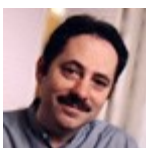


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2010 Blankiet Estate Proprietary Red Paradise Hills Vineyard Napa Valley

Professional Reviews



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(Bordeaux blend based on 84% cabernet sauvignon): Good saturated bright ruby. Knockout perfume of cassis, graphite, violet, licorice, bitter chocolate and dusty brown spices, lifted by the compelling violet character of the site. Suave, fine-grained and energetic, with harmonious acidity giving brilliant definition to the dark raspberry, spice, mineral and menthol flavors. This juicy, classy wine is very young today but has the perfect balance for a graceful evolution in bottle. Very long on the ripely tannic aftertaste.

96 points

Re-tasted on April 2015

(84% Cabernet Sauvignon): Healthy, bright ruby-red. Multidimensional nose offers scents of blackcurrant, blackberry, brown spices and graphite minerality accented by herbs and pepper. At once plush and sharply focused, showing lovely reserve and energy to its dark fruit, mineral and soil flavors. I find this to be downright Pauillac-like. Finishes with strong but fine-grained late-arriving tannins and outstanding slowly building length. A great Cabernet-based wine that's already remarkably complex and elegant but has a glorious future ahead of it. As Blankiet did not deleaf the vines, the fruit was not burned by the heat spikes in late August and September in this essentially cool year. I tasted this magnum four days later and it was even better. One of the finest and most complete California Cabernets I've tasted in recent years. –

97+ points