

WILFRED'S WINE GUIDE

90-POINT REDS



November 2009 Selections:

- Frescobaldi Nipozzano Chianti '06 (Italy)
- Roth Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley '06 (United States)

Dear Wine Lover,

Great concepts often are the genesis of the level of superiority that can be achieved. In this case, both the ['06 Frescobaldi Nipozzano](#) and the ['06 Roth Cabernet Sauvignon](#) are light years ahead of the competition. While existing in a climate of extreme competition, both have flourished. When I tasted both wines on separate and many occasions, I have always been amazed at how consistently well they have performed.

New World drinkers often mistakenly believe that dirty wines are Old World and either French or Italian and that California wines are clean, fruity and alcoholic. While this is often the case, here we have a Sonoma County and a Tuscan producer and nowhere in their manuals is an instruction to produce wines by the numbers.

Armed with two powerful built and beautifully crafted reds I now feel a need to find my chef friends of spend a whole day cooking and telling stories. Delicious Chiantis and sumptuous Cabernets pack the palate with so much love, that my thirst for life even greater that it already is. Please grill a pork tenderloin or a flank steak and sit back to enjoy the good times. Everyone deserves that luxuries of life.

Cheers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wilfred Wong'.

Wilfred Wong
Cellarmaster

WINERY NOTES

Frescobaldi Nipozzano Chianti '06

Made from 90% Sangiovese, 10% (Malvasia, Colorino, Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon).

TASTING NOTES

COLOR An enticing, rather pronounced ruby red, edged with garnet.

AROMAS The suite of fragrances exhibits considerable complexity, opening to dark fruit such as plum and black currant, then enriched by a pungent spiciness that betrays cinnamon and clove.

TASTE The attack offers dense, impressive pulp, and fine grained tannins that marry beautifully with its alcohol; the result is a solidly-built, but not heavy or extractive, wine with a seamless, long-lingering finish.



Roth Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley '06

Roth Cabernet Sauvignon is an expression of its origins. The 2006 vintage delivers the deep fruit and firm tannins characteristic of Alexander Valley's southern sub-appellation – blackberry, black cherry, and cranberry characters, accented by hints of anise, cola, and nutmeg that carry over the long finish. Aged 18 months in French oak barrels and gently clarified to preserve varietal character, this hand-crafted, fruit forward wine is ready to drink upon release, yet will benefit with 3-5 years aging. 5,900 cases produced

