

TASTING NOTES, June 2009

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2007 AHLGREN SEMILLON Livermore Valley

Rich Semillon bouquet and flavors. Crisp, bright and fresh with notes of citrus. Matches with spicy Asian foods. Barrel fermented. Dry. 145 cases produced. \$17.00.

2005 AHLGREN SEMILLON Livermore Valley

Bronze Medal Santa Cruz Wine Judging Soft, fruity, toasty bouquet with hints of pear & vanilla. Rich Semillon fruit flavors. Barrel fermented, dry. Long, lingering finish. Great with shellfish, spicy Asian foods, curries, and more. 252 cases produced. \$17.00

2007 AHLGREN CHARDONNAY, Monterey, Ventana Vineyards

Silver Medal Santa Cruz Wine Judging. Butterscotch/pineapple bouquet. Well balanced and complex. Rich, crisp and dry with a long creamy finish. Unfiltered. 168 cases produced. \$27.00

2007 AHLGREN PINOT NOIR, Santa Cruz Mountains Veranda Vineyard, ,

Floral, toasty bouquet. Rich fruit with notes of cherry flavors. Mouth filling, elegant and balanced. Long finish Aged in French barrels, Unfined and unfiltered. 240 cases produced \$28.50.

2006 AHLGREN CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Santa Cruz Mountains, Bates' Ranch

Classic, elegant Cabernet Sauvignon. 100% Bates' Ranch. Complex bouquet and flavors. Hints of herbs and spice. Briary. Recommend decanting. Unfined and unfiltered. 435 cases produced. \$35.00.

2005 AHLGREN CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Santa Cruz Mountains, Bates' Ranch

Gold Medal Santa Cruz Wine Judging Bates' Ranch Cabs continue to impress. 2005 is reminiscent of 04, but, a bit more intense and definitely delicious. Unfined and unfiltered. 226 cases produced. \$37.50.

2004 AHLGREN CABERNET FRANC, Santa Cruz Mountains, Bates' Ranch

Silver Medal Santa Cruz Wine Judging Soft, rich, spicy, blackberry bouquet. Bright, complex fruit. Silky and elegant. Balanced, with firm structure. Luscious. Mouth filling, and complex. 90% Cab Franc, 10% Cab. Sauv. Unfined and unfiltered. 108 cases produced. \$28.

2003 AHLGREN SYRAH, Monterey, Ventana Vineyards

Deep & dark. Classic Syrah bouquet with bright, spicy flavors. Fine finish Unfined and unfiltered. 178 cases produced. *Very Special Price.* \$15.00.

AHLGREN ZINFANDEL, Non-Vintage, Livermore Valley

Ahlgren Zin, back at last! Big, rich, fruity Zin flavors. Late harvest style. 16.9% alcohol, 2% residual sugar. Unfined and unfiltered. 375 cases produced \$35.

2001 AHLGREN CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Santa Cruz Mountains, Bates' Ranch

Gold Medal and Best of Show, 2006 Santa Cruz Wine Judging

2001 was an exceptional vintage. Aromatic, dusty briery bouquet typical of Bates' Cab at its best. The flavors are rich, complex, mouth filling, and full-bodied. Fine finish. Big fruit balances tannins and acids. Unfined and unfiltered. 448 cases produced. \$65

2001 AHLGREN CABERNET SAUVIGNON, RESERVE, Santa Cruz Mountains, Bates' Ranch

Deep, rich, complex red fruit/black fruit bouquet' big intense fruity flavors. Balanced tannins and acids. Chewy and mouth filling complexity; long finish, dry. Unfined and unfiltered. 83 cases produced. 3 bottle limit. \$75

* *Newest releases have not yet been entered into any competitions. As awards are won, they will be noted in updated tasting notes.*