

ANCIENT PEAKS

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PRAISE FOR ANCIENT PEAKS WINERY

“Ancient Peaks is quickly becoming one of our favorite consistent producers of affordable wines with lots of personality, sourced from the Margarita Vineyard, just 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean.”

-The Wine Spectator, November 2010

“There are plenty of good values out there, and not all of them are cranked out by nameless wine factories. Case in point is Ancient Peaks, a Central Coast winery owned by a group of winegrowing families. All its wines sell for less than \$20, and they consistently deliver well beyond their price range.”

-Tim Fish, Wine Spectator, December 2010

“As we tasted through the varietals...the common thread was exotically rich, voluptuous fruit and a serious backbone.”

-The Tasting Panel Magazine

“And for the best value on the dollar, it’s hard to beat the short but impressive track record of Ancient Peaks. The 2008 Syrah, Zinfandel and Merlot are all best buys.”

-Tim Fish, Wine Spectator, February 23, 2011

“One of Paso Robles’ coolest spots...The Pacific Ocean lies just 14 miles beyond...Margarita Vineyard includes blocks of vines on virtually bare shale...Oyster Ridge is perhaps the most dramatically calcareous chunk of earth in the entire state.”

-Luke Sykora, Wine & Spirits, May 2011

“Ancient Peaks continues to deliver world-class wines from their Margarita Vineyard... You could easily pay twice as much and get half the wine.”

-Sean Ludford, BevX.com, September 2011

SAUVIGNON BLANC

2010 Sauvignon Blanc – Paso Robles

“89 POINTS...Racy grapefruit...and bright acidity, fresh, juicy and forward with balance and a clean, bright finish.”

-Anthony Dias Blue, The Tasting Panel, June 2011

“PICK OF THE WEEK...Fragrant and a little grassy, with flavors of pink grapefruit and melon.”

-Laurie Daniel, McClatchy Newspapers, April 17, 2011

“CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OF SAUVIGNON BLANC, including a crushed seashell and mineral component on the pungent, lasting finish. Easily comparable to Napa Valley versions, like Cakebread and Flora Springs’ Trilogy, but at half the price.”

-Dennis Schaefer, Santa Barbara News Press, May 5, 2011

“EXCEPTIONAL... a lively fruit core with accents of mineral, citrus zest and spring flowers.”

-BevX.com, April 27, 2011

2009 Sauvignon Blanc – Paso Robles

“88 POINTS...Best Buy.”

-Wine Enthusiast

“HIGHLY RECOMMENDED...”

-California Grapevine, October 2010

“EXCEPTIONAL...A super charming Sauvignon Blanc.”

-BevX.com

2008 Sauvignon Blanc – Paso Robles

“90 POINTS...A deep, rich creaminess permeates this startling white...mandarin/lime freshness.”

-Tasting Panel, March 2010

“87 POINTS...Best buy...A great value...Shows beautiful crispness and minerality.”

-Wine Enthusiast, March 2010

“GOOD VALUE...Hinting at every part of the varietal spectrum.”

-Connoisseur’s Guide, February 2010

“Delicious, nicely balanced white...Impressive minerality.”

-New Times, January 2010

“Love its intense citrus and pear flavors, minerally goodness and crisp acidity.”
-805 Living Magazine, March 2010

2007 Sauvignon Blanc – Paso Robles

“GOOD VALUE...Fresh, clean.”
-Connoisseur’s Guide, February 2008

“Bright, refreshing, delicious...”
-805 Living Magazine, November 2008

“A good deal...Bright and lively...”
-Kathy Hardesty, New Times, January 22, 2009

“One of the best examples of New World Sauvignon Blanc I’ve ever had.”
-Mark Storer, TrueSlant.com, July 2009

“A wonderful quaffer...Perfect for summer entertaining.”
-Robert Whitley, San Diego Union Tribune, July 8, 2009

MERLOT

2008 Merlot - Paso Robles

“90 POINTS...Smooth and ripe with dense, rich plum and black cherry fruit, nicely textured with balance and a long, pure finish.”
-Anthony Dias Blue, The Tasting Panel, July 2011

