



~St. Francis Continues to Harvest Words of Praise~

**2001 NUNS CANYON CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Sonoma Valley ..... 88 Points**

*Wine Spectator*, November 15, 2004

Well-oaked with gobs of smoky, toasty, mocha-laced wood flavors that hold the upper hand over the rich currant, black cherry and blackberry flavors. Finished with a burst of fruit and wood flavors that are tight and focused. Drink now through 2009

**1999 RESERVE NUNS CANYON CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Sonoma Valley..... 92 Points**

*Wine Enthusiast*, November 15, 2003

This is a very good wine, but a young one. It tastes immature now, with its brash, dusty tannins that hide the underlying plum, currant and herb flavors. Even with the softness of its acids, it calls for time in the cellar to open up its hidden treasures. Try after 2005.

**1999 CABERNET SAUVIGNON “Kings Ridge Vineyard” ..... 92 Points**

*Wine Access Magazine* - Canada, October 2004

Aged for 30 months in barrel and 14 months in bottle before release. Black, cherry, cassis aromas with minty, spicy, peppery, sandalwood, vanilla, licorice streaks – very aromatic. Rich, fat, intense but slightly dry and tannic. Big cassis jam, sandalwood, peppery, minty, black cherry, mocha, cedar flavors. Very spicy, vanilla, cinnamon sandalwood aftertaste.

**1999 RESERVE BEHLER MERLOT, Sonoma Valley..... 90 Points**

*Wine Enthusiast*, December 2003

**Best of the Year Guide**

**2001 RESERVE ZINFANDEL “Pagani Vineyard” Sonoma Valley..... 90 Points**

*Robert Parker’s WINE ADVOCATE*, October 2003

Its saturated purple color is followed by a big, full-bodied nose of creosote intermixed with black cherry liqueur, espresso, incense, and spicy new oak. Ripe, long opulent, and nearly viscous, it is loaded with fruit, extract, and most importantly, pleasure. Enjoy it over the next 4-5 years.

**2001 RESERVE BEHLER CHARDONNAY, Sonoma Valley..... 90 Points**

*Wine Spectator*, October 2003

A very stylish wine, with fresh citrus blossom scents and a lively citrus, lemon and nectarine core of fruit that veers away from being tart, holding a nice beam of flavors, picking up traces of green apple and spice on the finish.

**2002 RESERVE BEHLER CHARDONNAY, Sonoma Valley ..... *Top Ten California Chardonnays***

*Quarterly Review of Wines*, Spring 2005

Luxurious nougat, fig and toasted hazelnut flavors punctuated by good acidity.

**2001 SONOMA COUNTY ZINFANDEL “Old Vines” ..... 89 Points**

*Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*, October 2003

A dark plum/purple color is accompanied by big smoky, earthy nose revealing aromas of pepper, black cherries, and earth. This spicy, dense, full-bodied, macho Zin should be drunk over the next four years.

**2000 SONOMA COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON      *Editor’s Choice* ..... 90 Points**

*Wine Enthusiast*, September 2003

A blend of the big three Cabernet valleys, Alexander, Sonoma and Dry Creek. Polished and elegant, with good berry flavors balanced and green olive, dill, unsweetened chocolate and earth. Feels plush in the mouth, smooth and soft, but complex. Good enough for your best fare.

**1999 “ANTHEM” MERITAGE, Sonoma Valley ..... 92 Points**

*Wine Spectator*, May 15, 2003

Very dark, rich and concentrated, almost syrupy, with dense mocha, currant and blackberry-laced flavors and a nice touch of chocolate. Finishes with smooth, polished, ripe and rich tannins. A blend of mostly Petit Verdot (46 %) and Malbec (40%) with Cabernet Franc (10%) and traces of Cabernet and Merlot. Best from 2004 through 2012

*Wine Enthusiast*, October 2003 ..... **93 Points**

A big, dark, dense wine that is flamboyant now, but will be stunning in a few years. As soft as velvet, with huge stuffing of berries, chocolate, herbs, coffee and oak, and balanced. Winemaker Tom Mackey’s first Meritage, this is an unusual blend dominated by Petit Verdot and Malbec.

*Quarterly Review*, Summer 2003 ..... **“FIVE STARS”**

**California Best of the Best**

Medium-deep ruby color; ultra-ripe blackberry nose; lush, concentrated, utterly voluptuous, blackberry, coffee and nutty flavors; rich, mouth-filling character; soft, round, deliciously textured finish.