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Very Good



2002 Silkwood Wines Petite Sirah, Stanislaus County

Silkwood Winery's founder John Monnich has been dedicated to producing quality Petite Sirah for more than two decades. Utilizing fruit from Silkwood's own vineyards in Stanislaus County, Monnich has produced a highly stylized bottling (including a velvet label) with an intriguing red color and complex nose of black currant fruit, chocolate mint and smoke. Spending 19 months in neutral French oak barrels, this elegant medium bodied wine offers nicely extracted fruit intermixed with sweet oak, coffee and dark chocolate.



Jay Youmans was honored in 2004 by The Institute of Masters of Wine with qualification of Master of Wine.

Of the 93 candidates who sat for the examination, Jay was one of only two to have now completed all Master requirements, including a dissertation.

Qualification requires passing a theory examination on viticulture, winemaking, the business of wine, and contemporary issues in the wine industry; a practical examination involving three 12-wine blind tastings of a range of international wines assessed for variety, origin, quality and style; and a 7,000 word dissertation on a subject...

There are now 243 Masters of Wine from 21 different countries.