

Wine & Spirits

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92 Buty Merlot & Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley 2003 Buty blends merlot from Conner Lee Vineyard, a cool site near the Wahluke Slope, and cabernet franc from Champoux Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills, for an aromatic blend redolent of roses, tar and red cherries, as well as a dusty, leafy scent that translates to a fine-grained minerality on the palate. After a day, its dusty clay elements structure the wine, giving it a savory, elegant length.

89 Buty Rediviva of the Stones Walla Walla Valley 2002 This blend of syrah and cabernet from Christophe Baron's famously rocky Cailloux Vineyard is deep, rich and extracted, with a mentholated aroma that recalls Australian wines of its type. Its firm, mineral-tinged finish gives structure to the wine.....it should become more integrated with a year or more in the cellar.