

Prosecco Spumante extra dry - VSAQ

Region: Veneto

Producer: IL FOLLO

Category: Sparkling

Color: Pale yellow, with with green reflections.

Grapes: 100% Prosecco

Zone of Production: I.G.T. Treviso

Terroir: Hilly, sandstone, limestone

Climate: Cool Mediterranean

Maturation: 20 September-10 October

Vinification: White vinification with soft press, 70% yield.

Metodo Charmat

Total Production: 50,000 bottles

Service Temperature: 10-8°C

Total Acid: 5.5 g/l

Residual Sugar: 16 g/l

Conservation: At a temperature not higher than 75 degrees f. and should be consumed early in its life.

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<http://www.unpopazzo.com/products/prosecco-spumante-extra-dry-vsqa?producer=62>



***Mersault meets Santa Barbara in this seductively delicious Chardonnay with an intoxicating nose of buttery croissant and ripening apples. Nice balance between refreshing acidity, concentrated fruit, and oak maturation on the palate. Medium plus length with finish of spiced baked apple pie. (250 views)

This is not your usual CA chardonnay. This lovely wine is not for sipping, this is a complex Chablis-like white with lots of interesting stuff, best with food.

Tasted by ihavezinned on 10/11/2008 & rated 90 points: at first there seemed to be too much oak on the nose, but it proved to be well integrated with the luscious pineapple and pear fruit, fullness, cleanness and crispness of this wine. This wine shows a remarkably long finish that seems to go on forever, a good 60-90 seconds. and long after the wine is gone the finish presents a pleasant surprise of nutty flavors.

Clear, lemon, pale intensity, wwm

nose: med+ intensity, fresh baked croissant, melted butter, autolytic, brioche, red ripening apple

palate: dry, acid is med+, tannin low (oak maturation), body is med, alc is est 13.5 and reality is 14.1, length is med+ and finish is buttery, flakey croissant

flav intensity : med +, flavors croissant, brioche, butter, red apple, flakey apple tart

<http://www.cellartracker.com/wine.asp?iWine=534761>



Dolcetto, a northern Italian varietal from the Piedmont region, is a lighter bodied red. This wine is fruity and means 'little sweet one' in Italian. Some will opt to put a slight chill on it. Perfect with Mediterranean cuisine such as grilled meats and vegetables. Enjoy as a summertime delight.

Light purple color in the glass with floral aromas filled out with blackberry and sage. A light and fresh wine that comes across as rustic on the palate with blueberry fruit and violet candies but little else. This is very easy drinking and goes well with food but if you're looking for complexities then this is not your bottle.

Piedmont: Piedmont is in the Northwestern region of Italy, bordering France and Switzerland. Piedmont is predominantly a plain where the water flows from the Swiss and French Alps to form the headwaters of the Po river. The major wine producing areas are in the southern portion of the region in the hills known as the "Langhe". Here the people speak a dialect that is 1/3 French and 2/3 Italian that portrays their historical roots. Their cuisine is one of the most creative and interesting in Italy. Nebbiolo is the King grape here, producing Barolo and Barbaresco. In addition, the Barbera and Dolcetto are the workhorse grapes that produce the largest quantity of wine. Piedmont is predominantly a red wine producing area. There are a few whites made in Piedmont, and the Moscato grape produces a large volume of sweet, semi-sweet and sparkling wines as well.

<http://www.cellartracker.com/wine.asp?iWine=773415>



Zynthesis Zinfandel '07

Almost fat, definitely thick, the ripe-berried '07 Zynthesis Old Vine Zinfandel is the real deal; encompasses the palate with much than just fruit. Deep, rich red color, as is common in Zinfandels, with a strong stewed fruit scent. Give it a minute to open up in the glass (or through [decanting](#)) and you will find juicy black plums, cedar, and raisin smells. In fact, mix all of those together in a pot of boiling port wine and throw in some cloves. That's the smell.

Now, many of the wines we have reviewed differ greatly between the nose and the actual taste, but the Zynthesis Zinfandel does not. A very full mouthfeel with even-handed tannins and a silky finish. The tannins won't turn your tongue into leather because the fruit is powerful enough to balance them. The plums, raisins, cedar, and even a bit of smoke all meld together and make you want to literally chew the wine. Chewy wines are some of our favorites, and we haven't referred to many of the reds we have reviewed as "chewy" yet, so this is really a find.

Zynthesis is a brand new producer from Sonoma, whose initial offering (2004) was a beautiful pallet-pleaser. Loaded with aromatic cassis and eucalyptus spice, this wine will quickly become a household word!

Staete Landt Marlborough NZ Sauvignon Blanc 2008



Pungent grassy Sauvignon Blanc with red capsicum and passion fruit flavours. Bright, fresh, concentrated and very focused wine that's a cut above most from this vintage. Classic Marlborough Savvie.



2000 Château Branaire (Duluc-Ducru) (France, Bordeaux, Médoc, St. Julien)

Bordeaux red; nose: Leather, pencil; well structured, round, full-bodied but not heavy, perhaps a bit flat lacking excitement; still quite some tannin; good long aftertaste. Quite good

Dark ruby, with scents of fresh tobacco leaves, cocoa powder, and wild cherries. Med to full on the palate, with flavors of berries, dark chocolate, espresso coffee, oaky vanilla and spices (esp. clove).

Still very young and promising, with high level of acidity and vibrant tannins.

Very long aftertaste.

A very nice St. Julien to drink absolutely!

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HARTWELL

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2004

Misté Hill

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT
NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Alc. 14.8% By Vol.

2004

**HARTWELL ESTATE "MISTE HILL" CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BLEND STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY**

Misté Hill is a wine that shows the softer side of the Hartwell Estate. As with all of our wines, the grapes come exclusively from our hillside estate. During the aging process, we make a selection of those barrels that show brightness of fruit, soft tannins, and approachability. The wine is blended, racked, and bottled without fining or filtration. The goal is to create a wine that can be opened and enjoyed immediately upon release.

The 2004 Misté Hill showcases the ripe, rich character of the vintage. Low yields in the vineyard, combined with warm temperatures during harvest, produced wines with richness, soft tannins, and great intensity of fruit. The wine is pure California, with notes of baked fruits, *confiture*, caramel and vanilla. The soft, subtle texture on the palate will appeal to those looking for immediate gratification!

Appellation: Stags Leap District

Blend: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Aging: Aged for 20 months in French oak barrels

Cases Produced: 861

Release Date: Spring 2007

2004 Château Grand Piquey Sauternes

Deep golden color. Shows a rich and concentrated sweetness with notes of ripe peach, Sweet flavors of vanilla and fig, yellow apple and honey flavors

Château Grand Piquey is located just next door to the more famous Château de Malle & Château Bastor-La Montagne. Made from Sémillon & Sauvignon Blanc grapes. Affordable Sauternes for the holidays.