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“Juicy Tales” by Jo Diaz

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2009 Ironberry Chardonnay Viognier

“Light to medium straw. The bouquet opens with pure lemon citrus, starfruit and floral notes. With the above aromas, add cantaloupe and passion flower that develops. Bright palate features ruby grapefruit and white nectarine flavors with citrusy Myer lemo. A touch of bay leaf at the finish.”



2008 Longview “Red Bucket” Shiraz Cabernet

“Get ready for Girl Scout Mint Chocolate cookies. Blackberry fruit wrapped in flavors of Eucalyptus, this wine is called Shiraz Cabernet, with the blend being 76% Shiraz and 24% Cab. I love the back label... It’s ingenious... Buy the wine and enjoy the ride. What in the bottle is also all over the label. Dribble a few drops from within, and you’ve got a perfect party going on.”



2009 Longview “Red Bucket” Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

“Color is gorgeous and crystal clear. Lemony lime palate. Not tropical, definitely cool climate flavors. Stainless steel helps to preserve all the varietal character, and pleasant flavors. A great apéritif wine with gorgeous cheeses of full body, would make this wine a great food and wine hit at any gathering. Fresh and clean with lemon meringue pie lingering. Very yummy.”



2007 Longview “Devil’s Elbow” Cabernet Sauvignon

“Rich, beautiful fruit, this one had the nose of an opulent wine, and the fruit to back it up. It made me hanger for tri-tips and Jose delivered. We both found this wine to be a celestial, despite its name.”



2007 Longview “Yakka” Shiraz

“If you see this one, pick it up. I died and went to Shiraz heaven. It’s got all the right stuff that almost drips down your chin.”

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2009 Lawson's Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc

"I love Sauvignon Blancs from New Zealand. Bright and fresh, I didn't need to enjoy this one with food. It became my afternoon sipper, until it was gone a few days later. It's a great value wine, and would please your guests as an apéritif during your summer garden parties."



2008 Lawson's Dry Hills Gewurztraminer

"This one, as a Gewürtz, shocked me, but only briefly and for good reason. I've never tasted a New Zealand Gewürtztraminer. I'm too European centric with this variety, and expected a flowery, off dry wine. Instead, I adjusted my palate, and began to appreciate the dry, yet slightly aromatic, wine. This one would pair really well with a gooey brie, as it's acidity would make for a good complement. I enjoyed it, as if I had tasted Gewürtz for the very first time, ever."



2008 Neudorf "Moutere" Chardonnay

"This one was so gorgeous that I regretted not having it at a dinner party. I knew it was very special, long before I came back to this blog posting to see it's price. Rich, beautiful fruit filled my mouth with layers upon layers of flavors. This is a very opulent wine, to be shared in the greatest of moments with very special friends who will appreciate it's splendor."



2008 Neudorf "Moutere" Pinot Noir

"Artisan Pinot Noir from the talents of winemaker John Kavanugh, from Nelson, New Zealand. The grapes for this vintage were hand harvested from low yielding vines. This means be prepared for big flavors; although, the flavors of the grapes were still delicate. I knew immediately that French oak was involved, because it was the second flavor for me, right after sweet Bing cherries. Unfiltered, unfined, and only 680 cases were produced... An eclectic wine worthy of the price."



2008 Neudorf "Tom's Block" Pinot Nor

"Very similar in style to the "Moutere," with big flavors. Toast, again, is very present."



2009 Pikes "White Mullet"

"An interesting white blended wine: 70% Riesling, 11% Viognier, 10% Chenin Blanc, 9% Sauvignon Blanc. Lime aromas up front, added notes of honey suckle and dried apricot with trailing white smoke at the close. I loved this one... Maybe because it was such an variety of flavors... Layers upon layers..."