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Wine & Spirits (February 2017 Issue) – 90 Points – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast *Sangiaco* – *Roberts Road Vineyard* Pinot Noir 2015. From a windy site planted at the base of Sonoma Mountain, this lasts on a bright, floral red-cherry flavor held in a velvet-soft structure. It's crowd-pleasing and ready to drink, with a refreshing line of acidity that will harmonize with mushroom pasta. – Reviewed by Luke Sykora.

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (January 2017)

- Best of Class (Merlot Dominant Blends) – Sean Minor North Coast “Nicole Marie” Red Blend 2014
- Silver Medal - Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2014

Wine Enthusiast (Best of the Year 2016 Issue) – 89 Points – H Mynors Zinfandel California 2013 – An almost sweet plum and prune aroma continues to the flavors of this medium-bodied, warm and generous wine. Blended from Sonoma, Amador and Lodi grapes, it offers moderate tannins and a velvety texture.- J.G.

Wine Spectator (November 15, 2016) – 88 Points – Sean Minor Nicole Marie Napa Valley 2013 - A zesty red blend, with appealing flavors of plum, tobacco and spice. Merlot, Zinfandel, Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah. Drink now through 2024. 8,125 cases made. –TF

Wine Enthusiast (November 2016 Issue) – 88 Points – Sean Minor Nicole Marie Napa Valley 2013 - This blends 51% Merlot with 29% Zinfandel, 15% Petit Verdot and 5% Petite Sirah, combining nicely for a full-bodied expression of chocolate and dried dark cherry. On the palate, it becomes dusty and somewhat rustic, with an intensely juicy finish. – V.B.

Wine Enthusiast (November 2016 Issue) – 86 Points – Sean Minor Chardonnay Sonoma Coast 2014 - This is a simple, rounded and juicy white, succulently ripe and full bodied in lemon, grapefruit and mango, with supportive oak. – V.B.

Wine Enthusiast (October 2016 Issue) – 90 Points – Sean Minor Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2013 - This is an impressive wine at the price and production level. Well made and light in color, it has streaks of cool-climate sandalwood, floral spice and soft blueberry and cherry marking a medium-bodied palate. – V.B.

Tasting Panel Magazine (July 2016 Print Issue) – 90 POINTS – Sean Minor “Nicole Marie” Napa Valley 2013 - Fresh, juicy and bright with tangy berry fruit and spice; smooth, lush and balanced with long, rich fruit. 51% Merlot, 29% Zinfandel, 15% Petit Verdot, 5% Petit Sirah.

Tasting Panel Magazine (Online) – Blue Reviews EXTRA! by Anthony Dias Blue (June/July 2016)

- **88 Points - Sean Minor 2014 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (\$22)** - Smooth, fresh and bright with clean, lively flavors and a crisp finish.
- **90 Points - Sean Minor 2013 Nicole Marie Red Blend, Napa Valley (\$22)** - Fresh, juicy and bright with tangy berry fruit and spice; smooth, lush and balanced with long, rich fruit. 51% Merlot, 29% Zinfandel, 15% Petit Verdot, 5% Petit Sirah.
- **88 Points - Sean Minor 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$22)** - Smooth and juicy with spice, herbs and plum fruit; tangy and long.
- **90 Points - Sean Minor 2013 H. Mynors Zinfandel, Sonoma-Amador-Lodi (\$22)** - Spiced berry nose; smooth, fresh and generous with ripe black raspberry and spice; balanced and long.

San Francisco International Wine Competition (June 2016)

- Double Gold Medal (94 Points) – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2013
- Double Gold Medal (96 Points) – 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2014





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- Gold Medal (90 Points) – Sean Minor Napa Valley “Nicole Marie” Red Blend 2013
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Chardonnay 2014
- Silver Medal – H. Mynors California Zinfandel 2013
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2014
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2014
- Bronze Medal – Sean Minor Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2013

Wine Spectator (June 13, 2016) – H Mynors Zinfandel California 2013 88 Points: *“A zesty, crisp Zinfandel, with smoky cherry and cracked pepper flavors. Drink now through 2025. 2,720 cases made”* –T.F.

