

Independent Wine Evaluation

“Anniversary Cuvée” Red Blend, Meadowcroft Wines

Everything about the wine is fresh and youthful, from fleshy plum fruit to abundant eucalyptus, to green garden herbs and mossy-woody aromas. Black licorice or anise, cinnamon, new leather, cigar box and creamy dark chocolate give refinement to what is primarily a fruity wine.

After an hour’s exposure, cedar-spice French oak and the red end of the fruit profile pivot into a long, sweet vanilla-raspberry finish. Though a Left Bank Bordeaux blend made in French oak with a restrained style of winemaking, do not expect earth or dust here. The grapes assert their California provenance and call for a thick, seared, peppery steak.

Complexity: Shows a broad set of aromas—but laterally, less in the sense of dimension and structure; it’s intricate, yet level and polished.

Balance: Good; 14.5% alcohol propels the aromas without revealing itself and, with gentle acid and soft tannin, allows a silky, long finish

Expressiveness: Evenly aromatic and flavorful across two hours

Character: Fresh, spritely, round, sophisticated with soft edges

Typicity: Typical varietal flavors, with unexpected silkiness

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Appellation: Napa Valley AVA

Vintage: NV

Composition: 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Cabernet Franc, 23% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

VISUAL, AROMATIC AND FLAVOR CHARACTERISTICS:

Appearance: Deep ruby; youthful and concentrated with no rim variation

Fruit, Floral: Blueberry, plum, blackcurrant, Bing cherry, raspberry, orange zest

Spice, Herbal, Vegetal: Cinnamon, anise, eucalyptus, fresh garden herbs

Oak, Earth, Other: Cedar, tree bark, cigar box, leather, vanilla

RESULTS:

Stage 1: Blind Tasting

— Complexity: 7/10

— Balance: 7/10

— Expressiveness: 8/10

Stage 2: Non-Blind

— Character: 7/10

— Typicity: 7/10

SCORE: 92

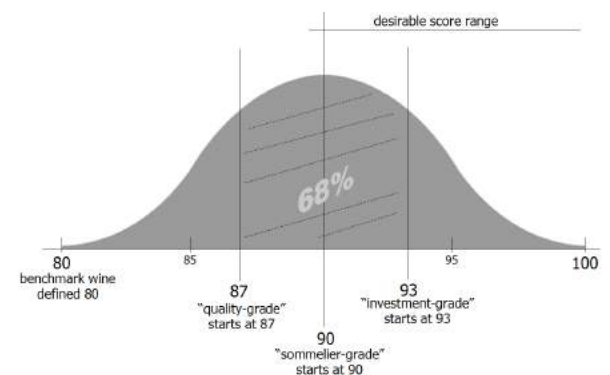


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EVALUATION MODEL:



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.