004 Vitanza, Brunello di Montalcino 6/750ml 94 pts Wine Spectator

This is impressive for the vintage, with loads of crushed berries and spices, as well as hints of leather and flowers. Full-bodied, with soft and silky tannins and a long finish of sweet fruit. Rich and exciting. Better than the 2001. Best after 2010.

2003 Vitanza, Brunello di Montalcino 6/750ml 92 pts Wine Spectator

"Aromas of black fruit and oak, with a hint of fresh mushroom, follow through to a firm, full-bodied palate, picking up a clean vanilla note on the finish. Needs time to broaden out. Best after 2010."

2004 Vitanza, Quadrimendo 6/750ml 93 pts Wine Spectator

"Gorgeous aromas of mineral, spearmint, licorice and blackberry. Full and very long, with loads of fruit and supersilky tannins. Very good value. Sangiovese and Merlot. Best after 2010. 790 cases made."

USA

2007 Klinker Brick, Syrah, Farrah

91 pts

Wine Spectator

"Smooth, rich and complex, showing tiers of ripe plum, blackberry and wild berry, with notable cedary dill- and vanilla-laced oak. But this is very nicely proportioned, ending with a long, lingering finish."

**2005 Klinker Brick, Old Ghost,
Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi 6/750ml**

96 pts

Beverage Dynamics

"Muscular, full-bodied; this is what zinfandel strives for." **FIVE STARS**

90 pts

Connoisseur's Guide

"Generous, very keenly defined berry-like fruit gives great direction to the rich, sweetly oaked aromas of this tantalizing Zinfandel, and, even if it is biased to the ripeness of its provenance on the palate with flavors that are a bit less fruit than billed, we have no argument with the wine's volume and depth. A streak of firming tannins provides a nice bit of grip and ensures several years of growth. One Puff"

**2006 Londer, Pinot Noir,
Anderson Valley 12/750ml**

90 pts

Wine Spectator

"Fresh and floral, restrained and elegant, even understated, with dark plum, black cherry, herb and savory berry flavors that linger. Drink now through 2011."

91 pts

Connoisseur's Guide

"This bright and very well-balanced wine is at once both rich and vital with lots of concentrated, ripe-cherry fruit and a fine fleshy feel. It is accessible now and its careful combination of ripeness and well-defined varietal fruit stays the course through to a very long and involving finish."

2006 Angela, Pinot Noir, Oregon 6/750ml

90 pts

Tanzer

"Dark red. Ripe cherry and plum on the nose, with a suave floral quality adding complexity. Fleshy and round, offering deep cherry compote and candied plum flavors. Turns chewier on the finish, which is impressively sappy and long. This wine was made by Ken Wright."

**2004 Sheldrake Point Vineyard,
Riesling, Ice Wine 12/375ml**

90 pts

Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Riesling Ice Wine – actually from the 2003 vintage, but harvested in January, 2004, which by American law (however misleadingly) makes it a 2004 – was the clear standout. Aromas of honey and apricot jam-filled pastry tinged with brown spice leads to a creamy, yet juicy, engaging palate featuring fresh lemon, dried apricots, and spice-tinged honey. The layering of dried, fresh, and jammy fruits along with a hint of butterscotch in the finish is quite striking. The measurable acidity (11 grams) here would not ordinarily be enough to balance so much (200 grams) sugar in a German Eiswein, nor to deliver the goods including the combination of richness and lift, clarity as well as brightness and verve exhibited here. It's also remarkable that this hung through many earlier frosts before being harvested – something of a no-no in Germany. But then, this is another part of the world with different ways."

91 pts Wine Spectator

"Elegant, with lovely purity to the green almond, peach, dried pineapple and orange blossom notes. Long, lacy finish ripples with fruit and fine acidity. Drink now through 2007."

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.

2006 Patton Valley, Pinot Noir 12/750ml 92 pts Wine Spectator

"Supple, seductive and generous with its red plum, red cherry and rhubarb pie flavors, shaded with subtle hints of white pepper, white rose and coriander seed as the finish rolls on unabated. This is delicious, and should improve in the cellar as the tannins subside more. Drink now through 2016."

2005 Patton Valley, Pinot Noir 12/750ml 91 pts Wine Spectator

"Firm and focused. Not a big wine, but lean and flavorful with blackberry, dark plum and black pepper notes, lingering on the mildly chewy finish. Everything lingers enticingly. Best from 2009 through 2015."

