



91 points – 2008 Santa Rita Hills, Clone 115 Pinot Noir

“Ruby-red. An alluringly perfumed bouquet displays wild strawberry, black raspberry and blood orange, with touches of dried rose and cinnamon. Deeper and darker in character on the palate, which offers red and dark berry preserve and bitter cherry flavors. The blood orange quality returns on the finish, adding lift and impressive cut.”

90 points – 2007 Santa Barbara County, Rodney’s Vineyard Syrah

“Inky ruby. Highly fragrant aromas of cherry-vanilla, dark berries and hickory smoke, with slow-building florality. Juicy dark fruit flavors are nicely braced by zesty acidity, with the smoky note asserting itself on the back. Finishes smooth and sweet, with seductive spiciness, very good persistence and a repeating smokiness. The food-pairing choice here is pretty obvious: smoked brisket.”

90 points – 2008 Santa Rita Hills, Ashley’s Pinot Noir

“Bright ruby. A highly aromatic bouquet shows fresh red berries, Asian spices and deeper cherry pit and smoky herb qualities. Deep but energetic, with lively raspberry and cherry flavors supported by zesty minerality. The spicy note repeats on a long, juicy and incisive finish. This will be even better in a couple of years, but there’s lots going on now.”

90 points – 2008 Santa Barbara County, Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir

“Vivid ruby. Seductive, fragrant aromas of cherry-cola and dark berry preserves, with slow-building smokiness and a hint of incense. Juicy red and dark fruit flavors are nicely braced by tangy acidity, with a touch of anise emerging on the back. Finishes with seductive sweetness, very good persistence and lingering smokiness.”

90 points – 2009 Santa Barbara County, Rodney’s Vineyard Viognier

“Bright gold. Denser and more aromatic than the regular viognier, displaying scents of white peach, yellow plum, violet and botanical herbs. This is exotic even by viognier standards. Palate-staining pit fruit flavors pick up a smoky quality with air, along with notes of clove and mace. A late note of lemon rind adds lift and cut to a long, sappy, floral-accented finish.”

89+ points – 2008 Santa Barbara County, Pommard Clone Pinot Noir

“Bright ruby. Smoky red berries and cherry on the nose, with complicating notes of bitter chocolate and pungent herbs. Deeply pitched currant and bitter cherry flavors are a tad clenched and are lifted by a slow-building mineral quality, picking up a smoky note on the back half. Becomes sweeter with air and finishes on an attractive raspberry note. This could use a little bottle age.”

88 points – 2009 Santa Rita Hills, Ashley’s Chardonnay

“Bright gold. A ripe, aromatic nose offers tangerine, poached pear and honey, with an additional suggestion of floral honey. Concentrated and broad but quite lively, with good vivacity to the orchard and pit fruit flavors. Nicely tactile wine, with a persistent, spicy aftertaste.”

88 points – 2009 Santa Barbara County, Viognier

“Vivid yellow. Pungent aromas of pear nectar, nectarine, baking spices and smoky lees, with a suave floral quality in the background. Juicy, penetrating pit and orchard fruit flavors are brightened by a zesty citrus quality and show no rough edges. Suave and highly floral, finishing with good clarity and mineral-driven persistence.”