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Stephen Tanzer's
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2008 Jester Sangiovese Rose



Light, bright pink. Redcurrant and wild strawberry on the nose, with a nervy blood orange note adding energy. Clean and dry, with sharply focused red berry and citrus flavors and good mineral snap. This grown-up wine shows very good finishing cut but also gained weight with air, suggesting that it will stand up to full-flavored foods.

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2006 Jester Cabernet



Bright purple. Deeply concentrated blackberry and blueberry aromas are brightened by exotic flowers, tobacco and Asian spices. Supple dark berry preserve flavors coat the palate, with gentle tannins adding support. Finishes with impressive cling and length, echoing the dark fruit and floral notes. I'd err on the side of youth and drink this over the next few years to best enjoy its flamboyant fruit.

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2007 Jester Shiraz



Bright ruby. Dark berry and cherry compote on the nose, with black pepper and clove adding nuance. Palate-numbing, peppery red and dark berry flavors are nicely focused, showing no rough edges and light tannic grip. Combines the peppery tang of an Old World syrah with the sweetness of South Australian shiraz—a tasty marriage in my book. Finishes with very good cut and length. This is delicious.

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2006 Jester Shiraz



Bright purple. Seductive bouquet of smoky dark berries, candied cherry and sandalwood. Licorice and floral pastille notes emerge with air and carry onto the palate, adding complexity to the sweet cassis and blueberry flavors. Leaves dark berry, vanilla and cola flavors behind on the long, sappy finish. Captivating already, but I'd bet on this gaining complexity over the next six or seven years.

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2006 Savitar Shiraz



Inky violet. Powerful dark berry liqueur and cherry-vanilla on the nose, with sexy floral and incense qualities adding complexity. Broad and juicy, with deeply concentrated blackberry and boysenberry flavors, supple tannins and slow-building anise and saffron on the back. Generous but focused shiraz with excellent finishing energy and persistence. Still quite primary, but there'd be no crime in drinking this after giving it an hour or so in a decanter.

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