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90-POINT REDS

Januuary 2010 Selections

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- Girad Petite Sirah, Napa Valley '07 (USA)

Dear Wine Lover,

Welcome to 2010, this will be an exciting year for the wine world. Lots of action in the marketplace with price fluctuation (mostly downward) but many wines will continue to hold their prices and some will be repositioned. The challenge for everyone is to not buy hastily but wisely. For this month's 90 Point Red Wine Club, I uncovered two incredible wines that are light years ahead of the competition.

For three decades, Kenwood has made some of the most distinctive and memorable wines from the Jack London Vineyard in Sonoma Valley. The '06 Kenwood Jack London Cabernet serves up a load of fully ripened blackberry flavors with a bit of savory earth and oak. Lots going on here and you don't have to be afraid of the wolf on the label. Great with flank steak for the lean protein minded beef eater.

Wow! is the only word I can use for the magnificent '07 Girard Petite Sirah, one of the most unlikely Rhône varietals to make a splash in the ultra premium wine world. This wine received 93 points from the *Wine Enthusiast*. They called it an "Incredible Hunk of a wine." I am sure that this pair of top performers will do well in your household.

Cheers!

Wilfred Wong
Cellarmaster

WINERY NOTES

Kenwood Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Jack London Vineyard, Sonoma Valley '06
Multifaceted aromas of cassis and dried cherries with subtle notes of mint and sage; viscous, full-bodied mouth-feel with firm tannins and an excellent lingering finish.
For thirty years, Kenwood Vineyards has been granted the exclusive rights to produce and market wines from Jack London's historic vineyard in Glen Ellen. This unique red-volcanic soil vineyard, located on the eastern slope of Sonoma Mountain, was first planted in the late 1800's. It has always produced red wines distinct in depth and varietal character.

Girard Petite Sirah, Napa Valley '07
Made from 93% Petite Sirah, 5% Charbono 2% Carignane, winemaker Marco DiGiulio comments, "The grapes were hand-sorted and crushed to stainless steel fermentors. Pumpovers were done as gently as possible to avoid undesirable harsh tannin extraction. Pressed at dryness to 75% French and 25% American oak with a composition of 30% new oak for both barrel types."