

Pinotage 2010: “first rate”

- Fiona Beckett, The Guardian UK, 14 May 2011

MAN Chenin Blanc 2010: “Silver Medal: 81 points”

- Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2011, South Africa

“Screaming Values: South African Syrahs bargains by any name: MAN Shiraz 2009: “Quintessential Shiraz”

“In my extensive tastings of South African wines this past winter, I was impressed by the Cape region’s high-end syrah bottlings, but I also found some stunning syrah/shiraz **bargains that can’t be matched anywhere else in the world.**

The **MAN Vintners 2009 Shiraz** is quintessential shiraz, beginning with its liqueur-like blueberry and exotic spice aromas. It’s fat, sweet and lush, but with harmonious acidity giving shape to its cassis, blueberry and mocha flavors. This distinctly creamy shiraz offers immediate appeal.”

- Stephen Tanzer, Winophilia.com, USA, 28 April 2011

Cabernet Sauvignon 2009: “86 points: BEST BUY”

“Accessible and available, this is a great value wine that’s perfectly suited to grilled steak dinners with friends. Juicy dark fruit dominates the palate, with accents of bittersweet chocolate and peppery spice glimmering on the back of finish.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA, March 2011

Shiraz 2009: “88 points: immediate appeal”

“Bright dark red. Liqueur-like blueberry and exotic spices on the very ripe nose. Fat, sweet and lush, but with harmonious acidity giving shape to the cassis, blueberry and mocha flavors. Finishes broad, with a fine dusting of tannins. A distinctly creamy shiraz with immediate appeal.”

- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, USA, March 2011

Cabernet Sauvignon 09: “88 points: enticing”

“Bright ruby-red. Crushed blackberry, blueberry, licorice and smoky oak on the nose, with a whiff of flowers. Supple, broad and easy to drink, with an enticing dark berry sweetness nicely buffered by lively herb and flint notes. Finishes with rather soft tannins and lingering notes of redcurrant and plum.”

- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, USA, March 2011

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Pinotage 09: “87 points: silky and juicy”

“Medium red. Dark berries, plum and a whiff of woodsmoke on the nose. At once silky and juicy, with good intensity to the plum and mocha flavors. Finishes broad, with a fine dusting of tannins and a hint of chocolate.”

- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, USA, March 2011

Chardonnay 10: “88 points: lovely Chardonnay”

“Pale lemon-yellow color. Fresh nectarine, lime and pungent brown spices on the nose. Juicy and just off-dry, with lovely intensity and lift to the apple, spice and floral flavors. Very subtle use of oak. Lovely chardonnay for eleven bucks.”

- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, USA, March 2011

Sauvignon Blanc 10: “88 points: juicy and intense”

“Pale bright yellow. Pungent aromas of gooseberry, lemon and lime, plus a hint of fig. Juicy and fairly intense, with a slightly sweaty, varietally typical aspect to the gooseberry and curry powder flavors. The uncompromising finish is quite dry and a bit tart.”

- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, USA, March 2011

Chenin Blanc 10: “88 points: Terrific Value”

“Bright yellow. Cool aromas of melon, kiwi, lime zest, dusty herbs and licorice. Juicy and densely packed, with a bit of sweetness balanced by a brisk acidity. A crisp, clean midweight with a dusty texture and a ripe nectarine flavor on the lively finish. Terrific Value.”

- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, USA, March 2011

“19 South African Standouts:

Pinotage 09, Chenin Blanc 10, Sauvignon Blanc 10”

“There’s something for everyone these days from South Africa. The Cape’s wines continue to improve, at both the top end and with its values. As for values, the MAN Vintners lineup, [from] José Condé of Stark-Condé.”

- Wine Spectator Magazine, USA, Oct 1, 2010

Sauvignon Blanc 10: “85 points”

“A light and friendly white, showing nice zip to the lime and mâche flavors.”

- Wine Spectator Advance, USA 30 November 2010

Pinotage 10: “86 points: juicy”

“This juicy red features a core of dark plum and blackberry fruit backed by a coffee hint. Just enough grip keeps this honest.”

- Wine Spectator Magazine, USA, Nov 30, 2010

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Chenin Blanc 10: “85 points: BEST VALUE”

“A light, friendly style, offering green melon and white peach flavors, with a fresh, floral finish. ”

- Wine Spectator Magazine, USA, Nov 30, 2010

Chenin Blanc 10: “86 points”

“This one is crisp, bright and fruity with sufficient lemony acidity for balance. A subtle sweetness in the finish amplifies the enjoyment. While waiting for summer, try it now the next time you have chili-laden take-out Chinese fare. ”

- Michael Apstein, www.winereviewonline.com, USA, Feb 22, 2011

Shiraz 09: “Quality Price Ratio wines”

“Clean dark color, with just a bit of charred oak on the nose that carries over onto the palate, where a solid core of dark plum and berry takes over, underscored with some subtle earth. The full-bodied fruit is neither over- nor under-ripe, shows very good intensity, and while it’s structured for a few years in the cellar, this is already drinking quite well. Food-friendly (went well with burgers and fried cauliflower) and a Shiraz that I can really enjoy at this price.” - www.gangofpour.com, USA 16 November 2010

Cabernet Sauvignon 09: “Quality Price Ratio wines”

“Clean, dark color, with black currant and a hint of tobacco on the nose; bright, ripe, yet earthy blackberry flavors with creamy overtones. Medium-full-to-full-bodied, with moderate structure to hold for a few years, but this is an easygoing quaffer for current consumption, and it performs well in that regard.”

