



2007 ROY Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: **94+** points

Drink: 2013-2038

Source: Wine Advocate #192 (Dec 2010)

There are usually 300-350 cases of the Cabernet Sauvignon cuvee. The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon along with the 2007 Proprietary Red are the finest wines I have yet tasted from Roy Estate. A beautiful nose of charcoal, creme de cassis, black currants, licorice and underbrush is followed by a deep, full-bodied, powerful wine with lots of texture, silky tannins and impressive density, as well as length. This wine has enough tannin to suggest 3-4 years of cellaring is required. It should age well for 25+ years.

When I met with proprietor Shirley Roy I was saddened to learn that her husband, Charles, had passed away this year. Together they had dreamed of producing world class wines from their 17-acre vineyard in the southern part of Napa Valley known as Soda Canyon. Shirley is committed to continuing that dream, and I wish her all the best. She's in good hands given the fact that their vineyard was planted by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer, and the wine is now being made by the well-known French consultant, Philippe Melka. If readers have not yet checked out the Roy offerings from this rocky, cool climate site at the base of Atlas Peak, I highly suggest they do so.

2007 ROY Estate Proprietary Red Wine

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table Wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Rating: **94** points

Drink: 2013-2033

Source: Wine Advocate #186 (Dec. 2009)

The dense ruby/purple 2007 Proprietary Red, a blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, and 8% Petit Verdot, exhibits an impressive chocolatey nose with lots of berry fruit, coffee bean, mocha, and earthy/forest floor notes. Complex and dense with silky tannins, and superb elegance combined with richness, it can be approached now, but it will be even better in 4-5 years. It should last for 20+ years.

Soda Canyon, in the southern most part of Napa Valley, has its own specific micro-climate. This 17-acre vineyard owned by Shirley and Charles Roy was originally planted by Helen Turley and John Wetlaufer, but the wine is now being made by Philippe Melka, who is fashioning very impressive reds meant for long-term aging.

—Robert Parker



ROY Estate receives highest rating from **wine guide 2011** by **FOOD & WINE**

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★★★★ The late Charles Roy founded this estate with his wife Shirley, and his legacy lives on in this refined yet decadent red. The 2007 layers blackberries, chocolate and coffee flavors with silky tannins; this would benefit from some time in the cellar.

—Anthony Giglio