

TASTING OF Petite Sirah - California

DATE 8/22/2002

	Wine	Price	Color	Aroma & Bouquet	Flavor & Finish	Average Points	Group Ranking	Firsts	Seconds	Twelfths	Total of Scores
A	2000 McDowell Valley Cellars Reserve Mendocino	20.00	Very Dark Ruby	Full and fruity nose of ripe berry fruit & some oak. Deep and lasting. Improves with airing.	Very fruity flavors of berries & balanced oak. Dense, with good mouthfeel. Slightly bitter finish. Lots of character.	15.0	4	1	0	1	58
B	1999 Markham Vineyards Napa Valley	24.00	Very Dark Ruby	Oaky nose with decent fruit smells. Pepper and some strawberry smells.	High acid fruit flavors that have lots of structure. Balancing berry fruit and oak. Not overly oaked. Some tannin.	15.0	8	0	2	0	67
C	1999 Vincent Arroyo Winery Estate Bottled Napa Valley	28.00	Very Dark Ruby	Outgoing nose of ripe berry fruit and light use of oak. Lots of depth & character.	Dense body and lots of berry fruit. Quite tannic now. Needs lots of time. Has good fruit and lasting flavors.	15.0	5	0	0	0	62
D	1998 Guenoc & Langtry Estate Vyds. & Winery Reserve - Serpentine Meadow - Guenoc Valley	35.00	Very Dark Ruby	Forward and fruity nose of dense berry, cherry fruit & light use of oak. Seems undeveloped.	Big bodied flavors of cherries & blackberries. Thick & syrupy. Almost port like. Young yet, with lots of character.	14.7	10	1	0	1	77
E	1999 Ridge Vineyards York Creek Vineyard Napa Valley	30.00	Very Dark Ruby	Forward nose of oak & light fruit. Improves with airing, but still light on fruit smells.	Low key fruit flavors that are quite tannic for available fruit. Obvious oak. Less balanced than some others.	12.2	12	0	0	3	93
F	2000 Foppiano Vineyards Sonoma County	23.00	Very Dark Ruby	Very pleasant nose of berry, cherry fruit and low use of oak. More balanced than most.	Tasty fruit flavors with good structure and finish. Some tannin, but balanced by fruit. Smooth and easy mouthfeel.	14.5	2	6	0	0	46
G	1999 Stags' Leap Winery Napa Valley	31.00	Very Dark Ruby	Full nose of berry fruit & well integrated oak. Slightly less dense and better balanced nose.	Smoother and more drinkable flavors of berry, cherry fruit and light use of oak. Less tannic than most others. Drinkable.	14.7	3	0	4	1	46
H	2000 David Bruce Winery Central Coast	16.00	Very Dark Ruby	Inviting nose of ripe berry and cherry fruit with integrated oak. Good depth & lasting.	Delicious fruit flavors that are nicely balanced and drinkable. Restrained use of oak. Smooth and mouthfilling structure.	18.2	1	2	3	0	42
I	1999 Concannon Vineyard Reserve Livermore Valley	25.00	Very Dark Ruby	Forward and full nose of berry, cherry fruit and new oak. Blackberry jam & some mintiness.	Herbaceous flavors of berry fruit and up front oak. Herbs tend to fade with airing. Slight vegie character. Lingering.	15.0	6	0	1	1	63
J	1999 Panza Stags' Leap Ranch Napa Valley Quixote Winery	35.00	Very Dark Ruby	Dense and undeveloped nose of toasty oak and black pepper. Almost cabernet like.	Tart berry fruit flavors that are young and tannic. Evident oak. Young and in need of time to come together. Good future.	13.5	9	1	0	1	74
K	1999 Navarro Vineyards Mendocino	19.00	Dark Ruby	Lighter bodied flavors of berry fruit with a spearmint character. Less varietal smelling.	Lower fruit flavors that are tannic and undeveloped. Seems less petite sirah like. Quite different than the others.	13.2	11	0	0	2	83
L	2000 Rosenblum Cellars Rockpile Road Vineyard Dry Creek Valley	26.00	Very Dark Ruby	Outgoing nose of cherries and some charred oak. Lightly berry like. Slightly less depth.	Pleasant flavors of ripe berry, cherry fruit and not overly oaked. Long and lingering finish. More approachable now.	14.0	7	0	0	0	66

20 POINT SYSTEM

Appearance (0-2)	Aroma and Bouquet (0-4)	Total Acid (0-2)	Flavor (0-2)
		Sugar (0-1)	Astringency (0-2)
Color (0-2)	Acescence (0-2)	Body (0-1)	General Quality (0-2)
17-20=Outstanding quality.	10-12=Commercially acceptable with a noticeable defect.		
13-16=Good commercial wine.	0-9=Commercially unacceptable.		