

# WILFRED'S WINE GUIDE

## 90-POINT REDS



### March 2010 Selections:

- Raymond Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley '06 (United States)
- Estancia Red Meritage, Paso Robles '06 (United States)

Dear Wine Lover,

I bought my first great Raymond wines in the mid 1970's. Both the Chenin Blanc and the Gamay were so good that I can still recall their flavors some 35 years later. Since then, I have watching the Raymond store evolve and they are making some of their very best wines to date. One of their finest stars is their [Reserve Cabernet](#). Not simply a powerful wine but one with class and style. The '06 is simply stunning in all of its black fruit and mint glory. A Wow wine anyone who loves wine.

Estancia is a name that has been around for some time but it is only recently that they have come into their own as a top, ultra-premium producer. The masterful ['06 Estancia Red Meritage](#) is a wonderful wine with excellent style. Perfectly balanced and poised to make the big time. It is great to see that California wineries heading in the right direction and making wines that not just taste good but also bond well with food.

As California continues its ascent to the top of the wine world, we will more of these wines of elegance. I look forward to what the golden state is doing and even as I travel the world, I keep California in my back pocket as a reference of how the industry is getting better.

Cheers!

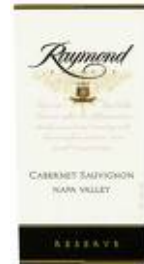
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Wilfred Wong  
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## WINERY NOTES

### Raymond Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserve, Napa Valley '06

Made from mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. Grapes come from our estate vineyards in Rutherford and St. Helena, as well as selected nearby growers. Has deep ruby color and opens with inviting aromas of cherry, blackberry, raspberry, red cherry and currant followed by notes of black pepper and vanilla.



### Estancia Red Meritage, Paso Robles '06

Made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot; has intense flavors of chocolate dipped black fruit accompanied by notes of black oak. Wonderfully structured ripe tannins that lead to a nice long, fruit driven finish.

