Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
Columbia Valley

Press Highlights

**Seattle Magazine**
2013 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Some of Washington’s most successful white wines come from these blends of traditional white Bordeaux varieties, and Buty’s version is among the very best, with enough rich, figgy fruit to work as a cocktail wine and enough key-limey acidity to cut through many a holiday dish."
-Paul Zitarelli, December 2014

**Wine Enthusiast**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Honeycrisp apples come to mind at first sip, along with dollops of peach, lemongrass and caramel. The mouthfeel is fresh and flavorful, with excellent texture and length." 90 Points
-Paul Gregutt, September 2014

**Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"The aroma is a fascinating blend of hay, dried and fresh pipe tobacco, and a faint earthiness that is a perfect varietal descriptor. And it has excellent acidity."
-Dan Berger, January 2015

**Chicago Tribune**
Blended Bliss
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"How the winemaker manages to carve this blend’s two-thirds Semillon into such refinement, linear focus and precision is art; pineapple lined with lemon."
-Bill St. John, October 2013

**Great Northwest Wine**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Enticing aromas of starfruit, dusty apple, lemon, honeydew melon, spearmint and a touch of oak. On the attack, it gathers up bright flavors akin to a crisp apple, lemon zest, Mandarin orange, more melon, sweet herbs and a balanced oak profile. Each year, this delicious alternative to Chardonnay accounts for a third of this Walla Walla winery’s production, so it should be easy to find and make for a dream pairing with scallops."
Outstanding! -Eric Degerman and Andy Perdue, June 2014

**Restaurant Wine**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Luscious and full bodied, this is a fine blend. It is rich but subtle in flavor, well balanced, and medium long on the finish, tasting of melon, peach, grapefruit, lime blossom, and honeysuckle.” Four Stars-EXCELLENT quality for it type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended.
-Ronn Wiegand, July 2014

**Forbes**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Lively, rich and playful, able to be serious with the food or just mouth-watering and floral before dinner."
-Katie Kelly Bell, November 2013

**Wine & Spirits**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Honeyed and round, with a golden fruit quality that runs from apples to pears and raisins, this blends close to two-thirds Sémillon with Sauvignon blanc and Muscadelle. It has an impressively high tone to its fruit, the finish going the route of preserved citrus. There’s enough structure and stuffing to pair with roast pork."
91 Points; Exceptional examples of their type
-Patrick Comiskey, October 2014

**Maryland Gazette**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"This was a great discovery for us. It is a blend of Sémillon, Sauvignon blanc and Muscadelle with an emphasis on the first grape. From Washington state, it has mango notes with a rich and creamy texture. Loved it!"
-Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, August 2013

**Chicago Sun-Times**
Little-known Washington Wineries Deserve Time in Spotlight
"A gateway to the wines of Washington can be found by exploring the wines from Buty Winery in Walla Walla. Buty, pronounced ‘beauty,’ is a relatively obscure, family artisan producer of red and white blends from Washington. Seattle native Nina Buty had a vision of creating wines that reflected the unique soils within Washington. The 2012 Buty Sémillon blend is a fascinating white that showcases the exotic character of Sémillon grown in the warm and sandy soils of Washington’s Wahluke Slope. A gentle dose of 21 percent Sauvignon and 17 percent aromatic Muscadelle was added to enhance the balance of the wine. The pure, bright yellow color of the wine is inviting and carries through to a bouquet of acacia flowers. The fragrant aromatics of this medium-bodied white leads to a lemon meringue entry with undercurrents of apple tart and pineapple. The wine speaks in soft muted whispers. All of the wines from Buty speak of purity and precision that immediately draw you into the wine. The wines are food focused and refreshing without ever wandering to the edge of over ripeness."
-W. Peter Hoyne, August 2014
**San Francisco Chronicle**
**Top Values from Producers of the Top 100 Wines**
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
-Jon Bonné, December 2012

**Seattle Magazine**
2012 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“This is a white that ages beautifully (or is it Buty-fully?), as a recent tasting of the 2008 vintage showed a wine still in ascendancy, picking up nuance and aromatic complexity. Drink it young, on the other hand, and you’ll find a lovely, vibrant mix of grass and clover, fig and honey, pear and peach. Its time in concrete allows the texture to pick up some weight without any overt oak influence. Instead, the stunning fruit and mineral are on full display.”
-Paul Zitarelli, November 2013

**The Wall Street Journal**
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Washington enjoys an embarrassment of riches; nearly every grape seems to do well in its vineyards. But while the fame (and the money) is made in the reds (mostly from Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot), Washington also produces some terrific white wines. The 2011 Buty Winery white blend of Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle is one particularly outstanding example—a rich, full-bodied, beautifully balanced wine.”
-Lettie Teague, November 2013

**Wine Enthusiast**
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“A keen sense of balance and proportion. This remains tight and tart, with a tangy mix of lemon, grapefruit and pineapple flavors. It’s a precise, high-acid, highwire act from a cool vintage.” 90 Points -Paul Gregutt, February 2013

**Stephen Tanzer’s Winophilia Blog**
Washington State White Wines of Character
“Here are my favorite new Washington white wines. All of these wines rated at least 90 points in the IWC, and they’re more than worth their prices.”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle - 90 Points
-Stephen Tanzer, January 2013

**KCBS**
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“This blend of varieties used in White Bordeaux wines from France, is seriously delicious. Another pale straw color accompanied by spicy citrus touches on the floral aroma and leads to a very distinct luster of flavors. The spiciness will fascinate. There are multiple layers of fruit here with a fine acidity and structure that calls out for food.”
-Narsai David, July 2013

**Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Bright pale yellow. Musky, slightly reduced aromas of mint and hazelnut. Broad and fine-grained, with soft citrus, lanolin and hazelnut flavors nicely framed by sound acidity. Finishes quite dry, with a lightly oily texture and lovely subtle persistence. A very successful blend.” 90 Points
-Stephen Tanzer, December 2012

**Sunset**
2012 International Wine Competition
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
Gold Medalist

**Wine & Spirits**
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Scents of caramel and toffee mingle with green apple and lemon notes in this well-structured, Sémillon-heavy blend. It’s balanced and firm, grounded by a chalky mineral finish that keeps the wine on point.” 90 Points
-Patron Comiskey, October 2013

**Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences**
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“In some ways a more classic example of the Australian model, with hints of pear, spice, star anise, and fig. A simply dramatic white wine.” Exceptional
-Dan Berger, June 2013

**Newsday**
“Buty Winery began in 2000. It’s a spirited source of reds and whites from Washington state. Current Buty releases show both the range and the quality.”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“For a refreshing, bright white look for the floral, fruity 2011 Buty Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle. This smooth Columbia Valley blend is a fine sipper and a match for many appetizers.”
-Peter Gianotti, August 2013

**Wine Review Online**
A Beauty of a Walla Walla White
“Twice now I have tasted the wines of Buty Winery and have been particularly struck by the quality of the whites. Not that the reds are not impressive – but the whites are surprisingly fine.”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“When you smell the 2011 Buty Sémillon-Sauvignon Blanc-Muscadelle, you’ll catch a whiff of lemon, lime, fresh apricot and flowers. In your mouth, the wine is dry and full-bodied with strong acidity that counterbalances the wine’s weight, even as the viscous, slightly waxy texture reminds you how rich the wine actually is. The wine has broad elements – noticeable as a mineral note on the nose and as a structural aspect in the mouth – which befits the old vine Sémillon. But the acidity of the Sauvignon and the floral and fruity notes of the Muscadelle carry the wine beyond the earthbound plane. The wine’s flavors themselves are fresh and vivid – lemon, fig, orange, peach – and they linger long on the finish. I suspect that this wine is teasing us now, tasting so delicious that we will drink it young, only to realize that it has become even richer and more compelling, if less fresh and vibrant, with a few years of aging.” 92 Points
-Mary Ewing-Mulligan, July 2013

**Restaurant Wine**
Wines & Wineries to Watch
“Very fine Sémillon blends are being made by Washington’s Buty winery.”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Fleshy and full-bodied, this is a smoothly textured, complex blend with moderate oak character, good balance, and a very long finish, tasting of honey, apricot, lime, honeysuckle, toast, and lemon grass. Aged in concrete tanks and older French oak barrels.” Four Stars-EXCELLENT quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended.
-Ronn Wiegand, June 2013
Napa Valley Register
“Over the years, I have had many great Sémillon experiences, and recently found a few American producers making major statements with such wines.”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Light aromas of hay, tea, and subtle spice notes. The flavors are spot-on for a young wine, and it is made to be aged about 5 to 6 more years. Superb wine.”
-Dan Berger, June 2013

Wine Lines Online
“Featured Wines”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“This is Buty Winery’s rendition of a classic white Bordeaux. Medium straw in color, with bronze tones. The wonderfully aromatic nose offers up honeysuckle, white flowers, star fruit, lemon oil, figs and limestone. The wine shows a lush and juicy mouthfeel, which follows through to the finish. It sports a refreshing acidity and natural minerality. A complete wine.” 90 Points
-Glen Frederiksen, June 2013

The Press Democrat
A Wine That Changed My Life
“Among the best recent U.S. attempts to make a dry wine from sémillon with sauvignon blanc as a helper.”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Light aromas of hay, tea and subtle spice notes. The flavors are spot-on for a young wine, and it is made to be aged about 5-6 more years. Superb.”
-Dan Berger, February 2014

Gray Report
“Dowssett is also winemaker at Buty, which makes excellent blends including an ageworthy Sémillon, Sauvignon and Muscadelle blend that is annually one of my favorite Washington whites.” -Blake Gray, April 2013

Palate Press
“Top Pacific Northwest White Wines”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Clear, medium intensity, bright gold color. Clean nose with light aromas of lemon, stone, white peach, green pears and apple. Medium-dry on the palate with medium body and acidity. Medium flavors of yellow apple, pear, citrus, hay/straw, lemon, and a waxy texture.” 90 Points; Recommended
-Ryan Reichert, August 2013

Wine Advocate
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Peach and lime are tinged with violet as well as musky narcissus and peony, almond extract and peach kernel serving for counterpoint both in the nose and on an animatedly juicy yet expansive and subtly waxen-textured palate. The tart, piquant cut of lime peel is prominent on entry while both the genuine refreshment and the richness of texture on offer here reveal themselves past the mid-palate. I would expect this fine value to age beautifully for at least 4-6 years, so don’t drink it all up right away!” 90 Points
-David Schildknecht, December 2012, Issue #204

2011 Seattle Wine Awards
2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
Double Gold

Washington Wine Report
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“An aromatically complex wine with freshly peeled grapefruit, orange peel, fig, and herbs. It’s medium bodied with a textured feel and tart fruit flavors.” 3 Stars
-Sean Sullivan, October 2013

American Wine: The Ultimate Companion to the Wines and Wineries of the United States
“Steady hands: Buty Winery”
“Their wines—particularly the Columbia Valley Sémillon-Sauvignon Blanc-Muscadelle—are superb.”
-Jancis Robinson and Linda Murphy, 2013

