



92 points - Peter Franus 2009 Chardonnay (Carneros)

A very rich Chard made in the modern California style of exceptional ripeness and lots of toasty oak. Tastes full-bodied, almost sweet in pineapple, orange, buttered toast and crème brûlée flavors, fortunately balanced with crisp acidity. Drink now. - S.H.

92 Points - Peter Franus 2009 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

"A brilliant Sauvignon Blanc, with racy acidity and a rich, creamy texture. Shows lemongrass, peach, melon and exotic tropical fruit flavors, and really gets those taste buds whistling. Shows a complexity rare in this variety."--S.H.

91 points - Peter Franus 2006 Napa Valley Red Wine

"Quite a good wine, with Cabernet-esque blackberries and black currants, and a rich toastiness from charred oak. Feels a little angular and jammy in youth. Give it two or three years in the cellar to soften and mellow".--S.H.

92 points - Peter Franus 2007 Red Hills Red, Wine Enthusiast

"With delicious texture and concentration, this Lake county blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre from the 3,000-foot-high Fore Family vineyard is intensely good, a deep reddish-purple blueberry-tinged infusion of earth and clove spice with dry, light tannins and even a little lavender that'll linger. This one'll age, but is so convincingly reminiscent of the Northern Rhone right now, it'll be hard to wait."--V.B.

91 points - Peter Franus 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

"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.

92 points - Peter Franus 2005 Cabernet Franc Napa Valley

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 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

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.