



RATINGS & REVIEWS

Miner Family Winery

Honored as a Top 100 "Winery of the Year" by *Wine & Spirits Magazine* for 2006

"The winery's flagship wine is The Oracle, made with fruit contracted from Stagecoach Vineyards, in the hills just above Oakville Ranch. The 2002 was the winery's top-scoring red this year. It has sleek, generous texture and just enough granitic minerality to distinguish it from valley-floor Oakville wines. It tastes like it was grown in the hills."

Miner, The Oracle, Napa Valley Red Wine 2004

90 Points - Wine Advocate, December 2007

"A beautiful wine from this Napa winery... Deep ruby/purple, with spicy aromatics intertwined with some lush blackberry and cassis fruit, opulent on the palate, with full body, silky tannins, and low acidity, this is a beauty that should drink handsomely for at least a decade. Drink 2007 - 2017." - *Robert Parker*

91 Points - Wine & Spirits Magazine, December 2007

"This wine's cool edges bring a North Coast conifer forest to mind. Ripe cherry flavors and espresso coffee scents give it sweetness, though the wine is balanced and understated. For duck with roasted cherries."

90 Points - Wine Enthusiast, December 2007

"It's a distinguished wine, classic in the modern Napa sense of softness and ripeness to the point of decadent drinkability. There's a sweet olive-tapenade edge to the blackberry, cassis and cherry flavors. The finish, believe it or not, suggests blueberry pie, fresh from the oven."

4 Stars, Restaurant Wine

"Full bodied and complex, this is an excellent blend, with rich fruit character, good depth of flavor, evident complexity, and a long finish, tasting of plum, cedar, black licorice, spicy oak, and blueberry." - Ronn Wiegand, MS, MW

Washington Examiner, April 17, 2008

"A Bordeaux style blend that delivers ripe fruit over the entire palate with a wonderful mouthfeel. Good balance and structure."

Silver Medal Winner, 2008 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Miner, The Oracle, Napa Valley Red Wine 2003

93 Points - Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, April 2007

"This masterful blend of Bordelaise varietals fixes on very deep and fairly classic Cabernet fruit while finding nuances of herbs, briary spice and just the right measure of complementary oak within its layered and involving mix. Its fraction of Merlot is made manifest by way of its plump and polished palatal feel, and its long, characterful finish is firmed by perfectly integrated tannins. Despite its many immediate charms, the wine promises more and better to come with cellaring."

93 Points – The Wine Report, February 2007

"Heady, full of aromas of cherry, smoke, eucalyptus and cassis waft up from this deep, intense ruby-colored wine. Rich and full-bodied. A mouthful of roasted coffee bean, black cherry, plum, chocolate and pepper flavors evolve on the palate in the long finish."

Food & Wine Magazine's Wine Guide 2007

"Ripe berry and roasted coffee flavors are followed by polished minerals and spice. Outstanding."

"Four Stars/Excellent" - Restaurant Wine, Fall 2006

"A fleshy, moderately intense blend that is full-bodied, smoothly textured, and long on the finish, tasting of plum jam, spicy oak, cooked meat and baked cherry." - Ronn Wiegand MW

91 Points - Anthony Dias Blue for Patterson's Beverage Journal, April 2007

"Smooth and spicy with rich, dense plum and lush herbs; long rich and concentrated."

California Grapevine, May 2007

"Big, rich textured, concentrated, ripe cherry fruit flavors with notes of vanilla and leather; firmly structured; full tannin; lingering aftertaste...Highly recommended."

Miner, The Oracle, Napa Valley 2002

93 Points - Wine & Spirits Magazine, December '05

"Harmonious and balanced from the moment it's first poured...impressive for its length of fresh cherry and violet aromas. They're supported by oak and a long arc of flavor, broadening and gaining intensity and spice over the course of several days. The fruit deepens from cherry to blackberry, the texture sleek and refined. Catch the fresh flavors this winter with roast leg of lamb and rosemary, or let it mature in the cellar through 2012."

93 Points SOMM Selections - Vintrust, Fall 2006

"Flowers, violets, red fruits, spice; red cherry, spice, cedar, floral notes; lovely entry, full-bodied, fine tannins; medium length of dark fruit and spice, extremely well-integrated, great now."