2008 Long Shadows, Poet's Leap, Riesling 91 pts Wine Advocate

The one white wine in the portfolio is the 2008 Poet's Leap Riesling made by Armin Diel of Schlossgut Diel in the Nahe River Valley of Germany. Medium straw-colored with a greenish tint, it offers up a fragrant nose of mineral, spring flowers, citrus, and apple blossom. Vibrant on the palate with outstanding concentration, it is just off-dry in a Kabinett style. It should evolve for several years and drink well for a decade.

2007 Long Shadows, Poet's Leap, Riesling 6/750ml 90 pts Tanzer

Pale, green-tinged yellow. Sexy aromas of lime, white peach, ginger and medicinal herbs, all lifted by white flowers. Vibrant and aromatic, with lovely verve to its high-pitched citrus flavors. This tastes considerably drier than its 13 grams per liter would suggest, due in part to a very low pH of 3.1. Dense and fresh on the perfumed finish, showing a hint of quinine.

92 pts Wine & Spirits

With each vintage Armin Diel, in his partnership with Long Shadows' Allen Shoup, is honing in on riesling expression from the Columbia Valley. The 2007, with estimable vineyard sources that include Wallula, Weinbau and Dionysus, is ripe and tropical, leading with peach accents and a wheaty scent of lees. The flavors are exuberant and fresh, the textures voluptuous, held to a lean contour by a firm, talc-like minerality that calls to mind Diel's home turf.

94 pts Wine Enthusiast

"Loaded with honeysuckle, melon, pear, peach and hints of sweet grapefruit, this juicy wine perfectly captures the intensity of Washington Riesling and the complexity of German wines. Buoyant and precise, with notes of chalk and limestone in the finish, this is a stunning achievement."

91 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2007 Poet's Leap Riesling made by Armin Diel of the renowned Schlossgut Diel in the Nahe River Valley of Germany. Medium straw-colored with a greenish tint, it offers aromas of fresh apples, honey, and spring flowers. This splendidly balanced wine has lively acidity, crisp spicy flavors, and excellent length. This Kabinett-styled Riesling should evolve for several years and drink well through 2015."

2006 Long Shadows, Pirouette 92 pts Wine Advocate

The 2006 Pirouette features winemakers Agustin Huneeus and Philippe Melka. It is composed of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 15% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 5% Syrah aged for 22 months in 70% new French oak. Saturated purple in color, it offers aromas of wood smoke, earth notes, spice box, plum, black currant, and blueberry. The wine is seamless upon entry with incipient complexity and the structure to evolve for 5-7 years. It will offer a drinking window extending 2015 to 2031.

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.

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.

2005 Long Shadows, Pedestal, Merlot 6/750ml 94 pts Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Pedestal features the peripatetic Michel Rolland. His wine is 80% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 7% Cabernet Franc aged for 22 months in 85% new French oak. Deep crimson-colored, it offers an enticing perfume of toasty new oak, pencil lead, spice box, clove, allspice, red currants and black cherry. Seamless on the palate, the wine has gobs of ripe, savory flavors, well-concealed tannin, excellent aging potential, and a long, pure finish. It will provide much pleasure between 2012 and 2025."

91 pts **Tanzer**

(Michel Rolland's project, consisting of 80% merlot, 13% cabernet sauvignon and 7% cabernet franc) Bright ruby. Aromas of blackberry, cocoa powder and flowers. Lush, smooth dark fruit flavors are complemented by sexy sweet oak tones. I love this dense, fat wine's restrained sweetness, its almost medicinal reserve, and its slow-mounting finish. Highly concentrated but still youthfully tight today and in need of time to resolve its substantial tannins. Vinification featured a good percentage of whole berries.

2004 Long Shadows, Pedestal, Merlot 6/750ml **94 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The wine was aged in French oak for 23 months. Opaque purple in color, this superb Merlot offers a classic perfume of pain grille, spice box, black cherry, and blackberry. This is followed by a rich, intensely flavored wine with great depth, concentration, and length. All components are nicely integrated with enough underlying structure to support 5-7 years of further evolution. The long, pure finish suggests that this Merlot will drink well through 2040."

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.

