wine reviews VINUMUCELLARS



89 Points & BEST BUY

2009 CALIFORNIA CHENIN/VIOGNIER, Chenin Blanc/Viognier, Clarksburg

Wine Enthusiast Magazine, April 2011

"Brilliantly dry and acidic, an Old World-style wine whose price shouldn't mis-lead you. This is a serious food wine, dry and minerally, with lemon and lime flavors. Best Buy." - S.H.

87 Points & BEST BUY (Highly Recommended)

2008 CALIFORNIA MERLOT, Monterey County

The Beverage Tasting Institute, March 2011

"Deep garnet color. Aromas of baked cherries and strawberries, melted chocolate, and faint crispy back bacon with a soft, fruity-yet-dry medium body and a tangy, cedar and rhubarb accented finish.

A nice all-purpose sipper or table wine."

87 Points & BEST BUY (Highly Recommended)

2008 CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Monterey County

The Beverage Tasting Institute, March 2011

"Aromas of roasted peppers, olive tapenade, and chocolate covered nuts with a supple, fruity-yet-dry medium body and a round, juicy raspberry and blackberry finish. An attractive crowd-pleasing sipper that will cover a lot of bases."

92 Points

2007 THE SCRAPPER, Cabernet Franc, El Dorado County

Wine Enthusiast Magazine, April 2011

"A 100%-Cabernet Franc from mountainous El Dorado County! This wine's crazy good with tons of varietal character — woodsy tannins, touch of green pepper, vials of violets — that's also packed with plenty of great plum, cassis and savory notes of leather and mocha, all in a memorable package. With plenty of grip and acid, enjoyed over a meal, it gets better by the minute and has the depth to age 5 - 10 years, too." - V.B.

87 Points

2007 PETS, Petite Sirah, Clarksburg

Wine Spectator, posted: October 28, 2009

"Appealing for its bright and juicy red and black fruit flavors, with a smooth texture and vivid spice, cola and toast details. Gains some tannic traction on the finish. Drink now through 2016. 8,000 cases made." - M.W.

88 Points & BEST BUY

2006 NAPA CAB, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Wine & Spirits, December, 2009

"Black, rounded and supple in its alcohol, this drops off into tannin before finishing to sweet black currant flavor. Give it a year for the tannins to mellow, then serve with rump roast."

90 Points

2005 RED DIRT RED, Rhone Style Blend, El dorado County

Wine & Spirits, April 2008

"Rustic and lively, this gold-country wine centers on smooth-textured blackberry richness."

88 Points

2007 G² LATE HARVEST GEWÜRZTRAMINER, Napa Valley

Wine Spectator, February, 2010

"Wonderfully distinctive and aromatic, like a spicy bouquet of roses, with intense lychee, peach and lime notes. A juicy acidity runs through, keeping this lively and refreshing."