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5 Reasons Why I Love Cameron Hughes Wines and Current Release Tasting Notes

1. The Decanter Trick

Pour a bottle into a decanter before your friends come over, tell them you opened a special expensive bottle, and they won't know the difference!



2. Hide and Seek

In the dark, that bright square in the corner of the label makes it easy to grab the right bottle from the cellar.

3. No Middleman

Down with the three-tier distribution method!

4. The Spice of Life

Thanks to a palate that never gets stale, Cameron seeks out wines that vary by varietal and region, which encourages the adventurous palate in all of us.

5. Unpretentious Packaging

You don't have to whip out the Ginsu to remove a thick foil that probably should have just been a screw cap if they wanted metal on a bottle that thick. You're also spared dealing with a bottle that's 25lbs when empty. Who do these other wineries think they are?

The following are my notes from a recent tasting of Cameron's current/soon to be released line-up.

Lot 17 2004 Barbera, Sierra Foothills \$14, *This is a big, ripe, juicy wine* that offers multiple layers of flavor. The aroma hints of black pepper, blackberry and vanilla and gives way to a full mouthfeel with a 30+ second long finish. *This is a very food friendly wine and a fantastic value.* This wine is only being sold ONLY on the internet (and is offered right now with free shipping!), which as far as I know is an industry first. This wine saw the inside of new French Oak barrels for 14 months. 300 cases produced. (This was my second time trying this wine, and I feel it has improved in bottle since first tasting it.)
Score: 90 pts

Lot 20 2005 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, California \$11 *Another amazing value*, this wine saw 20% new French Oak which mellows out and refines some of the brighter flavors associated with Chardonnay that doesn't go through secondary malolactic fermentation. This is a very complete wine and another great value, *offering notes of ripe tropical fruit, pear, toasty oak, and a touch of nutmeg.* It is medium bodied, and very well balanced. 6,000 cases produced. **Score: 90 pts**

Lot 25 1998 Sparkling White Wine, Carneros, California \$18 If you are a fan of sparkling wines, you are sure to find this 8 year old bottle to be a great bargain. *Lots of stone fruit flavors greet your nose and intertwine with touches of yeast and vanilla.* A nice finish with good balance, this 50/50 blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay is sure to impress. Grab a few bottles of this before it sells out. *This is an excellent effort and a great value that could probably fetch 3 times the price.* **Score: 94 pts**

