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Lots of Love for Lot 35

Two weekends ago at Costco, I came across a food demonstration person not offering the usual cheese tortellini, bratwurst or lunch in a cup tuna salad kits but rather wine. Not just any wine it turns out but a specially produced wine from Cameron Hughes. These wines explained the knowledgeable Costco semi-sommelier were produced from excess grapes from various notable vineyards in Napa and Sonoma Valleys. The Lot 35 Cabernet Sauvignon was the wine being demoed on this day though the Costco Vinophile did say they had several other varietals from multiple vineyards throughout the region. Also, she mentioned that the wine had recently been reviewed and awarded a 90 point rating from Wine Spectator (or was it Wine Enthusiast?)...didn't matter because at the \$9.99 price point and the described heritage, I was already sold.

Well tonight I am trying the Cameron Hughes Lot 35 and can say it goes quite well with garlic meatloaf and angel-hair pasta. The nose is subtle but of fruit and a hint of oak. On the initial taste I got a pleasant but strong grape juice and hints of raspberry and more oak. The tannins are evident but controlled and the wine is fairly concentrated. As the wine sat through dinner it seemed to improve from the initial taste right out of my wine cooler. With the evident concentration of juice, this age should age nicely and mellow. The Costco salesperson suggested best aged 5 - 10 years and I believe it.

I would definitely pick up the CH Lot 35 again or try another Cameron Hughes wine from Costco in the the future. You might want to do the same for your next big or small dinner.

Vinometer Rating



4 out of 5 corks

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