



QUADY WINERY: CALIFORNIA'S SWEET SPOT September 2009



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Quady's NV Batch 88 Starboard (\$23) 92 points

This is Quady's entry level non-vintage Port, although they can't legally call it that. Has a powerful nose of dried plum, raisin and chocolate and a complex, layered palate with flavors of dried fruit, nuts and chocolate with spice notes. Made mainly from what the Portuguese call Tinta Roriz, but what everyone else calls Tempranillo.

Quady 2007 Essensia Orange Muscat Madera (\$20) 90 points

Made from Orange Muscat, a rare grape seldom grown in the US, the Essensia is an absolutely lovely and refreshing dessert wine. Its golden orange appearance is strikingly attractive, and it has apricot, pear, lychee and orange zest aromas and flavors that would go wonderfully with a Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. Serve well chilled.

Quady Palomino Fino, Madera (\$30) 90 points

Made from biodynamically grown Palomino grapes, the deep orange tawny Palomino Fino is an Amontillado style sherry made using the solera method. This is a very ripe and aromatic fino with a dried orange peel character, but it actually tastes more like an amontillado with its rich, complex flavors of nuts and caramel. This superb fino would do Spain proud.

Quady Starboard Vintage 1996 Amador County (\$20) 89 points

Made from traditional Portuguese varieties like Tinta Cao and Touriga Nacional, the dark tawny vintage port shows aromas of cinnamon and clove with touch of ginger. Delicious with a rich mouthfeel, and a great aperitif for Indian food.

Quady NV Deviation 375 ml (\$25) 89 points

This amber-flecked, deep gold wine is gorgeous just to look at. Deviation is truly an exotic wine, essentially an herb-infused Orange Muscat Essensia with lovely ripe peach, apricot jam, and tea flavors. What to serve to jaded dinner guests.

Quady NV Elysium California Black Muscat (\$20) 88 points

A very ripe and unctuous wine that begs to be accompanied by a chocolate mousse or crème brûlée. Very aromatic with scents of cherry and ripe fig and flavors of red berry jam. Quite lovely. Try with blue cheeses.

Quady 2007 Electra Madera (\$13) 88 points

Electra is made from Orange Muscat grapes vinified to only 4% alcohol. Shows dried orange aromas and a spicy, crisp and refreshing palate with a touch of spritz. Perfect for Indian food.

Quady 2007 Red Electra Madera (\$13) 88 points

This delicious moderately sweet and low alcohol (5%) wine has the appearance of a medium ruby rosé with aromas of rose petal, cherry and red berries. Delicious and ripe on the palate with a semi-dry finish. Perfect for the lover of sweet wine who wants to minimize alcohol intake.

Quady VYA Sweet Vermouth Aperitif, Madera (\$20) 88 points

Vermouth is a fortified wine infused with aromatic plants. The VYA Sweet Vermouth has a dark tawny color and aromas of cinnamon and clove, with touch of ginger. It has a rich mouth feel. This is a delicious aperitif for Indian food and is beautiful served well-chilled on the rocks. 16% alcohol.

Quady VYA Extra Dry Vermouth Aperitif, Madera (\$20) 87 points

The VYA Extra Dry is made from a blend of Colombard and Orange Muscat grapes and dried herbs including lavender, angelica, and linden. It shows aromas of cinnamon and spice and strong herbs and is pleasantly rich on the palate with strong flavors. There's a touch of bitterness on the finish, most likely reflecting the high phenolics of the Orange Muscat variety. Serve chilled with a creamy white cheese.