2005 Long Shadows, Feather 6/750ml **90+ pts** **Tanzer**

Deep ruby. Aromas of blackberry, loganberry and bitter chocolate, with a youthfully medicinal licorice pastille quality. Juicy and tight but nicely aromatic; muscular today and not at all fleshy, but quite pure and fruit-driven. This one is Randy Dunn's project; like his Dunn wines, this will require substantial bottle aging owing to its firm tannic spine and serious structure.

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.

2005 Long Shadows, Saggi 6/750ml **92 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2005 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 45% Sangiovese, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Syrah aged for 16 months in 70% new French oak. This purple-colored wine offers aromas of pain grille, spice box, earth notes, black cherry, and blueberry. Smooth-textured, layered, and ripe, this well-balanced effort has gobs of savory fruit, excellent depth and concentration, and a lengthy finish. It should be in its prime from 2012 to 2020."

91 pts **Tanzer**

(the wine of Giovanni Folonari; 45% sangiovese, 35% cabernet sauvignon and 20% syrah) Good deep ruby-red. Sexy oak spices lift sour cherry on the nose. At once sweet and pungent, with terrific cut and intensity to the sour cherry, cranberry and pomegranate flavors. Very young, vibrant wine with a long, berry-dominated finish featuring fine-grained tannins.

2005 Long Shadows, Chester Kidder 6/750ml **93 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The 2005 Chester Kidder Red Wine is made by Gilles Nicault who is also the winemaker in residence at Long Shadows. It is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Syrah, and 5% Merlot. It was aged for 30 months in 90% new, French and Hungarian oak. Opaque purple-colored, it reveals an alluring nose of brooding black fruit, pencil lead, mineral, and spice box. Round and ripe on the palate, it borders on opulence while concealing enough tannin to support another 6-8 years of cellaring. The sweet, savory fruit carries through into the lengthy finish. Drink this superb effort from 2013 to 2026.

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."

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.

2005 Long Shadows, Sequel 6/750ml **94 pts** **Wine Advocate**

"The 2005 Sequel is made by John Duval, former winemaker of Penfolds Grange. The wine is 96% Syrah and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 16 months in mostly 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 2012 to 2020."

92 pts **Tanzer**

(the project of Australia's John Duval) Bright ruby-red. Wild berries and flowers on the nose, showing little of syrah's animal side. Dense, pure and intensely flavored, with superb retention of primary fruits. Like most of these 2005s, this is tight and backward today but very fresh, and in need of patience. Finishes with notes of wild herbs and pepper and building tannins. A worthy follow-up to the superb 2004 version.

2006 Tamarack, "Firehouse Red", **91 pts** **Wine & Spirits**
Columbia Valley 12/750ml

"Always a juicy, jammy, generous wine, this year's Firehouse has an extra dollop of smoky oak to go with its ripe black cherry and plum flavors. Its fruity, youthful richness should firm up with a little time in the bottle, but for now it would serve grilled lamb chops well."
"EXCEPTIONAL"

2003 Tamarack, Merlot, **93 pts** **Wine & Spirits**
Columbia Valley 12/750ml

"Sumptuous, sexy merlot (with 10% cabernet sauvignon and 5% cabernet franc), this was drawn from five pedigreed vineyard sources on Red Mountain and in Walla Walla, including Taptell, Seven Hills, and Sagemoor. Its cherry flavors seem to get the red dust succulence from Walla Walla, and their depth of tannin from Red Mountain. Completely satisfying: serve with breast of duck."

2004 Tamarack, Cabernet Sauvignon, **90 pts** **Wine Advocate**
Columbia Valley 12/750ml

"The 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon is dark ruby-colored with a nose of toasty oak, red currants, and black cherry. This is followed by a spicy, elegant, medium-bodied wine with light tannins, and very good balance. Cellar it for 2-3 years and drink it through 2022. Kudos to Tamarack Cellars for an outstanding, individualistic lineup of well-priced wines."

2007 DeLille, Chaleur Estate, Blanc **93 pts** **Tanzer**
Columbia Valley

(68% sauvignon blanc and 32% semillon) Bright, full yellow with a green tinge. Pure aromas of pineapple, pear, chlorophyll and high-toned spicy oak. Bright, pure and penetrating in the mouth, with terrific density and nuance to the flavors of lime zest, minerals and coconut. For all its depth, this conveys a rare light touch. This belongs on the same table as a top-tier white Bordeaux; I was reminded of Domaine de Chevalier! One of the most exciting white wines I've tasted to date from Washington.

