

Kapcsandy Family Winery 2006 Roberta's Reserve



For the past few years there's always one winery at the Naples Winter Wine Festival, that really stands out, capturing the attention and acclaim of wine enthusiasts in attendance.

The Kapcsandy (pronounced "kaps-chundy") family purchased the famed Yountville, State Lane Vineyard from Beringer in 2000 and brought in Helen Turley to make their first few vintages.

It is no exaggeration to say that no wine event around the globe eclipses the NWWF in terms of offering the opportunity to taste world class wines. This year was no exception. No less than Burgundy's Domaine de la Romanee-Conti, Pingus from Spain, Argentina's Catena, Torbreck from Australia, and California cult wineries, Continuum, Harlan and Screaming Eagle to name a few were available to sample. So, when the biggest crowd gathered around Louis Kapcsandy Jr. to get a sample of his 2006 "Roberta's Reserve", I knew I had found this year's "sleeper" wine!

Roberta's Reserve, a merlot blend (94% merlot, 6% cabernet franc) garnered 97 points from Robert Parker, who said "there is no better merlot-based wine being made in California." Parker thinks this wine will drink well over the next 25-30 years, but no one at this year's event was willing to wait that long.

Currently there is no distribution in Florida, although I made an introduction to Louis and hope that a few cases will make it to the Naples market before the current 250 cases are

gone. In the meantime, I urge you to get onto the Kapcsandy mailing list. It's only a matter of time before the entire lineup of their wines will be impossible to buy outside of auctions. To order the Kapcsandy wines, visit www.kapcsandywines.com or call Louis at (707) 948- 3100.