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**Drink What You Like,
Not What Someone Tells You To Like**

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If the fashion guru told you that everyone was wearing clown shoes for the Fall, would you rush to Prada and get your pink and purple size 44's to wear to that movie premiere? Ugghhhh! Then why would you rush out and get cases of the latest wine that the so-called experts tell you is the hot wine of the season?! It may be worth trying a bottle to see if you agree with them, but for goodness sake, don't like it just because they told you so.

Experts almost never agree on their picks of top wines. In all my years of reading about the experts' picks, I have only come across one or two wines that all the experts agreed upon. I recall attending a wine tasting where the host told me a certain chardonnay got a 95 score out of 100 in one of the premier wine publications. I tasted the chardonnay with anticipation only to find that, in my opinion, it was undrinkable. At another wine tasting, I drank a wine that the same publication gave a 69 score; in my opinion, it was one of the best Napa cabernets I have ever tasted.

People ask me all the time what my favorite wine is. I normally give them a two part answer. First, I tell them that I enjoy different wines for different occasions, with different foods, or at different times of the year. And second, I tell them that it should not be about what I think, but about what they think. I try to discern what their tastes are and what they have liked in the past. I then suggest wines they might like at the present time considering the individual occasion, the food being served, or what is being celebrated, e.g., a big birthday party with family or a romantic evening with someone special.

Variety is the spice of life so go ahead and try a bottle of that wine that some so-called expert said may be just what the doctor ordered. If you do, remember that you are your own expert, not them.

Moe's Fine Wines' Pick of the Month

2004 Onix Priorat Spanish Red Wine

It is not often that you can find a good Priorat for less than \$30 a bottle, so at less than \$14 a bottle, this is an amazing bargain. This Priorat wine is rich and ripe without harsh tannins. The blackberry flavor rolls across your palate and lingers with a slightly fruity finish and maybe just a hint of pepper. It is made from 50% Grenache and 50% Cariñena grapes. This is not a wine to lie down for ten years, enjoy it now with shrimp or paella.

Remember to share.

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