As seen in web feature article by Augustus Weed: *“10 Bold California Reds for the Grill: New reviews of exciting Zinfandels and Syrahs to celebrate the start of summer.”*

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2015)

- Double Gold Medal (98 Points) – Best of Class – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2013
- Double Gold Medal (98 Points) – Best of Class – H. Mynors California Zinfandel 2013
- Gold Medal (95 Points) – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Chardonnay 2014
- Gold Medal (95 Points) – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2014
- Silver Medal (93 Points) – 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
- Silver Medal (88 Points) – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2014
- Bronze Medal (87 Points) – Sean Minor Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2013
- Bronze Medal (85 Points) – Sean Minor Napa Valley “Nicole Marie” Red Blend 2013

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (January 2016)

- Double Gold Medal – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2013
- Gold Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley “Nicole Marie” Red Blend 2013
- Gold Medal – 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Chardonnay 2014
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2014
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2014

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition (November 2015)

- Gold Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley “Nicole Marie” Red Blend 2013
- Gold Medal – Sean Minor Sonoma Coast Chardonnay 2014
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- Silver Medal – Point North Oregon Pinot Noir 2013
- Bronze Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2013

Wine Spectator (August 31, 2016) – **89 Points** – Point North Pinot Noir Oregon 2013 - Light and sleek, with pretty blackberry, raspberry and cinnamon aromas and flavors that glide easily against fine-grained tannins. This has intensity without much weight. Drink now through 2018. 10,000 cases made. –HS

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2015)

- Double Gold Medal (98 Points) – Best Chardonnay – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2013





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- Gold Medal (95 Points) – Best of Class of Region - 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
- Gold Medal (94 Points) – 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- Silver Medal (91 Points) – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2013
- Bronze Medal (87 Points) – Sean Minor 2012 Carneros Pinot Noir 2012
- Bronze Medal (87 Points) – Sean Minor Nicole Marie Napa Valley 2012

Wine Spectator (June 15, 2015) - Sean Minor Nicole Marie 2012 Napa Valley 88 Points: “Aromas of currant and tomato leaf open to appealing if modest flavors of dried cherry, mineral and cedar. Merlot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2019. 5,000 cases made.” – T.F.

San Francisco International Wine Competition (June 2015)

- Double Gold Medal (97 Points) – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2012
- Double Gold Medal (95 Points) – 4 Bears Carneros Vin Gris 2014
- Gold Medal (90 Points) – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2013
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2013
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles 2013
- Bronze Medal – Point North Pinot Noir, Oregon 2013

Vinous Media – Antonio Galloni Awarded Sean Minor 4B Vin Gris Carneros 90 Points: “Pale, bright. Fresh and sharply focused on the nose, displaying lively scents of fresh red berries, white flowers and minerals, along with a suggestion of white pepper. Dry and racy on the palate, with nervy redcurrant and strawberry flavors lifted by a bracing jolt of orange pith. Finishes clean and linear, with strong mineral cut and spicy persistence. This incisive, palate-stimulating wine checks in at just 11.5% alcohol, by the way.” -- Josh Reynolds

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (January 2015)

- Double Gold Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2011
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2012
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2013
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2013
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2013
- Bronze Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley “Nicole Marie” Red Blend 2012

Forks & Corks Festival Wine Competition (December 2014)

- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2011
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2013
- Bronze Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2011
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Carneros Vin Gris 2013

Wine Advocate (June 2014) – Robert Parker awarded Sean Minor 2011 Pinot Noir Carneros **90 Points**: “The 2011 Pinot Noir is an 18,000-case cuvee made from destemmed Pinot Noir (Pommard and Dijon clones). It spent ten months in French oak of which 18% was new. This is a sexy, lush, perfumed Pinot boasting notes of strawberries, cherries and forest floor, presented in a medium-bodied style. Consume it over the next several years. “





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Wine Advocate (June 2014) – Robert Parker awarded Sean Minor 2009 Red Wine Napa Valley **89 Points**: “The 2009 Proprietary Red, a kitchen sink blend of Merlot, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah and Malbec, represents 15,000 cases and was aged in a combination of American and French oak (18% new) for 11 months. The wine offers silky tannins and an exuberant, lush, medium-bodied style with abundant fruit and glycerin, and no hard edges. It is made to please the palate for at least several years.”