92 points - Vinfolio rating: Excellent reds of 2005, Doug Wilder, Issue 30

"This is the second release of The Oracle made by Gary Brookman. All of the fruit comes from the Krupp Stagecoach Vineyard near Atlas Peak. Oracle is very dark; a deep purple-black. The nose is exceedingly rich with aromas of exotic sandalwood, grilled savory herbs, macerated black plum and currant. The palate is rounded and soft with black currant and chocolate merging into smooth cherry on the finish. Drink: 2006-2012."

91 Points- The Wine Report, November 2005

"Sweet black fruit, spice, vanilla...a long finish of raisins, oak and vanilla with a lively dose of tannins."

90 Points - Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, December 2005

"This wine's combination of grapes and generously laid on oak gives it a rich, juicy style that is somewhat "sweeter" in cast than the archetypical Napa Cabernet, and there is plenty to like in its mix of ripe, near succulent fruit and creamy, caramelly notes."

90 Points - California Grapevine, May 2006

"Well-balanced, rich textured, cedary, black cherry fruit flavors with a full velvety mouth feel... Very highly recommended."

Miner, The Oracle, Napa Valley 2001

93 Points, "Two Puffs," Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, November 2004

"This deep and riveting mix of Bordelais varietals is at once both wonderfully rich and very well polished, and it goes places that can not be explained by Merlot alone. Its generous themes of cassis and black cherries are laced with highlights of cocoa and rich loamy earth, and its considerable oak is placed in just such a way as to add richness and range yet not challenge the wine's preeminent fruit. It has so much going on that it will tempt early drinking, but five or six years needs to pass before its grows into all it could be."

"Top Five" All-American wines of 2004, Bon Appetit Magazine

Sante Magazine, September 2005

"Full bodied with concentrated berry fruit with ripe black and red fruits and a hint of spice."

Miner Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 2005

Best of Tasting, First Place - California Grapevine

"Medium-dark ruby; attractive intense, spicy raspberry and black cherry fruit aroma with a hint of mint...plummy, sweet black cherry fruit flavors with good depth and overtones of vanilla; medium full tannin; lingering aftertaste."

92 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, June 2008

"This cabernet begins and ends with scents of dark chocolate, while the middle fills with bosky cherry flavor as it opens with air. The tannin has cool, with mineral inflections that balance the sweet fruit."

92 Points, The Wine News, April 2008

"Dusty black cherry aromas with hints of coconut and white pepper. Soft cherry fruit entry with drying mineral flavors and charred oak notes. Balanced, well-integrated tannins join ripe fruit and toasted oak in the lengthy close."

Miner Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 2004

91 Points - Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, April 2007

"Miner's big, very outgoing Cabernet places its emphasis on ripeness and rich oak, but beneath its immediate sweetness, it shows a solid measure of persistent black currant fruit. If presently roughed up by both tannin and evident heat at the finish, it finds plenty of fruit powering through at the end, and it has all of the depth and essential extract it needs to age comfortably for a half-dozen years."

90 Points, California Grapevine, May 2007

"Big rich intense,thick, concentrated, textured, cherry and dark currant flavors; well balanced and structured for bottle aging... Very highly recommended."

Miner Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 2003

Decanter Magazine - Jan. 2007

"Spicy, oaky nose, good balance of black cherry fruit and oak. Rich, plump, concentrated, sumptuous fruit, chocolatey finish. 5-10 years"

96 Points SOMM Selections - Vintrust, Fall 2006

"Herb, eucalyptus, red/black cherry; sweet red fruit, baking spice, cedar; weighty, good density yet bright; long persistent with sweet red fruit, great density and harmony, cellar it."

92 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, April 2006

"Focusing first on smells of ripe currants and adding in suggestions of rich loam and hints of woody spice, this attractive wine...Its supple, mouthfilling impressions make for a wine that some will enjoy in the here and now, yet it has what it takes to grow over time, and our recommendation is to let it alone until 2010 or later. "

90 Points, Best of Tasting - California Grapevine March 2006

"Attractive, forward, spicy, herbal, cedary, complex, black cherry and blueberry aroma with notes of green olive, mocha, and tobacco... rich, plush, highly extracted, very ripe, black cherry fruit flavors with an appealing, velvety mouth feel; well-balanced and structured. Approachable now though deserving of another five years of bottle aging. Shows distinctive varietal character. Very highly recommended."

90 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, August 2006

"This shows refinement and care in its making, particularly in the rich scents of expressive oak. The fruit is superripe, with flavors of blackberries and baked cherries, a peppercorn edge to the tannins placing it with a steak."

