

Wine & Spirits

92 Points

Best Buy

White Rock Vineyards 2009 Claret Napa Valley

“Store this wine away for five or six years, and with any luck, its flavor will follow the trajectory they took over the course of 3 days at our tasting table. It starts off feeling like an old-fashioned Napa blend (the composition includes 51 percent cabernet sauvignon, 27 percent franc, 20 percent merlot, and a little petit verdot.) The flavors are vinous, with a baked fruit note, scents of old wood and wild hillside scrub. With air the light-bodied tannins add gaminess that develops as the wine’s structure gains clarity and direction. By the third day, it tastes of fresh black currants, firmly held by fine tannins, complex and lithe. This grows in white volcanic rock at a vineyard facing north and west in the eastern foothills of Napa, off Soda Canyon Road. “

-Luke Sykora, Wine & Spirits Magazine