



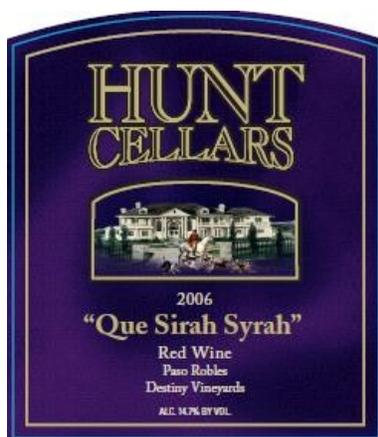
# CA Wines of the Year: The Winners

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After two rounds of tastings, sorting through over 100 total entries, we're finally ready to reveal our wines of the year.

The finalists in each category (as selected by the members of our tasting panel who work or have worked in the wine industry) were tasted in flights by non-industry members of our panel as well as a handful of invited guests. Everyone who voted enjoys wine and drinks it on a regular basis, but certainly are not experts. In essence, they are simply members of the general wine-buying public, and since consumers do most of the purchasing, our thinking was they'd be best suited to pick our wines of the year. Each participant was told to vote for the wine they felt should win each category.

## CA Wines of the Year: Rhone Reds



Hunt Cellars 2006 Que Sirah, Syrah (Paso Robles): 100%

**Winery:** Hunt Cellars

**Grape(s):** Syrah & Petite Sirah

**Region:** Paso Robles

**Year:** 2006

**Special Designation:** Que Sirah, Syrah

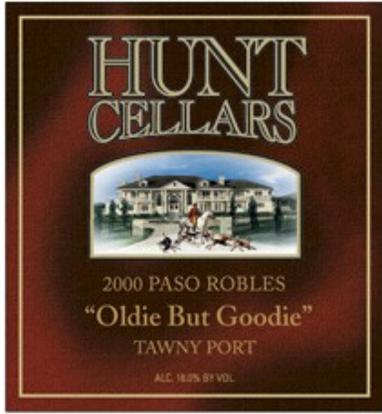
**Price:** \$45-50

**Review:**

A wine that truly surprises with layered aromas of blueberries, blackberries, plums, and pomegranate unfolding into notes of vanilla and game. After a sip, plum, blueberry, and blackberry meld with suggestions of dark chocolate and vanilla. A very smooth wine that's still very complex, it's a bottle not soon forgotten.

**Rating:** 96

## 2011 CA Port/Dessert Wine of the Year



Hunt Cellars 2000 “Oldie But Goodie” (Paso Robles): 87%

**Winery:** Hunt Cellars

**Grape(s):** Merlot

**Region:** Paso Robles

**Year:** 2000

**Special Designation:** “Oldie But Goodie”

**Price:** \$120-125

**Review:**

Aromas of walnuts, dates, and caramel rise up from a glass. On the palate, nutty highlights meld with notes of dried dates, caramel, maple, and a little smoky oak. A rich Port that coats the palate, yet remains fairly light and elegant, it’s an excellent example of what a Tawny port should be.

**Rating:** 96