Miner Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 2002

96 Points, 2005 #1 Wine of the Year, The Wine Report

Exceptional Value ~ "This wine proved to be a conundrum for tasters. They felt it was so very good now, but could see an even brighter future for this deep, ruby red stunner...Robust fruits and tannins flooded their palates and left a lingering finish of bright, ripe fruit and solid but not overpowering tannins..."

Sunset Magazine Wine Award, "Red Wine of the Year" 2005

"Dave and Emily Miner stole the main show in our tasting, with this rich and structured Cabernet. Lean, briary red fruit and coffee aromas are balanced with tannins and oak for a great model of a Napa Cab. Their hillside winery on the east side of the valley also gets our vote for an excellent place to visit".

91 Points, California Grapevine

"Rich, plummy, cassis, and very ripe, sweet red berry fruit flavors with overtones of creamy oak. Well structured, full tannin, lingering aftertaste. Shows very accessible fruit. Very highly recommended."

Miner Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 2001

4 STARS, Decanter, Dec. '04 rated in "Top Wines of the Year" issue

"Vanilla, roasted coffee and mint. Vanilla and coffee beans, some chocolate. Quite soft tannins with roundness and soft body. Good length. Drink up to 2015." – *Norm Roby*

4 STARS, Food & Wine Magazine, Wine Guide 2005

“A motherlode of cassis, coffee, and spice flavors.”

93 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine

“A great success that showcases its origins in the rich, sweet tannins that support the well-ripened fruit. Blackcurrants, cassis, white chocolate and oaky vanilla flavors drink extraordinarily deep and long, in this soft wine. It’s almost a dessert, except it’s dry.”- *S.H. (12/31/2004)*

93 Points & Two Puffs, Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine, April 2005 Issue

“From its deep, blackcurrant fruit to its suggestions of olives and fresh loamy earth, this very impressive effort is nothing short of classic Cabernet in all its respects. It is nicely extracted with no hint of excess, and its wonderfully rich oak is always subservient to its unstinting fruit. Its finely spun tannins provide the right bit of structural spine, and, behind its immediate flush of richness and fruit, it shows itself to be a most serious wine that is sure to get better and better with time...”

Miner Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 2000

Bronze Medal Winner, San Francisco International Wine Competition, June 2004

Miner Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 1999

93 Points, The Wine News, June/July 2003 Issue

“Magnificent...A bouquet of black cherry and black currant is punctuated by scents of cumin, sweet white oak, licorice and a curious but pleasing Port-like nuance. Soft, velvety-smooth texture supports magnificent flavors of black cherry and black currant with threads of licorice and mint laced through the core.”

91 Points & Two Puffs, Connoisseurs’ Guide to California Wine, August 2002

92 Points, Wine Spectator Magazine, August 8, 2002

“Beautifully defined fruit flavors, with layers of ripe, rich currant, black cherry, plum and wild berry. Shows a remarkable measure of finesse and harmony for its size, with pretty floral and minty aromas. Best from 2003 through 2012.”

Miner, Pinot Noir, Garys’ Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2005

California Grapevine, May 2007

"Medium-light brickish ruby; attractive, forward, relatively mature, smoky red berry and cherry fruit aroma with notes of cinnamon, mocha, and charred oak; rich toasty, black cherry fruit flavors with good depth and a velvety texture... Developed with airing in the glass and will reward a few more years of bottle aging. Highly recommended.”

92 Points, Wine Spectator, October 2007

"Smooth, rich and creamy with supple plum, blackberry and blueberry fruit that's well-structured, with ripe but firm tannins that turn rich, earthy and complex. Drink now through 2011."- J.L.

Miner, Pinot Noir, Garys’ Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2004

"Best of Show" red wine award at the San Francisco International Wine Competition 2006

Over 4,000 wines from 18 countries were tasted and judged by a panel of top sommeliers and renowned wine experts.

91 Points, California Grapevine June 2006

"Attractive, complex, relatively mature, cedary, spicy, cherry fruit aroma with hints of cola and vanilla; full body; rich, textured, cherry fruit flavors with overtones of creamy oak; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very highly recommended."

Atlanta Journal-Constitution's *Wine Recommendations* 9.06

"An exciting wine with rich aromas of cocoa powder, smoke and a subtle gamey quality. This is a powerful, ripe, multifaceted wine that is, thankfully not jammy and over-extracted. It has dark berry flavors, with smoky, spicy notes of leather wafting in the background. *Two thumbs way up.*"

The Wine Advocate September 2006

"The 2004 Pinot Noir Garys' Vineyard possesses a slightly darker color as well as more plum, cherry and Allspice characteristics as well as a hint of wood. It is bigger-framed yet lush, heady wine that should drink nicely for 5-6 years."

