

Raptor Ridge Vintage Drinkability Matrix

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Atticus				Ripe bramble and petrichor on the background with pronounced raspberry jam and dark cherry compote. Juicy finish with a touch of vanilla and toast. Beautiful now, but will cellar well for another 5 years. No more than 7 years.	Juicy and big right now. Notes of earthy, intense red fruit with a hint of leather. Flavors of raspberry jam are followed by juicy, ripe tannins and a touch of cacao. Spice notes will evolve over the next 6 years.	Aromas of fresh sugar plums and a touch of roses. Soft flavors of dark cherry and ripe fig with some vanilla and a finish of cola and dried blackberry. At its prime. Drink now, but will cellar well for 2-3 more years.			
Auxerrois			Very creamy nose with a bright midpalate. Hints of dried apricot and asian pear with a finish of fennel and white pepper. Drink Now. Acidic enough to stand another 2-3 years.						
B.F. Rose	Refreshing, yet complex. Floral notes of chrysanthemum with a creamy mouthfeel that hints at white apricot and dragonfruit. It finishes with a light note of unripe strawberry. Drink now or within a couple of years.								
Black Hole					Intense and intriguing. This bottling offers aromas of mimosa flowers and acacia wood intermingled with flavors of baked blackberries, soft leather, tobacco, and cedar with a hint of smoke on the finish. Superb now! It will cellar for 3 more years, but it is phenomenal right now.		A nose of Black Forest Gâteau and wet clay with juicy black cherry and Ethiopian coffee on the palate leading to a complex finish of sage and baby portobello. Drink now. At its prime.		
Crawford Beck									
Duo		Aromas of spiced apple cobbler weaved into a complex malange of deep, floral sun-dried turkish rose and goji berry with a finish of tobacco and polished tannins. Very refined. Will cellar exceptionally for 7+ years.		Our two best barrels for 2016 combine the structure and nuance of Crawford Beck with the floral, light red fruit of our Estate Pommard. Great now, but cellar between 6-7 years.					

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Estate		Inviting hints of snickerdoodle cookie and plum compote lead to elegant flavors of huckleberry, cedar, and tart cherry with a dry, silky finish. Meant for aging. Refined tannins will age well for 7+ years.	Bright, fresh nose of roses, orange blossom, and green strawberry. Balanced red plum & candied hibiscus notes that adhere to melty tannins. Refined finish is of velvety allspice, nutmeg, and clove. Perfect for aging. Cellar for 5-7 years.	Chocolate covered blueberries and cedar notes dominate the nose, opening up to juicy flavors of ripe plum and a touch of sarsaparilla on the finish. Drink now, but will cellar well for another 6 years.	Full flavors from nose to finish. Candied cherry on nose with a hint of tobacco. Juicy black cherry and cola flavors ending with a punchy acidity reminiscent of baked rhubarb. Beautiful now. 4-5 years in cellar will bring out spice and mellow its juiciness.	Aromas of blueberry pie filling with a delicate, creamy mouthfeel. Balanced, yet robust flavors of ripe bramble dominate the palate with a finish of dried blueberry. At its prime. Wait no more than 2 years to open.	Nose is initially deep and buttery, but evolves into a light, red berry-forward palate. Finish is woodsy, and it has evolved a hint of raisin from cellaring. At its prime, but can stand another 2 years of aging.		Dried cranberry on the nose leading to very elegant, very soft tannins. Years in the cellar has brought out some earthy notes on the finish. Drink Now, or forever hold your peace.
Estate 777		Beautiful bouquet of violets, pease roses, and pink crepe myrtle leading to floral flavors of Austrian Charlotte flowers and fragrant cherry blossom, finishing with a hint of white pepper. Floral flavors are great now, but more fruit flavors will evolve throughout the next 5 years.							
Estate Whole Cluster			Pomaceous bouquet of honeycrisp apples and cherry blossom beget nuanced notes of white tea and freeze-dried raspberry with a dry finish. Beautiful bouquet now. It will be interesting to see how the fruit evolves in 2, 4, and 6 years.	Fresh pomegranate and fougère (sweet fern and moss) on the nose that brings forth notes of ripe Morello cherries and a soft, subdued finish of juniper and black tea. Great now. Cellaring for up to 4 years will soften tannins.	A bouquet of dried strawberry mixed with Herbes De Provence leads to a rich palate balanced by spice. The finish also balances flavors of cooked strawberry with tellicherry pepper and orange pekoe tea. Beautiful now, but will cellar beautifully for another 5-6 years.	Aromas of rosewood and cherry pie are reinforced by flavors of valentine cherry encapsulated in silky tannins with a finish of black pepper and nutmeg. Great now, but worthy of cellaring for up to 5 years.			
Flight Club Select		Earthy nose of raspberry leaf and tilled soil leads to soft and savory notes of ripe blackberry, açai, and kalamata olive with a slightly leathery finish. Hold for a few years to mellow out its tannins. 2-3 years should show good balance.	Delicate nose of watermelon and sundried tomatoes. On the palate, flavors of black currant mingle with cola and Kalamata olive. Finish is bright with hints of sun-baked plums. Will stand up to aging 7+ years.			Bigger body, but still reserved. Nose is predominantly tobacco and sour cherry, leading to a mid-palate of spiced marionberry jam and a finish of sea-spray and a return back to that initial tobacco note. Drink now or hold for 4-5 years.			

