



December 01, 2009

2007 Betz Family Syrah La Serenne Yakima Valley

"... Musky raspberry, smoked meat, violet pastille ... Wonderfully fresh and deep, ... intense dark berry flavors... seamless ... lovely purity of fruit and terrific energy..." **92(+?) points**

2007 Betz Family Syrah La Côte Patriarche Yakima Valley

"... Wild aromas of dark berries, smoked meat, lavender and black pepper. ... super concentrated, ... this silky, large-scaled wine is much more than simply a fruit bomb. ... a broad, rising back end..." **93(+?) points**

2007 Betz Family Syrah La Côte Rousse Red Mountain

"... raspberry, anise and smoked meat are lifted by a floral element. Sweet, lush and very intense, ... broad, sweet and very long, with suave tannins, terrific spicy lift and a whiplash of berry fruit..." **94 points**

2007 Betz Family Clos de Betz Red Wine Columbia Valley

"... Black raspberry and licorice on the nose. Large-scaled and mouth-filling but with superb floral lift ... density and structure " **93 (+?) points**

2007 Betz Family Cabernet Sauvignon Père de Famille Columbia Valley

"... Pungent cabernet aromas and flavors of red, black and blue fruits complicated by dried thyme and a floral topnote. The extremely intense yet silky palate offers a stunning wave of sweetness... wonderfully subtle finish, which is supported by serious tannic spine and goes on and on ... his finest set of wines to date. " **95 points**



November 18, 2009

Syrah Red Mountain La Côte Rousse 2007

"Velvety in texture and tight in structure, with a dense core of currant, plum, exotic spice and pepper flavors that shoot right through the tannins on the long, expressive finish." **93 points**

Syrah Yakima Valley La Côte Patriarche Red Willow Vineyard 2007

"Aromatic, expressive and beautifully focused to show off its complex, red brick-accented black cherry, blackberry and tar flavors... impeccable balance through the long finish." **93 points**



November 29, 2009

2006 Betz Family Cabernet Sauvignon Père de Famille ranked #3 on Paul Gregutt's Top Washington Wine Picks for 2009



December 01, 2009

Betz Family 2006 La Serenne Syrah ranked #4 in the Wine Enthusiast's TOP 100 CELLAR SELECTIONS 95 points



November 15, 2009

"Betz Family Winery remains one of Washington's benchmarks for top quality wines from Rhone and Bordeaux grape varieties. Bob Betz's 2007 collection shows him continuing at the top of his game."

Betz Family Winery 2007 Bésoleil

"... a fragrant perfume of cigar box, lavender, sage, black cherry, and black raspberry. Layered on the palate... silky texture, layered, savory red and black fruit, spice and earth notes, and a sweet, lengthy finish." **92 points**

Betz Family Winery 2007 Syrah La Serenne

"... saturated purple in color... brooding but delectable nose of smoked meat, saucisson, spice box, incense, and blueberry. Dense yet suave... this ripe, intensely flavored Syrah is impeccably balanced." **93 points**

Betz Family Winery 2007 Syrah La Côte Rousse

"... Purple/black in color with legs that ooze slowly down the glass, the nose reveals aromas of balsam wood, mineral, earth notes, blueberry and blackberry... Hermitage-like Syrah..." **93 points**

Betz Family Winery 2007 Syrah La Côte Patriarche

"...Purple/black in color, it displays a super-fragrant aromatic array of smoke, spice box, bacon, lavender, black cherry, and blueberry... layers of sweet fruit, splendid integration... and a lengthy, pure finish." **94 points**

Betz Family Winery 2007 Clos de Betz

"... Purple-colored... alluring bouquet of spice box, violets, incense, black currant, and blackberry... Expressive black fruits mingle with earth and spice notes, plenty of ripe, fine-grained tannin, and a lengthy finish..." **94 points**

Betz Family Winery 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Père de Famille

"... Purple/black in color it reveals a brooding aromatic array of wood smoke, scorched earth, pencil lead, violets, black currant and blackberry. Full-bodied... admirably combining elegance and power. The pure finish lasts for over 60-seconds..." **95 points**



December 16, 2009

Betz Family 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Père de Famille ranked #16 in the Wine Enthusiast's TOP 100 WINES OF 2009

"... taut, muscular, toasty... concentrated, pure and evocative, with earthy flavors... soil, spice and mineral... The fruits unfold in a rich panoply of reds and blues... rich and chewy, polished and complex" **96 points**



November 25, 2009

"Some of the best West Coast winemaking, hands down, is currently focused on Rhone grapes. That goes both for veterans like Bob Betz..... Bob Betz brings eloquence to tannic Red Mountain fruit..."

