

Independent Wine Evaluation

THE SOMMELIER COMPANY

2012 "Wisdom" Cabernet Sauvignon, Pedroncelli Winery

This is an elegant and balanced, cooler-weather style Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Though alcohol reaches 14.4%, there was sufficient perceived acidity to draw some comparisons to northerly Bordeaux.

The nose shows spice, red fruit, and a touch of leather. Aromas unfold slowly and with great balance and evenness. The palate shows menthol, cedar, dry grass, and darker fruit. Tart acidity is refreshing and food-friendly, and tannins are gentle but build up on the palate over time.

After forty-five minutes, the profile of the nose moves in the direction of the palate and the two show darker fruit, more menthol, anise and dry herbs. In the end, gentle vanilla and raspberry round out and soften the palate.

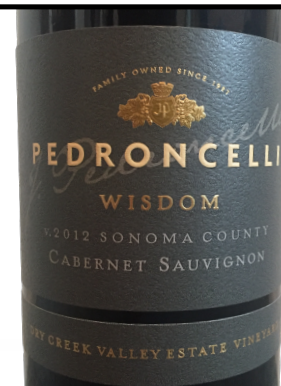
Complexity: Above average but not the wine's core virtue; it shows a variety of spice, fruit and herbal notes, with satisfactory differentiation

Balance: Nice integration of aromas, especially early on; menthol and herbs stood out with time; alcohol, acidity and tannin are well integrated

Intensity: Aromas and flavors are expressive (some more than others), but overall the wine is more elegant in style

Character: Despite quality, lacks clear, distinctive personality

Typicity: Good; varietally typical and representative of its appellation



Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Vintage: 2012

Composition: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.4%

Release Price: \$36

VISUAL, AROMATIC AND FLAVOR CHARACTERISTICS:

Appearance: Deep, youthful ruby with purple highlights

Fruit and Floral: Red plum, red currant, cassis, raspberry, orange blossom

Spice, Herbal and Vegetal: Menthol, anise, grass, dried herbs

Oak, Earth and Other: Cedar, leather, vanilla, cocoa

RESULTS:

Stage 1: Blind Tasting

— Complexity: 6/10

— Balance: 7/10

— Intensity: 6/10

Stage 2: Non-Blind

— Character: 5/10

— Typicity: 7/10

SCORE: 89



Tasting conducted September 15, 2016

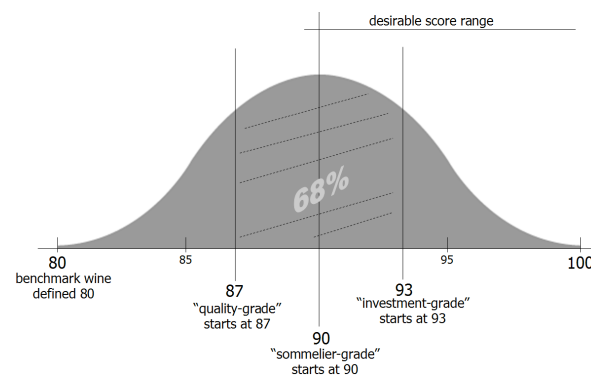
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EVALUATION MODEL:



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.