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#	Judges	Year	Wine	OUR VOTES	THEIR SCORE	Price	OUR Comments	label notes
1		2002	DROUHIN CHABLIS	2		\$21	butterscotch apples 80	commitment to tradition, authenticity
&	Clive Coates		VAUDON		88		pale yellow, vanilla, alcohol, slate or rocky - sour bitter after taste - 50	and excellence 12.5% alcohol
							lost taste with cheese	
							vary pale yellow - clear and translucent	
							mineral & slight apple	
							strong mineral content	
							long after taste - 90	
							hot aroma - nutty pineapple	
							acidic light and stoney	
3			Second taste - same wine served following wine #2				peaches, strawberries, bubble gum	
							acid and apples, light watery	
							high alcohol, sour watery, 79	
2		2001	COUTOUX CHASSAGNE	6		\$41	peaches and almonds - apples	13.5% alcohol
			MONTRACHET				granny smith - smooth and fruity	
	Wine Spectator		1er CRU LA MALTROIE		90		woody, pineapple, chardonnay	
	Steve Tanzer		France		89		white burgundy	
4		2001	MONDAVI CABERNET	14		\$20	extremely long growing season	
	Wine Enthusiast		SAUVIGNON NAPA		91		cold summer - long hang time	sorry - missed this bottle
							84% Cab, 12% merlot, 3% cab franc, 1% malbec	
	Steve Tanzer				91		18 1/2 months in new oak	
	Robert Parker				89		bottled unfiltered - rack clarified	
	Wine Spectator				77		no fining agenty 14.5% alcohol	

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5		2003	LA VIELLE CURE (FRONSAC & CANON FRONSAC)	16		\$27 originally high tanic - now softer more presentable small winery - 50 acres merlot base	merlot, cab franc, cabernet vines 25 year of age aged in oak for 18 months bottled at the estate Deep ruby colors, succulent and supple with ripe fruit and currant flavors, a touch of spice and plenty of tannin in the finish Age for 5 - 10 years
	Robert Parker				92		
	Wine Spectator				90		
	Clive Coates				86.5		
	Jancis Robinson				76		
6		2002	RIDGE LYTTON SPRINGS ZINFANDEL	24		\$30 34th year Napa - 64 miles north west of Nappa Vines 5 - 111 years old 75% zinfandel, 20% petite syrah, 5% carignon filtered with eggwhites picked at 26 brix 100% oak 14.4% alcohol	full bodier, well defined layers of fruit readily apparent Approachable when young Will continue to mature 10 years
	Robert Parker				93		
	Steve Tanzer				90+		
	Wine Spectator				83		
7		2002	GLEN ELDON BAROSSA DRY BORE	16		\$26 vineyards active since 1880 Barossa valley - Australia's premier wine region located on the coast - mediteranian climate with mild winters 100% shiraz (Eden and Barossa Valley) french and american oak first release 2001	chocolate & plum aromas palate - white pepper and spice 18-24 months in american & french oak
	Steve Tanzer				91		
	Robert Parker				91		
	Wine Spectator				81		

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8	Robert Parker	2004	LUZON JUMILLA VERDE	4		\$8 green organi wine movedra(monistrel) Mercia - south east of Spail	sorry - missed this bottle
	Wine Spectator				84		
	Wine Enthusiast				82		
9		2002	BETHEL HEIGHTS FLAT BLOCK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR	8		\$38 4 acres - in flat block, volcanic soil blocks divided when soil changes from one type to another	Certified LIVE low input viticulture and enology Estate grown
	Robert Parker				91	reserve wines are the only ones made from this vieyard	
	Wine Enthusiast				85	10 months in french oak	
	Wine Spectator				83	bottled without filtering in September 2003 13.5% alcohol	
E			Charles DeFere	5		\$9 Sparkling Burgundy Brut	Pale gold wine with white fruit aromas
N			Blanc de Blancs			Methode Traditionnelle	with a touch of hazelnut.
T			Brutt			Great value for price	Palate is elegant and long lasting
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Sidebar Comments regarding this tasting							
Look at the words to see if the judge's description of the wine matches yours							
Numeric score does not necessarily tell the whole story							
Critics have more education and have tasted more wines							
Look for consistency of judging the specific type of wine							
The order in which you taste, how you taste, things you eat while tasting can change the taste of the wine.							
The history of the world in 6 glasses.							
Wine critics do their work so you don't have to.							
Who do you believe - who should you put your faith in.							
Allan Hammond - best wine writer on burgundy							
Our 1-20 rating system does not directly correlate with the 1 - 100 rating system used by the judges							
To achieve a matching score one needs to start with 40 and rate up from there rather than from 1							
basically a score of 18 on the 1-20 scale equates to 94 on the 1-100 scale and a score of 19 =97							

