

# ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE - JEB DUNNUCK

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Located high up on the west side of Paso Robles, at an elevation of 1,950 feet, Law Estate is run by Don and Susie Law and the wines are made by rock star winemaker Scott Hawley. This is one of the most exciting new estates in Paso Robles today, and I was blown away by the wines. These are full-throttle efforts that make the most of the appellation.

**2011 Law Estate Wines Audacious**, *Rating 96pts*, The 2011 Audacious (38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Syrah, 18% Grenache and 8% Petit Sirah) reminds me of a Howell Mountain Cabernet with its creme de cassis and purple fruits, lead pencil shavings, caramelized meats and chalky minerality. As with the other 2011s from this estate, it has full-bodied richness and depth, solid mid-palate concentration and building tannin that comes through on the finish. It's a terrific wine that will have 10-15 years of longevity.

**2011 Law Estate Wines Beguiling**, *Rating 95 Pts*, Also awesome, the Grenache dominated 2011 Beguiling (which incorporates 15% Syrah) is pure, elegant and layered, with drop-dead gorgeous notes of black raspberry, licorice, ground pepper, chalk and creamy licorice. Full-bodied and voluptuously styled, with no hard edges and a downright sexy style, it stays graceful and nicely focused on the finish. Drink this beauty over the coming 5-6 years.

**2011 Law Estate Wines Intrepid**, *Rating 95pts*, The inky-colored 2011 Intrepid checks in as a blend of 100% Syrah that spent 22 months in 50% new French oak barrels. It's another smoking effort from this estate that gives up classy framboise, black licorice, chocolatey oak and toasted spice to go with a full-bodied, layered and thrillingly pure profile on the palate. Top class all the way, it will be better in another year and have upward of a decade of longevity.

**2011 Law Estate Wines Sagacious**, *Rating 94pts*, Another brilliant blend, the 2011 Sagacious is 38% Syrah, 34% Mourvedre and 28% Grenache, all of which spent 20 months in 40% new French oak. Black raspberry, cassis, white pepper, leather and crushed flowers all emerge from this beauty, and it stays weightless and elegant on the palate, with fantastic purity and freshness. It's hard to resist now, but it will evolve gracefully as well.

**2011 Law Estate Wines The Nines**, *Rating 96pts*, Starting with the 2011, the 2011 The Nines is easily one of the top 100% Grenache efforts coming out of California, and it's rare to see Grenache have this level of concentration, depth and texture from this state. Aged 20 months in 40% new 500-liter barrels, its inky purple color is followed by thrilling notes of black raspberry, kirsch, licorice and crushed flowers. Full-bodied, concentrated and layered, this beauty will give many a top Chateauneuf du Pape a run for its money.