“88 POINTS...Offers bright red currant and cherry fruit and juicy, easygoing flavors, with notes of Asian spice.”
-Wine Spectator, November 29, 2010

“EXCEPTIONAL...Ripe, silky fruit...Ideally balanced and proportioned.”
-BevX.com

2007 Merlot - Paso Robles

“90 POINTS...Editor’s Choice...Shows some real class and distinction, with velvety-smooth tannins and a nice touch of smoky cedar framing well-developed flavors of black cherry candy, red currants and spices. One of the best Merlots to come out of Paso Robles lately, at a fair price.”
-Wine Enthusiast, July 2010

“88 POINTS...A Zin-lover’s Merlot, offering lively smoky cherry aromas and zesty flavors of ripe plum, spice and licorice. Drink now through 2014.”
-Wine Spectator, July 31, 2010

“WINE OF THE WEEK...A delicious bargain...For starters, this wine will take you through a series of scents - coming out of the gates with ripe red raspberry and cherry aromas that are closely followed by a subtle blend of cocoa, vanilla and espresso.”
-About.com

2006 Merlot - Paso Robles

“88 POINTS ...A TOP VALUE OF 2008...Youthful and juicy.”
-Wine Spectator, January 15, 2009 / February 28, 2009

“GOOD VALUE...A top buy for near-term enjoyment...Supple, smooth-as-can-be Merlot.”
-Connoisseur’s Guide to California Wine, December 2008

“Black cherry, blueberry and red currant...with a seasoning of mocha, vanilla cream and clove...Refined and succulent.”
-Dennis Schaefer, Santa Barbara News Press, January 1, 2009

“Spicy, with ripe black cherry, a hint of anise and good concentration.”
-Laurie Daniel, McClatchy Newspapers, August 27, 2008

“Graceful with delicious fruit.”
-Ed Schwartz, Nob Hill Gazette, August 2009

ZINFANDEL

2009 Zinfandel – Paso Robles

“88 POINTS...Ripe and appealingly jammy, with cherry pie and spiced vanilla aromas following through to zesty flavors of raspberry, roasted sage and pepper. Drink now through 2017.”
-Tim Fish, Wine Spectator, November 2011

“If you don’t know about the Ancient Peaks brand, it’s time to start learning. Over-delivering in quality is the hallmark of these wines and this Zinfandel looks and tastes like it could cost double the price tag. Buy one for your boss and two for yourself.”
-MSNBC.com, December 2011

2008 Zinfandel – Paso Robles

“A TOP 100 WINE OF 2010...”
-San Francisco Chronicle

“88 POINTS...HIGHLY RECOMMENDED...Rich, cedary, jammy, sweet berry fruit flavors with a lush mouthfeel.”
-California Grapevine

“EXCEPTIONAL...Will delight fans of masculine Zins, especially those who also enjoy a bit of balance and nuance.”

-BevX.com

“89 POINTS... Lovely tannins and great acidity, giving this a brightness and freshness in the mouth...Really solid Zin.”

-Gregory del Piaz, Wine Editor, Snooth.com

“87 POINTS...Jammy and ripe.”

-Wine Spectator, January 31, 2011

“GOOD VALUE...An open, plush red wine.”

-Connoisseur's Guide, January 2011

2007 Zinfandel – Paso Robles

“88 POINTS...Full of personality, offering dried cherry and smoky licorice aromas and racy, jammy flavors of wild berry pie, cinnamon and pepper.”

-Wine Spectator

“87 POINTS...A softly luscious Zin...The flavors are exuberant.”

-Wine Enthusiast, June 2010

BEST BUY...87 Points...Good Value...

-Connoisseur's Guide, May-June 2010

‘PICK OF THE WEEK...Peppery, blackberry flavors....Hint of mocha.’

-Laurie Daniel, McClatchy Newspapers, August 29, 2010

2006 Zinfandel – Paso Robles

“93 POINTS...Greatest Value of 2008...Supple and well-structured yet appealingly briary...Ripe, layered flavors of black cherry, sage and licorice.”