Miner, Pinot Noir, Garys' Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2003

91 Points, TWO STARS Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, June 2005

"Concentrated fruit is the force that guides this optimally ripened young wine, yet, while eminently fruity in character, it is laced with lovely oak spice and shows a genuine sense of complexity. Slightly fleshy and then slightly firm on the palate, it has a bit of Pinot's classic velvety feel but does show its youthful acidity at the end. Its late-arriving tannins and minor touches of finishing heat are matched step for step by unflagging fruit, and a few years of time in the cellar seem certain to make this very good thing even better."

4 STARS Restaurant Wine, April 2005- Issue #106

"The Rosella's is supple and medium rich; a wine with velvety texture, toast, plum, cherry, nutmeg aromas/flavors, and medium length... The Garys' is riper, somewhat richer wine; full bodied, berry-like in flavor (with toasty, oaky overtones), and a long, lightly tannic finish."- *Ronn Wiegand, Master of Wine & Master Sommelier*

San Francisco Chronicle, Tasting Panel Recommendation June '05

Miner, Pinot Noir, Garys' Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2002

93 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, November 2004

"...richly intricate, a tapestry of red cherry, cola, rosehip tea, cinnamon, mocha, vanilla and smoky oak. Simply delicious, and so smooth, so fine in the mouth."- S.H

3 STARS, Decanter, rated in "Top Wines of the Year" issue Dec. '04

91 Points & Two Puffs, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, June 2004 Issue

"Positively plush in character and simply brimming with the very ripe fruit qualities that are quintessentially Californian, Miner's version of Garys' Vineyard Pinot will win smiles aplenty for its opulence and sheer generosity..."

Miner, Pinot Noir, Garys' Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2001

Best of 50 Tasted, The Wall Street Journal: Dow Jones Expensive Pinot Noir Index

"Massive, cherry/berry, lilac, roasted nose that you can smell across the room. Absolutely chewy/rich nose, bursting with fruit. Classy and tight, with Bing cherries and blackberries. Serious wine, clearly expensive. Layered with tobacco and cedar, vanilla and spices. It's like a meal, with a loooong finish. Truly classy, with a touch of cream. 'I could wear this behind my ears,' Dottie says. A rich, mouth-coating splendor." 9.26.03

4 Stars, Restaurant Wine: "A luscious, full bodied, somewhat toasty wine, with good depth of flavor and a very long finish..." ****

91 Points, California Grapevine, Very Highly Recommended, Aug.-Sept. 2003

“Medium-light to medium brickish ruby; attractive, intense, smoky, toasty, slightly herbaceous, ripe cherry fruit aroma with hints of clove, bacon fat and vanilla; medium-full body; forward, rich, plush, supple, rounded, ripe black cherry fruit flavors; well-balanced and structured. Shows distinctive varietal character and very enjoyable to drink now...”

88 Points, Wine Spectator Magazine, September 15, 2003

“Appealing for its delicacy and finesse, with ripe, vibrant black cherry, plum and wild berry fruit that’s smooth-textured, with pretty oak shadings and a long, complex aftertaste. Drink now through 2006.”

**Miner, Pinot Noir, Rosella’s Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2005
California Grapevine, May 2007**

“Medium to full body; forward, herbal, smoky cherry and raspberry fruit flavors with a touch of sweet oak... Shows some complexity and deserving of several more years of bottle aging. Highly recommended.”

90 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, October 2007

“Floral strawberry scents meld with musky complexity in this wine.”

Miner, Pinot Noir, Rosella’s Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2004

91 Points California Grapevine June 2006

"Plush, herbal, cedary, ripe cherry fruit flavors with notes of clove and rhubarb; well balanced and structured...Shows distinctive varietal character. Very enjoyable now and shows good aging potential. Very highly recommended."

91 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, August 2006

"This has brown spice scents and delicate flavors that bring to mind roots and coastal earth. It's liting and light but persistent, a mouthwatering match for roast squab with chestnut stuffing or chanterelle sauce."

92 Points Wine Enthusiast Magazine, October 2006

“As is typical of wines from this appellation, the wine is fruit-driven. We’re talking a huge mouthful of cherry-rhubarb pie and oak-influenced cocoa-dusted peanut brittle flavors but fortunately the wine is totally dry and maintains a keen, acidic silkiness. Drink this big Pinot with strongly flavored food.”