The Detroit News
“Buty Puts on a Show in Washington’s Columbia Valley”
“The profound and pristine wines of Buty (pronounced ‘beauty’) Winery in Washington reflect the uniqueness of the rugged, desolate Columbia Valley where days are warm, nights are cool; soils are sandy and volcanic, and irrigation is needed to combat the low rainfall. Because of this stress, wines are rich and full of flavor with well-mannered alcohol levels. What sets them apart? The palate-blowing blends and the quality of the juice and soft tannins. Buty marries Merlot and Cabernet Franc, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, and Muscadelle with Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc. The wines are rich, aromatic, complex. Nina Buty founded the winery in Walla Walla in 2000; Zelma Long joined the team in 2001 and to this day serves as consulting winemaker; Chris Dowsett is winemaker — one publication called this accomplished and creative crafter ‘Washington’s Best Worst-Kept Secret,’ a convoluted way of saying everybody knows he’s good.”
2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Muscadelle, not to be confused with Muscat, usually plays a minor role in dry and sweet white Bordeaux blends. Buty gives it more respect for its aromatic qualities and bumped it up to 21% of the blend for its focused fruit and aromas. The blend is a cocktail of white flower, grapefruit, lime and pineapple with plenty of mouthfeel and body. It’s aged in a combination of concrete tanks and mature Burgundian and Bordeaux barrels. Some lots were given skin contact; others pressed as whole clusters. This is just the beginning of Buty’s creative blends.”
-Sandra Silfven, July 2013

Wine Enthusiast
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“This shows a darker shade than most young whites, almost a burnished gold. Soft and complex, with ripe, slightly confected fruit flavors, it’s super smooth, with honeysuckle highlights around waxy stone fruits. Excellent length.” 92 Points – Editor’s Choice
-Paul Gregutt, July 2012

Sunset
“Standout Blends”
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“The only white Bordeaux blend we know of in Washington that includes the aromatic third grape, Muscadelle. Heady florals mix with quince, Asian pear, peach, and lemongrass over earthy wet concrete.”
-Sara Schneider, June 2012
Buty Winery: Making Beautiful Wines in Walla Walla
"Buty Winery has become one of the most highly regarded wineries in Washington State. Buty boasts an outstanding vineyard program, sourcing its fruit from a number of the Northwest’s top vineyards."

2011 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Pale, greenish straw yellow. Aromatic with grass and lemon on the nose. Citrus fruits, grass, and floral notes come through on the palate. Dry and medium-bodied with crisp acidity and a very long finish.”
-Kori Voorhees, July 2013

Food & Wine
2013 Wine Guide
"Look for their outstanding bottlings of both Buty and BEAST labels."

2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"This attractive three-grape white blend features floral and citrus aromas followed by a plump body and brisk, lemon-infused acidity.”
-October 2012

San Francisco Chronicle
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"The Top Vintners Not At Top Dollar"
"Because some of our Top 100 Wines are in limited supply, here’s a list of other bottles made by some of our Top 100 producers, all $40 or less.”
-Jon Bonné, December 2011

Restaurant Wine
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Round and intensely flavored, this is a dry, full bodied blend with grapefruit, oak, lemon peel, orange blossom, and grapefruit aromas/flavor. Crisp, long finish. Excellent.” Four Stars-EXCELLENT quality for it type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended.
-Ronn Wiegand, June 2012

Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences
“A Buty"
"After 44 years of a professional journalistic career, I can smell it when I sense there is a story. It’s based as much on intuition as it is on data. And within about five minutes of meeting Caleb Foster this week, it was clear that this was a story...Indeed, what sets Foster and Buty apart from run-of-the-mill great wineries is that some of his wines are different, showing that Caleb has a passion that leads him to unique renderings...It starts with the fact that Foster has a lot of intuition for how to handle excellent fruit. Which, in his view is to harvest a bit earlier than most others – music to my ears since it makes wine that typically has great balance..."

2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Near-angular aroma of earthy, green herbs, and a dried fig note. The slightly rustic nature of the wine comes from skin contact (a risky idea!) and then nine-month aging on the lees. Hard to describe, but a great rendition.” Exceptional
-Dan Berger, September 2011

Chicago Tribune
“Spot On: Wines that hit the bull’s-eye with flavor and value”
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"In another world and of another stripe, this blend underpins a great white of Bordeaux, here taking a New World turn (made in Washington along Aussie and New Zealander lines): succulent sauvignon, pillowy semillon and high-toned, aromatic muscadelle conspire in a multilayered white of real delight. Enjoy by itself or with the white proteins and pulses.”
-Bill St. John, July 2012

Boise Weekly
“Sémillon and Sauvignon Blends: New World versions of a classic Bordeaux blend”
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
“Buty’s Caleb Foster is one of the more talented winemakers in Walla Walla, Wash. (which is saying a lot). This blend, with its 18 percent muscadelle, 61 percent semillon and 21 percent sauvignon blanc, has an intriguing complexity with green apple, guava and citrus aromas. This wine is impeccably well-balanced, with creamy peach, apricot and pear fruit flavors playing against tangy grapefruit and melon.”
-David Kirkpatrick, May 2012

Seattle Magazine
Washington Wine Awards finalists:
Category: White Wine of the Year
Category: White Bordeaux-style Blend, all prices
Wine: 2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
-Anne Nisbet, February 2012

Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book 2014
Buty Winery
"Top-quality wines in appealing variety of styles. Delightful Sémillon/Sauvignon Blanc/Muscadelle white.”
Three Stars; Well known, highly reputed.
-Hugh Johnson, 2013

Beverage Dynamics
2010 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Beautiful white Bordeaux blend, with each grape varietal bringing a unique element to the wine; the Semillon (61%) provides rich body and velvety mouth-feel; the sauvignon blanc (21%) provides zingy acidity and citrus notes; and the muscadelle (18%) fills the bouquet with gorgeous notes of fresh rose petals and lavender; balanced and fresh.” 95 Points -June 2012

Wine Enthusiast
2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle
"Fragrant with cut grass, peavine and sweet hay, leading into light fruit flavors of apple and pear. There are suggestions of sliced orange, and the creamy, textural mouth-feel derived from nine months of aging on the lees.” 93 Points; Editors’ Choice
-Paul Gregutt, May 2011

San Jose Mercury News
“On Wine: A Critic’s Year of Discovery”
“Another surprise was a fascinating, mouth-filling Washington state white blend, the 2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle.”
-Laurie Daniel, January 2012
**Wine Review Online**  
**“Buty and the Beast”**  
“I was excited to learn that a top-notch Walla Walla, Wash., producer, Buty Winery, has jumped into the California wine lake...What the Buty wines bring to the market is so much more than just ‘Washington wine.’ Caleb and Nina Foster produce unusual yet well-thought-out, harmonious blends, such as their Sémillon-Sauvignon Blanc-Muscadelle from Columbia Valley, their version of Bordeaux blanc...That they were able to find Muscadelle in Columbia Valley is a marvel, and it adds a lovely floral aroma to the wine. Who else but Buty would seek out Muscadelle?”

**2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle**  
“Buty’s version of Bordeaux blanc, this wine has great structure and acidity, with a faint fizziness that blows off with aeration. The gorgeously floral yet not overpowering aroma comes thanks to the Muscadelle component, and steely flavors of unripe apricot and citrus are tinged with a pleasant herbal note. Like most Sémillon-based wines, it’s tight now, and I can’t wait to try it with a few more years of bottle age.”  
93 Points  
-Linda Murphy, September 2011

**Seattle Metropolitan**  
**“100 Best Washington Wines”**  
“The 100 wines here represent the very best of a very good group.”

**2008 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle**  
“Buty winemaker Caleb Foster’s vast experience shines through on this gorgeous blend—consistently one of the most impressive wines produced in the state.”

90 Points - # 59 out of 100  
-Sean Sullivan, September 2010

**Seattle Times**  
**“2009 Top 100 Washington State Wines”**  
2007 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle  
#13 out of 100  
-Paul Gregutt, November 2009

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**Gayot.com**  
**“Top 10 Affordable Holiday Wines”**

**2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle**  
“Nina Buty Foster and her husband, winemaker Caleb Foster, founded Buty Winery in 2000. Their aptly-named blend of white grape varietals grown in Washington’s Columbia Valley offers zesty lemon aromas on the nose with fragrant floral notes. Its crisp acidity and supple texture make this wine ideal for pairing with seafood, white meats and light pasta dishes.”  
-December 2012

**Seattle Magazine**  
**“Best Washington Wines of 2011”**  
“This year’s winners provide a snapshot of the shining stars in the industry’s firmament—the current wines our judges loved in blind tastings and the wines we think you will love, too.”

**“White Bordeaux-style Blend”**  
**2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle**  
“Buty has been a crowd pleaser since the Walla Walla winery’s first vintage in 2000. This traditional Bordeaux partnering of Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc adds a floral wild card with the lesser-known Muscadelle, which winemaker Caleb Foster sourced from Lonesome Spring Ranch in Yakima Valley, perhaps as a nod to his early years working in New Zealand and South Africa, where that grape is known as Tokay.”

-Shannon Borg and Leslie Kelly, April 2011

**Wine Enthusiast**  
**2008 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle**  
“Beautifully floral, fragrant and evocative, with lush and complex aromas of honeycomb, cracker and citrus, carrying into the mouth with bright, rich, detailed flavors. Stone and mineral elements are woven throughout, and the barrel fermentation adds hints of toast.”

95 Points; Editor’s Choice  
-Paul Gregutt, March 2010

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**Northwest Palate**  
**“New 2012- Essential Northwest Wineries”**  
“Two whites round out the basic Buty bevy; the brightly fruited Conner Lee Chardonnay and the crisp, distinctive Sémillon/Sauvignon Blanc/Muscadelle blend...From growing to making, the Fosters approach their task with a sense of mission, sensitivity to natural methods, and commitment to quality that consistently shows through their wines.”  
-Cole Danehower, February 2012

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**Wine Review Online**  
**“Best Property White Blend Over $15”**

2008 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle  
“Wine maker Caleb Foster has a delicate touch with wines, crafting each one to bring out the particular characteristics of the selected fruit. With lots of complexity, this classic white Bordeaux-style wine is fascinating to drink, with flavors of ‘spice box’ and ‘beeswax,’ and bright freshness along with fig, grapefruit and honey.”

Best White Bordeaux-style Blend  
Best Property White Blend Over $15  
-Shannon Borg, April 2010

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**Wine Review Online**  
**“2009 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle”**  
“The blend here is 65% - 27% - 8% sorted out to Sémillon/ Sauvignon/ Muscadelle styled in the manner of Bordeaux Blanc, with some older oak but no overtly woody character. Relatively rich but not heavy, with complex aromas and flavors ranging from brighter citrus notes to more substantial suggestions of ripe melons and figs.”

90 Points  
-Michael Franz, December 2012
**Wine Advocate**

2008 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle

“The 2009 Sémillon (65%) – Sauvignon (27%) Muscadelle (8%) displays an intriguing perfume of bee’s wax, honey, mineral, melon, and jasmine. Intense flavors, impeccable balance, and a lengthy, refreshing finish are the hallmarks of this brilliant effort. It is likely to evolve for 1-2 years and drink well for a decade.”

*92 Points*

-Jay Miller, September 2012

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**425 Magazine**

2008 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle

“This is a must-have for the Chardonnay lover in your life who wants to try something new.”