-Wine Spectator, December 15, 2008 / January 15 2009 / February 28 2009

“STEAL OF THE YEAR...”

-Sunset Magazine, September 2008

“AN AMAZING WINE FIND...Incredible flavor profile...”

-Stacy Slinkard, About.com, January 7, 2009

“HIGHLY RECOMMENDED...Rich, plush, plummy...Notes of vanilla and white pepper.”

-California Grapevine, January 2009

“RECOMMENDED...Big aromas...Black currant and vanilla on the palate.”

-Sante Magazine, Annual Buying Guide 2009

“RECOMMENDED...Aromas of brambleberry-covered toast and flavors of blackberry and white pepper”

-Jessica Yadegaran, Oakland Tribune, July 1, 2009

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon - Paso Robles

"89 POINTS...EDITOR'S CHOICE."

-Wine Enthusiast, December 2011

"PICK OF THE WEEK...Offers ripe black cherry, notes of mocha and spice, firm tannins and good weight."

-Laurie Daniel, McClatchy Newspapers, August 7, 2011

"FIVE OUT OF FIVE STARS...SUPREME...You could easily pay twice as much and get half the wine."

-BevX.com, September 7, 2011

2008 Cabernet Sauvignon - Paso Robles

"88 POINTS...BEST BUY...A mouthwatering Cabernet."

-Wine & Spirits, April 2011

"RECOMMENDED...Rich oak, with savory mineral hints backed by dark, dense fruit; powerful and full-bodied."

-San Francisco Chronicle, March 11, 2011

"EXCEPTIONAL...A tremendous value offering compleixity and depth typically found in wines asking twice as many dollars."

-BevX.com

"GOOD VALUE...BEST BUY...87 Points..."

-Connoisseur's Guide, December 2010

"A strong, elegant giant, deeply welled with rich red fruit and a sense of soil minerality and dry dusted tannins."

-Tasting Panel Magazine, March 2011

2006 Cabernet Sauvignon - Paso Robles

"GOOD VALUE...Gutsy."

-Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine, December 2008

"EXCEPTIONAL...A best buy...Complex layers with lovely accents of brown spice."

-BevX

"Bright black cherry flavors with notes of mocha and olive...Firm structure."

-Laurie Daniel, McClatchy Newspapers, August 27, 2008

"Black plum and cassis...aided by a touch of cocoa and a hint of mint...Accessible."

-Dennis Schaefer, Santa Barbara News Press, January 1, 2009

"86 Points...GREAT BUY"
-Wine Spectator, April 30, 2009

"Elegant wine...Easy to love."
-Ed Schwartz, Nob Hill Gazette, August 2009

RENEGADE

2009 Renegade - Paso Robles

"90 POINTS...EDITOR'S CHOICE."
-Wine Enthusiast, December 2011

"92 POINTS..."
-Meridith May, Tasting Panel Magazine, November 2011

"RECOMMENDED...This big, bold, fruity wine smells of plums and blueberries and has a big, round mouthfeel with notes of berry jam and a touch of earth."
-Pierre DuMont, Piedmont Post, September 2011

"Pick of the week...Ample structure, pleasing finish."
-Lynn Diehl, SLO City News, September 15, 2011

SYRAH

2008 Syrah – Paso Robles

"90 POINTS...Editor's Choice...A really nice Syrah, especially at this price. It's dry, softly tannic and enormously rich in blackberry and cherry-pie filling, red licorice, beef jerky, black pepper and sandalwood flavors. A real pleasure to drink now if you're looking for a medium-bodied red."
-Wine Enthusiast, February 2011

"88 POINTS...Terrific value...Dense and complex...Berry, mineral, graphite and espresso notes...Full-bodied."
-Wine Spectator, November 2010

"BRILLIANT...Sweet, dense berry fruit."
-BevX.com

"HANDSOME..."
-805 Living Magazine (Recommended as one of 12 reds for the holiday season)

2007 Syrah – Paso Robles

"88 POINTS...Dense, chocolaty, mocha laced aromatics, medium body, nice concentration and a precise, firm finish."
-The Rhone Report / November 2009

“88 POINTS...GOOD VALUE...Showing its ripeness in its fairly deep and well-fashioned flavor profile.”

