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A Taste of Charles Krug

Tasted Tuesday, May 27, 2014 by MartinD of Enofylz Wine Blog

Charles Krug
PETER MONDAVI FAMILY

Flight 1

2013 Charles Krug Winery (Peter Mondavi Family) 90 Points

Sauvignon Blanc Limited Release Charles Krug Vineyard Estate

USA, California, Napa Valley

Very pale yellow green color with pronounced appealing stonefruit, grapefruit, and hint of grassy aromas. On the palate it's medium-bodied, intense, and fresh with a great mouthfeel and ample, delicious white peach, and grapefruit flavors. Lingering finish. 13.6% alcohol. SS barrel fermented - Sur lie aged for seven months

Flight 2

2011 Charles Krug Winery (Peter Mondavi Family) 89 Points

Merlot

USA, California, Napa Valley

Garnet color with hearty plum, fig, spice, red currant, and vanilla bean aromas. On palate, it's medium-bodied, and focused with surprising acidity, dusty tannins and generous red currant, black raspberry, cacao, and vanilla flavors. Lingering finish. Intriguing blend of 84% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petite Sirah, 3% Malbec, and 1% Petit Verdot. Aged 18 months in French and American oak. 14% alcohol

Flight 3

2011 Charles Krug Winery (Peter Mondavi Family) 91 Points

Family Reserve Generations

USA, California, Napa Valley

Opaque black-red color very appealing, penetrating cassis, spice box, tobacco, and a bit of dark chocolate aromas. On the palate, it's medium-bodied, with very good acidity, and an intensity that builds on the mid-palette with blackberry, cassis, bittersweet chocolate, and mineral flavors. Long finish. Approachable now, will benefit from laying it down a bit. Blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec, and 3% Merlot. 13.9% alcohol. Aged 20 months in new French oak.

Flight 4

2011 Charles Krug Winery (Peter Mondavi Family) 92 Points

Cabernet Sauvignon Family Reserve Howell Mountain

USA, California, Napa Valley, Howell Mountain

Dark red violet color with expansive black cherry, blackberry, dried herb, and toasted oak and subtle vanilla aromas. On the palate, medium-bodied, focused and harmonious with youthful tannins and black cherry, blackberry, cassis, bittersweet chocolate flavors. It's a baby now, but drinking well. Aged 19 months in new French oak. 13.7% alcohol. Blend of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, and 2% Malbec