-Lisa Rongren, November 2012

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**Wine Enthusiast**

2007 Sémillon, Sauvignon & Muscadelle

“Spicy and detailed, layered with sweet grass and lemon meringue. Shows wonderful dry extract, dense and complex, with terrific midpalate concentration and exceptional length and viscosity. Focused and fragrant, it goes into the deep, bold flavors of the best Washington Sémillon.”

*94 Points*

-Paul Gregutt, December 2009
Wine Advocate
Buty Winery
“A superb estate that’s located in Walla Walla, Buty is owned and run by Nina Buty Foster, with Chris Dowsett making the wines. The style here is distinctly bright, fresh and borderline lean.”

2012 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“A beautiful white, their 2012 Chardonnay offers gorgeous citrus blossom, crushed-rock minerality, and hints of peach to go with a medium-bodied, layered and elegant feel on the palate. Aged ten months in 60% oak and 40% concrete, it’s an impressive effort from a region that can struggle with their whites.” 90 Points
-Jeb Dunnuck, June 2014

The Tasting Panel
2012 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Ripe and lush with juicy style and charming fresh fruit; smooth, pretty and balanced with lovely style; long and vibrant.” 90 Points; Outstanding
-Anthony Dias Blue, June 2014

Washington Wine Report
2012 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“A moderately aromatic wine with alluring notes of peach, butterscotch, mineral, and creamy spices. The palate is medium bodied with a fine sense of elegance, grace and texture and a drawn out finish.” Excellent
-Sean Sullivan, August 2014

Wine Press Northwest
2012 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Hints of apple butter, ripe pear, Lemonhead candy, vanilla bean and toasted coconut lead into a remarkable greeting of Golden Delicious apple and Bosc pear. Melted butter adds another dimension through the midpalate to its lush and balanced finish of baked apple.”
-Eric Degerman and Andy Perdue, July 2014

Restaurant Wine
2012 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“An excellent Chardonnay, in a supple, complex, yet understated style It is fleshy in texture, well balanced, and long on the finish, tasting of pear, white peach, toast, apple, and lemon peel.” 4 Stars; EXCELLENT quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended.
-Ronn Wiegand, January 2014

Seattle Magazine
Six Best New Washington Chardonnays
“By the end of 2014, there will be at least three new Chardonnay-only winery projects in Washington, and they join a handful of local wineries with long track records of producing outstanding Chardonnays. The message is strikingly similar among rookies and veterans alike: With this new Chardonnay renaissance, it’s all about the vineyards.”

“Paul’s Chardonnay Picks: The Classics”
2012 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Since 2000, Conner Lee has been the source of one of Washington’s finest Chardonnays, this single-vineyard bottling from Buty. The original goal, according to Nina Buty, was to find a vineyard that would ‘let the land speak, with a focus on pure flavors.’ Raised in a combination of oak and concrete, it offers a lovely mix of stone fruit and tea leaf, with thrilling cool-site acidity even in this warmer vintage.”
-Paul Zitarelli, May 2014

Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
The Best New Wines from Washington State
2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Good bright straw-yellow color. Nuanced, complex nose melds apple seed, yellow peach, lime and ginger. Sweet and glyceral yet light on its feet, with lovely breadth to its oily stone fruit and apple flavors. Real umami texture here, with very good supporting energy. Finishes suave and long. An excellent Washington chardonnay.”
91 Points; Outstanding
-Stephen Tanzer, December 2013

Wine Advocate
Buty Winery
“The wines lean heavily towards the elegant, borderline lean, end of the spectrum so those looking for overflowing richness need to look elsewhere. Nevertheless, they feature gorgeous purity of fruit, energetic textures and overall beautifully made profiles.”

2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“A classy, elegant white, Buty’s 2011 Chardonnay comes from the Conner Lee Vineyard, which was planted in the early 1980s and lies outside the town of Othello, Washington. Made from 100% Chardonnay, whole cluster pressed, and fermented and aged in barrel, it offers notions of pear, dried pineapple and lemon curd as well as a medium-bodied, balanced and supple palate that builds in richness and finishes with juicy acidity. It should drink nicely for another 3-4 years.”
90 Points
-Jeb Dunnuck, June 2013
Newsday
“Buty Winery began in 2000. It’s a spirited source of reds and whites from Washington state. Current Buty releases show both the range and the quality.”

2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“There’s an undercurrent of citrus in the 2011 Buty Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay, which boasts excellent fruit. The wine is ideal with shellfish, especially lobster, either steamed or broiled.”
- Peter Gianotti, August 2013

Wine Review Online
“Today’s Featured Wine”
2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“This is a beautiful, classy Chardonnay. It strikes a style of its own in its understatement and its lack of showiness offset by assertive crisp acidity and vibrant, fresh citrusy fruit aromas and flavors – which themselves are tempered by leesy complexity and rich creaminess. It has so much going on, but so subtly, that you might want to take a moment to contemplate its beauty. From a cool vintage and made from whole-cluster-pressed fruit, barrel-fermented, and fully malolactic. Impressive.” 92 Points
-Mary Ewing-Mulligan, July 2013

Wine Enthusiast
2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“The 2011 is an elegant, fine-tuned version of this excellent wine, with a crisp, defined mix of citrus and mineral flavors. The lingering, snappy finish begs for fresh shellfish or halibut.” 90 Points
-Paul Gregutt, February 2013

Examiner.com
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“Banana peel, fresh melon, Meyer lemon, honeysuckle, a hint of marshmallow and fresh-baked biscuits. Quite easily, one of the better Washington Chardonnays I’ve ever had. It has a really good balance of fruit, texture from appropriate oak integration and retains good freshness across the entire palate. If you’re looking for a great Chardonnay which has good balance of acidity as well, then look no further.”
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WinePeeps.com
Buty Winery: Making Beautiful Wines in Walla Walla
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-Kori Voorhees, July 2013

Wine Spectator
2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Smooth and spicy, with buttery pear flavors balanced against lacy acidity, finishing with delicacy.” 90 Points
-Harvey Steiman, August 2013

Washington Wine Report
2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“An aromatically appealing wine with cream, candy corn, and roasted squash. The palate is medium-bodied but dances lightly with a creamy feel and an open finish.”
3+ Stars; Good/Excellent
-Sean Sullivan, October 2013

Wine Lines Online
2011 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Medium straw color with hints of green. Crisp, cool-climate aromatics of green apple, lemon and flowers are complemented by mild toast and lees notes. Imagine a fine Champagne as a still table wine. The fruit sweetens up in the mouth. Coupled with a high natural acidity, the wine has a refreshing sweet-tart juiciness. The oak shadings are in the background, providing some roundness in texture and toast notes. A seamless, complete wine.” 90 Points
-Glen Frederiksen, June 2013

Wine Enthusiast
2010 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“This is one of the stars of the vintage in 2010; the Conner Lee fruit is rich and fully ripe, with a pleasingly candied aspect. Yet it remains lively with bracing acids, citrus and apple, and highlights of toasted nuts and caramel. A big, grin-inducing wine that is virtually irresistible.” 93 Points; Editors’ Choice
-Paul Gregutt, July 2012

Restaurant Wine
2010 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“A full bodied wine with good depth of flavor and a long, relatively crisp finish. The wine is full flavored without being heavy, and tastes of apple, roasted nut, peach, and lemon peel.” 3+ Stars; VERY GOOD quality for its type, style, and price. Has distinctive character and positive attributes—Recommended.
-Ronn Wiegand, June 2012

The Tasting Panel
2010 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Tangy and bright with minerals, lively citrus and firm acid structure; fresh and balanced with juicy, vibrant fruit; long and stylish.” 90 Points; Outstanding
-Anthony Dias Blue, November 2012

Wine Review Online
2010 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Refreshingly free of overt oak nuances, the fruit shines through in this lovely Chardonnay. But there’s more to it than blasts of ripe peach and pear notes, as an underlying hum of minerality and a breath of acidity chime in just in time for the long, glossy finale.”
90 Points
-Marguerite Thomas, March 2013

Northwest Palate
“Top Northwest Wines”
2008 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay
“Admirable balance allows the tasty fresh fruitiness to shine.”
-Cole Danehower, November 2010
Walla Walla-based winery.

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The Wall Street Journal

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Seattle Met

"100 Best Washington Wines"

The 100 wines here represent the very best of a very good group.

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Seattle Magazine

Seattle Magazine Washington Wine Awards finalists:

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-Anne Nisbet, February 2012

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Wine Lines Online

2010 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay

“You won’t find many Chardonnays in the New World that are this crisp — even from the cooler growing regions. But this one, clear straw in hue, is exceptional. The nose offers up crisp aromatics of lime and orange, sharp stone fruit, and a limestone minerality. Aged in older Burgundy barrels, with only 20% of the juice undergoing malolactic fermentation, this is as close as you’ll get to a fine Chablis in a glass without traveling to France. Surprisingly round and balanced in the mouth, there is ample sweet-tart fruit that stays juicy through to the finish. Pair with all manner of shellfish, or poach a salmon filet in white wine with lime juice.” -Glen Frederiksen, June 2012

Wine Review Online

2009 Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay

“This wine has a terrific fresh aroma, with notes of peaches and citrus. The wine is made in 5 to 10 year-old barrels, so it has a wonderful creamy mouth-feel without the big oaky flavors. Crisp and fresh all the way through." 91 Points -Tina Caputo, September 2011

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The Wall Street Journal

“Stalking the Wines of Washington”

“I tasted an enormous range of Washington wines and found quite a few that I could happily recommend. But these five stood out for reasons that ranged from affordability to availability to just plain fabulousness (and sometimes all three).”

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“There’s both richness and restraint in this impressive full-bodied white from Caleb Foster, who, along with his wife, Nina, produces high-quality reds and whites at their Walla Walla-based winery.” -Lettie Teague, July 2010

Seattle Magazine

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**Best Wines Online**

**Buty Winery**
“These are really important wines for Washington State.”

**Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay**
“The greatest Chard I ever had from the state of Washington… I’m obsessing on this Chardonnay.”

-Kyle Meyer, June 2013
**Press Highlights**

**Vinous**

2012 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Bright ruby-red. Lively aromas of redcurrant, coffee and mocha. Sweet, smooth and suave on the palate, but currently showing a medicinal reserve to the red berry and sexy oak flavors. Subtle floral lift contributes to the wine’s appeal. Not a monster of concentration but quite seamless and long, with sweet tannins and a repeating floral note. I’d expect this beauty to put on weight with time in the cellar.” 92 Points; Outstanding. A wine of remarkable personality and breed that is well worth seeking out  

-Stephen Tanzer, December 2014

**Wine Spectator Insider**

“A diverse array of terrific reds and whites populates this week’s Wine Spectator Insider. Cabernets, Merlots, Syrahs and Rieslings are the order of the day in Washington and Australia, with some of the best coming from Buty…”

2011 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“A joyous mouthful of raspberry, black cherry, dark plum and sweet red pepper plays against polished tannins on a deftly balanced, medium-weight frame, finishing with presence. Hints at a meaty note as the finish lingers.”  

