

Elyse

Stephen Tanzer's



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91 pts

2007 ELYSE ZINFANDEL HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

Stephen Tanzer, May/June 2010

Good full red. Exotic berries, smoked meat and wild herbs on the captivating nose. Savory, suave and soil-driven zinfandel, with very subtle berry, earth and pepper flavors showing a restrained sweetness for the variety. Finishes broad and fresh, with a fine dusting of tannins and subtle peppery persistence. Very sophisticated zinfandel.

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2007 ELYSE ZINFANDEL MORISOLI VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

Stephen Tanzer, May/June 2010

13% of this wine is from a list of grapes too lengthy and obscure to name. Good deep red-ruby. Very ripe aromas of crushed berries and violet lifted by pepper. Suave on entry, then sweet and thick in the middle but energetic, with reticent flavors of crushed berries and wild herbs. This broad, deep but youthfully backward zinfandel finishes with a fine dusting of sweet tannins. Very different from the Howell Mountain bottling but equally interesting.

89 pts

2007 ELYSE AKA ZINFANDEL, NAPA VALLEY

Stephen Tanzer, May/June 2010

Dark red. Reduced, smoky nose shows musky huckleberry lifted by a peppery nuance. Supple and savory, with a restrained sweetness to its dark berry, pepper and spice flavors. At once chewy and fine-grained, finishing with rather sweet tannins. A very stylish zinfandel.