“These are both delicious efforts at bargain-basement prices. Readers looking for an amazing value . . . should check out these two offerings from this California quasi-negotiant, Sean Minor.” – **Robert Parker, Wine Advocate**

San Francisco International Wine Competition (June 2014)

- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2011
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2013
- Silver Medal – Point North Oregon Pinot Noir 2012
- Bronze Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2011
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2012

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2014)

- Silver Medal (89 Points) – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2011
- Silver Medal (88 Points) – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2011
- Silver Medal (89 Points) – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2012
- Silver Medal (91 Points) – 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2013
- Bronze Medal (87 Points) – 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Dallas Morning News International Wine Competition (March 2014)

- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2011
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2012
- Bronze Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2012
- Bronze Medal – Point North Oregon Pinot Noir 2012

Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival (January 2014)

- Gold Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2011
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Blend 2009

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (January 2014)

- Gold Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2011
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2012
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2012
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
- Silver Medal – Point North Oregon Pinot Noir 2012





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- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Houston Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition (November 2013)

- Gold Medal – Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir 2011
- Gold Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Blend 2009
- Silver Medal – Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
- Silver Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir 2012
- Silver Medal - 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc 2012
- Bronze Medal – 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay 2012
- Bronze Medal – Point North Oregon Pinot Noir 2012

New York World Wine & Spirits Competition (September 2013)

- Gold Medal – 2012 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Blend
- Silver Medal – 2011 Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal - 2012 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver Medal – 2012 Point North Oregon Pinot Noir
- Bronze Medal – 2011 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay

San Francisco International Wine Competition (June 2013)

- Silver Medal – 2010 Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal - 2012 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc
- Bronze Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Blend
- Bronze Medal – 2011 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Bronze Medal – 2011 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2013)

- Silver Medal – 2010 Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2011 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2012 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc
- Bronze Medal – 2011 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay

Critics Challenge International Wine Competition (June 2013)

- Gold Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Blend
- Silver Medal – 2011 Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2011 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2012 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc

Top 50 Restaurant Wines - Wine & Spirit Magazine (April 2013)

- Sean Minor Wines named #30
- Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir and Four Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir listed at #17 in Top 25 Wines by Variety – Pinot Noir Category

Dallas Morning News Wine Competition (March 2013)





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- Gold Medal – 2010 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2011 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Blend

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (January 2013)

- Gold Medal – 2011 4 Bears California Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver Medal – 2011 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Enthusiast (October 2012) - Awarded Sean Minor 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 87 points: "A nice Cabernet for drinking now, this is basically dry, but has so much ripe black-berry and cherry fruit that there's an impression of sweetness. With soft tannins and an edge of toasty oak, it shows plenty of Napa class." — S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (October 2012) - Awarded Sean Minor 2009 Red Blend Napa Valley 86 points: "There's something distinguished about this blend of several varieties, but also something one-dimensional. It's pretty good for the price—dry, smoothly tannic and proper in blackberry, dark chocolate and cassis flavors." — S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (October 2012) - Awarded Sean Minor 2010 Pinot Noir Carneros 84 points: "Simple and agreeable, this can be paired with a burger or beef taco. It's dry and clean, with pleasant cherry and cola flavors." — S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (October 2012) - Awarded Sean Minor 4 Bears 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles 84 points: "This is a simple, soft, easy to drink Cabernet, with candied berry and spice flavors. The easiness suggests backyard barbecue, with sweetly grilled ribs and burgers on a summer evening." — S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (October 2012) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2010 Chardonnay Central Coast 85 points: "There's lots of zesty acidity in this ripe, forward Chardonnay. It features fruity flavors of oranges and apricots, with a touch of oak that lends a buttered toast note." — S.H.

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2012)

- Silver Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Wine – Best of Class Napa Appellations
- Silver Medal – 2010 Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay
- Bronze Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

New World International Wine Competition (March 2012)

- Double Gold Medal, Best of Class, Best of Varietal and Best New World Pinot Noir – 2010 Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir
- Gold Medal – 2010 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon
- Gold Medal – 2010 4 Bears Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc

New World International Wine Competition (March 2012) – Cont'd

- Silver Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Wine
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (January 2012)





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- Silver Medal – 2010 Sean Minor Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2009 Sean Minor Napa Valley Red Wine
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Central Coast Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Central Coast Chardonnay
- Silver Medal – 2010 4 Bears Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc
- Bronze Medal – 2010 4 Bears Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Enthusiast (July 2011) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2010 Vin Gris Rosé Carneros 84 Points: “With only 12.5% alcohol, this is a brightly clean, light-bodied blush wine, but it’s also a little sweet and cloying in raspberry jam and Dr. Pepper cola flavors. It’s made from Pinot Noir.” —S.H.