The Wine Advocate September 2006

“Made in a seductive, up-front style, the elegant, medium-bodied 2004 Pinot Noir Rosella’s Vineyard displays gamy, spicy, sweet cherry and pomegranate aromas and flavors. Drink this delicious, seductive Pinot over the next 3-4 years.”

Miner, Pinot Noir, Rosella’s Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2003

Top 100 Wines of 2005, San Francisco Chronicle, December 2005

"A brawny, powerful style with deep plum, warm boysenberry pie, spice and licorice flavors and a touch of saddle leather. "

4 STARS Restaurant Wine, April 2005- Issue #106

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Miner, Pinot Noir, Rosella's Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 2002

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine

"This classic cool-climate Pinot Noir shows the crisp acids, silky texture and lush, intricate flavors... cherries with nuances of cola, rhubarb, oaky vanilla and peppery spice. Not only a fun wine, but a complex one that distinguishes the appellation."- S.H.

Miner, Syrah, Napa Valley 2003

Food & Wine Magazine's Wine Guide 2007

"A heavy bottle holds a wine of surprising delicacy, with dark fruit, cocoa, flowers and fine minerals. Drink now – eight years. Excellent."

"Best of Class" - **San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition 2007**

Miner, Syrah, Napa Valley 2002

"This Oakville-based winery is relatively new (1998) but quickly hit the fast lane with a string of excellent varietals sourced from Napa and beyond. This spicy, peppery mountain-grown Syrah contains smidgens of Grenache and Mourvedre." - **Anthony Dias Blue**

91 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, July 2006

"...Its fine themes of lightly spiced berries are enriched with a complement of sweet oak, and it is both supple and smooth in feel. It makes a good case for the argument that the grape can make wines of polish and style, and it will comfortably accompany entrees that want a Syrah of genuine finesse."

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Selection, Oct.'05

"Aromas and flavors of black cherry, blackberry, cherry cola, chocolate and black pepper with hints of violet and spice..."

"Best Buys in the Market" - Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, Oct. 2006

"We are still very taken with the rich and exceptionally well-made Miner Napa Valley (Syrah) 2002 and urge fans of fine Syrah to make its acquaintance before it disappears from retailer's shelves..."

Oakland Tribune, September '06

"An exceptional wine, well worth the effort to find. Although many syrahs go for the gusto, this carefully balanced and nicely proportioned wine achieves a bit of refinement while showing a good sense of fruity definition and richness."

Miner, Syrah, Napa Valley 2001

90 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, December 2004

"Pure, sweet black currant and black cherry fruit, with a spicy peppery finish and generous oak."

89 Points Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, November 2004

"Ripe, sweetly fruity and fairly oaky with notes of raspberry in the background of its expected blackberry and spice scents, this one has the aromas of a riper St. Joseph from the northern Rhone. It is reasonably dense but never heavy on the palate, and its load of slightly coarse tannins are those of youth and will settle out with a bit of bottle age."

Miner Merlot, Stagecoach Vineyard 2003

91 Points Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, July 2006

"Lovely, creme brulee oakiness is everywhere apparent in this wonderfully rich and expansive, fruit-laden Merlot, and the wine displays a fine sense of varietal precision from its inviting aromas all the way through to its very long finish...it has the balance and commendable concentration to hold up for a good many years."

91 Points Wine Enthusiast Magazine, November 2006

"Ripe with blast-in-your-mouth cherry pie, blackberry jam, dark chocolate, cassis and run-soaked raisin flavors that go on forever, not to mention lots of rich, sweet new oak. All this flavor is balanced by fine acidity and an intricate overlay of dusty tannins, resulting in a delicious Merlot. Drink now."

Oakland Tribune August 16, 2006

"An exceptional wine, well worth the effort to find."

Miner Merlot, Napa Valley 2002

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, April 2006

"Nicely balanced, with rich, complex, smooth tannins and very nice acids."

