

December 8, 2010 Tasting

Whites

Iron Horse Wedding Cuvee Green Valley 2006 \$35

absolutely delicious; yeasty, grassy, touch of sherried quality; fresh apples, pears; light and elegant with lasting flavors of apples and brioche

Iron Horse Rose Green Valley 2003 \$47

gorgeously balanced sparkling wine; aromas of raspberries and cherries, yeasty, touch of sherry; lasting flavors on finish

Dante Rivetti Moscato d'Asti 2009 \$19

everything you would want in a moscato--loads of fragrant white flowers, honey, melon, peaches and the refreshing bubbles; after tasting all I craved were pancakes, waffles, eggs benedict, sausage and bacon!

Chateau Monestier La Tour Bergerac 2007 \$10

a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon; if there wasn't semillon I probably would be a bit afraid of a 2007; true to form the wine is perfumed with apricots, candied citrus zest and fresh herbs; medium weight on the palate but with a rich and waxy texture.

Palazzone Terre Vineate Orvieto Classico Superiore 2009 \$14

from Umbria, the heart of Italy, just below Tuscany and above Rome; super ripe pears, pear preserves, honey; a finish with pear core and marcona almonds.

Borgo Venezia Pinot Grigio 2009 \$9

Simple and Quaffable and Cheap; bright flavors of fresh peaches, apples and herbs.

Reds

Chateau L'Amargue Les Grands Cabanes Costieres de Nimes 2008 \$10

super ripe blackberry, black raspberry fruit, very floral; big and lush body

Delas Cotes du Rhones 2008 \$9

red raspberries, blackberries, floral and meaty; lots of rich fruit, good tannin

Velenosi Lacrima di Morro d'Alba 2009 \$14

the newest vintage of this perfumed and delicious wine; intense aromas of raspberries, black cherries, red flowers, roasted nuts; medium to medium high

weight on palate with a sweet saturation of rich fruit on the mid palate that finishes dry with good tannin and acidity.

Quattro Mani Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2009 \$9

earthy, ripe black cherries; bright fruit with good acidity; medium weight, good mouthfeel

Vina Von Siebenthal Parcela #7 Reserva Aconagua Valley, Chile 2007 \$17

a blend of carmenere, cabernet, syrah; black & red cherries and raspberries, fresh cracked pepper; meaty on palate mingling with black raspberries, very sweet fruit; spicy finish with good tannin. Impressive.

Crossbarn by Paul Hobbs Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 \$40

Everything that is good-- inky black fruits, fresh ground coffee, milk chocolate framed by solid tannins

Hourglass Blueline Vineyard Merlot 2006 \$70

cherry liqueur & an abundance of violets smack you across the face with the first smell; absolutely huge body of saturated fruit and chocolate; lengthy finish

Frattoria Montellori "Salamartano" 1999 \$59

classic bordeaux flavors of cassis, black cherries, cocoa, raisins and wet forest floor; good thing since this is a classic bordeaux blend!

Fontodi "Casa Via" Syrah 2006 \$70

black raspberries, blackberries, licorice, smokey meat flavors; super saturation on palate. Very obvious why Parker would like this; bordering on over-the-top, but the Italians know how to reign it in!

Bran Caia Chianti Classico 2006 \$30

chianti on steroids; huge aromas of cedar, cherry, sandalwood; rich palate impeccably balanced with tannin and acidity!

Chris Ringland CR Barossa Shiraz 2008 \$17

I will only use the banal adjective, SUPER, once in this description but be aware that this wine should just be called, SUPER, since all flavors are over-the-top! Super flavors of pencil lead, soy, cherry liqueur, blackberries; savory and rich on the palate; intense sweet fruit on mid palate; big acidity to balance the wine. Ross if you are reading this, this wine is for you!