



THE MARINER

2007 THE MARINER – *Dry Creek Valley*

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93 Points - The Mariner is Dry Creek's premier red Bordeaux-type blend, bringing together all five Bordeaux varieties, led by Cabernet Sauvignon. This 2007 was aged for 26 months in French oak and has a deep ruby color with a black core. The aromatics show spicy French oak mingled with intense blackberry essence, while the complex flavors show more toasted oak, deep fruit flavors, ripe blackberry, 14.5% alcohol, no heat and a long complex finish. The 2007 Mariner is luscious to drink now but will improve with a few more years of bottle age.

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FORBES
September 2011

90 - 94 Points - "Wine of the Week!" - This isn't a wine for the demure and it does require vigorous decanting to soften the tannins that inevitably manifest themselves when a wine is aged for two years or more in mostly new oak, but what an expressive nose that jumps out of the glass followed by an endowed, refined, earthy, intriguing and elegant palate to finish.

WINE SPECTATOR
July 2010

92 Points - "14 Outstanding Reds for \$50 or Less!" - Sleek, tight and focused, harmonious, well-proportioned and complex, offering layers of ripe plum, black cherry, currant, black licorice, mineral and spice. Ends with supple tannins and a flow of dark berry flavors. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2019.

WINE ENTHUSIAST
September 2010

92 Points - Shows the edgy tannins that Dry Creek red wines invariably display. That makes the wine, which is a Bordeaux blend of five varieties, a little rustic. But the dryness and bite are a nice alternative to the riper, softer Napa style, and more versatile at the table. Good now, and should slowly develop in the bottle for years.

2005 THE MARINER – *Dry Creek Valley*

THE WINE NEWS
March - April - May 2009

90 Points - Dense crimson hue. Inviting scents of black cherry, mocha and rum cake. Velvety tannins and juicy flavors of cassis and blackberry. Hints of sandalwood and leather in the close.