

# CINCINNATI WINE GARAGE -- TASTING NOTES AND OTHER STUFF

so many wines, so little time!

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## Purple Wine Company

I just got back from tasting 7 wines from the **Purple Wine Company** which was started by one of the former principals of the **Blackstone Winery** which was sold a few years ago. The notes are brief as I sipped while enjoying some Chicken Tikki Masala and Naan. I ordered some of these wines for the shop, but not all, more due to my current inventory situation at certain price points.

- **2004 Rock Rabbit, Sauvignon Blanc, Central Coast (\$10)** - Good fruit with a little bit of grapefruit. Made in stainless tanks with no Oak or Malo. Good price for a summer wine. Good with food.
- **2003 Mark West, Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County (\$11)** - Good traditional California Chardonnay with some butter, but not overdone. Some Malo here, I was told. I would load up , but I have 15 cases of another \$14 Chardonnay to chew through.
- **2003 Mark West, Pinot Noir, Central Coast (\$11)** - Moderate nose, subtle Burgundian style. Great value. One of the best \$10 California Pinots.
- **2002 Mark West, Pinot Noir, Sonoma County (\$19)** - Moderate nose with more fruit flavors and tannins. Also Burgundian. Very good and fairly valued.
- **2003 Rock Rabbit, Syrah, Central Coast (\$11)** - Big nose and full flavors. Deep purple color (see Company name!). 12% Cab and some Petite Syrah. Sold! I bought a case as **Martin Ray** has stopped making the **Angeline Syrah**.
- **2002 Avalon, Cabernet Sauvignon, California (\$8)** - 1% Syrah and 1% Tempranillo add some zest and aromas. I liked the wine and loved the price. It's on the list! Good fruit, smooth with tannins and a medium finish. Drinkable \$8 California Cab! Will go well with a mixed case of Spanish Grenache, Argentine Malbec and Chilean Carmenere as a great value mixed case.
- **2002 Avalon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$14)** - 90% Cabernet with other Bordeaux varietals. Smooth integrated tannins and good fruit. A good wine, but is among a crowded field of good, drinkable \$15 California Cabs.

Overall, a good quiver of tasty value wines!

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When I'm not consulting with broker/dealers as a Financial Operations Principal, I run a wine shop/warehouse and try to write about the wines I have tasted. I will admit to being adjective challenged in these notes, and they do reflect my personal palate, but what a great way to enjoy wine!

