



The Independent Consumer's Bimonthly Guide to Fine Wine
THE BEST OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:
2007, 2006, 2005

BREGGO CELLARS	2007	CHARDONNAY SAVOY VYD.	ANDERSON VLY.	38.00	WHITE	(93-95)
BREGGO CELLARS	2007	GEWURZTRAMINER FERRINGTON VYD	ANDERSON VLY.	25.00	WHITE	89
BREGGO CELLARS	2007	PINOT GRIS WILEY VYD.	ANDERSON VLY.	25.00	WHITE	93
BREGGO CELLARS	2007	PINOT NOIR	ANDERSON VLY.	42.00	RED	90
BREGGO CELLARS	2007	PINOT NOIR DONNELLY CREEK VYD.	ANDERSON VLY.	55.00	RED	(88-91)
BREGGO CELLARS	2007	PINOT NOIR FERRINGTON VYD.	ANDERSON VLY.	55.00	RED	(90-92)
BREGGO CELLARS	2007	PINOT NOIR SAVOY VYD.	ANDERSON VLY.	55.00	RED	(90-92)
BREGGO CELLARS	2007	SAUVIGNON BLANC FERRINGTON VYD.	ANDERSON VLY.	25.00	WHITE	90

This is an impressive, up-and-coming operation in the Anderson Valley, and I can't recommend their wines highly enough. Readers may remember my enthusiastic reviews from last year, and it's good to see the continued high quality of the 2007s. The terrific white wine offerings include the excellent **2007 Gewurztraminer Ferrington Vineyard**. Rarely is California Gewurztraminer anything other than a cruel joke for those who enjoy this varietal. That can not be said about this offering. To begin with, it smells like a Gewurztraminer, with lots of spice, lychee nuts, and tropical fruits. The authentic aromas are followed by a medium-bodied wine with crisp fruit, good acidity, and a dry finish. This 2007 should drink nicely for several years. No one makes a better Pinot Gris in this country. **Breggo's 2007 Pinot Gris Wiley Vineyard** is a big, dry white displaying sumptuous fruit (honeyed lemon blossoms, caramelized apricots, apples, and honeysuckle) as well as gorgeous acidity, medium-bodied flavors, and loads of fruit. It can be enjoyed over the next 2-3 years. The flinty, crisp, mineral-dominated **2007 Sauvignon Blanc Ferrington Vineyard** smells of honeyed grapefruits, nectarines, melons, and spice box. This fresh, medium-bodied Sauvignon is loaded with character. Drink it over the next 1-2 years. The profound **2007 Chardonnay Savoy Vineyard** may be the finest Chardonnay I have ever tasted from Anderson Valley. Honeysuckle,

nectarine, lemon oil, and crushed rock characteristics intermixed with a subtle hint of wood emerge from this Chardonnay (primarily made from old Wente clones). Full-bodied, with tremendous substance as well as freshness, it should drink well for 3-4 years. The outstanding **2007 Pinot Noir Anderson Valley** (the only bottled 2007 Pinot) exhibits a dark ruby color in addition to a broad, complex bouquet of wet stones, sandy, loamy soil notes, pomegranate, blue as well as blackberries, and a hint of flowers. Textured, fresh, and medium to full-bodied, it is ideal for drinking over the next 4-6 years. The **2007 Pinot Noir Donnelly Creek Vineyard** is made primarily from the Pommard Clone. It displays a dark ruby color, a good texture, medium to full body, lovely purity and density, and a closed, moderately tannic framework. It should be outstanding after a year or so in bottle. The impressive **2007 Pinot Noir Savoy Vineyard's** dark ruby color is followed by a beautiful bouquet of blueberries, lavender, pomegranate, and subtle oak as well as wet rock characteristics. A wine of considerable charm, pure fruit, and medium to full body, it should drink well for 5-7 years. The **2007 Pinot Noir Ferrington Vineyard** is another pure, elegant Pinot offering notes of blue and red fruits intermixed with notions of minerality and subtle wood. It is a dead-ringer for a Chambolle-Musigny premier cru. Drink it over the next 7-8 years. Tel. (707) 895-9589