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Pre-tasting notes from Tone Kelly and the Committee

Wine	Reviewer	2002 Drouhin Chablis Vaudon
1	Clive Coates	16 (88) This is worth paying the extra for, over the basic Chablis. There is just more definition. Balanced. Good racy fruit. Long and positive. Very good. From 2003/2004.
Wine	Reviewer	2001 Coutoux Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru La Maltroie
1	Wine Spectator	90 Precision-built Chardonnay that is focused, pure and clean. Medium-bodied and subtle, it's aerodynamic in its delivery of mineral, ripe fruit, dried herbs and honey. Drink now through 2009. 50 cases imported. (PM)
2	Steve Tanzer	89 elevage done entirely in barriques; portions of the first three wines were aged in tank) Cool, nuanced nose hints at sweet stone fruits and white flowers. Sweeter and deeper on the palate, with a lovely balance between the silky fruit and smoky oak. Ripe, honeyed and easygoing wine; lush and ready to drink.
Wine	Reviewer	2001 Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon Napa
1	Wine Enthusiast	91 One of the last released '01 Napa Cabs, this wine exemplifies Mondavi's moderated approach. It's a big wine, but you can sense the pullback in this superripe vintage. Strong in blackberry and cherry fruit, but with a restrained earthiness and good acidity that keeps it from being flabby. Yet it will age with the best of them. — S.H. (11/15/2005)
2	Steve Tanzer	91 Good medium ruby. Smoky aromas of cassis, game and currant leaf. Very suave and fine in the mouth, with less obvious sweetness than the 2002 but perhaps more precision of flavor. Notes of currant, coffee, smoke and game linger impressively on the firm finish. Classy cabernet for the price.
3	Wine Spectator	77 Intense and concentrated, yet marked by earthy raisiny notes that veer toward pruny, and the tannins turn dry and chalky. (JL)
4	Robert M. Parker	89 The 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa (84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) possesses excellent red and black currant aromas intermixed with licorice, tobacco leaf, and spice box. This medium to full-bodied, supple, delicious Cabernet is ideal for drinking over the next 10-12 years. Drink 2003-2015
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Wine	Reviewer	2003 La Vieille Cure (Fronsac & Canon Fronsac)