93 Points; Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style  

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“The 2011 Merlot Cabernet Franc Conner Lee Vineyard (labeled simply ‘Conner Lee Vineyard’) is a blend of 67% Merlot and 33% Cabernet Franc that spent 15 months in one-third new French oak. Semi-opaque purple in color, it offers up an energetic profile with blackberry, tobacco, underbrush, pepper and floral nuances leading to a medium-bodied, elegant and deftly textured palate that has juicy acidity, good balance and a clean finish. Vibrant and perfumed, it is already approachable and delicious, yet should continue to impress for 7-8 years, possibly upwards of a decade.” 91 Points; An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines  

-Jeb Dunnuck, June 2013

**Wine Enthusiast**

2012 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“A fine vintage yields a classic wine that seems sculpted out of rock. Firm lines and clear definition showcases racy raspberry fruit, limned with chiseled stone and a vein of gun metal. Excellent focus and length.”

92 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended  

-Paul Gregutt, November 2014

**Wine & Spirits**

2012 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“A blend of about two-thirds merlot with the balance cabernet franc, this stately red from the Wahluke Slope has a savory scent of sun-dried tomatoes and olives, over lush dark cherry flavor. There’s a nice tension between fruit and savory notes, the texture suave and brisk, with a leafy quality to the finish that suggests pairing with herb-roasted lamb.” 90 Points; Exceptional examples of their type  

-Patrick Comiskey, October 2014

**The Tasting Panel**

2012 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Smooth and silky with spice, plum and aromatics; juicy and lush with rich texture and a long, balanced finish.”  

90 Points; Outstanding  

-Anthony Dias Blue, December 2014

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“Smooth, toasty and ripe with plum, spice and tangy acidity; bright and juicy with a long finish.”

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**Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**

The Best New Wines from Washington State

2011 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Very complex and subtle Washington blend. Finishes long and smooth, with savory red fruit and cinnamon flavors, a captivating hint of rose petal, and fine-grained, ripe tannins.” 91 Points; Outstanding  

-Stephen Tanzer, November/December 2013

**Food Arts Magazine**

2011 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“With raspberry, plum, cherry, and blueberry aromas that follow through on the palate, this red represents a riot of fruit, delivering fine balance, courtesy of its precise acidity and supple tannins. Savory and spicy notes chime in on the medium-bodied palate and ride the lingering finish.” 93 Points  

-Jeffery Lindenmuth, September 2014
Wine Review Online
2011 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“This blend of Merlot (67 percent) and Cabernet Franc is a very elegant wine – in other words, a wine of smoothness and balance, not excessively big or powerful but quite lovely. The wine shows admirable ripeness of fruit and flavor for the very cool 2011 vintage. Its flavors suggest blueberry – apparently from the unusually dominant Cabernet Franc component – with dark berry jam, and the flavors carry long into the finish.” 90 Points  -Mary Ewing-Mulligan, April 2013

Great Northwest Wine
2011 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“Few wineries have done as much as Buty to raise the profile of this 100-acre site on Radar Hill near Othello, Wash. They made the call to harvest the Merlot on Oct. 24, while the pull of the Cabernet Franc came three days later. The use of French oak, a third of it new barrel, pops the nose immediately with aromas of mocha and black licorice, fully supported by tones of ripe plum, raspberry and fruit punch with a pinch of black pepper and rose petal. The drink is dark and rich with Bing cherry, blackberry and black chocolate, backed by a refined approach of sandy tannins, a dash more of pepper and pie cherry acidity.” Outstanding!  -Andy Perdue, December 2013

Wine Enthusiast
Celebrating the Diversity of Washington State Wines 2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“Conner Lee vineyard fruit is on display here, delivering immaculate flavors with precise detail. Brambly blackberry, strawberry and plum combine in the core, with lightly applied chocolate and vanilla notes from aging 14 months in 50% new French oak. Excellent penetration and depth suggest cellaring this wine for another 8–10 years.” 92 Points; Cellar Selection  -Paul Gregutt, September 2013

Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences
2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“A seamless blend that shows olive-tea notes from the Merlot, leafy cherry notes from CF, and loads of blackberry fruit. A superb wine to age for at least 5 more years.” Exceptional  -Dan Berger, June 2013

Wine Advocate
2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“The Buty 2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc delivers an alluring and fascinating combination of bittersweet floral perfume; marine breeze; and scents of fresh dark cherry and berries, all of which anticipate its billowing, juicy, and saliva-stimulating impression on a strikingly silken palate. The 42% Cabernet Franc here strikes me as getting more than equal billing. This finishes with real verve and next-sip inducement, and will probably prove versatile and delightful for at least the next three years.” 91 Points  -David Schildknecht, December 2012

Gray Report
“Dowsett is also winemaker at Buty, which makes excellent blends including a nice Merlot/Cabernet Franc blend.”  -Blake Gray, April 2013

Washington Wine Report
2011 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“The Buty Winery 2011 Merlot & Cabernet Franc is a thrilling wine. The emphasis is all on the elegant fruit flavors that still retain great depth and a supple, almost creamy feel. Among the more impressive wines to come out of this challenging vintage – though some may find it too light in style or perhaps too herbal for their tastes. But for those who enjoy lower alcohol wines and are not afraid to explore the savory, this is nirvana. A moderately aromatic, intriguing wine with a medley of herbal notes that span the register – tomato leaf, tarragon, and bay leaf - while staying clear of the greener side of the spectrum with cherry and graphite providing complement and contrast. The palate is elegant in style, almost creamy in feel while still showing exquisite richness. Lingers on the finish. Some might find this wine a bit too light for their tastes as it pounds the hammer softly. Others will fall in love.” Exceptional  -Sean Sullivan, February 2014

Wine Spectator Insider
“Supple, focused and distinctive for its exotic spice and guava overtone around a core of cherry and green olive flavors, persisting easily on the long, expressive finish.” 92 Points; Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style  -Harvey Steiman, December 2012

The Detroit News
Buty Puts on a Show in Washington's Columbia Valley
“The profound and pristine wines of Buty (pronounced ‘beauty’) Winery in Washington reflect the uniqueness of the rugged, desolate Columbia Valley where days are warm, nights are cool; soils are sandy and volcanic, and irrigation is needed to combat the low rainfall. Because of this stress, wines are rich and full of flavor with well-mannered alcohol levels. What sets them apart? The palate-blowing blends and the quality of the juice and soft tannins. Buty marries Merlot and Cabernet Franc, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, and Muscadelle with Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. The wines are rich, aromatic, complex. Nina Buty founded the winery in Walla Walla in 2000; Zelma Long joined the team in 2001 and to this day serves as consulting winemaker; Chris Dowsett is winemaker — one publication called this accomplished and creative crafter “Washington’s Best Worst-Kept Secret,” a convoluted way of saying everybody knows he’s good.”

2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“This is my kind of red — a blend that lets the Cabernet Franc sing! Of course, Merlot is a prime grape in Washington too. But what a fine marriage: the dark plum, dark cherry, sweet clove of the Merlot holding hands with the intense cranberry, herbal tones and bittersweet chocolate of the Cab Franc.”  -Sandra Silvén, July 2013
2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“With time the mid-palate pops open, revealing bright, juicy red raspberry and strawberry fruit. This is lively in the mouth with a touch of creaminess from the oak, but the flavors are lovely, if a touch faint. There’s a little heat on the finish, and some gentle spicy notes, but the fruit lingers on in a spicy, red way.” 92 Points
-Gregory Dal Piaz, January 2013

The Tasting Panel

2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Smooth and juicy with dense flavors of plum, blueberry and spice; supple, rich and balanced with a long, meaty finish. 58% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Franc.” 90 Points; Outstanding
-Anthony Dias Blue, July 2013

Houston Lifestyles & Homes

Lovely Reds at $40-plus
2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Grown on the Conner Lee Vineyard at almost 2,000 feet on Radar Hill south of Othello, Washington. This is a cool evening/warm day climate with diurnal swings of up to 50 degrees F. The Merlot comes in with fabulous acidity, structure and beautiful, plummy fruit. The Cabernet Franc adds complexity and spice. A cozy and successful varietal marriage.” 94 Points
-Denman Moody, August 2013

Washington Wine Report

“Of the wines sampled below, the most attention getting is the 2010 Merlot-Cabernet Franc. Almost all of this wine (95%) comes from Connor Lee Vineyard in the Columbia Valley with just a dollop coming from Champoux Vineyard. Like many wines from the 2010 vintage, it only continues to improve after hours and days open and should have a very long life in front of it.”

2010 Merlot-Cabernet Franc – 4+ Stars; Excellent, Exceptional
-Sean Sullivan, October 2013

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2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Deep, dark red. Aromatic with oak and spice on the nose. Oak, spice, and red and black fruit come through on the palate. Medium to full-bodied with lively acidity, sweet tannins, and a long finish.” 90 Points
-Kori Voorhees, July 2013

San Francisco Chronicle

“These are serious, complex wines.”

2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“At about two-thirds Merlot, it brims with fragrant berry and graphite, plus paprika and fennel around the edges. Seamless and heady.” 94 Points
-Jon Bonné, April 2011

Food & Wine

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Wine Enthusiast

2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Light red-fruit flavors are spiced up beautifully with cinnamon and sweet toast. This is an elegant, peppery wine that’s well defined and still showing some youthful sharpness.” 90 Points; Cellar Selection
-Paul Gregutt, July 2012

San Francisco Chronicle

Top 100 Wines of 2011: Cabernet, Merlot and Blends

2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

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Wine Enthusiast

“Buty wines, both white and red, consistently show the sort of nuance and depth that mark the world’s best. Seamless flavors blend subtle mineral, herbal and spice components in a style that is clean, a bit lean, polished, complex and powerful.”

2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Wide open and seductive, this brings together grapes from both Conner Lee (northern Columbia Basin) and Champoux (Horse Heaven Hills). Muscular, ripe and round, the sweet blackberry and cassis fruit is limned with a granite-like minerality. Great concentration in a layer cake of berries, rocks and tannins.” 94 Points
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2010 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Notes of raspberry, cherry, cola, leather, clove, allspice, pepperoni stick and a hint of game. A seriously lush wine that has rich black and red fruit along with a good sense of muscle. This is not a wimpy wine and will easily cater to more of a new world style of wine lover. Good mid palate and finish.”
-Duane Pemberton, July 2013

Wine Spectator

13 Intriguing Washington Reds

2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Supple, generous and distinctive for a leafy, earthy halo around the focused, generous blackberry and currant fruit at the core, finishing with a grace note of spicy floral aromatics.” 92 Points
-Harvey Steiman, October 2011

Wine Review Online

2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc

“Ripe, but not sweet, with clear enticing herbal notes that remind you that wine can deliver so much more than just fruit flavors. Young and vigorous now, its balance suggests it will develop beautifully.” 90 Points
-Michael Apstein, November 2011
Wine Review Online
2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“A sumptuous right bank Bordeaux blend, expressing Washington’s fruit forward red wine personality without ever seeming overly sweet or heavy, this is a beautifully balanced and well-articulated wine. It offers multiple layers of flavor, augmenting its red and black berry fruit with echoes of dark chocolate, coffee, and savory spice, and while full-flavored never seems intense or domineering. A few years of cellaring should result in an even higher rating.” 92 Points  -Paul Lukacs, November 2011

Wine Lines Online
2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“Translucent dark ruby color. The nose begins with low notes of tobacco and a savory meatiness, followed by high notes of menthol and green pepper, and finishes with a sweet roundness of fleshy dark fruit and notes of cream and chocolate. Quite smooth in the mouth, showing a creamy texture backed by spiced dark fruit that follows through to the finish. This red strikes a nice balance between fruit-laden New World Bordeaux blends and their more complex and age-worthy counterparts in France.” 90 Points -Glen Frederiksen, June 2013

Washington Wine Report
2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“An aromatically expressive wine with mineral, floral notes, raspberries, and rosehips. The palate is on the lighter side of medium bodied with light fruit flavors and well integrated tannins.” 4 Stars; Excellent -Sean Sullivan, July 2012

Newsday
“Buty Winery began in 2000. It’s a spirited source of reds and whites from Washington state. Current Buty releases show both the range and the quality.”

