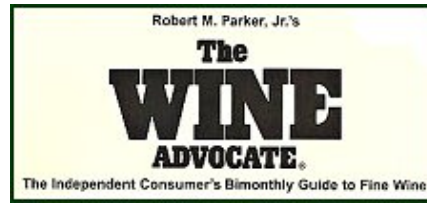


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90 2001 Merlot Reserve

Coffee, mocha, smoke, and sweet black cherry aromas soar from the glass of this medium to full-bodied, pure, elegant Merlot. This fruit-laden 2001 should be consumed between 2004 and 2012.

90+ 2001 Bourriquot

Bourriquot is a dead-ringer for a St. Emilion, not surprising in view of its blend of 62% Cabernet Franc and 38% Merlot. A deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by sweet scents of tobacco, spice box, menthol, and black fruits. Reminiscent of a Château Figeac or Cheval Blanc, but clearly made with ripe California fruit, it still has some tannin to shed, so give it 2 – 3 years of cellaring, and drink it over the following 10 – 15. This is a stylish, provocative effort.

91 2001 Syrah Hudson Vineyard

Syrah Hudson Vineyard is an ambitious offering, revealing more wood in the dense, smoky, charcoal, black currant, and blackberry aromas and flavors. It possesses superb ripeness, excellent purity, medium to full body, and moderate tannin in the finish. Balance, purity, and overall harmony are characteristics of this 2001. Give it 1-2 years of cellaring, and drink it over the following decade.



91 2001 Merlot Reserve

Bright ruby-red. More fruit-dominated aromas of blackberry syrup and licorice. Then sweeter and fatter in the mouth than the regular Merlot, with spicy flavors of red berries, tobacco, fresh herbs, licorice and game. Dense, pliant and aromatic. Finishes with broad dusty tannins. Nicely balanced Merlot with real character.

91+ 2001 Bourriquot

Good deep red. Subdued but nuanced nose offers red- and black currant, tobacco and mint. Much more tightly wound than the Reserve Merlot, with concentrated but youthfully backward flavors of red and black berries, violet and menthol. Solidly structured wine with the balance to age gracefully. Much less showy today than the Merlot bottlings, which will be accessible upon their release; give the Bourriquot three or four years in the cellar

91 2001 Syrah Hudson Vineyard

Good bright ruby. Compelling aromas of black fruits, licorice, game and roasted nuts. Dense, sappy and perfumed in the mouth, with crystallized berry flavors and noteworthy chewiness and depth of texture. Highly aromatic finish throws off notes of currant, violet and shoe polish.