Long Beach Grand Cru (July 2010)

- Silver Medal – 2009 Napa Valley Red Wine
- Bronze Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bronze Medal – 2009 Carneros Pinot Noir

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2011)

- Double Gold Medal & Best of Class of Region – 2010 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2009 Carneros Pinot Noir

Wine Enthusiast (April 2011) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2008 Merlot Napa Valley 88 Points: “Good and dry, with rugged, dusty tannins and fine varietal flavors. Shows real elegance and class, with cherry, red currant, cedar and spice flavors. Drink now–2013.” —S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (April 2011) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 88 Points: “Give this Cabernet a brief decanting. After that, the aromas and flavors match up in cherries, blackberries and cassis, with a savory coating of sweet oak. Drink now.” —S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (April 2011) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2009 Pinot Noir Carneros 87 Points: “A good, dry Pinot that’s a little common and gritty, but finely constructed. It has firm acids and tannins and flavors of sour cherry candy, tobacco and cedar. Drink now.” —S.H.

New World International Wine Competition (March 2011)

- Gold Medal – 2009 Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Merlot
- Silver Medal – 2009 Central Coast Chardonnay

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (January 2011)

- Gold Medal – 2009 Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Merlot
- Silver Medal – 2009 Central Coast Chardonnay

Wine Spectator (Nov 2010) – Annual California Cabernet Issue – James Laube names Sean Minor Four Bears 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet as a top value out of nearly 575 wines reviewed for the report.





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Connoisseur's Guide (Volume 34, Issue 9: July 2010) – Named Sean Minor 4 Bears 2008 Carneros Pinot Noir a Best Buy, “a rounded and easy to taste Pinot Noir well worth seeking out”.

Wine Enthusiast (July 2010) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2008 Carneros Pinot Noir 91 Points and Editors' Choice designation: “Tasted in a flight with far more expensive wines, this Pinot stood proud. It's dry and richly complex, with the silk and satin texture you want. The flavors reward with cherries, cola, Canadian bacon, Indian spices and sandalwood. At this price, it's a steal.” —S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (July 2010) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2008 Central Coast Chardonnay 87 Points: “Combines crisp, clean acidity, a bracing minerality and rich pineapple, peach and buttered toast flavors to produce a dry Chardonnay of great appeal. Defines the California style, in a classic, accessible way.” —S.H.

San Francisco International Wine Competition (June 2010)

- Gold Medal – 2008 Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bronze Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Merlot
- Bronze Medal – 2008 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Bronze Medal – 2009 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc

Los Angeles International Wine Competition (June 2010)

- Gold Medal – 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2008 Carneros Pinot Noir
- Silver Medal – 2008 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Bronze Medal – 2009 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2010)

- Silver Medal – 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2008 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Bronze Medal – 2008 Napa Valley Merlot
- Bronze Medal – 2009 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc
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Food & Wine Magazine (May 2010) – Named Sean Minor Four Bears 2007 Napa Valley Merlot as one of 10 New American Value Reds. “[This] velvety Merlot is impressive.” – Ray Isle, Wine Editor

Wine Spectator (March 2010) - Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 87 Points: “Supple, graceful, complex and harmonious, this is firm and taut, with spicy plum, currant, cedar and mineral notes. Drink now through 2014. 12,000 cases made.” –JL

New World International Wine Competition (March 2010)

- Gold Medal – 2008 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Silver Medal – 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2008 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc

San Diego International Wine Competition (March 2010)

- Silver Medal – 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2008 Carneros Napa Valley Pinot Noir





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Wine Enthusiast (February 2010) – Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2007 Napa Valley Merlot 87 Points: “Here’s a solid wine that provides lots of elegant pleasure at a pretty good price. It’s dry and firm in tannins, with deep, long flavors of blackberries and black cherries, red currants, anise and sandalwood. Ready to drink now.” - S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (February 2010) – Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 85 Points: “A good, everyday Cabernet. It’s dry, full-bodied and ripe, with blackberry, black cherry, currant, caramel and oak flavors. Drink now.” - S.H.

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (February 2010)

- Silver Medal – 2008 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver Medal – 2007 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Silver Medal – 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2007 Napa Valley Merlot
- Silver Medal – 2008 Carneros Napa Valley Pinot Noir

Wine Enthusiast (December 2009) – Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2008 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc 87 Points and an Editors’ Choice designation: “A fine, savory and frankly delicious Sauvignon Blanc marked by balanced, fruity flavors. With a bit of sweetness, it rewards with pineapples, lemon tart, Key lime pie, vanilla and figs. Crisp acidity provides a counterpoint to the richness.” —S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (December 2009) – Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2007 Carneros Pinot Noir 87 Points: “Shows nice Pinot Noir character with a silky texture and pure, clean flavors of raspberries, red cherries, cola, sandalwood, vanilla and spices. It’s among the best you can buy at this price.” —S.H.