2008 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“The same vineyard brings you the plummy, aromatic 2008 Merlot & Cabernet Franc. The red is very good now but will mature for a long time, too. The red blend, from the Columbia Valley – as are the chardonnay and the white blend – makes you think about duck and tuna.” -Peter Gianotti, August 2013

Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences
2009 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“Brilliant red cherry and spice notes with a note of mint, and perfect handling of the fruit (not a trace of overripe fruit). Nicely honed tannins, and a good balance. A bargain!” Exceptional -Dan Berger, September 2011

Wine Advocate
2008 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“The 2009 Merlot Cabernet Franc offers up a pleasing perfume of dried herbs and spices, incense, crème de cassis, and blackberry. This leads to a medium-bodied, savory, structured wine with excellent balance and length.” 92 Points -Jay Miller, September 2011

Wine & Spirits
2011 Top 40 American Wineries of the Year
2008 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“This year’s top-scoring wine was the 2008 Merlot & Cabernet Franc blend composed largely of fruit from Champoux and Conner Lee in the Wahluke Slope. It’s leafy and delicate in scent and formidable in flavor, a beautiful rendering of suppleness and strength.” 93 Points -Patrick Comiskey, December 2011

Seattle Metropolitan
The Best 100 Northwest Wines Under $50
2007 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“From vintage to vintage it is always one of my favorites. The 2007 features blueberry fruit, hint of spice, chocolate, black currant leaf, and vanilla, with a wonderful velvety texture.” -Dawn Smith, September 2009

Unfined & Unfiltered
Celebrate Walla Walla Valley Wine—The Wrap
2005 Merlot & Cabernet Franc
“Among the many highlights… a strikingly good 2005 Merlot/Cabernet Franc from Buty.” -Paul Gregutt, June 2013
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2010 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
“Showing the same transparency and purity, the 2010 Champoux Vineyard is made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and spent 15 months in 100% new French oak. Light ruby in color, it's decidedly perfumed and fragrant, with exotic spice, incense and flower garden qualities balanced out by a core of red fruit. On the fuller side of medium-bodied, it is a lively, balanced and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon that has solid mid-palate depth and moderate tannin. Enjoy it over the coming decade.”

92 Points

2009 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“A slightly different blend, the 2009 Champoux Vineyard is comprised of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Cabernet Franc that saw a similar upbringing to the 2010. Surprisingly, it is even more lean and racy than the 2010 and offers up a lively, edgy profile of raspberry, spice, tar, violets and toast as well as a laser-focused, medium-bodied mouthfeel on the palate. I’d like to see additional flesh here, yet I love the purity of fruit, and the acidity stays integrated. Acid heads will enjoy it even more than me. It should drink nicely through 2019.”

92 Points
-Jeb Dunnuck, June 2013

Wine Spectator Insider
“The Best New Wines from Washington State
2010 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
“Good bright, dark red. Rather oaky aromas and flavors of redcurrant, plum, chocolate and menthol. Then sweet and generous on the palate, but showing good energy and a light touch. Less showy presently than the Connor Lee blend—and a bit more oaky—than younger today, and classically dry on the finish. More a red fruit than black version of Champoux Vineyard. The wine's medicinal reserve, excellent balance and fine tannins suggest that it will reward cellaring.”

90+ Points; Outstanding
-Stephen Tanzer, December 2013

2009 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“This supple and generous red packs its dark berry, rose petal and subtle spice flavors into a sleek frame, finishing with polish and welcome transparency. Shows depth and refinement.”

92 Points; Outstanding—a wine of superior character and style
-Harvey Steiman, November 2012

Wine & Spirits
“Top 100 Wineries of 2012”
“The more aggressive culling has given the Buty wines even greater precision than in previous vintages. That’s certainly true of the Champoux Vineyard red, a blend of cabernets sauvignon and franc that leads with a lacy, franc-like floral note overlaying dense cherry accents and lasts with plenty of tannic oomph ”

“Top-Scoring Wines”
“Year's Best Cabernet-Based Blends”
2009 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc- 92 Points
2008 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc- 93 Points
-Patrick Comiskey, Winter 2012

American Wine: The Ultimate Companion to the Wines and Wineries of the United States
“Steady hands: Buty Winery”
“Their wines—particularly the Champoux Vineyard Horse Heaven Hills red—are superb.”
-Jancis Robinson and Linda Murphy, 2013
**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**
2009 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“Good bright medium ruby. Wild aromas of blackcurrant, cassis, blueberry, licorice and smoke are accurate reflections of this site. Then suave, juicy and very well delineated, offering a restrained sweetness to the flavors of blueberry and cassis.” **91 Points**
-Stephen Tanzer, December 2012

**Wine Spectator**
2008 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“The dark berry, cherry, bay leaf and black pepper flavors have great integrity and intensity, playing against firm tannins on the generous finish.” **93 Points**
-Harvey Steiman, November 2011

**Wine Enthusiast**
“Top 100 Cellar Selections”
2008 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“Marvelously fragrant, with seductive scents of cherries, rocks and chocolate, which, along with the astonishing color saturation, suggest a wine of immense power. The 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc blend shows perfect ripeness with flavors of rock and acid preserved. This wine has it all—depth, blue and purple fruits, polished tannins.” **97 Points; Editor's Choice, Best Buy, Cellar Selection**
-Paul Gregutt, December 2010

**San Francisco Chronicle**
“Top 100 Wines”
2006 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“Packed with racy, dense plum fruit and herbal distinction thanks to 11 percent Cabernet Franc, capped with an elegant lilac hint.” **93 Points**
-Jon Bonné, December 2009

**Wine & Spirits**
“Top 100 Wineries of 2011”
2007 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc - **92 Points**
-Patrick Comiskey, December 2011

**Wine Advocate**
2009 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“Tobacco, smoky peat, violet, black currant, and mulberry dominate both the nose and palate, though resinous and toasty notes from oak creep into the latter and seem to be associated with a slight sense of drying in the wine’s finish. Happily, as with so many recent Buty releases, there is a saliva-liberating streak of salinity running through this that helps offset any drying or roughness from barrel. This strong, vigorous, but in no way alcoholically-freighted Cabernet should be well worth following for at least half a dozen years.” **90 Points**
-David Schildknecht, December 2012, Issue #204

**Wine Enthusiast**
“Top 100 Cellar Selections”
2008 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“My personal favorite is the 2008 Champoux Vineyard, a blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Cabernet Franc. Sandalwood, dried herbs, Asian spices, incense, violets, black currant, and blackberry aromas inform the nose of a velvety textured, elegant, beautifully proportioned wine. In the glass it displays succulent fruit, layers of flavor, and a lengthy, pure finish.” **93 Points**
-Jay Miller, September 2011

**Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences**
2008 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“Exceptional.”
-Dan Berger, September 2011

**Wine Review Online**
2008 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc
“It has a lovely perfumed aroma, with a touch of earthiness and a gorgeous silky texture. The wine also has some structure and tannins, but it shows a fine balance.” **92 Points**
-Tina Caputo, September 2011

**Seattle Times**
“Top 100 Washington Wines”
2007 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc - **#3 out of 100**
-Paul Gregutt, December 2010
Region to Watch: The Rocks
“Delicious, highly coveted wines are being made with grapes that literally sprout from a bed of stones. Syrah is the star of the region, boasting a bold, earthy, love-it-or-hate-it character that locals call ‘The Rocks funk.’ The wines are savory, with notes of meat, olive, flowers and mineral that make them perfect for pairing with steak or lamb.”

The Syrahs to Try:
2011 Rediviva of the Stones
“This Syrah-dominated, estate-grown red is loaded with the savory highlights for which the Rocks region is noted. A small addition of Cabernet Sauvignon adds muscle to the tannins, while a splash of Mourvèdre contributes a bit of earth and stone. Tightly wound raspberry fruit anchors a compact and tangy core. This is a beautifully balanced wine that should cellar well through 2024, or longer.”

93 Points, Cellar Selection: Excellent; Highly recommended
-Paul Gregutt, November 2014

Wine Advocate
Buty Winery
“A superb estate that’s located in Walla Walla, Buty is owned and run by Nina Buty, with Chris Dowsett making the wines. The style here is distinctly bright, fresh and borderline lean.”

2011 Rediviva of the Stones
“The 2011 Rediviva of the Stones is a gorgeous effort offering brilliant purity of fruit, a focused, seamless texture and medium-bodied richness. Complex and aromatic on the nose, with plenty of blueberry, bacon, violets, lavender and pepper, this classy, balanced and elegant blend will drink nicely through 2022.”

92 Points
-Jeb Dunnuck, June 2014

San Jose Mercury News
Delicious Washington Syrahs
“Syrah is Washington’s current ‘it’ grape. The best Washington syrahs I’ve tasted have ample fruit, but they are accented by nuances common in the northern Rhône, such as white pepper, smoke, roasted meat and mineral.”

2011 Rediviva of the Stones
“Mostly syrah, with a little cabernet and mourvèdre; it offers flavors of roasted strawberry, savory notes of cedar and anise, and fine tannins.”
-Laurie Daniel, May 2014

Seattle Met
Top 100 Washington Wines
Wine on the Rocks
“A five-wine primer on one of the world’s most unique growing regions, and a Northwest crown jewel.”

2011 Rediviva of the Stones
“Coming from the winery’s Rockgarden Estate Vineyard, this blend of syrah, cabernet sauvignon, and mourvèdre pops aromatically with notes of white pepper, black olive, dried herbs, and a Rocksy funk that lead to a soft, textured feel and a persistent finish.”

#5 of 6 “Wine on the Rocks”
-Sean Sullivan, October 2014

Wine Spectator
2011 Rediviva of the Stones
“Smooth and ripe, plush in texture, with floral and kale overtones to the black cherry and tapenade flavors, finishing soft and generous. Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2017.”

