



## Cameron Hughes Current Releases Tasting Notes

Following are my notes on Cameron Hughes latest releases, available online from [chwine.com](http://chwine.com) or your local Costco. For my notes on the previous Cameron Hughes line up, click [here](#), [here](#), or [here](#).

**1998 Lot 25 Sparkling White Wine, Carneros, California** Notes: If you are a fan of sparkling wines, you are sure to find this 8 year old bottle to be a great bargain. Lots of stone fruit flavors greet your nose and intertwine with touches of yeast and vanilla. A nice finish with good balance, this 50/50 blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay is sure to impress. Grab a few bottles of this before it sells out. *This is an excellent effort and a great value that could probably fetch 3 times the price.* **Score: 94 pts**

**2006 Lot 26 Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough, NZ** Notes: This is a fantastic effort, with a ton of tropical fruit notes, great acidity, and a clean crisp finish. It possesses Passion Fruit, Mango, and Citrus aromas, as well as floral notes and spice on the palate. *A refreshing wine, this effort can stand up to similar bottles from the region selling for twice the price.* Sealed with a Stelvin Screwcap, bravo! **Score: 90 pts**

**2005 Lot 31 Syrah Sonoma Mountain, California** Notes: This blend of 89% Syrah and 11% Mourvedre is the finest Syrah I've had from Cameron to date. Grown in the cooler climate Sonoma Mountain region, this wine maintains subtle nuances while possessing good concentration. *Dark purple in color, the aroma reveals earth, mushroom, currant, and blackberry.* This wine has a nice mouth feel, with soft tannins and a great finish. **Score: 94 pts**

**2005 Lot 34 Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford District - Napa, California** Notes: This somewhat cloying bottle opens up after a bit of decanting, but still remains a bit tight. *Hints of vanilla, toast, leather, and blackberry greet the nose, and translate onto the palate.* Not too Tannic, but with good structure, this offering be a bit more drinkable after 6 months to a year, and for 2-3 years after that. **Score: 90 pts**

