



Morgan 2006 Double L Vineyard Hat Trick Chardonnay (Santa Lucia Highlands)

Acidity stars, giving the wine a brilliant crispness that's so clean and fine. The wine is incredibly rich and leesy. The terrior has coaxed out complex layers of pineapples, Meyer lemons, limes, apricots and very exotic tropical fruits suggesting golden mangoes and papayas. The oak adds even richer layers of crème brulee to this vastly enjoyable wine.

95 Points

Roth 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley)

It is a pretty good Cab, strongly flavored and dry, with brisk tannins and a streak of herbs. The currant flavors taste a little overripe and raisiny.

85 Points

Stuhlmuller Vineyards 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley)

Shows the soft acids, gentle tannins and herbaceousness that mark most Alexander Valley Cabs, with supporting cherry, red currant and licorice flavors. It's a complex wine, balanced and intriguing, and a fine paring for a very wide variety of foods.

91 Points

Breggo 2006 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley)

The ripest of Breggo's '06 Pinots, the ferrington stars red fruits, such as cherries, raspberries and persimmons, mingling with intricate Asian spices and a hint of mocha. Absolutely delicious, this silky, complex wine is pure pleasure.

93 Points

Stuhlmuller Vineyards 2005 Estate Zinfandel (Alexander Valley)

It's full-bodied, dry and smooth, with soft velvety tannins and a long finish. Yet the briary, peppery, wild berry fruit flavors are all Zinfandel.

91 Points

Cline 2006 Cashmere (California)

Rustic and country-style is the way to describe this Mourvedre, Syrah and Grenache blend. With its soft, dry finish, smooth tannins and cherry, cola, herb and spice flavors, it's food friendly.

85 Points

Stuhlmuller Vineyards 2006 Estate Chardonnay (Alexander Valley)

The signature is an oak-infused spiciness, and a flamboyant tropical flavors of Alexander Valley Chardonnay. Tiers of pineapples, pears and mangoes flood the palate, leading to a long, honey-rich finish.

92 Points

Gainey 2006 Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

A nice, dry Chard, a bit on the earthy, tobaccoey side, with pleasantly acidic mineral flavors and hints of lemons, limes and pineapples.

87 Points

Solena 2005 Domaine Danielle Laurent Pinot Noir (Yamhill-Carlton District)

The top cuvee of Solena Cellars has tangy blackberry and black cherry flavors, wrapped in lightly noted hints of earth, leaf, bark. It's just short of luxurious, but the resonant mid-palate extends into a finish dappled with cinnamon, smoke and toasted walnuts. Elegant and refined. (Cellar Selection)

92 Points

Torii Mor 2006 Dundee Hills Select Pinot Noir (Dundee Hills)

It's more precisely crafted, with a focus on the midpalate flavors of wild berry and currant. The acids keep it sharp and bright, and the tannins are smooth and supple, so the wine glides into a seamless finish, which turns almost lemony.

89 Points

Torii Mor 2006 Pinot Noir (Oregon)

The black label Torii Mor Pinot Noir is the entry-level wine, clean and fresh with clear varietal character. The fruit flavors are tart and lean, but combined with the bouquet offer elegant details with herb and earthy components. The alcohol is a sensible 13.8% and as a wine breathes open it suggests lightly smoked ham and hints of pepper.

88 Points

Solena 2006 Pinot Gris (Oregon)

The vibrant nose and lush textures of his 2006 Solena continue an unbroken string of successes. Packed with fresh pear fruit, annotated with pineapple and laced with vanilla, this delicious wine keeps resonating through the palate and into a lively, spicy finish. Just a lovely expression of great fruit.

91 Points