

Sbragia Family Vineyards

Uncorked Ventures is happy to be featuring the 2007 La Promessa Zinfandel from Sbragia Family Vineyards. Ed Sbragia, who started the winery, was the long-time winemaker at Beringer. After 32 successful years with the iconic estate creating many world-class wines, he and his family decided it was time to focus their attention on their own boutique winery. Ed still serves as Winemaker Emeritus for Beringer, but devotes most of his time and attention to his own estate where he works

with his son, Adam, to craft some engaging wines.

The 2007 La Promessa Zinfandel comes from the Sbragia family's vineyard that surrounds the winery located in Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley. This wine is a labor of love for the Sbragia family as it represents the promise ("La Promessa" in Italian) that Ed make to his father to continue his family's winemaking traditions. With the La Promessa vineyard located in a warmer section of the valley, the fruit was able to ripen evenly

which has resulted in the bold flavors the best Dry Creek Zinfandels display.



SBARGIA FAMILY VINEYARDS

2007 LA PROMESSA ZINFANDEL

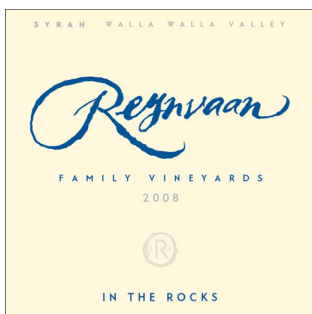
WINE SPECTATOR'S TASTING NOTES

Supple and jammy, yet balanced with lively acidity, this is loaded with licorice and wild berry aromas and complex blackberry jam and smoky cracked pepper flavors. Drink now through 2015.

93 points

591 cases produced

Reynvaan Family Vineyard



Reynvaan Family Vineyards came bursting onto the Walla Walla, Washington winemaking scene in the last few years. Started by Mike and Gale Reynvaan in May 2004 with their first vineyard planted in 2005, Reynvaan Family Vineyards inaugural vintage was in 2007. Fortunately, the Reynvaan family's first wines were well received by the public and

a number of notable wine critics. Demand for their second vintage (2008) was quite high resulting in the winery completely selling out of their 2008 offerings rather quickly.

The 2008 In The Rocks Syrah included in this month's shipment is an incredible wine that deserves all the attention it has received. While the wine is primarily Syrah, it was co-fermented with Viognier, which can aid in stabilizing the color of syrah and to temper tannin extraction. This same technique has been used for hundreds of years in the Northern Rhone where they know a thing

or two about crafting incredible Syrahs.

Reynvaan winemaking duties fall to their son, Matt who has done an admirable job. To assist them with their desire to make inspired wines the Reynvaan family charmed Christophe Baron, of Cayuse Vineyards fame, to be their viticulture and enology consultant. Christophe's keen abilities have surely influenced the overall quality and direction this new winery is heading. Uncorked Ventures would not be surprised in a couple years if all (or at least the majority) of Reynvaan's wines are sold directly through their mailing list, which you may want to jump on sooner than later.

REYNVAAN

2008 IN THE ROCKS SYRAH

WINE ADVOCATE'S TASTING NOTES

The 2008 In the Rocks with 6% Viognier and 2% Marsanne, gives up alluring notes of roasted meat, bacon, pepper, lavender, and blueberry. Beautifully proportioned, precise and lengthy, this pleasure-bent offering will evolve for 2-3 years and drink well through 2023. All of the Syrahs spent 18 months in barrel with approximately 15% (or less) new oak.

95 points

450 cases produced