90 Points; Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style
-Harvey Steiman, December 2014
The Tasting Panel
2011 Rediviva of the Stones
“Silky, smooth and spicy with raspberry and earth; mellow, toasty and long with elegance and depth.”
91 Points; Outstanding -Anthony Dias Blue, January 2015

Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
The Best New Wines from Washington State
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“Captivating aromas of black raspberry, black cherry, bacon fat, smoke and wild herbs. Bright acidity gives a distinctly cool character to the intense berry and spice flavors. Still a bit youthfully tight but already shows compelling purity and length. Leaves behind very pure notes of ripe raspberry and spices. A terrific showing.”
92 Points; Outstanding -Stephen Tanzer, December 2013

Wine Advocate
Buty Winery
“The wines lean heavily towards the elegant, borderline lean, end of the spectrum so those looking for overflowing richness need to look elsewhere. Nevertheless, they feature gorgeous purity of fruit, energetic textures and overall beautifully made profiles.”
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“Also exceedingly elegant and finesse driven, the 2010 Rediviva of the Stones is a blend of 65% Syrah, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Mourvedre that comes mostly from the River Rock Vineyard located in pebbly strewn region around Milton-Freewater, but also includes a small amount of grapes from the estate’s Rockgarden Vineyard as well. The Syrah was fermented all whole cluster while the Cabernet Sauvignon was all de-stemmed. Aged for 14 months in neutral puncheons and barrels, it has a bright, perfumed and downright Côte-Rotie-like profile of red and black fruits, pepper, game and exotic flowers along with a medium-bodied, supple and yet energetic and lively mouthfeel. Opening up in the glass, with racy acidity and a full, rich mid-palate, it is the spitting image of class and while already approachable, it will have at least 7-8 years of longevity.” 91 Points
-Jeb Dunnuck, June 2013

Chicago Tribune
Washington’s Wines: East of the Cascades, sunshine, arid soils and wind ideal for grapes
“If you want to understand what makes Washington State’s wines so delicious — and sometimes so unique — all you need to do is just look at the place.”
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“Another go-to red wine Washingtonian. It is unusual to find blends of syrah and cabernet sauvignon, but it’s carried off here: huge aromatics, enormous concentration, but sudelike tannins and beautiful presence on the palate. It takes syrah’s plush fruit and ties it into a pretty package with the cabernet. Nice idea.”
-Bill St. John, July 2014

American Wine: The Ultimate Companion to the Wines and Wineries of the United States
“At every turn, Buty Winery is the definition of a quality estate..." Their wines—particularly the Syrah–dominant Rediviva of the Stones from Walla Walla Valley—are superb.”
-Jancis Robinson and Linda Murphy, 2013

Wine Enthusiast
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“For the first time, this release of Buty’s Rediviva, from estate vineyards in the Rocks region of Walla Walla, includes a bit of Mourvedre. The pretty fruit flavors of strawberry preserves, blueberry and black cherry carry both a mineral underpinning and a whiff of the barnyard in the nose. The aging in mostly neutral puncheons and barrels adds just a hint of baking spices.” 91 Points
-Cellar Selection: Excellent; Highly recommended
-Paul Gregutt, May 2014

Great Northwest Wine
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“They were viewed as pioneers in 2001 when they began blending Cabernet Sauvignon with Syrah, and there’s no mistaking the funky influence of the cobblestones from Milton-Freewater, Ore., home to Nina Buty’s River Rock Vineyard. The Rockgarden Estate Vineyard also factored into this blend of Syrah (65%), Cabernet Sauvignon (31%) and Mourvèdre, which features whiffs of dark plums, black raspberry, moist earth and brambleberry leaf. The real payoff comes on the palate, which is rich and dark with plums, black cherry jam and cola, backed by Western serviceberry chalkiness.” Excellent
-November 2013

Review of Washington Wines
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“This blend of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Mourvedre is suave and silky, and packed with luscious fruit flavor at a remarkably low 13.5 percent alcohol by volume. Rose petal, spice, leather, black olive and dark berry aromas are followed by crisp, vibrant red- and black-fruit flavors. Mourvedre lends a savovy, earthy note, with Cabernet Sauvignon adding supple structure. Made from organically grown grapes.” 91 Points
-Linda Murphy, April 2015

Wine Review Online
2011 Rediviva of the Stones
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Washington Wine Report
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“Surprisingly quiet when first popped, it slowly opens to reveal moist earth, peat, herbs, peppery spices, pencil lead, cherry, and a light earthy funk that grows each moment in the glass. Much more savory than sweet, it’s soft, textured and pillowy in feel with an elegant styling that stands in contrast to the shimmering depth of the flavors, peppered with spice notes.” Exceptional
-Sean Sullivan, February 2014

TimAtkin.com
Three Star Producers: Buty Winery
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“This 10th vintage of Rediviva of the Stones is a blend of 65% Syrah, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Mourvèdre. It delivers a whopping Syrah-dominate nose of blackberries, sloe and iodine. Hardworking acidity delivers focus to the lightly sweet and definitively sumptuous mid-palate.” 91 Points
-Chrissy Canterbury, January 2014

Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences
2010 Rediviva of the Stones
“This terrific red wine is not like anything else on the market today. With an aroma that has exotic scents like pepper, violets, and dry herbs, it is already complex, and getting more so. The flavors are ideal to pair with a wide array of medium-weight meat dishes, and its 13.7% alcohol makes it light enough to sip with cheeses after a meal. It has perfectly managed tannins!” Exceptional
-Dan Berger, April 2014

Wine & Spirits
Top 100 Wineries of 2012
“Our other perennial favorite is Rediviva of the Stones, a cabernet and syrah blend grown in the rocks of Milton Freewater. It exhibits the density and savory power common to the area’s wines.”
“Top-Scoring Wines”
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“The 2009 is dense, savory and vinous, a lively meaty scent grounding the cedar and plum.” 93 Points
-Patrick Comiskey, Winter 2012

Wine Spectator
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“Broad and velvety, filled out nicely with rich blueberry, licorice and black olive flavors that push against refined tannins on the fresh, open-weave finish.” 92 Points
-Harvey Steiman, November 2012

Wine Advocate
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“...Suggestions of bacon fat and urchin roe set me salivating, and a surprisingly polished as well as brightly juicy palate – brimming with fresh raspberry and cherry – only enhances the allure. Hints of smoky black tea as well as rose petals waft over the entire performance – which when combined with the smoked meat notes give an impression as though co-fermented with Gewurztraminer. There is a lovely sense of lift to this and a lingering, mouthwatering finish. Look for at least 4-5 year’s fascination and delight.” 91 Points
-David Schildknecht, December 2012, Issue # 204

Chicago Sun-Times
Little-known Washington Wineries Deserve Time in Spotlight
“A gateway to the wines of Washington can be found by exploring the wines from Buty Winery in Walla Walla. Buty, pronounced ‘beauty,’ is a relatively obscure, family artisan producer of red and white blends from Washington. Seattle native Nina Buty had a vision of creating wines that reflected the unique soils within Washington. Buty Winery established its early reputation with a perfumed and finely structured Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah blend from the rich, rocky sub-soils of the Walla Walla riverbed, labeled Rediviva of the Stones. All of the wines from Buty speak of purity and precision that immediately draw you into the wine. The wines are food focused and refreshing without ever wandering to the edge of over ripeness.”
-W. Peter Hoyne, August 2014

San Francisco Chronicle
“Top 100 Wines in the West”
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“This might be Washington’s quintessential wine. Mostly Syrah, with a bit less than one-quarter Cabernet, this leads with Syrah-like pungency: intense pepper spice and roasted game, with a Cabernet camphor accent and inky fruit that shows the warmer vintage. Deep and almost contradictory in its identity, and yet completely a sign of all the good things from the Northwest.”
-Jon Bonne, December 2012

Wine Enthusiast
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“Sharp and herbal, this new Rediviva has a high-acid, peppery profile. It penetrates deeply into the palate, with excellent length. The herbal side of both the Syrah and the Cabernet is what is most forcefully expressed.”
91 Points; Cellar Selection
-Paul Gregutt, July 2012

The Tasting Panel
2013: The Most Outstanding Wines of the Year
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“Smooth and dense, spicy, long and showing plum, blueberry, cassis and lively flavors; deep and showing chocolate and vanilla oak. 77% Syrah, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon.” 92 Points; Outstanding
-A. D. tsp Blue, December 2013

Restaurant Wine
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“Luscious and ripe in style, this is a full bodied blend with medium richness and a smooth, lightly oaky finish. It tastes of blackberry, plum jam, violet, sage, herbs, and toast.” 4 Stars; EXCELLENT quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price
-Ronn Wiegand, December 2012

Washington Wine Report
2009 Rediviva of the Stones
“An aromatically intriguing and somewhat elusive wine initially that opens to reveal with wet stone, moist earth, a light funk, green olive, saline, ash, and bay leaf. The palate is dialed back with lower levels of alcohol, minimal appearance of oak, soft savory flavors, and tart acidity.” 4 Stars; Excellent
-Sean Sullivan, October 2013
Valley” notes from the Cabernet. The fruit gets the stage here, dominates the wine, with lovely spice and black fruit Sauvignon. The earthy, savory Rhône varietal “Syrah plays the star role in this blend with Cabernet

2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“You’ll be ready for autumn with the muscular, rich 2009 Buty Rediviva of the Stones, 77 percent syrah and 23 percent cabernet sauvignon. Buty was the first winery in the state to bring together these two great grapes in one wine more than a decade ago. The full-bodied concentrated red from Walla Walla Valley has a hint of spice and a harvest of black fruit. Save it for red meat and game.”

-Peter Gianotti, August 2013

Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar

2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“Bright full red. Sexy aromas of dark berries, woodsmoke, mocha and smoked meat. Densely packed and juicy, with a pliant texture to the flavors of blackberry, licorice and spices complicated by a hint of game. Finishes a bit youthfully edgy.” 90+ Points

-Stephen Tanzer, December 2012

Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences

2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“A Syrah-Cab that carries stamps of both grapes with anise and spices, and pepper from 77% of the former, and violets, tea, and cherry of the latter. Great structure and no overt tannin. Will age extremely well for at least a decade.” Exceptional

-Dan Berger, June 2013

The Detroit News

“Buty Puts on a Show in Washington’s Columbia Valley”

“The profound and pristine wines of Buty (pronounced ‘beauty’) Winery in Washington reflect the uniqueness of the rugged, desolate Columbia Valley where days are warm, nights are cool; soils are sandy and volcanic, and irrigation is needed to combat the low rainfall. Because of this stress, wines are rich and full of flavor with well-mannered alcohol levels. What sets them apart? The palate-blowing blends and the quality of the juice and soft tannins. Buty marries Merlot and Cabernet Franc, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, and Muscadelle with Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. The wines are rich, aromatic, complex. Nina Buty founded the winery in Walla Walla in 2000; Zelma Long joined the team in 2001 and to this day serves as consulting winemaker; Chris Dowsett is winemaker — one publication called this accomplished and creative crafter ‘Washington’s Best Worst-Kept Secret,’ a convoluted way of saying everybody knows he’s good.”

2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“Syrah plays the star role in this blend with Cabernet Sauvignon. The earthy, savory Rhône varietal dominates the wine, with lovely spice and black fruit notes from the Cabernet. The fruit gets the stage here, as no new new French oak is used in the aging. Grapes area grown in the ancestral riverbed of the Walla Walla River.”

