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OUR WINES IN THE PRESS: JUNE 2011

2009 JO LANDRON MUSCADET DE SEVRE ET MAIN LE FIEF DU BREIL

"The Louvetrie 2009 Domaine de la Louvetrie Muscadet de Sevre et Main Le Fief du Breil - from a quartz and flint rich site Landron refers to as -a hill by local standards- smells fascinatingly of fresh lime, salt spray, narcissus, and lily-of-the-valley. Rich and lush for its genre - as has proven a common characteristic of Landron's 2009s - it preserves delineation and juicy refreshment while persisting in a complexly floral and mineral vein adumbrated by its aromas. A sense of nut oil richness evolves over time in the glass. This outstanding value should be worth following for 3-4 years." **91 points, David Schildknecht, eRobertParker.com # 190**

2009 SPINIFEX PAPILLON, BAROSSA VALLEY

"A blend of grenache, cinsault and mataro. Think elegance, floral delicacy, red fruits and finely structured tannins. Inspired by the light-bodied reds of southern France and created to capture the bright aromatics of early harvest." **Great Wine Drives, Gourmet Traveller Wine**

2009 BODEGAS CARCHELO JUMILLA DO, JUMILLA

"Jumilla is a reborn wine region just south of Valencia, where the monastrell grape (mourvèdre or mataro) reigns supreme. This bright, medium-bodied red is excellent value. The colour is medium-deep red-purple and the floral, raspberry and plum aromas are ripe and correct, with traces of pepper and spice. Tightly structured and slightly angular, it has a wash of gripping tannins towards the finish giving good backbone and adding to its length. It's an excellent food wine and should drink well for at least five years." **Huon Hooke, Gourmet Traveller Wine**

2009 EDEN ROAD CANBERRA SHIRAZ

"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 BG 139 Shiraz gives gorgeous fragrant black cherry and red currant aromas with some red flowers, lavender, anise and black pepper. Medium-bodied and well structured

with a medium level of fine-grained tannins and high acid, the concentration and balance in the mouth are superb, finishing long and spicy. Consider drinking this one 2012 to 2020+." **92 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Advocate**

2008 EDEN ROAD TUMBARUMBA CHARDONNAY

"The 2008 BG12 Chardonnay is the reserve label, with the letters "BG" standing for "Barrel Group". This wine was naturally fermented in 60% new French oak, 100% going through malo-lactic and spending a total of 11 months in oak. It has a pleasant sulphide character over intense citrus notes – grapefruit and mandarin peel – plus notes of peach blossom, meal, crostini and almonds. Very youthful, taut and crisp in the mouth, it has a lovely silkiness to its texture, and the long finish is already layered and complex. It should develop wonderfully, drinking well now and cellaring to 2016+." **92+ points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Advocate**

2010 EDEN ROAD THE LONG ROAD PINOT GRIS

"Eden Road's 2010 The Long Road Pinot Gris displays intense aromas of acacia honey drizzled white peaches, tropical fruit and nashi with quite a floral undercurrent. The palate is light-bodied and dry with crisp acidity and concentrated spiced fruit flavors, finishing long. Drink it now through 2013." **90 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Advocate**

2009 TEUSNER RIGHTEOUS MATARO

"Great to see Mataro/Mourvedre/Monastrell being given the respect it deserves. It takes old vines and low yields, but there's a strong argument to be put forward that it's the Barossa's best and most expressive grape. 100 dozen made. Pwhoar – there's plenty going on here for such a young wine – earth, bitter chocolate and peel, liquorice, minor coffee oak, blood plum etc. It's a big wine but it's not a heavy one and shows no sign of alcohol heat or awkwardness – expressive and balanced with perfect acidity and fine tannins that came up and made themselves

known only after a day. Long finish with a twist of dried herb and bitter chocolate so typical of the variety. Just terrific." **96 Points, Gary Walsh, winefront.com**

