



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.

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.

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Wine Enthusiast - "89 POINTS"

December 15, 2006

This is a huge Cabernet, very soft in the modern manner, and very ripe. It's a blast of cherry jam and milk chocolate, with plenty of toasty oak, and the tannins are firm and complex. Good now, it should hold well for the next ten years.

1998 ENDEAVOUR

Wine Enthusiast - “91 POINTS”

Best of the Year 2003

A big, rich, viscous wine, with pure aromas of cedar and black currant followed by flavors of cassis, earth and tobacco. Tannic and chewy on the finish. A blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Cabernet Franc.

Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine - “90 POINTS - ONE PUFF”

December 2003

16% Cabernet Franc. Tough as nails, even in its aromas (in a figurative sense) this brawny, concentrated, very highly oaked, tightly wrapped wine suggests black cherries and cassis without quite finding full volume. It is more convincing in the mouth as it first supplies a bit of palatal fat and then a deep, dense, fully extracted sense of fruit waiting to emerge from under its sinewy wrap of blunt astringency. It requires several years of cellaring and will remain on the chunky side.

Vintage – “91 POINTS”

Autumn 2004

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Colorado Wine News

January – March 2004

Contains 16% cabernet franc, spent 36 months in oak, and has a soft bouquet of very ripe blackberry, coffee, green herb, and black cherry. Rich, ripe flavors of blackberry, coffee, herb, and unsweetened chocolate are laced with nice acidity and moderate tannins. Everything carries through the long, medium-broad, persistent finish. Well balanced, integrated, and structured. Quite Good.