-Sandra Silfven, July 2013

Wine Lines Online

“Featured Wines”
2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“This blend of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon is nearly opaque dark crimson/purple in color. Initial wood aromas of finely ground black pepper, toast and vanilla lead to polished huckleberry and blackberry syrup fruit. Lush and mouth-coating, the wine picks up black licorice at mid-palate. The finish echoes the sweet blackberries and cream. Sporting impeccable balance and well-integrated tannins, this suave red should age well for at least a decade.” 92 Points

-Glen Frederiksen, June 2013

Seattle Magazine

Best Wines of Washington’s Winegrowing Regions
Wallas Walla Red Blend Finalists:
2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“Top-quality wines in appealing variety of styles. Love the Syrah/Cabernet Sauvignon blend Rediviva of the Stones.” Three Stars; Well known; highly reputed.

-Hugh Johnson, 2013

Food & Wine

2013 Wine Guide

“The wines they make under the Buty and BEAST labels are outstanding.”

2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“Expressive violet and black currant flavors have a kind of weightless density in this Syrah-Cabernet blend.”

-October 2012

Hugh Johnson’s Pocket Wine Book 2014

Buty Winery

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Examiner.com

2013 Buty Winery Line-up

“Nina Buty’s winery that bears her name has gained a great deal of momentum over the past couple of years because of its wine quality. That quality squarely lands on winemaker, Chris Dowsett and his crew. He does a great job of producing approachable wines that should also age gracefully, rewarding those who opt to lay them down awhile.”

2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“Black plum, squid ink, blackberry, leather shoe sole, marionberry, blueberry and a hint of bacon fat. A rather atypical Syrah from ‘the rocks’ meaning a relatively high pH with lots of ‘meat’ on the palate. There’s an insane amount of black fruit going on here; notes of plums, blackberry, boysenberry and marionberry. Across the mid palate I get notes of leather, bacon fat and some leather action with cassis. Fans of old-world style wine most likely will not enjoy this wine and that’s okay. It’s a wine that will rock your socks off with its own interpretation of finesse and fruit.”

-Duane Pemberton, July 2013
Buty Winery: Making Beautiful Wines in Walla Walla

"Buty Winery has become one of the most highly regarded wineries in Washington State. Buty boasts an outstanding vineyard program, sourcing its fruit from a number of the Northwest’s top vineyards."

2009 Rediviva of the Stones

“Dark purple. Aromatic with game, earth, and barnyard notes on both the nose and palate. Full-bodied with lively acidity, medium to high, dry tannins, and a very long finish.”

-Kori Voorhees, July 2013

Seattle Metropolitan Magazine

“100 Best Washington Wines 2011”

2008 Rediviva of the Stones

“Elegantly structured.” 91 Points

-Sean Sullivan, August 2011

Wine Review Online

2008 Rediviva of the Stones

“This wine is fresh and energetic, with distinctively savory meaty aromas and hints of black pepper and licorice. Brisk acidity complements the broad dark-fruit flavors. Cellar-worthy.” 93 Points

-Linda Murphy, September 2011

Wine Spectator

2007 Rediviva of the Stones

“Supple, complex and deep, with mineral, earth and meat notes mingling with blackberry and black olive flavors, persisting expressively against refined tannins.” 93 Points

-Harvey Steiman, September 2010

Wine Advocate

2008 Rediviva of the Stones

“Earthy minerals, truffle, lavender, smoked meat, black currant, and blueberry aromas inform the nose of a spicy, elegant, velvety-textured wine. In the glass it displays excellent volume and length. Drink this impressive blend from 2013 to 2023.” 92 Points

-Jay Miller, September 2011

Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences

2008 Rediviva of the Stones

“Distinct rotondone peppery aroma with classic earthy/herbal note and great acid balance, and a richness in the mid-palate brought back with only 13.5% alcohol...A great wine.” Exceptional

-Dan Berger, September 2011

Seattle Metropolitan Magazine

100 Best Washington Wines

2007 Rediviva of the Stones

“Exceptionally well-balanced palate.”

94 Points; #6 out of 100

-Sean Sullivan, September 2010

Wine Review Online

2008 Rediviva of the Stones

“This blend of Syrah and Cab from Buty winery has lovely aromas of spiced red berries, along with bright, elegant red fruit on the palate and a silky smooth texture. I love the femininity of this wine.” 91 Points

-Tina Caputo, September 2011

Food & Wine

2012 Wine Guide

2007 Rediviva of the Stones

“Chocolate and black cherry notes define this terrific, age worthy Syrah-Cabernet blend.”

- November 2011

Wine & Spirits

2011 Top 40 American Wineries of the Year

2007 Rediviva of the Stones - 92 Points

-Patrick Comiskey, December 2011

Northwest Palate

“Essential Northwest Wineries”

“They were the first in Washington to produce a Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah blend...Rediviva of the Stones is their Syrah-dominated blend sourced from the prized cobblestone area of the Walla Walla Valley AVA...This is a velvety and concentrated wine displaying great aromas, earthiness, and luscious wild fruit characteristics.”

-Cole Danehower, February 2012
Seattle Met
Top 100 Washington Wines
“Start a cellar – or add to your collection – with these ageworthy wines.”

2010 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“This blend of 85 percent cabernet sauvignon and syrah from a notable site brings notes of high-toned herbs, fresh and dried cherries, and assorted barrel spices along with mouthwatering acids and tightly coiled tannins.” #4 of 6 “Wines to Lay Down” –Sean Sullivan, October 2014

Wine Enthusiast
2010 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“The 85% of Cabernet Sauvignon is upfront, with Syrah providing an accent. It’s tightly wound, with notes of dusty cherry, sautéed herbs and spices, and tart cranberries sup-ported by chewy, firm tannins that need time in the cellar to come into their own. Best after 2017.” 92 Points, Cellar Selection: Excellent; Highly recommended –Sean Sullivan, March 2014

Wine Advocate
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“The 2010 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard Estate is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Syrah that saw the Cabernet picked on October 12 and the Syrah a week later. Aged for 20 months in 80% French and 20% American oak, 40% being new, it offers a great, floral-laced nose of black raspberry, underbrush and violets. Firm and tight on the palate, with juicy, if not racy acidity, it possesses medium-bodied richness and fleshes out nicely on the palate with solid depth and length. Really showing the cooler nature of the vintage, with a borderline lean profile, it will benefit from short-term cellaring and have a solid 8-10-year drink window.” 90 Points –Jeb Dunnuck, June 2013

Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
The Best New Wines from Washington State
2010 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Bright red with ruby tones. Inviting aromas of blackberry, chocolate and spicy oak. Lush, concentrated and sweet, with perfectly integrated acidity giving the middle palate a juicy quality and framing the flavors of red berries and spices. This dense, energetic wine is showing little in the way of syrah funk today but that may yet come with time in bottle. Finishes with suave tannins and excellent lift.” 92 Points; Outstanding –Stephen Tanzer, December 2013

Vinous
2011 Columbia Rediviva
“Bright ruby. Subdued but pure aromas of blackberry pie and violet. Very pure and clean, with nicely integrated juicy acidity giving a sappy character to the flavors of boysenberry, violet and wild herbs. More powerful if less fleshy than the 2012 Connor Lee blend, with a strong spine of tannins and acids to support a graceful evolution in bottle.” 91+ Points; Outstanding. A wine of remarkable personality and breed that is well worth seeking out –Stephen Tanzer, December 2014

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The Tasting Panel
2011 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Rich and bright with lovely concentrated plum, berries and spice; dense, rich and tangy with intensity and style; long and balanced.” 92 Points; Outstanding –Anthony Dias Blue, December 2014

2010 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Deep and juicy with black plum and raspberry; long and pure with focused flavors; firm acid structure and intensity; racy, edgy and long.” 90 Points; Outstanding –Anthony Dias Blue, December 2013

Wine Spectator Insider
2010 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“A diverse array of terrific reds and whites populates this week’s Wine Spectator Insider. Cabernets, Merlots, Syrahs and Rieslings are the order of the day in Washington and Australia, with some of the best coming from Buty…”

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The Best New Wines from Washington State
2010 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Bright red with ruby tones. Inviting aromas of blackberry, chocolate and spicy oak. Lush, concentrated and sweet, with perfectly integrated acidity giving the middle palate a juicy quality and framing the flavors of red berries and spices. This dense, energetic wine is showing little in the way of syrah funk today but that may yet come with time in bottle. Finishes with suave tannins and excellent lift.” 92 Points; Outstanding –Stephen Tanzer, December 2013
Wine Review Online
2010 Columbia Rediviva
“This is a fascinating wine that delivers the fleshy texture and full body of ripe fruit, and yet the freshness and brightness of flavor from its cool vintage. It has the mouth-watering character of elevated acidity side-by-side with concentrated fruit flavors of black cherry and fresh berries, as well as smooth, velvety texture from ripe tannins. This wine is thoroughly delicious and accessible now, but its acidity argues for ageability.” 91 Points -Mary Ewing-Mulligan, April 2014

Wine Enthusiast
Top 100 Cellar Selections of 2013
2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Supple and sturdy, this beautifully structured blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Syrah, which uses fruit sourced from the estate vineyard, utilizes the best assets of both grapes. The Cabernet gives it both firmness and depth, while the Syrah pipes in vivid, juicy, berry flavors. Still young and primary, the best is clearly yet to come.” 94 Points; Superb; A great achievement -Paul Gregutt, December 2013

Wine Spectator
2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Rich and round, with focused, smoky, tangy blackberry and tamarind flavors that sluice through refined tannins on the fine-grained finish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah.” 91 Points -Harvey Steiman, October 2013

Saveur
"Washington’s wines are more interesting than ever." 2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
"Shows the best of two grapes – cabernet sauvignon and syrah – in a meaty, oregano-tinged blend packed with cherry fruit.” -Jon Bonne, June/July 2013

Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Medium ruby. Aromas of black raspberry, coffee and mocha. Densely packed but juicy and light on its feet, with noteworthy lift to the lush, sweet cassis and licorice flavors… there’s a suggestion of almost roasted fruit here—but the syrah component brings a rising finish and serious, palate-coating tannins.” 91 Points -Stephen Tanzer, December 2012

Wine Enthusiast
2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Syrah – this is a focused wine, with complex nuances of licorice, tar, mineral and lead pencil, but it is buttressed by the compact, concentrated red and black fruits. The dusty tannins are reminiscent of a Napa wine, with excellent length and polish.” 94 Points – Editors’ Choice -Paul Gregutt, July 2012

Wine Spectator
2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Dense and focused, with fine, chewy tannins around a core of savory cherry, plum and herb flavors, hinting at game bird and fresh mushroom as the finish lingers expressively. Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah.” 92 Points -Harvey Steiman, November 2012

TimAtkin.com
Three Star Producers: Buty Winery
2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“This estate-grown wine is a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Syrah. Massively plummy with gobs of blackberries and blueberry preserves, it shows the kick of cracked black pepper and graphite, too. Suave but a bit syrupy, the texture and heady alcohol could use a bit more backbone for the mid- to long-haul, but it’s a crowd-pleaser now.” 93 Points -Christy Canterbury, January 2014

Chicago Tribune
"Over the past few chilly weeks, I’ve tasted through several dozen wintertime red wines and list here for you a few standouts.” 2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“What the monocled Monopolist would drink as his everyday red, just because it’s so darn enticing after every two-buck sip; a big but deft blend of 75/25 cabernet/syrah.” -Bill St. John, January 2013

