



SBRAGIA

FAMILY VINEYARDS

CIMAROSSA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY

Cimarossa means “red hill top” in Italian, and the red volcanic soils of this Howell Mountain site attest to the appropriateness of the name. Situated at 2100 feet, the rolling, many-sloped vineyard features rocky, non-fertile soils, suitable only for grapevines and the few olive trees that grow along its outskirts. Farmed by longtime grower Dino Dina, the vineyard produces classic mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.

2009 CIMAROSSA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 94

Wine Advocate

An implusive deep wine, the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard boasts considerable energy, but here there is more than enough fruit to nearly cover the Howell Mountain tannins. Sweet red berries, freshly cut flowers, mocha, chocolate and sweet spices all come to life in a wine that is surprisingly polished, suave and complete. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2029. Ed Sbragia can be counted on for wines that deliver consistently outstanding quality and plenty of personality. His 2009 Cabernets are particularly of note. – A. Galloni

Rated 93

International Wine Report

The 2009 Sbragia Family Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard is just a bit more toned down than the Rancho del Oso in the power department, but it still offers a hefty dosage of concentrated red and black fruits along with herbs, licorice, exotic spice, tobacco and dusty minerals. Layered and focused with gorgeous polished tannins, underlying acidity and a long mouthwatering finish. Composed of about 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc which spent two years in new thin-staved Chateau barrels from the Nevers forest in France. (Best 2014-2025)

Rated 90

Wine Spectator

Very dense and chewy, with a charr edge to the dark berry, graphite, cedar and crushed rock notes... Like many Sbragia Cabernets, this starts to sing on the finish, and should do so. Best from 2014 through 2028. – J. Laube

2007 CIMAROSSA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 93

The Tasting Panel

Bright and racy with complex wild berry fruit and juicy acidity; big, complex and neatly balanced; rich and layered; toasty with lovely texture and a long, focused finish. – A. D. Blue

Rated 92

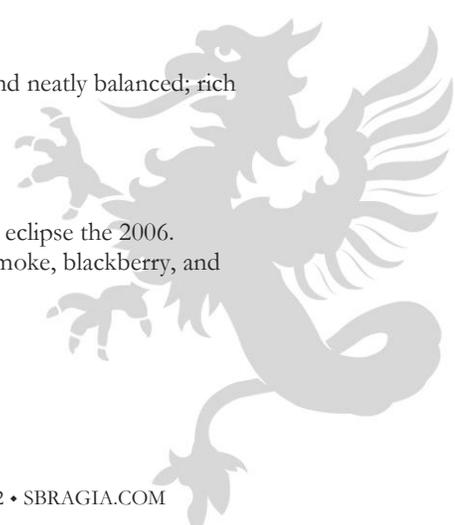
Wine Advocate

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa was also impressive and could easily eclipse the 2006. Opaque purple, again with lead pencil shavings intermixed with some subtle smoke, blackberry, and



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cassis, this wine is big, full-bodied, deep, and powerful. The well-known, former winemaker at Beringer, Ed Sbragia, has fashioned these cuvees at his home estate. – R. Parker Jr.

Rated 92

International Wine Cellar

Sexy nose combines currant, chocolate, tobacco, spices and menthol, along with some suggestions of super ripeness that I did not find in the cooler Monte Rosso. Rich, dense and deep, with pungent minerality framing the concentrated flavors of dark cherry, currant and graphite. Has the stuffing to support its broad, dusty tannins. This one would appear to be built for the long haul. – S. Tanzer
<http://www.wineaccess.com/tanzer>

Rated 90 – ‘Very Highly Recommended’

California Grapevine

Medium-dark ruby; attractive, herbal, cassis and dark berry fruit aroma with notes of graphite, bell pepper, and sweet oak; medium-full to full body; rich, textured, cedary, cranberry, dark currant, and black cherry fruit flavors with herbal notes and overtones of toasty oak; full tannin...lingering aftertaste. Deserves a few more years of bottle aging.

2006 CIMAROSSA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 95 *Cellar Selection

Wine Enthusiast

Ed Sbragia is making some of the most interesting single-vineyard Cabernets in California. This one, from Howell Mountain, shows the density and power that typify all his wines. Although it's thoroughly dry, it tastes almost sweet in grilled blackberry marmalade flavors, balanced with good acidity and wonderfully fine tannins. Feels like it has the capacity to age for decades.

Rated 93

International Wine Cellar

Deep medium ruby. Brooding aromas of crushed cassis, licorice and bitter chocolate... Sweet and aromatic in the mouth, with sharply delineated flavors of black fruits, minerals and fruity peppercorn. Plenty of tannins here, but also broad on the back, leaving behind an impression of rocky minerality. Structured for an extended evolution in bottle... <http://www.wineaccess.com/tanzer>

SILVER

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Rated 91

Wine Advocate

One of the best 2006s from Sbragia is the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa. Opaque purple in color, with notes of forest floor, blue and black fruits, graphite, and some subtle background oak, this wine is full-bodied and dense, but with more concentration and texture... - R. Parker Jr.

Rated 96

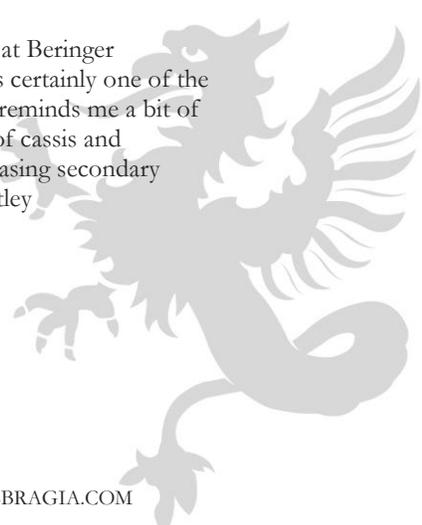
Wine Review Online

It's worth noting that Howell Mountain has been good to Sbragia. As winemaker at Beringer Vineyards he earned accolades for the winery's Howell Mountain Merlot, which is certainly one of the top three or four Merlots made in California. This Cimarossa Vineyard Cabernet reminds me a bit of the Beringer Howell Mountain Merlot, from the silky tannins to the rich aromas of cassis and blackberry to the tantalizingly long finish. Hints of tobacco and cedar provide pleasing secondary complexities. This is one of Sbragia's best Cabs yet at his family winery. – R. Whitley



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2005 CIMAROSSA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Wine Spectator

Shows off a complex mixture of creamy, toasty oak, with layers of mocha, espresso, dried currant and black cherry fruit that's elegant, delicate, focused and long on the finish, ending with fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2016.

Rated 91

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Classic mountain characteristics such as crushed rocks, flowers, raspberries, black currants and blue fruits emerge from the 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard. Fleshy, full-bodied, and dense with the oak component well-concealed, it should easily keep for 15-20 years.

Rated 93

International Wine Cellar

Highly complex aromas of sour cherry candy, cassis, minerals, graphite, chocolate and licorice... Big, rich and rocky, with varietally expressive flavors of black fruits, flowers and mint... - S. Tanzer

2004 CIMAROSSA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 92

Wine & Spirits

This has the pungent, conifer forest character of fruit grown on Howell Mountain's red soils. It's hard to tell whether the tannin or fruit is more powerful...the wine is tight and supple, hinting at black tea and eucalyptus.

Wine Spectator

Tightly wound, with spicy berry and loamy earth aromas that are subtle and polished on the palate, showing an earthy herbal side and firming up on the finish... Best from 2010 through 2015.

- J. Laube

Rated 90

Wine Advocate

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Wine Enthusiast



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