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2010 BEST OF WINE ONLINE AWARDS, PART I
Wine of the Year: 2007 Continuum



CONTINUUM
2007

I contemplated selecting the 2006 Dry Riesling from Anthony Road winery from the Finger Lakes, almost the polar opposite of the 2007 Continuum from Tim Mondavi's venture, Continuum Estate. The deciding factor had little to do with the notion of a small NY winery versus a renowned winemaker from Napa, and had everything to do with the wine.

The Anthony Road was electrifying, but the Continuum is the single best thing that I've put in my mouth all year, a wine that I have a distinct taste memory for and a wine that I scored a 95. I don't review many wines on this site – for good reason, there's too much grade inflation in wine rankings and many dole out 90s like first grade teachers giving smiley faces on homework assignments. Yet, in hindsight, I might have graded this one a little too tough at the time. It's surely a 95, and perhaps higher. It's a wine that's rich and decadent, yet finely wrought and obviously built for the long haul.

As compared to other so-called "cult" wines in Cabernet, Continuum is a steal at \$140 SRP (and found for less online). In different economic times, the wait list for Continuum would have stretched out til 2013. Count your blessings while you can...

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