



2006 ENDEAVOUR

Wine Enthusiast - “91 POINTS”

May 2011

The winery’s top wine, it explores the uppermost possibilities of Dry Creek Valley Cabernet. The brusque tannins and briary, green peppercorns are reminiscent of Zinfandel, making the wine, despite elaborate blackberry and cassis flavors, somewhat rustic. Yet it’s an interesting rusticity, with lots of personality, and certainly provides an alternative to Napa’s soft lushness.

Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine - “91 POINTS”

April 2011

In all ways a big and very outgoing offering with ripeness, rich oak and deep fruit in fine alignment, this year’s Endeavour delivers a complex mix of cassis, black tea, loamy soil spice and touches of chocolate in a potent and powerful package.

2004 ENDEAVOUR

The Wine News - “90 POINTS”

June/July/August 2009

Garnet hue. Plum and ripe cherry aromas with notes of graphite, cedar and clove. Soft cherry fruit flavors with light oak impressions and drying tannins. Youthful, astringent finish that will continue to improve.

Wine Enthusiast - “93 POINTS – CELLAR SELECTION”

May 2009

Bring this one down to the cellar and don’t touch it for a good six years. It’s a big, powerfully tannic wine, old-fashioned in its way, which is definitely not your modern cult style. With its flood of blackberries, black cherries, cassis, anise and cedar, it should purr away beautifully for many years.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - "89 POINTS – ONE PUFF"

April 2009

Inviting aromas of currants and briar and sweet loamy soils make for a positive start here, and the wine's complex, incisively varietal flavors follow suit. For all of its immediate appeal, however, the wine is more than first meets the eye, and a rush of finishing tannin reminds that this is no simple quaffer. Even a few years of aging will go a long way to smoothing things out, but there are good things to come for those who exercise due patience, and we would wait for a half-decade to pass.

Wine Spectator - "88 POINTS"

September 2008

Loamy, earthy berry, sage, mineral and cedary oak give this a tight focus. The flavors fan out on the palate, with rich, supple tannins on the finish.

2003 ENDEAVOUR

Wine Enthusiast - "93 POINTS"

April 2008

This is always a drily tannic wine in its youth, but it's also one of the most ambitious Cabs produced from Dry Creek Valley, and is worth attention. With a drop of Petit Verdot, it's young and jammy, explosive in black currant and chocolate flavors, with plenty of smoky oak. Although the tannins are big, they're completely ripe and sweet. Four-plus years of age have softened them. Drink this Cabernet Sauvignon now with very upscale foods, and it should hold and soften for a decade.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine – "88 POINTS – ONE PUFF"

April 2008

There is a slight sense of development beginning to show in this wine's complex aromas of currants, cherries, caramel and black tea, and the rounded, mildly chocolately flavors that ensue convey the same sense of a wine that is beginning to come into its own. Slightly supple and free of any tough edges, this one is a bit soft in structure, and, while it will not fade away anytime soon, it seems no more than a few years away from its peak.

Wine Spectator - "90 POINTS"

December 26, 2007

Well-proportioned, with a mix of focused red and black currant, black cherry, subtle vanilla and coconut-tinged oak. Supple and polished, this is sleek and refined, ending with fine-grained tannins.

California Grapevine - “90 POINTS – VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED”

December 2007/January 2008

Medium-dark ruby color; attractive, forward, rich, plummy, spicy, cassis and black cherry fruit aroma with hints of chocolate and bacon; full body; forward, rich, cedary, dark currant and cherry fruit flavors with a silky mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Appealing to taste now, though deserving of a few more years of bottle aging.
