

TASTING OF Premium California Chardonnays & French White Burgundy

DATE 5/15/2003

	Wine	Price	Color	Aroma & Bouquet	Flavor & Finish	Average Points	Group Ranking	Firsts	Seconds	Twelfths	Total of Scores
A	2001 Patz & Hall Napa Valley	33.00	Medium Straw	Forward nose of oak & varietal fruit. Butter-scotch & straw. Some thought too much oak.	Finely balanced lemon like fruit flavors. Lighter style & nicely done. Acid appears harsh to some. Long and lingering.	14.1	3	3	3	3	144
B	2000 Beringer Vineyards Private Reserve Napa Valley	35.00	Medium Straw	Aromatic nose of ripe fruit & some spiciness. Upfront oak and good depth. smoky oak.	Big bodied flavors of peaches and lemons. Slightly tart entry. Restrained at first, but opens with airing. Lengthly finish.	14.4	6	3	0	1	162
C	2000 Robert Mondavi Winery - Unfiltered Huichica Hills Vineyard Carneros	50.00	Darker Straw	Full nose of vanilla oak, caramel & some apple like aromas. Smells very ripe and varietal.	Balanced flavors of very ripe fruit and not overly oaked. Seems more acidic than some for available fruit.	12.8	9	2	0	0	203
D	2001 "8" Reserve Spring Mountain Napa Valley	50.00	Light Straw	Lower nose that grows with airing. Lots of oak and some varietal fruit smells. Pineapple.	More austere flavors of chardonnay fruit. Crisp apples and upfront oak. Seems to lack ripe fruit flavors. Long finish.	13.5	10	1	0	2	213
E	2000 Guenoc Vyds & Winery - Unfiltered Gnevive Magoon Vyd. Guenoc Valley	33.00	Medium Straw	Pleasant nose of ripe varietal fruit and nicely balanced French oak. Lots of character.	Smooth and round flavors of ripe apples and peaches. Long and lasting finish. Lemon like fruit with nicely integrated oak.	14.0	8	1	2	0	194
F	2000 Chassagne - Montrachet - 1er Cru Les Champs Gains Domaine Michelle Niellon	60.00	Medium Straw	Low key nose of minerals, and stone fruit. Not very much depth and character.	Light bodied flavorsof nuts and lemon like fruit. Acidic flavors that are out of balance for the available fruit. Not pleasant.	12.1	12	0	1	5	263
G	2000 ZD Winery & Vineyards Napa Valley	48.00	Dark Straw	Oaky and full fruit nose of ripe apples & citrus fruit. Seems to have good depth & balance.	Sweet fruit flavors of ripe apples and butterscotch. Good depth and body. Improves with airing. Very drinkable now.	13.2	7	3	2	4	190
H	2001 Shafer Vineyards Red Shoulder Ranch Carneros	37.00	Medium Straw	Outgoing nose of ripe varietal fruit. Apples & lemons. Nicely blended oak. Lingering.	Mouthfilling flavors of fresh apple and lemon like fruit. Nice depth and lasting varietal character. Tasty and delicious.	14.7	2	5	3	0	132
I	2001 Carley Family Estate Reserve Napa Valley	50.00	Dark Straw	Perfumed nose of fresh fruit and integrated oak. Light nose that grows with exposure. Oaky.	Lighter bodied flavors of lemon like fruit & lots of forward oak. Tasty, but less varietal fruit. Less acidic finish than some.	14.5	5	2	4	1	156
J	2000 Robert Mondavi Winery - Unfiltered Reserve Napa Valley	38.00	Dark Straw	Full bodied nose of oak and toast. Lots of complex fruit smells. Big oak, but integrated.	Intense citrus fruit and smoky oak flavors. Long and lingering acid finish. Bigger body and mouthfilling. Not delicate.	15.0	4	3	6	1	146
K	2000 Meursault - Genevrieres 1er Cru Domaine Francois Jobard	50.00	Medium Straw	Low nose of lemon like fruit and balanced oak. Does not come up with airing. Soy quality	Tart and acidic flavors that remain flat to the taste? Lemons and not much complexity. Light and simple. Short presence.	13.6	11	0	2	8	241
L	2000 Michaud Vineyard Chalone District	40.00	Medium Straw	Pleasant nose of ripe fruit with nicely integrated oak. Minerals, melons & apples. Complex.	Mouthfilling flavors of ripe varietal fruit. Great balance and lasting fruit flavors. Oak is finely balanced. Smooth & full.	14.7	1	5	3	1	112

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.		