



1995 Wines Reviews

CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE

1995 Paloma Merlot, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (December 1997) "Well-formed and neatly defined in the nose with lots of succulent ripe-cherry fruit the master of very evident oak, this rich, generously extracted young wine lets down not at all in mouth and follows through with deep, impressively concentrated fruit flavors that are both enriched with fine oak spice and firmed by a solid spine of tannins. Fairly long, a little coarse and almost guaranteed to improve with time, it should grow nicely for four or five years and will easily keep for twice that long. Two Puffs"

INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR - STEPHEN TANZER

1995 Paloma Merlot, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (Issue 78 - May/June '98) "Deep ruby. Attention-grabbing aromas of cassis, black raspberry, animal fur and grilled meat, plus floral and iron nuances and sexy oak treatment. Rich, supple and fat in the mouth; offers lovely fleshy ripeness and early appeal. Finishes with dusty, fine-grained tannins and subtle length. 90"

THE WINE ADVOCATE

1995 Paloma Merlot, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (Issue 112, 8-31-97) "This is another terrific effort from this small winery owned by Barbara and Jim Richards. A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine was fined with eggwhites, but not filtered prior to bottling. Its opaque purple color suggests a wine of extraordinary intensity. The nose is subdued, but swirling brings forth scents of jammy cassis, licorice, pain grillé, and sweet cherry fruit. It possesses an inner-core of intense fruit, a lush texture, and flavors of fruit and chocolate, with a subtle overlay of smoky oak. Full-bodied, moderately tannic, and exceptionally intense with a lingering finish, this is a Merlot to cellar for 2-3 years, and drink over the following two decades. Very impressive! 92+"

WINE SPECTATOR

1995 Paloma Merlot, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (December 15, 1997) "Emitting attractive aromas, this slowly unveils appealing currant, cedar, spice and tobacco flavors that fill out on the palate, showing nice focus and a rich aftertaste. Approachable now, but worthy of cellaring into 1999. 694 cases made. - J.L. 90"