



2007 MERITAGE

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - "87 POINTS"

April 2011

Starting out in the nose with a mélange of well-ripened dark fruits and following on with like-minded flavors...hints variously at blackberries, cherries, currants and plums.

Wine & Spirits - "87 POINTS – BEST BUY"

August 2011

The wine has richness without excessive sweetness, the dark fruit balanced by cedary herb scents and intense tannins that leave a mineral brand. Decant it to enjoy with grilled sirloin."

2003 MERITAGE

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - "90 POINTS – ONE PUFF"

March 2007

The near-even mix of the top two varietals (Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon) in the blend gives this wine both succulence and admirable depth. Notes of black cherries, currants, briar and oak join in the fairly rich mix, and that same ripe, layered personality shows up in the mouth as well. The wine enters with Merlot's supple texture but then takes on the hard, grippy astringency of Cabernet at the back.

Colorado Wine News

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Aged for 24 months in French and American oak, it is still a bit closed but has inviting aromas of smoky oak, blackberry, black cherry, currant, raspberry, white pepper, and cinnamon. All repeat as big, clean flavors laced with significant tannin and finish medium-broad and very long with a dollop of bitter oak in the middle at the back which doesn't detract when pairing the wine with food. Medium-bodied, well balanced, structured, and integrated, and it goes well with food. Good.

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

April 2006

Very attractive in a softer, rounder style as befits its high percentage of Merlot, this medium-full-bodied bottling shows equally well on the palate as it does in its inviting aromas and finds its rounded mouthfeel nicely firmed up by a streak of solidifying tannin. Its cherry and currant character makes it one to consider even now, but its finishing astringency promises that it will age well for several years.

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition 2006
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