

VINOUS MEDIA

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“One of the most exciting and ambitious wineries to emerge in Paso Robles in recent years, Law is owned by Colorado energy executive Don Law and his wife Susie and winemaking is in the hands of Scott Hawley (Torrin). The recently completed winery allowed the team to move out of their rented space at Denner and into what is among the most impressive new facilities, from both aesthetic and efficiency standpoints, that I’ve visited in years, anywhere. Wine lovers familiar with Hawley’s style won’t find any surprises here as the wines are intensely perfumed and flavored, with noteworthy power but lush, seamless texture. They offer a compelling blend of upfront, fruit-driven sex appeal and ageworthiness.”

2012 Law Estate Wines Beguiling, *Rating 93pts*, Deep, bright ruby. Potent aromas of red and blue fruits, smoky Indian spices and lavender, with a bright mineral topnote. Fleshy, broad and smooth on the palate, showing excellent clarity and lift to its black raspberry, blueberry and floral pastille flavors. The floral quality repeats emphatically on the very long, sweet, focused finish, which is framed by suave, even tannins.

2012 Law Estate Wines First Tracks, *Rating 93pts*, Dark purple. An exotically perfumed bouquet evokes ripe black and blue fruits, lavender, sandalwood and smoky Indian spices. At once rich and energetic, offering palate-staining cassis and boysenberry flavors lifted by juicy acidity and a hint of white pepper. Shows superb clarity and power on the long, sweet finish, which features velvety tannins and a suggestion of candied flowers.

2012 Law Estate Wines Audacious, *Rating 93pts*, Brilliant ruby. Vibrant blackberry, cherry-vanilla and potpourri scents are complicated by candied licorice and smoky minerals. Pliant, palate-staining dark berry preserve and floral pastille flavors show excellent clarity, with an exotic Asian spice flourish providing lift. Finishes with outstanding lift and cut, with gentle tannins adding shape and focus.

2012 Law Estate Wines Intrepid, *Rating 92pts*, Inky purple. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe blackberry, blueberry and sandalwood, along with a suave floral overtone. Weighty yet graceful, offering intense black and blue fruit flavors and hints of candied violet and licorice that build in the glass. This impressively fresh, focused wine finishes with strong thrust, smooth tannins and a lingering floral quality. Distinctly elegant for its power and built to age.

2012 Law Estate Wines Sagacious, *Rating 93pts*, Opaque ruby. Ripe, deeply perfumed aromas of black and blue fruits and candied flowers, with a peppery element adding vibrancy and lift. Dense, ripe and alluringly sweet in the mouth, offering sappy, energetic blackberry and violet pastille flavors. Finishes on a spicy note, with excellent focus, an echo of juicy dark fruit, and suave tannins.

2012 Law Estate Wines The Nines, *Rating 92pts*, Bright ruby-red. Hugely aromatic scents of ripe red berries, potpourri and incense, along with a subtle smoky topnote. Juicy and penetrating on the palate, offering vibrant raspberry and floral pastille flavors that deepen with air. Very pure, seamless Grenache with excellent closing focus, sneaky tannins and a whiplash of sweet red fruit.

2012 Law Estate Wines Beyond Category, *Rating 92pts*, Vivid purple. Powerful aromas of cherry compote, blackberry, licorice and candied violet, with a peppery element adding vivacity. Silky, palate-coating black and blue fruit flavors show liqueur-like depth and are given spine by a bright mineral quality. Very rich but surprisingly light on its feet, with excellent finishing thrust and harmonious tannins that come in late to add shape and grip.