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Screamin' Syrah Deal

When we moved into our new warehouse I bought a whole bunch of decanters so that we could really have all the equipment we needed to do blind tastings. Why are blind tastings important? We get lots of people who want to sell us wine, and sometimes you want more input and feedback on a wine other than yours alone, and blind tastings are a totally objective, no-bias way of "testing" a wine. So I broke the decanters in last week by taking the 3 new Miller Wine Works Syrahs and some heavy competition and then asked no less than 8 people taste and rate the following wines totally blind:

2003 Miller Brookside Syrah, \$37.99
2003 Miller Castle Rock Syrah, \$37.99
2003 Miller Sage Canyon Syrah, \$37.99

1998 Jaboulet La Chapelle, \$85 (WS96)
2000 Kongsgaard Hudson Vineyard Syrah, \$125 (RP93)
2002 Branson Coach House Shiraz, \$70 (RP97)

**The clear winner by far, was the Miller Wine Works Castle Rock Syrah,
at more than half the price of the big-scoring wines...
third was the Miller Brookside...**

What I am getting at of course is that these are absolutely as good as I thought, as judged blindly by a jury of my peers. Gary Miller, who is winemaker at Robert Biale (love those Zins and Petites) makes tiny quantities (only a few hundred cases) of delicious Syrah from 3 distinct Napa Vineyards, and they are GREAT WINES for the money, a total insider wine. Get them all! That's all I can say. I drink them at home all the time with any meaty dish,

they just plain rock.