



Madrone Mountain Vineyard

Artisanal Dessert Wines From Oregon

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MUNDO NOVO™ 2005

General Remarks

MUNDO NOVO™ is Portuguese for “New World,” a name that captures the spirit of this extraordinary wine. Although proudly made in the traditions of Oporto and the Douro Valley of northern Portugal, Mundo Novo is emphatically not a port. It is a fortified red dessert wine made from Southern Oregon fruit in a new world style, a new and different kind of dessert wine.

MUNDO NOVO™ is drier than port and, because it is fortified with far better brandy, it is approachable much earlier. Made in a vintage style, MUNDO NOVO™ was aged for two years in barrel and then aged a further year in bottle before release in Spring, 2008.

Cabernet Sauvignon 47%; Cabernet Franc 41%; and Merlot 12%.. Fruit source: Sam’s Valley Vineyard, Rogue River, Oregon. Fortified with 175° grape brandy from Clear Creek Distillery, Portland, Oregon. Avg. Brix at harvest: 24. Residual Sugar 6%; TA 5.5 g/L; pH 3.43. MUNDO NOVO™ is both our tribute and, candidly, our challenge to the wines of our beloved Douro. We intend to demonstrate by this wine that the New World, and, in particular, Oregon, can produce wines of a depth, complexity and longevity equaling and even surpassing the great dessert reds of Portugal. Modesty aside, we think we’ve done it in MUNDO NOVO™. You judge.

Tasting Notes from September 13, 2007 (6 ½ weeks in bottle)

Inky black, the wine is almost impenetrable to light; some dark purple at the rim; stains on the glass as the wine swirls; great extraction. On the nose, deep notes of red and black currant blend with blueberry and violet, followed by more savage smells – truffle, cedar, thyme and leather – all wrapped in sweet vanilla. On the attack, a strong perception of sweetness (much beyond the 6% RS – has to be the good brandy); this is followed by an, again, undifferentiated perception of acidity, both bright and tannic. With time the mid-palate opens to underlying fruit: berries, blue and black, and cassis liqueur. On the finish an instant replay of all of the above. Currants, berries, flowers, forest floor, vanilla, sweetness, brightness and tannic structure. Sixty seconds plus! Reminds me of the baby '77 Taylor.

15 Barrels Made. Bottled in 750 ml format. \$38