



## **DuMol Chardonnay Sonoma County Green Valley Isobel 2005**

Distinctive for its peach and nectarine flavors that are intense, focused, lively and persistent, with mouthwatering acidity and a long, persistent finish that echoes mineral and citrus. There's just a pinch of butterscotch on the finish. Highly Recommended

**95 Points**

## **Bollinger Brut Champagne Special Cuvee NVA**

Excludes honey, with richness and a supple texture. Peach, biscuit and dried orange peel notes add complexity, and the wine glides to a long, lingering aftertaste of honey and brioche.

**93 Points**

## **Vina Dona Paula Malbec Lujan de Cuyo Los Cardos 2006**

Juicy, with lots of cherry and red plum fruit layered with a red licorice note. Has a sweet, round finish.

**88 Points**

## **Vina Dona Paula Cabernet Sauvignon Lujan de Cuyo Los Cardos 2006**

Polished and forward, driven by sweet currant and plum fruit layered with mocha and vanilla notes. Nice ripe, round finish.

**88 Points**

## **Henschke Shiraz Eden Valley Mount Eldelstone 2003**

Big, rich and powerful, with a green olive note running through the peppery black cherry and licorice flavors. Firm tannins support the structure, letting the flavors linger effortlessly.

**87 Points**

## **Grant Burge Chardonnay Barossa Barossa Vines Unoaked 2006**

Fresh and tangy, with generous grapefruit and pineapple flavors against lively acidity.

**87 Points**

## **Mommessin Fleurie Les Roches 2005**

This light-bodied red is accented by a smoky tar note and hints of cherry pie and cranberry. The spiced finish shows light tannins and tangy acidity.

**87 Points**

## **Mommessin Morgon Les Charmes 2005**

Candied cherry and strawberry flavors are grounded by hints of blackberry confit and allspice in this lively red. Lightly tart finish.

**86 Points**

**Mommessin Moulin-a-Vent Les Caves 2005**

Rich flavors of plum jam, fig paste, dried strawberry and blackberry confit make up this well-balanced red. Concentrated yet elegant, with a lingering, spice-driven finish.

**88 Points**

**Gaja Barbaresco 2004**

There's an excellent balance of fruit and tannins, with vanilla, flowers and berries throughout, along with tar. Full and racy, with a long finish. It's all here.

**95 Points**

**Albino Rocca Barbaresco Vigneto Brich Ronchi 2004**

Has very focused, intense aromas of crushed blackberry, with freshly sliced mushroom. A full-bodied, massive wine, with supersilky tannins and a finish that lasts for minutes. Yet this is balanced and classy. Very impressive.

**94 Points**

**Albino Rocca Barbaresco Vigneto Loreto 2004**

Gorgeous aromas of flowers and crushed raspberry lead to a full-bodied palate, with silky yet chewy tannins. Fresh, lively and balanced.

**93 Points**

**Albino Rocca Barbaresco 2004**

Shows beautiful, subtle aromas of blackberry, strawberry and flowers, with coffee. Full and very silky, with lots of fruit and ultrafine tannins. This is balanced and reserved. Beautiful.

**91 Points**

**Ca' Rome di Romano Marengo Barbaresco 2004**

Beautiful aromas of plum and strawberry follow through to a full-bodied palate, with soft, round tannins and a long finish. Round and caressing.

**88 Points**

**Ca' Rome di Romano Marengo Barbaresco Maria di Brun 2004**

Reserved aromas of strawberry, cream and lemon follow through to a full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a citrus and berry aftertaste. A bit austere. Needs time to resolve the tardiness.

**88 Points**

**Elio Altare Barbera d' Alba 2006**

Gorgeous aromas of crushed blackberry follow through to a full-bodied palate, with tangy fruit flavors and a citrusy finish.

**89 Points**

**Albino Rocca Barbera d' Alba Gepin 2005**

Fresh blackberry and dried flower notes follow through to a full, round palate, with plum, berry and mineral character.

**88 Points**

**Fratelli Revello Barbera d' Alba 2006**

Shows aromas of crushed berry, with hints of milk chocolate and lemony undertone. Medium-bodied, with fresh fruit and a fruity, almost mineral, finish.

**86 Points**

**Elio Altare Dolcetto d' Alba 2006**

Dark and dense, with ripe plum and hints tobacco, flowers and licorice. Medium-bodied, lightly firm and fruity, with a juicy finish. Has an attractive texture.

**87 Points**

**Fratelli Revello Dolcetto d' Alba 2006**

Flamboyant, rich and fruity, with lots of concentrated black grape and floral character. Full-bodied, this is slightly loose-knit, but fun to drink now.

**87 Points**

**Conterno-Fantino Dolcetto d' Alba Bricco Bastia 2006**

This fruity Dolcetto shows lots of ripe plum and berry, with a fresh nutty character. Medium-bodied and firm, with lingering flavors.

**86 Points**

**Renato Corino Dolcetto d' Alba 2006**

A tight package, with clean damson and mineral character. Medium-bodied, with a crisp finish. Lively.

**86 Points**

**Luigi Einaudi Dolcetto di Dogliani 2006**

An elegant young red, with plum, berry and perfumed mineral character. Medium-bodied, with good balance, light tannins and a clean, fresh finish.

**86 Points**

**Massolino Dolcetto d' Alba 2006**

A clean, fruity red, with blackberry and mineral on the nose and palate. Has a tight, medium body, with a good concentration of fruit.

**86 Points**

**M. Marengo Dolcetto d' Alba 2006**

Fresh and medium-bodied, with lots of fresh blackberry aromas and flavors. Tight, fruity and clean.