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Gran Moraine Chardonnay				Toast reminiscent of a flaky croissant giving into a nice acidity that carries tropical flavors of starfruit which is rounded off with a finish of Mexican vanilla. At its prime! Enjoy now! Wait no more than 2 years to open.					
Gran Moraine Pinot Noir					Rich nose of bing cherry and caramel that bring forth flavors of black raspberry and juicy currant leading to a classic finish with toasted vanilla. Great now, but still has 3-4 years of life left. It is approaching its prime.	Honey and bing cherry on the nose and a palate with a nice acidity that extends notes of spiced cherry pie with a buttery crust. At its prime; however, it will age gracefully for another 4 years.			
Goodrich									
Logsdon Pinot Gris (BF)		Light hints of citrus blossom and grapefruit zest on the nose with a touch of creaminess coming through from the barrel. Bright stone fruit and pine on the palate with a limestone mineral finish. Drink now, but can stand another 2 years.							
Meredith Mitchell									Bright nose of underripe strawberry lead to a punchy pink lemonade flavor with a hint of cedar and tamarind. One of the very few red wines that could be paired with acidic vinaigrettes on a salad. Though it is older, it is still acidic enough to withstand some aging. It's tannins are just now starting to mellow out.

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Olenik			Offers finely textured limestone minerality with an alluring bouquet of elderberry and deep notes of damson and blackberry cobbler. Fresh. Will age nicely for 7 more years.			Blackberry Italian cream soda dominates the nose. Super juicy pomegranate and ripe bramble flavors on the palate finishing with a whisper of cinnamon and cola. Great now, but still has quite a bit of life left. 7+ years.			
Temperance Hill			Flinty and floral with an old-world feel. Soft but assertive tannins balance its brightness to bring a finish of underripe red currant and savory raspberry leaf. Refined and perfect for cellaring 7+ years.						
Temperance Hill 2-yr				Earthy and complex. Deep notes of toast and forest floor mingled with savory portobello mushroom. Tannins are super silky on the finish with so much terroir. Great now, but will age beautifully for 6-7 more years.					
Tempranillo									
Trig							A bouquet of eucalyptus and peony lead to soft tannins that carry notes of hibiscus, fresh fig, and dried plums. The finish maintains the dried plum note with a hint of bay leaf. Drink now. Will only cellar for another couple of years.		Nuanced and balanced. Time has mellowed out the tannins of this vintage to create a classically flavored Pinot Noir with notes of underripe marionberry, black tea, clove, and cedar. At its prime. Enjoy now.