



## 1994 Wines Reviews

### INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR - STEPHEN TANZER

1994 Paloma Merlot, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (Issue 69 - November/December '96) "Opaque black ruby to the rim. Flamboyantly ripe, sappy, sweet-oaky raspberry and caramel nose. Packed with dense, spicy blackcurrant and chocolate flavor's: a bit coarse in texture but a huge wine with very strong material. Finishes with slightly gritty, furry tannins and strong fruit. Wins points for sheer force of personality. 91"

### THE WINE ADVOCATE

1994 Paloma Merlot, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (Issue 106, 8-31-96) "What a discovery! This fabulous Merlot was made from an estate on Spring Mountain. Only 625 cases were produced of this blockbuster, inky/purple-colored wine. It is obviously the result of talented winemaking given its purity, and wonderful integration of toasty French oak with gobs of black-cherry and raspberry fruit. The wine reveals full body, marvelous extraction and richness, terrific equilibrium, and a layered, textured, expansively flavored personality. This impressive wine still needs 2-3 years of cellaring, but it should prove to be uncommon long-lived for Merlot, say 15-20 years. This is an exceptionally impressive wine made in a large-scaled, boldly-styled, massively-endowed format! 91+"

### WINE SPECTATOR

1994 Paloma Merlot, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (October 15, 2000) "Firm, rich and elegant, with pretty plum, cherry, strawberry and cranberry flavors, turning elegant and spicy. Finishes long and complex. Drink now through 2005. - J.L. 92" (This was a retrospective tasting of 14, 1994 Merlots done in 2000 by Wine Spectator. Seven of the Merlots were rated 85 - 89 and seven were rated 90 - 93. - Jim R. )