

## 1995 Bacio Divino

**Varietal Content:** 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Sangiovese, 12% Petite Sirah

**Alcohol:** 13.5 %

### **Tasting Notes:**

The deep concentration of red currant in the nose and aftertaste can only be achieved by the best Cabernet. A complex and elegant wine full of rich, ripe fruit with a long and intense finish. The integration of acids and linear tannins signifies a wine that will age well.

### **Reviews:**

#### **The Wine Advocate August 1998 Rating: 94**

*The second awesome release for this tiny winery dedicated to producing intriguing wines, the 1995 Bacio Divino (a blend of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Sangiovese, and 12% Petit Sirah) is a formidable wine of exceptional richness, layers of flavor, and a multi-dimensional personality. The color is a deep saturated ruby/purple. The nose offers up juicy/jammy strawberry, black currant, and blackberry notes wrapped with subtle toasty oak. Full-bodied, with outstanding ripeness and purity, a silky texture, and an explosive finish, this is a sumptuous example of what can be done with three grapes rarely blended together in such proportions. By the way, sentimentalists will be moved by the government warning label that reads, "contains sulfites and also contains some of the winemaker's heart and soul." This wine should continue to drink well for a decade.*

#### **The Insiders' Wine Line July 1998 Rating: 93**

*This remarkable wine has aromas of black cherry, blackberries, currants, licorice, fresh forward plum, sweet oak, violets, and cola with hints of dry citrus zest. On the palate the rich, intense, complex flavors of black pit fruits, layered berries, spice, tobacco and roasted nuts are very intense and rich, followed by a fabulous, long, fruity, expansive finish.*

#### **The Wine Spectator Oct 31, 1998 Rating: 91**

*A curious mix of varieties, its up-front creamy, oak-driven currant and berry flavors are followed by chewy tannins. Hits a few rough spots on the finish but also shows pretty berry notes. Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese and Petite Sirah. Best from 1999 through 2006. -JL*

#### **Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine Sept 1998 Two Puffs**

This ersatz "Super Tuscan" hits the mark in terms of ample fruit and oaky richness and offers an intriguing mix of cassis, berries, coffee and sweet smoke in both its expansive aromas and in its bright but well-extracted flavors. Moderately full and solidly filled on the palate, it is plush and almost silky in feel with just a little firming from its tannic spine. Still slightly rough at the very end, it should benefit from four or five years of cellaring but is sufficiently showy to succeed as a partner to savory lamb dishes in the near term.

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