92 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, March 2006

"Among the very deepest and most generously filled Merlots in this survey, this latest bottling from Miner is bursting with ripe cherries, decked out with extravagant, creme brulee oak and wonderfully well-balanced...Supple, fleshy and mouthfilling, it is long and quite compelling on the palate, and there is every reason to believe that it will get better and better with a bit of time in the bottle. "

Miner Merlot, Stagecoach Vineyard 2001

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine

"From a famed vineyard, a strong and pedigreed wine. The structure immediately alerts you that it's an important, with its firm, sweet tannins, ripe fruit and crisp acids, not to mention the fine oak..."—*S.H. (12/15/2004)*

88 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine

Miner Merlot, Stagecoach Vineyard 2000

93 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, December 2003

"Great Merlot, one that rises above the ordinary to achieve real distinction...So rich. it's almost its own food group."- *Editors' Choice*

MSNBC, February 2004 - "The Miner Merlot is a more major wine, so to speak -- bigger, darker and more complex, 'proof positive,' says Miner's Web site, 'that we will never hang our hats on a wimpy, diluted and flavorless Merlot.' They don't have to worry about that. The wine has sweet, chalky aromas and is full of ripe fruit tastes, including cherry, currant and blackberry with notes of chocolate. The tannins are balanced by the beautiful fruit and there is nice complexity. This is a big, rich Merlot made for cold-weather foods (fill in your favorite roast here)."

Wine Spectator Magazine, June 2003 - "Well-crafted, with a core of mocha, currant, herb and mineral flavors, finishing with a touch of espresso. Turns firmly tannic on the finish. Short-term cellaring is advised. Best from 2004 through 2010."

Miner Merlot, Oakville 2001

91 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, April 2005

"Heady in its dark chocolate richness, this supple merlot is a dense mesh of fruit, tannin and oak. The firmness of the structure keeps it from feeling thick, and allows the subtle, cedary complexity to last. Built for a steak house."

Miner Merlot, Oakville 2000

SANTE Magazine, GOLD STAR Award for exceptional merit (Fall 2004)

Miner Zinfandel, Napa Valley 2002

90 Points, Anthony Dias Blue for Patterson's Beverage Journal, March 2005

"Pure berry fruit and racy acidity; long, graceful and stylish."

Miner Zinfandel, Napa Valley 2001

90 Points & One Puff, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, May 2004

"If leaning a little more on its rich, spicy, creamy oak than on its ripe blackberry and slightly cassis fruit, this lovely bottling is always well-endowed with that latter necessity, and its outgoing aromas matched in intensity, range and richness by its very inviting flavors. Balanced and polished through it drinks well now but will hold up well in bottle."

Miner Rosato, Mendocino 2006

KCBS Radio, All News 740 AM, San Francisco, Narsai David's Wine Reviews 5/30/07

"Bright, glistening color... Red enough to suggest something like a more serious rose. Aromas of a berry bramble and a bit of spice lead to a delicious wine. Just enough tannin to provide a little mouthfeel. Certainly the perfect wine as the weather warms up. Picnics for sure. Baked ham, pizza, or just a chilled glass of Rose. A delicious wine."

Washington Examiner 5/10/07

"... a wonderfully unique blush wine featuring notes of strawberry and earthiness on the delicate nose. Fresh flavors of red cherry and pomegranate are kept in balance, resulting in a crisp, refreshing finish. Serve well-chilled alongside grilled or chilled shrimp."

Health Magazine "Great Wines to Try" - July/August 2007, Andrea Robinson M.S.

"Miner's rosato has crushed-berry aromas and goes well with lamb."

Miner Rosato, Mendocino 2005

"A medium-bodied rose made from sangiovese grapes. Pairing suggestions include prosciutto-wrapped melon and barbequed shrimp."- *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* Wine Recommendation

94 Pts. The Arizona Republic – "Summer's Top Rose"

"The overall impression is clean, lip-smackin' good. The color is deep ruby rose. The fruit is ripe and tart. The aroma is dry red cherry, focused without a hint of sugar tones and the finish is dry. Well chilled, it's the best all-around summer wine I've tasted in a while."- Mark Tarbell 8.06

Wine & Spirits Magazine "Best of Wine" issue Fall 2006

Miner Rosato, Mendocino 2003

90 Points, Wine Country Living, July 2004

"Terrific freshness, tanginess and fruitiness make this great for summertime drinking. Tasty citrus and floral aromas and flavors. Deep coral color."

Miner Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley 2003

90 Points, Wine Spectator, November 15, 2004

"Fragrant and lively, a racy style with generous depth to the tangy grapefruit, passion fruit, grass and melon flavors. Drink now."

