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Diary of a Geek, Retailer and Guerrilla Wine Reviewer

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MY INADVERTANT NEUTRINO IMPERSONATION: BROTHER LOU'S STEALTHY LITTLE GRAB BAG OF WINE



Brother Lou dropped by the Whino's studio last week with a kind of grab bag of things:

Clifford Bay Sauvignon Blanc Ataware Valley 2010. Grade=**Outstanding**. Nice, grapefruity aromas and flavors, with tart lemon, guava and gooseberry mixing it up with bright acidity. Great value.

Hess Sauvignon Blanc Lake County 2009. Grade=**Outstanding-**. More creamy and fleshy than the Clifford Bay, there are hints of lemon meringue and passion fruit going on here. It has a much softer approach than its NZ counterparts.

Lyeth Chardonnay Sonoma County 2008. Grade=**Above Average**. Fairly simple Chardonnay though there are some nice stone fruit aromas and flavors with just a touch of vanilla. Competition at this price point is FIERCE; there are a lot better out there but this is still good.

Lyeth Merlot Sonoma County 2007. Grade=**Above Average**. 100% Merlot, this medium-bodied red is fresh, lean and showing bright red and black cherries, hints of sage and bay leaf, with a little minerality peeking through its lean, vibrant acidic finish.

Lyeth Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County 2009. Grade=**Above Average**. A decent Cab with simple red fruits, hints of spice, plum and mocha, finishing a bit short and subdued.

Lyeth Fleur de Lyeth Red California 2009. Grade=**Outstanding**. A solid effort. Blended of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

and Malbec. Medium-bodied, jammy fruit, round tannins and notes of black cherry, blueberry, mocha and vanilla.

Lyeth Meritage Sonoma County 2009. Grade=**Outstanding**. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot, this medium- to full-bodied red with bold notes of blackberries, chocolate, boysenberry, brown spices and French Roast coffee beans. A little bit of tobacco, charcoal and cedar add depth.

Share the knowledge!



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Angela Laible

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Lyeth use to be my favorite wineries...wait they still are. They make the best Meritage blend in the country in my opinion. Thanks for writing this I'm now going to try other wines from Lyeth. Can't wait!



Kevin Keith

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They owe their resurgence to the folks at Boisset America, who have def. made them superb values again. Same goes for Raymond. And hopefully soon, Buena Vista. BTW, thanks for reminding me I need to link you to the blogroll. Cheers!

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