-Connoisseur's Guide / February 2010

“Pick of the week...A well-priced wine for a backyard barbecue, this Paso Robles Syrah is dense and ripe, with flavors of blackberries, spice and roasted coffee, supported by medium tannins.”

-Laurie Daniel, McClatchy Newspapers, May 16, 2010

“87 Points...Aiming high, this is rich, flavorful, intense and extracted, yet rustic and chewy, offering dried berry, plum, black cherry and kirsch edge. Firms up on the finish, where the tannins clamp down. Needs a long decanting.”

-Wine Spectator, June 30, 2010

“PICK OF THE WEEK...Aromas and flavors of black cherry, plum and blackberry...Nicely balanced.”

-Kathy Hardesty, August 12, 2010

2006 Syrah – Paso Robles

“87 POINTS...Sleek...Ripe berry flavors that are long and lingering.”

-Wine Spectator, January 15, 2008

“EXCEPTIONAL...A best buy... Restrained, complex, and charming offering a lot of pure pleasure for the dollar.”

-Bev X

“RECOMMENDED...Enjoyable spice-driven berry, sarsaparilla cola and hints of black licorice.”

-San Francisco Chronicle, December 19, 2008

“87 POINTS...GOOD VALUE...Nice sense of real fruity depth...Sure to please at this price.”

-Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine, March 2008

“Lovely—very bright, smooth and delicious.”

-Ed Schwartz, Nob Hill Gazette, August 2009

OYSTER RIDGE & WHITE LABEL

2007 Oyster Ridge - Paso Robles

“90 POINTS...Here’s a soft, rich red wine that satisfies for its velvety mouthfeel and complex flavors. Made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Merlot and Petit Verdot, it offers blackberry, currant, bacon, dark chocolate and black pepper notes that finish smooth and long. Advances the argument for these unusual blends from Paso Robles.”

-Wine Enthusiast, November 2010

“EXCEPTIONAL...Wonderfully balanced, which is a feat when considering the obvious strength and density of this wine. Beautifully proportioned delivering a charming mélange of fruit, spice, and oak.”

-BevX.com

“The producer is in a southern, cooler part of Paso Robles, and the blend is one of those interesting composites Paso is getting known for, in this case Bordeaux + Petite Sirah. Soft, peppery and delicious.”

-SteveHeimoff.com

2006 Oyster Ridge - Paso Robles

“90 POINTS...A smooth, lush wine that feels soft and velvety...Complex flavors...Impressive.”

-Wine Enthusiast / November 2009

2008 Malbec - Paso Robles

“EXCEPTIONAL...Incredibly dense with ideal balance and super length...A big, bold wine with a great future.”

-BevX.com / June 2011

2008 Petit Verdot - Paso Robles

“EXCEPTIONAL...A lush fruit core with flanking notes of cinnamon, earth, black pepper and oak. A monstrous wine with style and charm.”

-BevX.com / June 2011

2006 Petit Verdot - Paso Robles

“90 POINTS...Smooth, spicy with bright plum and lovely supple texture; should help cement Paso’s reputation for Bordelais varietals.”

-Anthony Dias Blue, Tasting Panel Magazine, March 2009

2008 Petite Sirah - Paso Robles

“90 POINTS...A dark, juicy offering bursting with black fruit....Super-ripe plums and cassis wrap around the intense, brooding finish.”

-Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate, September 2011

“EXCEPTIONAL...Concentrated berry core and complimenting notes of spice, mineral and boysenberry jam. Petite Sirah lovers must seek out this wine.”
-BevX.com / June 2011

2006 Petite Sirah - Paso Robles

“HIGHLY RECOMMENDED...Spicy, blackberry fruit aroma...Good fruit intensity.”
-California Grapevine / May 2009

“88+ POINTS...Dense, rich aromatics of blackberries, plum, grilled meat, charred earth and spice...Impressive fruit.”
-The Rhone Report / November 2009