91 pts **Wine Advocate**

The 2007 Chaleur Estate Blanc is composed of 68% Sauvignon Blanc and 32% Semillon sourced from Boushey, Sagemoor, and Klipsun Vineyards, some of the finest sites in the Columbia Valley. Medium straw-colored, it offers up a superb aromatic array of spring flowers, fresh herbs, citrus, toasted almonds, and candle wax. Medium-bodied and creamy-textured, on the palate citrus, pear, and baking spice notes emerge leading to a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. Like a top-class Pessac-Leognan from Bordeaux, it should take on additional complexity with several more years of bottle age although it can be enjoyed now.

2006 DeLille, Chaleur Estate, Rouge **92 pts** **Wine Advocate**
Columbia Valley

The 2006 Chaleur Estate is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, and the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot sourced predominantly from the Red Mountain AVA. Purple-colored, it displays an enticing bouquet of toast, spice box, black currant and blackberry. Already complex on the palate, it has superb density and outstanding integration of oak, tannin, and acidity. Give this lengthy effort another 4-6 years of cellaring and drink it from 2013 to 2021.

2006 DeLille, D2 **91 pts** **Wine Advocate**
Columbia Valley

The red wines begin with the 2006 D2, a blend of 52.5% Merlot, 38.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot sourced from 8 vineyards, much of the fruit from the Red Mountain AVA. Dark ruby-colored, it delivers an expressive perfume of spice box, earth notes, violets, cassis, and blackberry. Elegant on the palate, it has ample ripe, succulent fruit, excellent depth and concentration, and a pure, fruit-filled finish. It has the structure to evolve for 2-3 years but can be enjoyed now.

2006 DeLille, Harrison Hill, Red **92 pts** **Wine Advocate**
Yakima Valley

The 2006 Harrison Hill has essentially the same cepage as the Chaleur Estate but here the fruit is all from a single Yakima Valley vineyard, the second oldest in Washington. Dark ruby-colored, it offers up a fragrant nose of wood smoke, sage, mineral, incense, black currant, and blackberry. Smooth-textured, ripe, and savory on the palate, this intense effort will evolve for 3-5 more years and drink well through 2021.

2005 DeLille, Harrison Hill, Red **92 pts** **Tanzer**
Yakima Valley 12/750ml

(a Bordeaux blend based on 65% cabernet sauvignon) Medium red. Complex nose offers strawberry, tobacco, lavender and subtle herbal nuances. Lush, sweet and spicy, combining noteworthy breadth and good juicy definition. Finishes with sweet tannins and solid backbone for aging. This has an old-viney quality from a cabernet component dating back to 1962.

2006 Bonaccorsi, Pinot Noir, Presidio **91 pts** **Tanzer**
Santa Rita Hills 12/750ml

Vivid red color. Strikingly pungent nose displays deep red berry and cherry preserve aromas, along with a dusting of flowers. A sweet, pliant midweight that offers sweet raspberry and cherry flavors, good mineral snap and fine-grained tannins. Finishes with good clarity and a strong echo of minerals. Very nicely balanced and focused pinot.

2008 Outpost Zinfandel Howell Mountain **90-93 pts** **Wine Advocate**

The surprisingly seamless, full throttle 2008 Zinfandel reveals lots of red and blue fruit, pepper, and spicy underbrush notes.

2007 Outpost Zinfandel Howell Mountain **93 pts** **Wine Advocate**

Outpost's 2007 Zinfandel is a reassuringly terrific, spicy, briary example offering notes of minerals intermixed with lots of blue and red fruits, incense, pepper, and herbs. This full, heady, flavorful Zin should be drunk over the next 4-5 years.

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.

2007 Outpost Cabernet Sauvignon **95+ pts** **Wine Advocate**
Howell Mountain

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 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.

2008 Outpost Grenache 89-91 pts Wine Advocate

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

2007 Outpost Grenache 90 pts Wine Advocate

The 2007 Grenache, (which includes 60% whole clusters) from their Howell Mountain vineyards, exhibits classic aromas of kirsch, licorice, and spice as well as a medium ruby, evolved color that suggests a relatively diluted wine, but that is not the case at all. This expansive, round, generous Grenache is meant to be consumed over the next 3-4 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.

2006 Waterbrook, Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserve, Columbia Valley 12/750ml 91 pts Wine Spectator

"Supple, round and appealing for its ripe cherry and currant flavors and medium-weight frame, which lets the wine become expressive as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2016."