

1996 Bacio Divino

Varietal Content: 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Sangiovese, 9% Petite Sirah,
8% Merlot

Alcohol: 13.5 %

Tasting Notes:

This is a full, deep and provocative wine. It has rich, dark color with aromas of ripe blackberry, a hint of chocolate and the vanilla of new oak. The palate is very well balanced and highlighted by an engaging mouth-filling yet supple texture. Although it retains the alluring nose, color and youthful drinkability of prior vintages, this is a wine for the cellar.

Reviews:

The Wine Advocate August 1999 Rating: 92

Another terrific offering from this producer, the 1996 Bacio Divino offers a spicy, oaky nose with notions of jammy cassis, strawberries, and cherries. Full-bodied and complex, with a dominant black fruit element upstaging the new oak nuances, this fleshy, ostentatious, pure, gorgeously seductive wine will drink well for 7-8 years. Kudos to wine-maker/proprietor Claus Janzen.

The Wine Spectator Nov 15, 1999 Rating: 94

Delicious, ripe, rich and complex, with layers of juicy cherry, currant, blackberry, vanilla and spice. The long, intricate finish keeps pumping out the flavors. Cabernet, Sangiovese, Petite Sirah and Merlot Drink now through 2007. 1,000 cases made.

Norm Roby's Guide to Winery Direct Wines Oct 1999 Rating: 94

With more than enough flavor and character to back up its mighty price, Bacio Divino is a blend of Cabernet and Sangiovese complexed by a dash of Merlot and Petit Sirah. In 1996, this combo worked to perfection to yield a supple concentrated, exotic wine. It offers cedar, cherry fruit, spice, and a touch of tobacco in a lush, balanced style.

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