

Independent Wine Evaluation

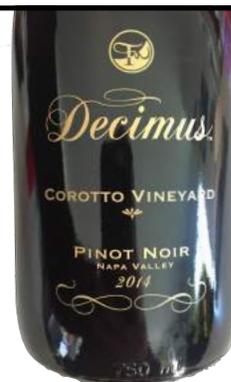
2014 Decimus "Corotto Vineyard" Pinot Noir, Tithe Wines, Napa Valley

Muscular, dense and opulent—this Pinot Noir is not the dainty food wine one might expect, but a powerhouse of flavor. Largely fruity and oaky in the beginning, it shows cherry preserves, red licorice, and rich, medicinal cranberry and strawberry jam, with bitter Seville orange and soft brown sugar, toasted sandalwood, chocolate malt and leather.

With time, dried flowers, bitter clove, and sweet cinnamon-nutmeg give it a potpourri-like palate, with lively menthol, dried herbs and an interplay of bitter-and-sweet spice and chocolate-esspresso notes that reminded some panelists of a raisinated Amarone. Accordingly higher alcohol and intensity make this a very New World Pinot expression, best enjoyed with a meal of equivalent intensity—perhaps a light roasted meat with a red fruit salsa and herbed vegetables.

Complexity: High; an abundant showing of clear and distinct aromas
Balance: Sufficiently balanced, but expect above-typical alcoholic heat
Intensity: High; diverse aromas and flavors are expressive, persistent
Character: A memorably opulent, supple and intricately flavorful wine
Typicity: Pinot-esque but not unmistakably so; warm for Carneros

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Appellation: Los Carneros
AVA, Napa Valley, California

Vintage: 2014

Composition: Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 14.5%

Release Price: \$50

VISUAL, AROMATIC AND FLAVOR CHARACTERISTICS:

Appearance: Deep ruby-garnet; youthful, slightly clouded, with no rim variation

Fruit, Floral: Cherry preserves, cranberry, strawberry jam, Seville orange, potpourri

Spice, Herbal, Vegetal: Menthol, clove, anise, cinnamon, nutmeg, dried herbs, moss

Oak, Earth, Other: Brown sugar, chocolate malt, leather, sandalwood, espresso

RESULTS:

Stage 1: Blind Tasting

- Complexity: 8/10
- Balance: 6/10
- Intensity: 9/10

Stage 2: Non-Blind

- Character: 9/10
- Typicity: 6/10

SCORE: 93

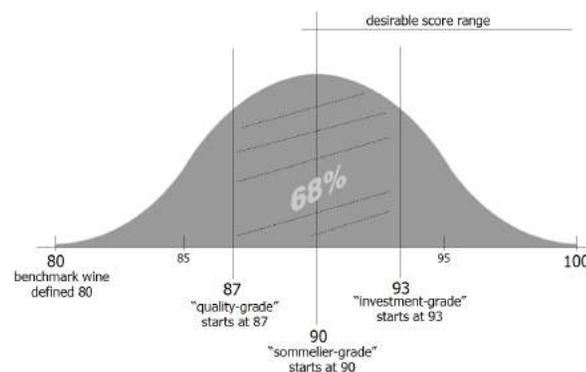


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EVALUATION MODEL:



METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE: Full evaluation criteria and process description available upon request. Wines are tasted and evaluated in a controlled environment. Wine samples are provided by producer as part of paid evaluation assignment. Evaluation model assumes that wine quality is normally distributed between scores 80 and 100, where 80 represents a simple, but not flawed, standard wine.