

2003 Carhartt Merlot

Scoring Methodology (Uses the NVC 25-Point Wine Evaluation Scale): {25/Perfect} ~ {24-23/Excellent} ~ {22-21/Very High Quality} ~ {20-19/Very Good} ~ {18-16/Good} ~ {15-9/Ordinary} ~ {8-6 Below Average} ~

Wine Blogosphere 5 Star Rating System w/ the 25 point NVC System: {Five Stars/25 - 23 pts.} ~ {Four Stars/22 - 19 pts} ~ {3 Stars/18 - 16 pts} ~ {2 Stars/15 - 9 pts} ~ {Under 9 Pts/1 Star}

Appearance (3 Pts. Total)

CLARITY
Cloudy - Clear - Brilliant
COLOR
Hue
COLOR
Depth

Brilliant
Garnet/Purple
Deep
Total 3

Aroma/Bouquet (7 Pts. Total)

NOSE
AROMA INTENSITY
OFF NOTES

Wet Earth, Green Pepper, Black olive, herbaceousness, iodine, cherry
Medium +
N/A
Total 6

Taste/Texture (15 Pts. Total)

FIRST IMPRESSION
MID-PALATE
FINISH
TASTE INTENSITY

Chewy cherry, cassis and earth, earth, earth
Stewed plums, cassis, dr. pepper and violets
herbaceousness and floral notes with gripping and drying tannins on a lingering finish
Medium +
Total 11

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Final Score 20

General Notes

Just 300 cases of this little Cali-French style Merlot were made. Aged in French Oak for 16 months. An insane nose that is a beauty in a bold, yet old-world style. The gripping tannins indicate this baby's best days are ahead, but an enjoyable food wine right now.

Wine Blogosphere Five Star Rating ★★★★★

Wine Style (Food or Social)

Food

Food Pairing

Grilled lamb shanks with a red wine reduction

Drinkable for how long?

2020

Price

\$30

Value Assessment

Fair

Price Performer ~ Fair ~ Overpriced

Who Would This Wine Interest? (WWTWI)

Terroirista

Terroirista ~ Enthusiast ~
~ Lifestyler ~ Adventurer/Fashionista ~
~ Social Sipper ~ Aisle Daze ~

Taster:

Date: 06-10-08



Terroirista