

Ott & Murphy Wines

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91 Ott & Murphy 2010 Viognier (Columbia Valley)

It's labeled Viognier, but the blend includes 20% Roussanne and a bit of Marsanne as well. It works terrifically, yielding a wine with a spicy mix of grapefruit, citrus rind and Asian pear. Wonderful mouthfeel, with cut, focus and length. **Editors' Choice.** – P.G.

90 Ott & Murphy 2010 L'Entente Blanc Marsanne (Yakima Valley)

This is focused upon a lovely mix of ripe fruits running from citrus to apple, smooth and lightly buttery. The grapes were sourced from Boushey and Elephant Mountain vineyards and aged on the lees for a full year. – P.G.

88 Ott & Murphy 2010 Elephant Mountain Vineyard Viognier (Yakima Valley)

Tasted pre-release, this is a wine that should continue to improve as it knits together. The floral aromas are a bit like Gewurtzraminer, though this is 100% Viognier. Flavors include rose water, citrus, and a honeyed lemon note that runs through the tart, high acid finish. –P.G.

89 Ott & Murphy 2009 Grenache (Columbia Valley)

Dark and smoky, this rather heavy-set Grenache has a chocolaty note from start to finish. The raspberry and black cherry fruit is tight, but substantial, and the barrel aging- 21 months in 20% new French oak- handled just right. – **P.G.**

88 Ott & Murphy 2008 L'Entente (Columbia Valley)

This could be labeled Syrah, with just 17% Mourvedre and small amounts of co-fermented Viognier and Roussanne in the mix. High-toned and complex, it wraps dark fruit in highlights of dried herbs, black olives, and clean earth. The barrel aging- 22 months in one quarter new French oak- brings in Bourbon barrel scents. – **P.G.**

86 Ott & Murphy 2009 Double Bluff Red (Columbia Valley)

This pretty, Rhone-style red blend consists of roughly equal parts Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah, with a splash of co-fermented Roussanne. It smells young and fruity, with candied scents of strawberry and raspberry. With plenty of breathing it gains a bit of midpalate weight, but the candied character remains. – **P.G.**