2009 TEUSNER RIGHTEOUS GRENACHE

"From 80 year old vines in the Greenock sub-region of the Barossa Valley. And so far, I'm liking what I see of 2009 in the Barossa and Eden Valleys. A touch oxidative in style with nutty oak, creamed raspberry, a fly spray-like perfume (best I can do) and some mint. It's supple, medium weight, with no heat and super fine grained tannin. Fluid and long – the length of palate is remarkable. Light vanilla wood flavours in there too, and as a young wine the sweet and juicy charm of it is beguiling. With age it will be something different again. Also to be noted is that while it has fruitiness, it's not confectioned or jammy. Top end." **95 points, Gary Walsh, winefront.com**

2007 BANNOCKBURN, SRH CHARDONNAY

"Chardonnay rocks at the moment and the SRH, Bannockburn's top white wine, is a prime example of the importance of texture and palate weight. It's rich, voluptuous but not over-ripe, seductive, with an nose of honey almond nougat and a touch of white blossom. It builds on the palate with it's leesy, nutty characters, making to savoury and moreish. A stunning wine. Best now with lemon-infused roast chicken but will age for at least six years." **Jane Faulkner, The Age (Epicure), 26/3/2011**

2007 BANNOCKBURN, SERRE PINOT NOIR

"Yields were so low on the Serre vineyard in 2007 that one bottle is the result of six vines – which sounds extraordinary, but so says its maker, Michael Glover. Fair to say that production here is miniscule. The wine itself is a delight. Intensely sweet-sour and with acids that many will find challenging – though it has all the inherent complexity to make it well worth the dare. Earth, undergrowth, sap, stalks, sour cherries, beetroot, tobacco and a light hand of smoky oak. It's one of those 'light' pinot noirs that will build in the bottle; that said, it's one of those light pinot noirs that, even as a young wine, has you marvelling at its wild parade of flavours. Terrific length too. It won't be for everyone – many will question whether it has enough 'substance' – but I personally think this tastes brilliant." **94+ points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front**



2010 TINPOT HUT, GRUNER VELTLINER, MARLBOROUGH

"What happens to Austria's gruner veltliner transplanted to Marlborough? Well, it's a surprisingly robust dry white – somewhat bigger and fatter than we see in the Austrian originals. It's sort of pudgy but lovable, featuring nice, juicy fruit flavours – reminiscent of peach seasoned with candied orange – but still finely textured, crisp, fresh and dry. Zapping off for another New Zealand vintage this week, Kate Day said Tinpot Hut's interesting new white should be on retail shelves and in some restaurants in the next few weeks." **Chris Shanahan, Canberra Times 6/4/11**

2008 GREENSTONE VINEYARD, ROSSO DI COLBO, SANGIOVESE

"Good things in here: a sniff of soy smokiness, hot bricks and fruitcake. Sapid but also sweet, reduced cherry redcurrant flavours and more than a touch of salami, an almost peachy smokiness in the background. The tangy bursts of fruit followed by a sea-salty mouth-watering acid and tannins. A true table wine and another wine for braises." **90/100 points, Tim White, The Financial Review May 27th**

2008 GREENSTONE VINEYARD HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ (YET TO BE RELEASED)

"Right up there with the best of prior Greenstone releases, an exercise in refined elegance; the colour is excellent, the red and black cherry fruit aromatic and lively, the tannins smooth, the oak perfectly balanced and integrated, the natural acidity underlining the fresh finish. Classic medium-bodied red, inviting the second glass, not just the second taste. 96 points, drink to 2023, \$30, Screwcap, 13.5% alc Value" **James Halliday, The Wine Companion Newsletter 29th June 2011**

2004 VALENCISO RESERVA, RIOJA

"The 2004 Valenciso Reserva from a great vintage spent 22 months in 33% new French oak. Purple in color with a splendid nose of mineral, cedar, spice box, incense, black cherry, and blackberry, on the palate it is rich and structured with 4-6 years of aging potential. Dense, layered, and incipiently complex with excellent integration of the oak, it will offer a drinking window extending from 2014 to 2029." **Jay Miller, Wine Advocate # 188**