**85 Points**

**Gaja Langhe Sperss 2003**

The nose of this wine is so precise, with perfume, rose, blackberry and raspberry aromas, and the full-bodied palate builds and builds and then overflows with ripe fruit and layers of rich, ripe, velvety tannins. This has amazing opulence, yet it's profound and structured. A fabulous wine.

**98 Points**

**Gaja Langhe Costa Russi 2004**

Complex, fresh aromas of concentrated blackberry, grilled meat and chocolate. Full-bodied and chewy, with caressing tannins and a long finish. A brick house and beautifully decorated. Powerful.

**97 Points**

**Gaja Langhe Conteisa 2003**

Offers fabulous aromas of blueberry and lilac. Full-bodied, with a solid core of ripe fruit and round, caressing tannins. This is deep and concentrated, yet wonderfully balanced. Superb.

**96 Points**

**Gaja Langhe Sori Tildin 2004**

Incredibly perfumed, with chocolate, mineral and blackberry. Full-bodied, with amazing finesse, strength and balance. Long and beautiful. A return to the quality level of 2001.

**95 Points**

**Gaja Langhe Sori San Lorenzo 2004**

Wonderful aromas of blackberry, licorice and mineral follow through to a full-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a very fruity finish. Delicate at the end. Racy and balanced.

**93 Points**

**Elio Altare Langhe Arborina 2004**

Shows fabulous aromas of blackberry, chocolate and tea. Full-bodied, with silky, caressing tannins. Long and flavorful. Beautiful now.

**91 Points**

**Elio Altare Langhe Larigi 2004**

Intense aromas of blackberry and light vanilla follow through to a full-bodied palate, with a solid core of ripe fruit and caressing tannins. Long and pretty.

**91 Points**

**Gaja Langhe Darmaji 2004**

This is dark, rich and very silky. Full-bodied, with ripe tannins and a long, caressing finish. Well-crafted and extremely pretty.

**91 Points**

**Elio Altare Langhe La Villa 2004**

Rich, opulent aromas of blackberry and dark chocolate lead to a full-bodied palate, with soft tannins and a long, delicious finish. This is a polished, generous red.

**90 Points**

**Domenico Clerico Langhe Arte 2005**

Has aromas of blackberry and milk chocolate, with hints of stems. Full and chewy. Big and structured.

**85 Points**

**Conterno-Fantino Langhe Monpra 2004**

Shows loads of fresh fruit on the nose, with red berry, Seville orange and a hint of spice. Medium-bodied, with a chewy texture, giving a firm, tangy finish of fruit and spice.

**88 Points**

**Domenico Clerico Dolcetto Langhe Visadi 2006**

A structured Dolcetto, with ripe plum and berries and a clean oak note. Medium-to-full-bodied, firm and very clean on the palate, with a firm mineral finish.

**87 Points**

**Frarelli Revello Langhe L'Insieme 2004**

There's lot of fresh fruit in this red, with blackberry and grape aromas that follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a fresh finish.

**86 Points**

**Marcarini Nebbiolo Langhe Lasarin 2006**

Rose, plum and light spices on the nose follow through to a full-bodied palate, with velvety tannins and a long, flavorful finish.

**85 Points**

**Conterno-Fantino Chardonnay Langhe Bastia 2004**

Displays a good amount of apple and burnt piecrust character on a clean, tasty, medium-bodied palate, with a crisp finish.

**86 Points**

**Luigi Einaudi Barbera Piemonte 2005**

A rich, fruity Barbera, with plenty of plum, licorice and berry character. Full, round and straightforward.

**87 Points**

**Elio Altare L'Insieme 2004**

There's lots of blackberry on the nose, with a hint of woo. Medium-bodied, with currant and berry character. Slightly herbal, but interesting.

**85 Points**

**Villa Sparina Gavi 2006**

Tight, fresh and very clean, with grapefruit, mineral and a trace of honey. Medium-bodied, with good balance and a crisp finish.

**85 Points**

**Villa Sparina Monferrato White Montej 2006**

Interesting aromas of lemon flower and mineral, with a hint of spice. Medium-bodied, with fresh citrus character and a crisp finish.

**85 Points**

**Abbazia Santa Anastasia Sicilia Montenero 2003**

Subtle and full of character, with licorice, berry and raspberry aromas. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish.

**87 Points**

**DuMol Chardonnay Russian River Valley Chloe 2005**

Intense and concentrated, with rich fig, mineral, green pineapple and spice flavors that are a bit raw in texture. Picks up depth and complexity on the finish, with a hint of melon and butterscotch.

**92 Points**

**Schramsberg J. Schram North Coast 2000**

Bold nutty, yeasty aromas mix with ripe pear and citrus notes and lead to a full-bodied apple, cherry pie, ginger and cinnamon flavors. The finish is rich and distinctive.

**91 Points**

**Chehalem Pinot Gris Willamette Valley Reserve 2006**

Smooth and round, this is more generous than most Pinot Gris, but still lively, with a distinct spiciness to the pear and guava flavors. The finish wraps up well and keeps it coming.

**91 Points**

**Domaine Serene Chardonnay Willamette Valley Clos du Soleil Vineyard 2005**

Bright in flavor and refined in structure, balancing its refreshing pear, apple and citrus flavors against hints of spice and toasted bread without losing its juiciness and finesse.

**91 Points**

**Domaine Serene Chardonnay Willamette Valley Dijon Clones Cote Sud Vineyard 2005**

Polished, round and generous, with classic spicy pear flavors and hints of butter and cashew. Has finesse and impeccable balance, and it's not at all heavy.

**90 Points**

**Rockblock Syrah Rouge Valley Del Rio Vineyard 2004**

Rich in texture, with lots of ultraripe plum, prune and Asian spice aromas and flavors that ride smoothly over polished tannins. The finish lingers well.

**90 Points**