- www.gangofpour.com, USA 16 November 2010

Pinotage 09: “Quality Price Ratio wines”

“Deep, dark color, with earthy black plum flavors and aromas shaded with a little tar in the background. Smoothly textured, full-bodied and structured for a few years in the cellar.”

- www.gangofpour.com, USA 16 November 2010

Chenin Blanc 10: “Quality Price Ratio wines”

“Clean, pale color; green apple, Thompson Seedless and mineral flavors and aromas. Ripe, but not really sweet; medium-bodied, with good acids and a lingering finish. ”

- www.gangofpour.com, USA 16 November 2010

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Chenin Blanc 10: “Today’s Recommended Wine”

“Exciting bright aromas, dry flavours and a resounding finish. MAN’s Chenin has white floral, melon, pineapple and nectarine aromas. Unoaked, the flavours are dry and framed by a crisp acidity and minerality. It’s a \$10 wonder! These guys know what they are doing.”

- Sandra Silfven, Detroit News (detnews.com), USA 2 December 2010

Shiraz 2008: “TOP 100 BEST BUY 2010: 89 points: #30”

“Smoke and rooibos tea dominate the bouquet, with accents of raspberry and cocoa. The mouth is more of the same with notes of black plum guts and berry preserves fleshing it out. The texture is like crushed velvet with assertive tannins and structured acidity. Drinkable now, though could age for another year or two.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA October 2010

Cabernet Sauvignon 2008: “BEST BUY: 89 points”

“Soft aromas of spice, plum, vanilla and tobacco start this appealing Cabernet from MAN. On the palate, integrated, elegant flavors of cedar, plum and warming spice are backed by a balanced acidity. The finish is fruity with a touch of cinnamon. Pair with beef, cheese.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA March 2010

Chardonnay 2009: “BEST BUY: 87 points”

“This pretty white starts with aromas of fragrant flowers, spice and vanilla, leading into creamy layers of citrus and fruit. A richer style of Chardonnay, but balanced with acidity and minerals. Pair with steak, lamb, richer seafood dishes.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA March, 2010

Cabernet Sauvignon 2008: “88 points”

“All of the current releases from MAN Vintners are quite solid, but the Cabernet is the class of the lineup, with medium-bodied fruit recalling blackberries and black cherries and a few nice nuances around the edges. Soft enough to sip on its own but sufficiently substantial for pairing with moderately robust meat dishes, this is a very strong value for the money.”

- Wine Review Online, Michael Franz, USA, 4 May 2010

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Pinotage 2007: “BEST BUY: 88 points”

“Red berry, tobacco and sweet oak lead on this exemplary Pinotage, whose mocha, red fruit and smoke flavours offer South African character with an elegant edge. It's balanced and smooth but still hearty enough to stand up to dishes like grilled, sliced meat and stew.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA March, 2009

Chenin Blanc: “Budget Wine of the Week”

“It's extremely crisp, and very refreshing on a hot day. I drank it chilled, and really loved the flavours. It's not too sweet, and has just the right bite to it. It was also still very good the next day, which as we all know is a big plus with me! This is a great white wine that will please even a dry red wine drinker, so it will work well for all sorts of occasions. Well worth it. A good, crisp wine for summertime!”

- www.momswhoneedwine.com, May 2010

Cabernet Sauvignon 2008: “86 points”

“Ripe fig and currant jam notes are backed by dark cocoa and licorice hints.”

- Wine Spectator Magazine, 28 Feb 2010

Chenin Blanc 2009: “86 points”

“Tasty yellow apple and melon fruit flavors are enlivened by a hint of citrus peel. Very fresh.”

- Wine Spectator Magazine, 28 Feb 2010

Sauvignon Blanc 2009: “85 points”

“Lively, with lime and fennel hints backed by a tangy, gooseberry-tinged finish.”

- Wine Spectator Magazine, 28 Feb 2010

Chardonnay 2009: “17 Impressive White Wines: 86 points”

“Forward, with friendly green apple and pear flavors backed by an easygoing, unadorned finish.”

- Wine Spectator Magazine, USA February 2010

Chenin Blanc 2009: “Thanksgiving Wines”

“An abundance of bright juicy pear fruit and some rollicking acidity make it up; nicely lingering finish.”

- Stephen Meuse, Boston Globe, 18 Nov 2009

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Chenin Blanc 2009: “89 points”

“Dry and very juicy with bright acidity and tangy fruit; long, fresh and balanced with lots of nerve.”

- Anthony Dias Blue Reviews, Nov 2009

Shiraz 2007: “TOP 100 BEST BUY of 2008: 89 points”

“A luscious, savory character is the backbone of this Shiraz – spicy red fruit and a touch of vanilla oak on the nose lead it. The flavours of balsamic vinegar, black pepper and plum add to the sexy style of the wine.”

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, USA Dec 15, 2008

Shiraz 2007: “Bargain Beauties: Excellent Value: 86 points”

“... some of the finest bargains I’ve tasted this year: ...spicy, meaty, smoky, menthol, licorice nose with blueberry, blackberry jam, coffee, smoky, savoury, meaty, licorice vanilla cream flavours. Much more Oz-like in ripeness and styling and all with solid fruit. Excellent value here.”

- Anthony Gismondi, Vancouver Sun, 12 June 2010

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