Miner Sangiovese, Gibson Ranch 2005

KCBS Radio, All News 740 AM, San Francisco, Narsai David's Wine Reviews 5/30/07

"Fine, rich aromas of ripe berries and a toasty touch of oak on the aroma, leads to a very appealing mouthful. Splendid balance between fruit, tannin, and acidity. I drank this with a pasta full of springtime vegetables - mainly favas ... a perfect combo, but any spicy dish or roast chicken would be fine."

Miner Sangiovese, Gibson Ranch 2003

4+ STARS, RESTAURANT WINE, January 2006

"Ripely flavored and complex, this is a medium rich, lightly oaky Sangiovese, with excellent depth and length. It tastes of blackberry, toast, cedar, cherry...An excellent version of the varietal"- *Ronn Wiegand, Master of Wine & Master Sommelier*

Featured Wine on Fine Living Network show "Pairings with Andrea"- June 28, 2006

Master Sommelier and renowned wine personality Andrea Immer Robinson selects Miner Sangiovese as the perfect foil to her balsamic strawberry and mozzarella flatbread and her flavorful herbed steak.

Marin Independent Journal 8.9.06

"An admirable wine- tasty, focused, attractive. An altogether deeper, richer and more substantial offering than is the norm among its peers, this ripe and fairly well-extracted Sangiovese brings together elements of cherries, milk chocolate, sympathetic oak and touches of dusty earth. It is full and supple on the palate with nicely integrated tannins affording a welcome grip."

Miner Sangiovese, Gibson Ranch 2002

"Attractive, forward, toasty, rustic, red cherry fruit aroma with a hint of chocolate...well-balanced; medium full tannin; slightly tart on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Highly Recommended."- *California Grapevine*

Miner Chardonnay, Wild Yeast 2005

95 points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, September 2007

"Complex notes of ripe apples, creme brulee, toasted bread and savory spices are combined in the deeply framed, rich aromas of this somewhat full-bodied, mouthfilling and well-balanced wine. It follows on the palate with ripe and wide-ranging flavors and has both the range and the depth to be a great mealtime choice to accompany well-seasoned roasted chickens served with fancy reduction sauce or for the fleshy fishes with fusion-influenced sauces. It does not need long-aging but is certain to reward a few years of patient cellaring."

Miner Chardonnay, Wild Yeast 2004

90 Points, California Grapevine June 2006

"Medium-light to medium golden yellow; attractive, stylish, very forward, complex, spicy, ripe pear aroma with notes of butterscotch, ginger, roasted hazelnut, and vanilla; full body...buttery tropical fruit flavors with a note of caramel. Very highly recommended."

92 points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, October 2006

"Straightforward smells of ripe apples and creamy sweet oak are backed by subtle accents of toast and lees here, and the wine's very deep, fruit-focused flavors are similarly fit with a fine bit of balanced oak spice. If moderately full in body, the wine is never especially heavy or dense, and its

steady, remarkably persistent fruit owes nothing to overblown ripeness. It shows no signs of tiring soon, but it is wholly delicious right now and requires no further age for full enjoyment."

93 Points SOMM Selections - Vintrust, Fall 2006

"Toasty oak, lemon cake, vanilla; texture with bright acid; long fruit, nuts, yellow flowers; integrated, balanced acid."

Food & Wine Magazine's Wine Guide 2007

"Toasted toffee, hazelnut, almond and cashew flavors run alongside a citrusy bouquet in this wildly expressive wine. Excellent."

Miner Chardonnay, Wild Yeast 2003

91 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, October 2005

"Nothing is held back in this dramatic offering, and from its rich, toasty, caramelly coverlet to its ripe, succulent, apple fruit scents this wine starts off with a nose of enormous depth and follows on with a fleshy, open entry impression supported by a nicely firm texture across the palate. Its flavors are concentrated and full of ripe, juicy fruit yet the wine is never overdone even as it runs to a layer of caramelly richness. There is a lot to like today, and this is a wine that will keep for years."

Miner Chardonnay, Wild Yeast 2002

91 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, April 2005

Miner Chardonnay, Wild Yeast 2001

90 Points, Wine Spectator, July 2004

"This is a complex, elegant wine with buttery pear, fig, apricot and melon flavors that are focused and persistent."

90 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, April 2004

"All about richness, this emphasizes the broad toasty flavors of wood, from coffee to caramel, while the dry grapefruit aspects add an edge. Enjoy this now for its round, supple texture, or cellar to let the complexity evolve."

4 Stars, Restaurant Wine, "A complex, full bodied, finely flavored Chardonnay, with subtle aromas/flavors (apple, lemon peel, vanilla, roasted nut) and a very long finish."

