

Recent Press for Peter Franus

Peter Franus 2009 Albariño Napa Valley, Karen MacNeil, The Elegance Report (June 2010)

“BEST COLD AND BOLD. One of Spain’s greatest white grapes, Albariño isn’t grown much in California—yet. But this wine is a hint of things to come. Fantastically fresh, it has whispers of peach, lime and starfruit, making it a classic albariño. Ready for all sorts of summer foods.”



92 points - Peter Franus 2007 Brandlin Vineyard Zinfandel

Wine & Spirits Magazine (Feb 2010)

"This bold red grows at 1,200 ft on dry farmed, head-pruned vines planted in the 1920's. The eastern exposure helps keep the fruit fresh as it matures on the vine a combination of zinfandel (92%) with charbono, mouvedere, and carignon. In 2007, the wine's intensity and power is balanced by its freshness and fierce mountain tannin. The red fruit is just as fierce, a type of raspberry and strawberry that doesn't grow on the valley floor. Its long and kinetic, assessable now, but built to age."



90 points --Peter Franus Red Wine Napa Valley 2005

Tight, firm and full-bodied, with chewy, grainy tannins, dried currant, anise and tobacco flavors presented in a full-bodied yet elegant package. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Best from 2010 through 2017. –JL

"20 Napa Cabernet Values," Peter Franus is named one of **Wine Spectator's** "perennial Cabernet favorites."

2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, The Wine Spectator.

"Floral wild berry aromas are firm and focused on the palate, with hints of spice, nutmeg, mineral and cedar. Well-balanced intense and persistent. Best for 2011 through 2017." - J.L.



92 points--Peter Franus Cabernet Franc Napa Valley 2005

Good for the winery for producing a Cab Franc that's truly distinct and interesting. Doesn't have a vineyard designation, but it's from the highly regarded Truchard vineyard. With a firm core of dusty tannins and a heart of blackberries, black cherries, currants and black pepper, it's elegant, complex and age-worthy. --S.H.

92 points- --Peter Franus Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2005

The winery's 05 Cab's is tannic and dry and elegant. It tastes like a young Bordeaux, a wine that needs time in the cellar to come around. The flavors are classic Napa Cab, all black currants, black cherries and oak. Just beautiful. Best after 2009, but good now with decanting and a big, important steak." --S.H.

91 points --Peter Franus Merlot, Napa Valley 2005

"Near perfect aromatics on this soft, lush Merlot. The aromas suggest black cherry pie filling, mocha, violets, bacon and cedar. In the mouth, it's super-rich berries, currants and spices, with softly refined tannins. Best now. -- S.H.