



### **2007 VIOGNIER, SIMPSON VINEYARD**

#### **Savannah Morning News, February 25, 2009**

"The Miner bottling, around \$20, is luscious and pleasing in the mouth. Its complex intensity results from low-yielding vineyards that create natural acidity and lush, tropical fruit flavors. As a devout Southerner, I detected a slight hint of cantaloupe, but then, I was in Viognier nirvana. This is a remarkably easy-to-pair food wine-and an elegant sipper."

#### **Press Democrat, September 14, 2008**

"Has a plush feel, good concentration and good acidity. Floral, with a note of honeysuckle. Balanced."

#### **4 STARS, RESTAURANT WINE ISSUE #128**

"A round, medium rich Viognier that tastes of peach, honeysuckle, roasted nut, cherimoya, and toast. Full and well balanced. Excellent value."

#### **Connoisseurs' Guide March 2009**

##### **92 POINTS, 2 PUFFS**

Our 2007 Viognier ranked 2nd in the March issue out of the 30 plus tasted, including Phelps, DuMol, Pride Viognier.

"Sweetly spiced peaches merge with touches of honey, anise and kiwi in the deep, impressively filled aromas of this well-focused youngster, and the equally rich flavors that follow show lots of fruity substance and no let-up in depth. Full-bodied and quite well-balanced with Chardonnay-like richness and weight, it is a wine of considerable potential and should grow better with a year or two of quiet time in your cellar. Good Value."

#### **San Francisco Chronicle Wine Section's Top Pick Viognier**

"Winemaker Gary Brookman used fruit from John Simpson's vineyard in Madera, located in the Central Valley near Fresno, for this wine. In its 10th vintage, it has always been 100 percent Viognier. Rich pear, citrus and floral aromas with hints of Galia melon lead to a full-flavored palate and slight oily mouthfeel, as befits Viognier."

**The New Jersey Star-Ledger November 14, 2008**

"Recommended White: From an up-and-coming winemaking star, this is a classic viognier, with floral aromas and clean, crisp flavors."

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2007 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY**

**Recommended, SANTE Magazine June 2009**

"Aromas and flavors of peach, sweet citrus, and toasty oak; beautifully balanced and full bodied with a complex fruit and long finish. Seared tuna."

**San Francisco Wine Competition, Bronze Medal, June 2009**

**Restaurant Wine, February 2009**

"Excellent. Fleshy and ripe, with full body, smooth texture, and a very long finish, tasting of peach, baked apple, pineapple, vanilla, roasted nut, and spicy oak."

**2007 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

**Vinography, June 2009**

Best Pinot Noirs in California - Pinot Days Tasting 2009

**Piedmont Post, July 2009**

"This fine wine comes from the latest Pinot Noir growing to hit the big time, the Santa Lucia Highlands near Salinas. The nose is a bit reticent but soon reveals aromas of plum, dark cherry and hoisin. The palate is full-bodied and firm, saturated tannins and more fed-cherried fruit on the well-structured masculine finish."

**San Francisco Chronicle Recommends, July 2009**

"Miner Family Winery's Gary Brookman is one of several winemakers with access to great fruit from both the Rosella's and Garys' Vineyards. Smooth ripe cherry laced with vanilla, baking spice and hint of savory herb. Bright and focused, with a lingering finish."

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**90 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, June 2009**

"Showing its youth in its slightly direct fruit, but rich and deep in the manner of top wines from this location, this interesting wine features lightly toasted notes of toffee, sweet grains and vanilla in its aromas, and despite being noticeably ripe it is also quite well-balanced and lively....time is clearly going to bring it softer stance and increased range and openness."

**San Francisco Wine Competition, Silver Medal June 2009**

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **2007 GARYS' VINEYARD PINOT NOIR**

### **Vinography, June 2009**

Best Pinot Noirs in California - Pinot Days Tasting 2009

### **95 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine**

An outstanding Pinot, absolutely, decadently good, that combines attributes of the fine vintage with some fine parcels from this celebrated vineyard. Softly lush, it shows fabulous flavors of cherries, red currants, licorice, cola, orange peel, sandalwood and Asian spices, but never loses structural balance and control. --S.H.

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **2005 MERLOT STAGECOACH VINEYARD**

### **Decanter Magazine "4 Star Award" December 2008**

### **SF Chronicle November 14, 2008 TWO AND A HALF STARS**

"Overt oak offset by deep, extracted bramble berry tinged with herb and mint. Becomes brighter on the finish, which has graphite and finely grained tannins."

### **4 STARS, RESTAURANT WINE**

"Round, full bodied, quite toasty in character, with some richness, firm structure, and a long finish, tasting of cedar, spicy oak, tobacco, black currant, and cherry." - Ronn Wiegand, MS, MW

### **Highly Recommended, California Grapevine**

"Medium ruby; attractive, intense, toasty, smoky, cedary, slightly herbaceous, dark currant and black cherry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla, tobacco and green olive; full body; big, rich, thick, concentrated, cedary, herbal, black cherry fruit flavors..."

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE**

### **91 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, August 2009**

"Miner's Oakville bottling scores big points for its very evident depth and its decidedly generous fruit...at least three to five years need to pass before this begins to fulfill its considerable promise."

### **92 Points, Wine Enthusiast, Sept. '09**

"This is a good, young Oakville Cabernet, showing the firm tannins and black currant and cassis flavors you get from this splendid party of Napa Valley...it should develop through 2015." - S.H.

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **2005 THE ORACLE, NAPA VALLEY RED WINE**

**San Francisco Wine Competition, Gold Medal June 2009**

**Wine Enthusiast, March 2009**

"Made in the contemporary style of extreme ripeness and early drinkability, this Cab-based Bordeaux blend is very soft, rather sweet and smokey-oaky. It has pastry filling flavors of black cherries, black raspberries, currants and chocolate."

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **2004 THE ORACLE, NAPA VALLEY RED WINE**

**Silver Medal Winner, 2008 San Francisco International Wine Competition**

**4+ STARS, RESTAURANT WINE**

"Full bodied and complex, this is an excellent blend, with rich fruit character, good depth of flavor, evident complexity, and a long finish, tasting of plum, cedar, black licorice, spicy oak, and blueberry."- Ronn Wiegand, MS, MW

**Washington Examiner, April 17, 2008**

"A Bordeaux style blend that delivers ripe fruit over the entire palate with a wonderful mouthfeel. Good balance and structure."

**90 Points, Wine Advocate, December 2007**

"A beautiful wine from this Napa winery... Deep ruby/purple, with spicy aromatics intertwined with some lush blackberry and cassis fruit, opulent on the palate, with full body, silky tannins, and low acidity, this is a beauty that should drink handsomely for at least a decade. Drink 2007 - 2017." - Robert Parker

**91 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, December 2007**

"This wine's cool edges bring a North Coast conifer forest to mind. Ripe cherry flavors and espresso coffee scents give it sweetness, though the wine is balanced and understated. For duck with roasted cherries."

**90 Points, Wine Enthusiast, December 2007**

"It's a distinguished wine, classic in the modern Napa sense of softness and ripeness to the point of decadent drinkability. There's a sweet olive-tapenade edge to the blackberry, cassis and cherry flavors. The finish, believe it or not, suggests blueberry pie, fresh from the oven."

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_