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2012 Ram's Gate Pinot Noir Estate Vineyard – 96 Points

“Not the most outgoing of noses among the Ram’s Gate quartet, this one keys on mid-volume raspberry and red cherry fruit filled out by nuanced notes of dried herbs and brush and enriched by supportive oaky richness. There is, however, nothing less than a full and balanced wine on the palate with lively and quite refined, varietally focused suggestions of raspberries, cherries and oak all aligned and continuous from front to back. Time is in this wine’s favor, and we would counsel laying it away for three to six years while it develops further layering.”

-Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine

2012 Ram's Gate Winery Pinot Noir Bush Crispo Vineyard – 94 Points

“There are familial resemblances in these top two Ram’s Gate entries. Both are rich and nicely fruited, and both have plenty of potential to grow in poise and refinement over time, but this one also separates itself just a bit by its slightly lighter step and seeming polish for the moment. One might easily be charmed into drinking it up sooner than later, but its blend of admirable depth and supple balance promise increased elegance, and we would lay it away for a half decade before opening it for special occasions.”

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2012 Ram's Gate Winery Pinot Noir Ulises Valdez Silver Eagle Vineyard – 91 Points

“Impressing as the heaviest of the Ram’s Gate bunch, this wine keeps itself in tasting trim through its ripe yet deeply fruited character. Red and black cherry notes bearing an unique rhubarb-like stamp and a touch of brush in the aromas lead to a supple, somewhat fleshy-textured wine with a fair bit of viscosity and just enough underlying acidity to avoid heading into the soft, thick camp. Rich it is, for sure, and obvious as well, but we would have no hesitation pairing this generous wine with a juicy standing rib roast.”

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