1	Clive Coates	15.5 (86.5) Good colour. Good, rich, meaty nose. Full, smooth, spicy flavours. Not the greatest of depth or class, but all in one piece. Long. Good plus. From 2007.
2	Wine Spectator	90 This is really beautiful and balanced, with berry and light vanilla character. Full-bodied, densely balanced yet refined and caressing. Beautiful wine. From American owner Colin Ferrenbach. Best after 2006. 4,830 cases made. (JS)
3	Robert M. Parker	92 The following sleeper of the vintage strongly suggests that La Vieille Cure is becoming one of Fronsac's two or three finest estates. The finest wine yet made at La Vieille Cure, the 2003 should be on the shopping lists of consumers seeking tremendous quality/price rapport. Its dense ruby/purple color is followed by sweet aromas of scorched earth, black raspberries, creme de cassis, and notions of cherries, smoke, and crushed rocks. This big, full-bodied, dense, captivating wine is structured as well as exceptionally long. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2018+.
4	Jancis Robinson	12 (76) Very full to the point of overripeness. Over the top.
Wine	Reviewer	2002 Ridge Lytton Springs Zinfandel
1	Robert M. Parker	93 ...One of the most famous names in Zinfandel-land is Lytton Springs, and Ridge's 2002 Lytton Springs (75% Zinfandel, 20% Petite Sirah, and 5% Carignan) boasts a deep ruby/purple hue along with a big, sweet nose of briery, blueberry, and blackberry fruit, full body, good acidity, and notions of pepper, loamy earth, and licorice. While this beauty will undoubtedly last a decade, it should be at its finest over the next 5-6 years. (\$30.00)
2	Steve Tanzer	90+ (\$30; 75% zinfandel with 20% petite sirah and 5% carignane) Bright, dark red. Superripe aromas of plum, blackcurrant, espresso and chocolate; distinctly port-like with aeration. Fat, dense, silky and sweet, but youthfully slightly medicinal flavors are not yet expressing themselves. Intensely flavored and serious, with considerable aging potential.
3	Wine Spectator	83 Tart, with good concentration to balsamic, sour berry and dried currant flavors. Drink now through 2006. 15,000 cases made.
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Wine	Reviewer	Glen Eldon Shiraz Barossa Dry Bore 2002
1	Steve Tanzer	91 (\$27) Deep, bright red. Deep, ripe, plummy nose quickly gains freshness and nerve, displaying notes of strawberry preserves and bright, fresh redcurrant, along with sweet Tellicherry pepper and licorice tones. Quite rich but impressively lively and brisk, with flavors of juicy cherry, sweet tobacco, smoked bacon and cola. Smooth and silky on the finish, displaying a texture not dissimilar to a great New World pinot noir.

2	Wine Spectator	81 Earthy, gamy flavors prevail in this crisp red. Drink now. 1,000 cases made.
3	Robert M. Parker	91 94 Tasted from tank prior to bottling, the 2002 Dry Boar Shiraz appears to be a winner. This 100% Shiraz from both the Eden and Barossa Valleys was aged 24 months in small French and American foudres. A dense purple color is followed by gorgeous aromas of creme de cassis, and full-bodied, full-throttle, well-balanced blackberry and currant flavors intermixed with licorice, tar, and pepper. Consume it during its first 7-8 years of life
Wine	Reviewer	Luzon Jumilla Verde 2004
1	Wine Enthusiast	82 Smells like fruit bubble gum and even though it settles down with time in the glass, it really doesn't offer much besides jumpy fruit. Devoid of complexity despite being clean and juicy. Imported by Jorge Ordoñez/Fine Estates from Spain. — M.S.
2	Wine Spectator	84 This bright red shows cherry, game and herb flavors with firm tannins and bright acidity. Drink now through 2007. 2,000 cases imported.
3	Robert M. Parker	89 The dense ruby/purple-tinged, medium-bodied 2004 Luzon Verde reveals a crisp, elegant, sweet nose of blueberries, plums, lavender, and anise. With lovely sweetness and purity as well as a spicy, long finish, it should provide plenty of enjoyment over the next 2-3 years. One of the oldest estates in Jumilla, Finca Luzon was founded by the Gil family in 1916. It has been a consistent source of high class values for a number of years, and readers should be happy to know this is completely certified organic agriculture. This offering represents a superb bargain.
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Wine	Reviewer	2002 Bethel Heights Flat Block Vineyard Pinot Noir
1	Wine Enthusiast	85 Perhaps just young and closed up, but this reserve did not seem to show the extra dimensions that a reserve generally should. A mix of berry/cherry fruits, snappy acids, and a hint of new oak. Good, standard fare. — W.E. (11/1/2004)
2	Wine Spectator	83 Has a strong green olive and herb cast to the otherwise dense cherry and spice flavors, but it's short on generosity and suppleness, finishing extra firm. Best after 2005. 212 cases made. (HS)

3	Robert M. Parker	91 Dark berries and hints of licorice can be found in the aromatic profile of the 2002 Pinot Noir Flat Block Reserve. This medium to dark ruby-colored wine is medium-bodied, reveals outstanding concentration, and sports a long, seamless finish. Its flavor profile, composed of a myriad of dark fruits (principally blackberries and dark cherries) is spiced with notes of freshly laid road tar. Projected maturity: 2006- 2012.
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