

Independent Wine Evaluation

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sagebrush Annie's, Santa Barbara County

This wine comes right out of the gate with rich cassis and oak spice. With a few minutes, malt, cigar box and mushroom come forward on the nose—with dried sage, dried oregano and herbal tea highlights. The sumptuous fruit remains a blend of cassis and red cherry, with subtle blackberry and blueberry.

Concentrated raspberry, light vanilla, brown sugar and coconut make for a soft palate after an hour, but do not take away from the herbaceous “bass” notes, soon followed by leather, dark chocolate, green herbs, lavender and ash.

The expressive finish, rich with caramel and lively with eucalyptus, lingers for around 30 seconds and fades away steadily without degrading in flavor or balance. The alcohol is very well integrated, and the tannins are soft.

The breadth of the spectrum of tasting notes, and the seamlessness of their integration, is impressive. It is best enjoyed over at least two hours.

Complexity: High, shows a broad spectrum of notes with precision and clarity

Balance: Well balanced, and nice consistency of experience from nose to finish

Intensity: High, aromas and flavors are strong, but also get along well with food

Character: High, a memorable experience of red fruit, oak, herbs and spices

Typicity: Typical notes for Cabernet Sauvignon; unique for Santa Barbara

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Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Vintage: 2013

Composition: Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15.1%

Release Price: \$48

VISUAL, AROMATIC AND FLAVOR CHARACTERISTICS:

Appearance: Deep ruby with a transparent rim, slightly dull and clouded

Fruit and Floral: Cassis, red cherry, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, lavender

Spice, Herbal and Vegetal: Sage, oregano, green herbs, herbal tea, eucalyptus

Oak and Other: Malt, leather, ash, mushroom, vanilla, brown sugar, coconut, dark chocolate, caramel

RESULTS:

Stage 1: Blind Tasting

— Complexity: 8/10

— Balance: 7/10

— Intensity: 8/10

Stage 2: Non-Blind

— Character: 8/10

— Typicity: 7/10

SCORE: 93

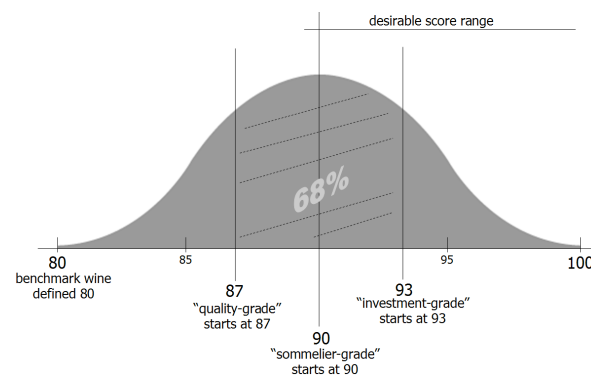


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EVALUATION MODEL:



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.