



FERN GROVE

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2006 Cossack Riesling

Winemakers Notes

Colour: Pale green.
Bouquet: Varietal characters of lime and tangerine.
Palate: Intense fresh citrus fruits with a crisp, satisfying mineral finish.
Cellaring Potential: Drink now or cellar for up to 10 years
Vinification: Style is dictated by concentration of fruit balanced by the austerity of natural acidity. 2006 was cooler than average however with good harvest management we were able to achieve the best results from the vineyard Harvested in the cold of the night the grapes are quickly but gently pressed prior to ferment. Two strains of yeast were used to enhance the distinctive lime and floral qualities before an early bottling. The Cossack Riesling always includes a high proportion from Block 28, which is a block of Riesling grown on a granite outcrop, the vines struggle, the soil is poor, but the fruit has amazing concentration and acidity.



91 Points
 "Editors Choice"



2005 Dragon Shiraz

Winemakers Notes

Colour: Dark Crimson
Bouquet: Complex bouquet of blackberry and dark plums with herbaceous and spicy notes
Palate: Concentrated palate of ripe black plums, blueberry and blackberry, integrated with cedary French oak, finishing with persistent layered tannin
Cellaring : Cellar from 6-10 years
Vinification: The fruit is allowed mottled light exposure and low yielding estate sites are chosen for the Dragon. Grapes are harvested cold in the morning to retain fruit intensity prior to crushing and destemming and further chilling for cold maceration for up to 72 hours. Following this, fermentation is allowed to proceed and drained into new Burgundian French oak at completion. Malo-lactic fermentation and up to two rackings occur with 18-24 months maturation in barrel before light filtration and bottling.



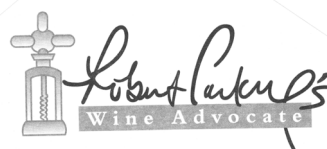
90 points



2005 Majestic Cabernet

Winemakers Notes

Colour: Dark Crimson
Bouquet: Complex, yet distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon aromatics of blackberry and plums with lifted cedary oak
Palate: Fleshy and intense with blackberry and black plum fruit flavours and cedary French oak. The layered tannin gives finesse and elegance.
Cellaring: Cellar for up to 10 years
Vinification: The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are selected from the estate vineyard, a north facing slope of coffee rock. the vineyard is self-maintained, that is the canopy is left to a 'lazy' VSP management system, allowing penetration of light and low yielding crops. Grapes are harvested cold in the morning to retain fruit intensity prior to crushing, destemming and further chilling for cold maceration for up to 72 hours. Following this, fermentation is allowed at moderate temperatures and drained into new Bordeaux coopered French oak at completion. Malo-lactic fermentation and up to two rackings occur, with 18-24 months maturation in barrel, before light filtration and bottling.



89 points



2005 King Malbec

Winemakers Notes

Colour: Dark crimson
Bouquet: Complex aromas of blackberry, tarragon, Christmas cake and spice
Palate: Concentrated and textured with ripe black plum and black cherry flavours complemented by French oak and fine, long tannin
Cellaring Potential: Cellar for 8-10 years
Vinification: Small select estate parcels of Malbec are harvested for the King. Grapes are harvested cool in the morning to retain fruit intensity prior to crushing, destemming and further chilling for cold maceration for up to 72 hours in small open fermenters. Following this, fermentation is allowed to proceed at warm temperatures and drained into a blend of new French and Hungarian oak at completion. Malo-lactic fermentation occurs along with 18-24 months maturation before light filtration and bottling.



91 points