

Painted Rock Estate Winery reviewed by Jancis Robinson

This May, John Skinner and fellow Canadian wine producers, headed to London England to participate in a number of tastings amounting to what Jancis referred to as "Canada Week in London" in her recent article titled "British Columbia catching up fast". The events were focused on presenting Canadian wines to trade, media, buyers and educators at an event and we centered around the "Canada Calling" event hosted by the Canadian High Commission to the UK at Canada House.

It was at this event that renowned British wine critic, Jancis Robinson, and her colleague Richard Hemming, had the chance to taste an assortment of Canadian wines. The wines were brought forward by a self-selected collection of Canadian producers including a number of Okanagan Wine Initiative members. John Skinner, Proprietor of Painted Rock Estate Winery, believes that it is imperative that premium Canadian wine producers rally behind their industry, and their investment, and send their very best abroad to build the Canadian wine brand in this competitive world market.

Jancis Robinson's article, which appeared on www.jancisrobsinson.com on May 30th, included reviews of 72 British Columbia wines, including 6 Painted Rock wines. We are particularly excited that the two vintages of our Red Icon, 2009 and 2016, received 17 points – the highest awarded to any BC wines at the tasting. This affirmed our commitment to creating consistently cellar worthy wines, vintage after vintage.

Please see below for the reviews given on www.JancisRobinson.com.

PAINTED ROCK, RED ICON 2016

17 Points: "Like a very rich red bordeaux. Very beautifully balanced. Long and velvety. Everything fully ripe but with good acidity too. Well balanced and very bright-fruited. Still youthful but promising for the long term. (RH) 14.9%"

Drink 2020-2027

PAINTED ROCK, RED ICON 2009

17 Points: "Still impressively youthful. Heady and intense but not old. Impressive vitality." Drink 2013-2023

PAINTED ROCK, ESTATE SYRAH 2016

16.5 Points: "Mid crimson. Quite a complex nose with real grip. And some varietal character. Fine and firm. 14.5%"

Drink 2019-2023

PAINTED ROCK, CABERNET FRANC 2014

16.5 Points: "Made when John Skinner had begun his precision viticulture techniques. Bright crimson. Very precise with sage notes and a dry finish. Really quite complex. 14.7%" Drink 2018-2023



PAINTED ROCK, CABERNET FRANC 2016
16+ Points: "Mild and fragrant with really correct varietal perfume. Maybe just a little oak in evidence. Still quite youthful and obviously riper than anything you'd find in the Loire. 14.9%" Drink 2020-2026

PAINTED ROCK, MERLOT 2015

16 Points: "Bright blueish crimson. Pretty full on! Fairly sharp acidity here as well as clearly fully ripe fruit. The fruit is showcased fairly unadorned. Rather a hot finish. 14.7%" Drink 2018-2022

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