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2012 Ram's Gate Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard – 95 Points

“When a successful winery like Ram’s Gate gets grapes from one of the top vineyards in California, it can be expected to produce a highly regarded wine, and it has. The concentrated, inviting, yet well-measured and mannerly aromas of this exceptional bottling deliver layered scents of ripe apples, crème brûlée and wisps of pear and peach with plenty of volume yet not one wit of excess or overly high drama. It is fairly full in body and nicely balanced, has richness of texture and flavor and is supple at entry and firm in the finish. Our only caveat is that the wine is still quite young overall, and we would encourage a bit of cellaring as it has only good places to go with age.”

-Connoisseur’s Guide to California Wine

2012 Ram's Gate Winery Chardonnay Hudson Vineyard – 93 Points

“Lee Hudson’s vineyard is not all that far from Larry Hyde’s, and wineries that are able to make wines from both often have two hits on their hands, as we see here with Ram’s Gate. If a touch riper in tone than the Hyde, this one shares the same predilection for richness, depth and balance, and, if one were to choose for a bit more potency, this wine might get the nod. That said, it has plenty of deep and defined fruit on its side and drifts slightly in the direction of flowers and fresh pears after first establishing its varietal markers of ripe apples.”

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2012 Ram's Gate Winery Chardonnay Durell Vineyard – 92 Points

“The biggest and most expressive of the Ram’s Gate contingent, and a Chardonnay that makes no apologies for high ripeness, this mouthfilling wine is absolutely loaded with juicy fruit that smacks of apples and peaches and figs, and it is fully appointed with lots of flashy oak sweetness. It capably shows the winery’s love of unabashed richness without being overdone to the point of having a difficult time at the table, but, like its companions, it is no shrinking violet and should be saved for drinking with meals that are long on big flavor.”

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2012 Ram's Gate Pinot Noir Sangiacomo Roberts Road Vineyard – 92 Points

“Simply brimming with optimally ripened, wonderfully precise varietal fruit and neatly seasoned with seamlessly fit oak, this show-stopping effort impresses with both its balance and striking depth. Its continuous themes of red cherries and raspberries are overlain by a handsome veneer of sweet cream and toast, and, while concentrated and quite rich, it never so much as hints at excess or brawn. It is, to employ a much overused word, a genuinely elegant Pinot that reminds that **refinement and richness need not be mutually exclusive**, and, from where we stand, it looks to only get better over the next five or six years.”

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