

WINOS (#24)

Date: 26th March 2012 - 7:00 pm

Place: 金鐘閣 Milliken Bar & Restaurant, 4016 Finch Ave. East, Scarborough

We begin with a soup

FROGMORE CREEK CHARDONNAY 2006

VINTAGES 186379 | 750 mL bottle

Price: \$ 23.95

Wine, White Wine

14.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Sugar Content : D

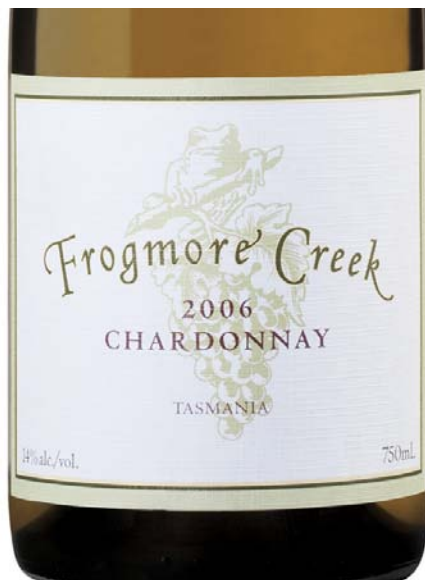
Made in: Region Not Specified, Australia

By: Hathaway Trading Co. Inc.

Release Date: Oct 2, 2010

Tasting Note

Light, bright colour; very attractive nectarine/white peach fruit and a touch of citrus; very good balance and mouth feel. Nice. Top gold medal Tasmania Wine Show '09. Score - 95. (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Jan. 2009)



Never had a wine with rating of 95 before. Just have to try it out.
Match it with conge

**XBODEGAS HERMANOS LAREDO SENORIO DE LAREDO GRAN RESERVA
1998**
VINTAGES 218347 | 750 mL bottle

Price: \$ 25.95
Wine, Red Wine
13.5% Alcohol/Vol.

Sugar Content : XD

Made in: Region Not Specified, Spain
By: Villanueva Laredo

Release Date: Jun 11, 2011

Tasting Note

Bright medium red with an amber rim. Sexy aromas of dried red fruits, vanilla and sassafras, plus an exotic floral suggestion. Zesty red currant and dried cherry flavors are firmed by tangy acidity and become sweeter with air. An herbal note comes up on the nicely persistent finish, with the vanilla and floral notes echoing. This suave and intricate wine is in no danger of drying out, but why wait? Score - 91. (Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar, Sept./Oct. 2010)



Despite the sexy, over elaborated write-up, the wine tastes mild to me and I match it with goose feet and fragrant mushrooms
We have an intermission of vegetables, young pea pods to cleanse our palate.

ARDAL CRIANZA 2005

XVINTAGES 167601 | 750 mL bottle

Price: \$ 16.95

Wine, Red Wine
14.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Sugar Content : XD

Made in: Region Not Specified, Spain
By: Bodegas Alitus

Release Date: May 28, 2011

Description

The wine is a blend of 90% Tempranillo and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy it with a thick barbecued porterhouse steak.

Tasting Note

Smoky and earthy notes frame black cherry and boysenberry flavors in this fresh, firm red. There's plenty of sweet vanilla, but enough fruit and acidity to balance. Lively and polished. Drink now through 2013. Score - 90. (Thomas Matthews, winespectator.com, Sept. 30, 2009)



Bold taste match with squab.

MAETIERRA DOMINUM QUATRO PAGOS 2005
VINTAGES 246660 | 750 mL bottle

Price: \$ 19.95
Wine, Red Wine
14.6% Alcohol/Vol.

Sugar Content : XD

Made in: Rioja, Spain
By: Vintae

Release Date: Feb 4, 2012

Tasting Note

(a blend of tempranillo, graciano and garnacha, raised in all new French barriques)
Bright purple. Cherry-vanilla, black raspberry, mocha and vanilla on the fragrant nose. Smooth, sappy red and dark berry flavors provide impressive mouth coverage and become spicier in the mid-palate. Pretty sexy wine that needs a little time for the oak to recede; about three or four years of patience should do the trick. Score - 91(+?). (Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar, Sept./Oct. 2010)

The 2005 Maetierra Dominum Quatro Pagos Reserva is a medium bodied, integrated wine, with nice aromas of cherry, blackberry, vanilla and sandalwood. Tannins are refined (decant for 30 min) and the finish is long and smooth. Drink now or cellar for the next 10 years. My impression: BEAUTIFUL, 91 pts - highly recommended - excellent wine for very good price.



Spicy wine with light steam lobster. Lets see if it works.

CASA GUALDA PLUS ULTRA 2006
VINTAGES 211011 | 750 mL bottle

Price: \$ 13.95
Wine, Red Wine
14.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Sugar Content : D

Made in: Region Not Specified, Spain
By: La Cabeza S. Coop

Release Date: Apr 30, 2011

Description

Ribera del Júcar is a promising DO in the Cuenca province of Castile-La Mancha.

Tasting Note

The 2006 Plus Ultra is a blend of 70% Petit Verdot and 30% Bobal aged for 4 months in new French and American oak before racking into seasoned oak for another 8 months. A saturated purple color, it emits an aromatic array of cedar, tar, espresso, blackberry, and black plum. This is followed by a powerful, concentrated, intense wine with several years of aging potential. For those seeking subtlety, look elsewhere. For those seeking unabashed power, look no further. It is an outstanding value. Score - 90. (Jay Miller, erobertparker.com, April 2010)



It is cheap and it is powerful and concentrated. Match it with something more heavy in flavour beef shank