The Tasting Panel
2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Smooth, dense and spicy with smooth, rich plum and blackberry; ripe, juicy and showing back plum, cherry and cassis; long and balanced.” 91 Points -Anthony Dias Blue, June 2013

Wine Lines Online
“Featured Wines”
2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Lightly glass-staining opaque purple/black color. In the Columbia Valley of Washington state, each new vintage creates fresh discussion over whether Syrah or Cabernet Sauvignon is the top varietal for the appellation. Buty was the first winery in the area to embrace both camps and create high-end blends of the two varietals. It has turned out to be a marriage made in Horse Heaven Hills. Initial high-toned aromatics lead to impressions of chocolate and mint, followed by a solid core of dark, fleshy fruits. The winery’s trademark smooth palate presence and refined tannins make this estate-grown cuvee enjoyable now, but it also can be aged for 10 years or more to reveal more mature aromas and flavors.” 91 Points -Glen Frederiksen, June 2013

Examiner.com
2013 Buty Winery Line-up
"Nina Buty’s winery that bears her name has gained a great deal of momentum over the past couple of years because of its wine quality. That quality squarely lands on winemaker, Chris Dowsett and his crew. He does a great job of producing approachable wines that should also age gracefully, rewarding those who opt to lay them down awhile.” 2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard
“Peppercorn-glazed cherries and raspberries. A nice amount of leather strips, tobacco, dark chocolate and spice. Gorgeous fruit coming on strong with a tidal wave of raspberry, plum, marionberry, elderberry and cherry. On the mid palate I get flavors of cedar, tobacco and dark cocoa. The finish is very pleasant after decanting for an hour but this is not a wine that will age too long after 5 years or so.” -Duane Pemberton, July 2013
**WinePeeps.com**

**Buty Winery: Making Beautiful Wines in Walla Walla**

“Buty Winery has become one of the most highly regarded wineries in Washington State. Buty boasts an outstanding vineyard program, sourcing its fruit from a number of the Northwest’s top vineyards. Through the years, we’ve had the pleasure of tasting a number of Buty wines...We especially enjoyed the Columbia Rediviva. This Cab-dominant blend is outstanding and delivers serious bang for your buck.”

2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

“Beautiful nose with black fruit and floral aromas. More luscious black fruit and floral notes come through on the palate. Medium to full-bodied with lively acidity and luscious black fruit and floral notes come through on the mid-palate and continuing through to the medium finish. Well-balanced with good complexity and a long, lingering finish.”

-Kori Voorhees, July 2013

**Seattle Times**

“Seattle Times Wine Advisor Top 100”

2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

Ranked #38 out of 100

-Paul Gregutt, November 2012

**Gayot.com**

“Wine of the Week”

2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

“On the nose, it offers blackberry and black currant with a touch of bramble. Black fruits tease the tip of the tongue with chocolate and mocha weighty on the mid-palate and continuing through to the medium finish. A fairly full-bodied wine, its chewy tannins hint at its ageability. Try it with seared venison covered in a blackberry sauce, classic filet mignon or, for vegetarians, a hearty vegetable stew.”

-March 2012

**Wine Review Online**

“Buty and the Beast”

“I was excited to learn that a top-notch Walla Walla, Wash., producer, Buty Winery, has jumped into the California wine lake...What the Buty wines bring to the market is so much more than just ‘Washington wine.’ Caleb and Nina Foster produce unusual yet well-thought-out, harmonious blends...Then there is the Buty tandem of Columbia Rediviva and Rediviva of the Stones -- the former a Cabernet Sauvignon-centric wine with 40% Syrah, from the Horse Heaven Hills appellation in Columbia Valley, the latter a Syrah-dominated wine with 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, from Walla Walla Valley. Same varieties, different growing areas and reverse varietal makeup equals two very different wines, each outstanding and with a reason for being.”

2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

“The wine, comes from the Beightol family’s Phinny Hill Vineyard, among the warmest sites in the Columbia Valley. Thus, the wine is ripe and opulent, yet well-mannered, with juicy wild red-blood character and sturdy tannins that suggest cellaring for a few years.”

90 Points

-Linda Murphy, September 2011

2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

“It’s a blend that works extremely well, at least in their hands. Fine, not aggressive, tannins support succulent black fruit notes and meaty overtones. It’s a hearty wine with class and refinement.”

91 Points

-Michael Apstein, November 2011

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**The Detroit News**

“Buty Puts on a Show in Washington’s Columbia Valley”

“The profound and pristine wines of Buty (pronounced ‘beauty’) Winery in Washington reflect the uniqueness of the rugged, desolate Columbia Valley where days are warm, nights are cool; soils are sandy and volcanic, and irrigation is needed to combat the low rainfall. Because of this stress, wines are rich and full of flavor with well-mannered alcohol levels. What sets them apart? The palate-blowing blends and the quality of the juice and soft tannins. Buty marries Merlot and Cabernet Franc, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, and Muscadelle with Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. The wines are rich, aromatic, complex. Nina Buty founded the winery in Walla Walla in 2000; Zelma Long joined the team in 2001 and to this day serves as consulting winemaker; Chris Dowsett is winemaker — one publication called this accomplished and creative crafter “Washington’s Best Worst-Kept Secret,” a convoluted way of saying everybody knows he’s good.”

2009 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

“Cabernet Sauvignon gets the lead role in this red beauty with support from Syrah. It’s like dark chocolate that melts in the mouth — tannins are velvet, fruit is dense, dark and intense: Think cherry, black plum, blueberry, strawberry and cassis.”

-Sandra Silfven, July 2013

**Wine Advocate**

2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

“A 60-40 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, the Buty 2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard features fresh blackberry and cassis tinged with bittersweet nut oils and green herbs on a firm yet finely-tannic palate, leading to a satisfyingly saliva-inducing, abundantly juicy and subtly complex persistence. The longer this was open, the more savory it became and the more in need of ‘mineral’ descriptors to capture its allusive allure. A few more years are likely to bring yet more interest to this Buty beauty.”

91 Points

-David Schildknecht, December 2012

**Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences**

“A Buty”

“After 44 years of a professional journalistic career, I can smell it when I sense there is a story. It’s based as much on intuition as it is on data. And within about five minutes of meeting Caleb Foster this week, it was clear that this was a story...Indeed, what sets Foster and Buty apart from run-of-the-mill great wineries is that some of his wines are different, showing that Caleb has a passion that leads him to unique renderings. It starts with the fact that Foster has a lot of intuition for how to handle excellent fruit. Which, in his view is to harvest a bit earlier than most others – music to my ears since it makes wine that typically has great balance...In tasting the excellent wines, you easily can see Foster is working with terrific fruit.”

2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard

“Another oak-driven wine, it is still handled well to deliver broad red fruit flavors that show earlier harvesting of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Syrah, which hasn’t yet begun to assert itself.”

-Exceptional

-Dan Berger, September 2011
**Wine & Spirits**

**“Year’s Best Cabernet Blends”**

*2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“Syrah makes a play for the bouquet of this blend, with black pepper and tobacco accents. Cabernet (60 percent of the blend) takes over in the lean plummyness of the flavors, finishing savory and linear with refined tannins. For lamb roast.”  91 Points  

-Patrick Comiskey, December 2011

**Seattle Times**

**“Seattle Times Wine Adviser Lists His Top 100”**

*2007 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

Ranked #9 out of 100  

-Paul Gregutt, December 2011

**Seattle Magazine**

**Washington Wine Awards Finalists:**

**CATEGORY: Red Proprietary Blend over $20**

*2008 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

-Anne Nisbet, February 2012

**Wine Enthusiast**

*2007 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“Complex and satiny, it’s a riveting wine, inky and bursting with a sensuous mix of berry, cassis, mocha, loam, cinnamon and spice. Tremendous density and depth; despite its youth the wine curls around the tongue like thick smoke, showing more and more detail.”  96 Points; Cellar Selection  

-Paul Gregutt, May 2011

**Seattle Metropolitan Magazine**

**“100 Best Washington Wines 2011”**

“Here are the best of the best.”

*2007 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“Aromas of dark fruit, blueberries, bittersweet chocolate, and spice dominate this blend of syrah and cabernet sauvignon. It is luscious on the palate with a sweet, chocolate-filled finish.”  91 Points  

-Harvey Steiman, March 2011

**Wine Advocate**

*2007 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“Opaque purple-colored, it proffers a perfume of sandalwood, meat, game, Asian spices, lilacs, and blueberry. Rich, opulent, layered, and dense, this full-bodied, pleasure-bent wine will evolve for 4-5 years and offer prime drinking from 2014 to 2027.”  93 Points  

-Jay Miller, August 2010

**2007 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard**

“Bitter-edged cassis, huckleberry, and seedy black raspberry; green herbs; sprouting lentil; and walnut inform a firm, finely-tannic palate and this finishes with a remarkable sense of focus, energy and lift for a tannic wine of its two cepages, not to mention of 14.5% alcohol. Suggestions of stone and iodine add to the complexity on display here, though, interestingly, – as with the other installments of this cuvee I tasted – the Syrah doesn’t display any of its animal side. Like its 2007 counterpart, this became more intriguing as it opened to air. I see no reason not to anticipate at least another 4-5 years of fascination.”  92 Points  

-Patrick Comiskey, December 2011

**Wine Spectator**

*2007 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“Polished, round and complex, this is distinctive and generous with its dark berry, chocolate and pomegranate flavors, melding seamlessly as the finish carries on smoothly. Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon.”  93 Points  

-Harvey Steiman, March 2011

**Restaurant Wine**

*2007 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“Fine blend: supple, ripe, and quite rich in flavor; a blend with intense blackberry, cassis, toast, spicy oak, and black licorice aromas/flavors. Excellent.”  Four Stars  

-Ronn Wiegand, June 2012

**Seattle Met**

**“100 Best Washington Wines”**

“The 100 wines here represent the very best of a very good group.”

*2006 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“Cabernet sauvignon and Syrah blends have become a signature for Buty Winery. All of the fruit came from the Phinny Hill Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills near famed Champoux Vineyard; it’s a plot of land producing an increasing number of exceptional wines, many of them vineyard designated. Nose is marked by dusty chocolate, earth, plum, and red and black fruit. Palate is dry and gracefully balanced with a huge dollop of fruit.”  92 Points - #22 out of 100  

-Sean Sullivan, September 2010

**Wine & Spirits**

**“Classics for the Cellar”**

*2006 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“A counter point to Rediviva of the Stones, this blend of cabernet (55 percent) and syrah comes from a vineyard uphill from Champoux in the Horse Heaven Hills. Cabernet leads with minty plum-skin scents and black fruit. At the moment, the wine is black-hole dense, needing cellar time to gain clarity. Then serve with a steak.”  90 Points  

-Patrick Comiskey, December 2010

**Wine Enthusiast Magazine**

*2006 Columbia Rediviva Phinny Hill Vineyard*

“This first estate-grown bottling of Rediviva is 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Syrah. Amazing aromatic complexity grabs you and leads you into the dark interior of the wine, a riot of red and black fruits, moist earth, smoke, anise herb and toast. Power and elegance combined, with the structure to age for a decade or more.”  96 Points: Editor’s Choice  

-Paul Gregutt, March 2010