2007 Betz Family Winery La Côte Rousse Syrah named to the Chronicle's Top 100 West Coast Wines of 2009



September 16, 2009

"... **Betz Family 2007 *Bésoleil* Red Wine.** Intensely aromatic, absolutely bursting with black cherry, strawberry and raspberry aromas, leading into a lush and luscious palate replete with black fruits..."

"... **Betz Family 2007 *La Serenne*** is 100% syrah from the Boushey vineyard, where the same rows have been farmed for Betz since 2000. Less than two tons/acre were picked in '07 – yielding a wine with even more concentration than usual... A dark, dusty mix of black fruits, black olives, black coffee and licorice... may be the biggest Betz Boushey Syrah ever..."

"...**Betz Family 2007 *La Côte Rousse*** ... Supple, firm, compact, with black olive, mineral, red licorice, currant and pomegranate fruits... Is the 2007 as massive as the astonishing 2006?"



November 01, 2009

Betz Family 2007 *La Côte Rousse* Syrah (Red Mountain)

"... Supple, firm, compact, with black olive, mineral, red licorice, currant and pomegranate... rock, iron and clay..." **94 points**

Betz Family 2007 *La Serenne* Syrah (Yakima Valley)

"... so compact that it's almost impenetrable, but the gorgeous aromas portend a glorious wine... A dark, dusty mix of black fruits, black olives, black coffee and licorice, this has such density that it's almost impossible to separate out all the fruit layers..." **94 points, Cellar Selection**

Betz Family 2007 *Besoleil* Grenache (Columbia Valley)

"... Intensely aromatic, bursting with black cherry, strawberry and raspberry aromas, its luscious palate is replete with black fruits... a whiff of smoke and above all intensity of fruit." **92 points**



July 15, 2009

Betz Family 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon *Père de Famille*

"... the fruit is concentrated, pure and evocative, with earthy flavors ... soil, spice and mineral. The most complex of all the Betz blends... exemplary back of the palate grip and concentration." **96 points**

Betz Family 2006 *Clos de Betz*

"... Spicy, toasty and dense... packed with berry and cassis fruits. Young and persistent, it runs through the bright, luscious raspberries into a deeper layer of stone and licorice. Beautifully defined, with a panorama of red and black fruits and excellent persistence. **93 points**



April, 2009

In the **Annual Seattle Magazine Wine Awards**, Betz Family was the only Washington winery to place First in two separate categories:

Best Red Rhone Style Blend >\$20
Betz Family Winery 2006 *Bésoleil*

Best Syrah >\$20
2006 Syrah *La Serenne*



April 15, 2009

"Precision is a great descriptor for Betz Family wines; these are meticulous, immaculate wines from superb vineyards."

Both Betz Family Winery Syrahs, **2006 *La Côte Rousse*** and **2006 *La Serenne***, are listed in Paul Gregutt's "Case of Classic Washington Rhones"



March 01, 2009

Betz Family 2006 *La Serenne* Syrah

"... Toasty, dense, dark and complex... Still a baby, young and tight, it opens out... turning silky and supple. The balance is impeccable. **95 points**

Betz Family 2006 *La Côte Rousse* Syrah

"... A mix of four clones... it is deeper, more concentrated, and less accessible than the *La Serenne* bottling, with bass notes of rock, iron and clay... a unique expression of Washington Syrah, with black and purple fruits, Asian spices, coffee liqueur, licorice and coal tar, green tea and herbs. **94 points**

Betz Family 2006 *Bésoleil*

"...Scents of tree bark, black pepper and strawberry stand out, followed with traces of lavender, garrigue and enticing floral accents. Juicy and quite tannic, it's a fruit salad of flavors, pure, persistent and pleasurable..." **94 points**



June 15, 2009

2006 Betz Family *Clos de Betz* Red Wine Columbia Valley

"... Ripe and generous, with a gentle layer of tannins wrapped around a glowing core of blackberry, currant and cream flavors that persist impressively into the long, expressive finish..." **92 points**

2006 Betz Family Cabernet Sauvignon *Père de Famille* Columbia Valley

"... A firm, chewy style that has mineral-accented blackberry and currant fruit in abundance... Impressive for its depth and length..." **92 points**



January 15, 2009

Betz Family Winery *Bésoleil* 2006

"... A glorious evocation of the sun-kissed wines of the Southern Rhone. A harmonious blend of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre that illustrates why, when a good winemaker blends these three varietals, the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.



January 31, 2009

Betz Syrah Columbia Valley *La Serenne*

"... vibrant with red-accented plum and blueberry flavors... elegant style that remains generous and welcoming with its open-textured finish..." **93 points**

Betz Syrah Columbia Valley *La Côte Rousse* Syrah

"... Smooth, round and focused, with a distinctive green olive note adding depth to the blackberry, black cherry and licorice flavors..." **93 points**