"Finest California Chardonnay" Forbes.com, May 12, 2004

"A highly seductive wine."

Miner Chardonnay, Napa Valley 2005

90 Points – The Wine Report, February 2007

"Subtle lemon yellow in color. Aromas of apple blossoms, minerals, citrus and tropical fruit lead to flavors of citrus, butter, apple and especially oak on the long finish."

Miner Chardonnay, Napa Valley 2004

4 STARS, Restaurant Wine

"Excellent Chardonnay, in a full, crisp, lightly oaked style. It is moderately intense in flavor (peach, lemon peel, orange blossom), and medium long on the finish."

Miner Chardonnay, Napa Valley 2003

88 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, April 2005

89 points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, March 2005

"Ample body, a smooth and slightly fleshy feel and equal parts of juicy apples and sweet, mildly caramelly oak makes for a most successful recipe here. Although it is fairly ripe in tone, the wine keeps its alcohols well hidden, and its sustained, very flavorful finish is free of the coarseness that sometimes comes in wines of such ripeness and ambition. Full and balanced dry white. Try with rich seafood and fowl dishes."

Miner Chardonnay, Napa Valley 2002

3 STARS, Food & Wine Magazine, Wine Guide 2005

"This oozes sunshine and digs deep into the earth for great mineral flavors."

90 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, November 2004

90 Points & One Puff, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, Sept. 2004 Issue

"Very keenly focused aromas of ripe apples, crème brûlée, butter and caramel start this handsome wine off with richness and an inviting sense of depth..."

Miner Viognier, Simpson Vineyard 2005

90 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine, June 2006

"Extremely floral, this slowly turns toward white peach flavor. A round, classically New World Viognier...chill it for braised rabbit in a light tomato sauce."

San Francisco Chronicle "Top Pick" 6/15/06

"Decadently rich with textbook varietal character of peach, apricot and honeysuckle, this bottling has enough natural acidity to balance the ripe fruit." - 2 stars, Wine Editor Linda

Restaurant Wine, Fall 2006

"Excellent Viognier: distinct character (peach, honeysuckle), full bodied, moderately rich, and long on the finish. Fine value. Unwooded. (Four Stars/Excellent)" - Ronn Wiegand MW

Sunset Magazine "Top Pick Great Spring Whites" April 2007

"A rich mouth-feel and hint of tangerine peel set off the chicken korma."

Beverage Magazine, June 2007

"... this wine from the famed Miner Vineyards is a marvel of balance and fragrant sensuality: floral, pear like and vegetal, with apricot and tangerine peel accents. It's even better on the palate, with a round soft weighty texture and flavors of banana, orange and anise. This reflects Viogniers strong suits: its ability to present a wide range of distinctive flavor essences in one sip..." - Sandy Block, MW

The Wall Street Journal "Top Viogniers" - June 8, 2007

"Good/Very Good. Light and airy, perfect for sipping on a warm day."

Miner Viognier, Simpson Vineyard 2004

FOOD & WINE MAGAZINE's American Wine Award Winner 2005

"Naysayers would never have believed that California's hot Central Valley could produce a racy, vibrant white wine like this, but the Miners have proof in the bottle. Gary Brookman ferments Simpson Vineyard grapes exclusively in stainless steel to capture all their lively acidity and delicious peach-and-honeysuckle flavor." -- *Food & Wine Magazine, October 2005*

90 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, September 2005

"This outgoing wine is so expressive right now that it practically demands immediate drinking, and when you get right down to it, what is wrong with a fruity, peachy, slightly figgy wine whose outgoing

aromas are matched in intensity by its inviting flavors. Somewhat fleshy but not heavy, and open and rich yet balanced at the finish, this Viognier is one to match up with rich, savory chicken dishes."

Decanter Magazine "Wine of the Month" January 2006

"Since 1997 Miner Family has been making splendid Viognier from the low-yielding Simpson Vineyard in Madera. For this 2004, the fruit was not aged in oak nor did it undergo malolactic fermentation. The result is a vibrant white offering lovely scents of white peach, tropical fruit flavours and finishes on a racy edge. Arguably one of Miner's finest Viogniers, this 2004 will provide enjoyment over the next 2-3 years."- *Norm Roby*

88 points, California Grapevine

"Medium-full body; forward, fleshy, supple, buttery, ripe white peach and stone fruit flavors; well-balanced and shows some delicacy...Highly recommended."