Wine Enthusiast (December 2009) – Awarded Sean Minor Four Bears 2007 Central Coast Chardonnay 87 Points: “Delicious and powerful, and a great value. Can stand beside Chards twice its price, with ripe tropical fruit flavors, smoky oak and crisp coastal acidity. And the alcohol is modest” —S.H.

Long Beach Grand Cru (July 2009)

- Gold Medal – 2007 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Silver Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Los Angeles International Wine Competition (June 2009)

- Bronze Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bronze Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

California State Fair Wine Competition (June 2009)

- Silver Medal 88 pts – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Enthusiast (June 2009) – Awarded Sean Minor: 4 Bears 2006 Napa Valley Merlot a score of 87 Points: “Rich is the word for this Merlot. It flatters the palate with jammy black cherries, red currants, anise, cocoa and violets, accented with sweet, smoky oak. Turns a bit one-dimensional, but offers plenty of flavor.”





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Wine Enthusiast (June 2009) – Awarded Sean Minor: 4 Bears 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon a score of 87 Points: “Pretty good price for a Cab of this richness and balance. Offers dry, forward flavors of blackberries, cocoa, anise, spice and cedar, with an olivaceous streak.”

Every Day with Rachael Ray Magazine (May 2009) – Recommended a “black-cherry-flavored merlot” with recipe for Saltimbocca with Baby Pasta Primavera. “Try Sean Minor ‘Four Bears’ 2006 [Napa Valley] Merlot (CA, \$17).”

Critics Challenge International Wine Competition (May 2009)

- Critics Gold Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Critics Silver Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

Los Angeles International Wine Competition (May 2009)

- Bronze Medal - 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bronze Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

New World International Wine Competition (March 2009)

- Double Gold Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

San Diego International Wine Competition (March 2009)

- Silver Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

Hilton Head Island (February 2009)

- Silver Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Spectator (Web 2009) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2008 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc a score of 84 points: “Simple and direct, with citrus, jalapeño, spice and peach notes, with a soft acidity and pleasant finish. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.” –MW

California State Fair (June 2008)

- Gold Medal 94 pts – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal 89 pts – 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

San Francisco International Wine Competition (June 2008)

- Bronze Medal – 2006 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver Medal – 2005 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Silver Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal – 2006 Napa Valley Merlot

Wine Spectator (June 2008) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2005 Central Coast Chardonnay a score of 84 points: “Fresh and lively, with peach, citrus and herb flavors on a light frame. Modest intensity. Drink now. 2,700 cases made.”

Riverside International Wine Competition (May 2008)

- Gold Medal – 2005 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Silver Medal – 2006 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc





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Food & Wine Magazine (April 2008) – Named Sean Minor: Four Bears Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon as one of only eight Cabernet Sauvignons in their “Best American Wines” issue in the “\$15 & under” category: “new value-oriented brand; ebullient, ripely fruity”

Connoisseurs’ Guide (March 2008) – Awarded Four Bears 2005 Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc a score of 89 points and one puff: “Intensely weedy and at times hinting at touches of dandelion greens, this ripe and weighty Sauvignon Blanc leaves little doubt as its varietal makeup. While it will appeal principally to fans of its unobtrusive style, it wins the nod of endorsement for its ample underpinnings of well-ripened fruit, and we confess to finding its rounded feel as a bit of a relief in a field crowded with stiff and overly lean offerings.”

Wine Spectator (February 2008) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2005 Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc a score of 88 points as a California Value: “Fragrant, with peach blossom and honeysuckle overtones to the nectarine, melon and spice notes. Fleshy, with nice acidity and a fruit punch ripeness.”

Wine Spectator (Web 2008) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon a score of 83 points: “Soft and direct, offering wild berry, plum and black cherry flavors, with spicy nuances and a juicy side. Drink now. 3,000 cases made.”

Wine Spectator (Web 2008) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2006 Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc a score of 84 points: “Lean and juicy, with pear, citrus and melon flavors that have a nicely spicy edge and modest intensity. Drink now. 2,800 cases made.”

Wine Spectator (November 2007) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2003 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon a score of 82 points: “Pleasant cranberry and pomegranate notes are juicy and straightforward, with hints of herb and oak. Drink now. 3,000 cases made.”

Beverage Testing Institute (August 2007) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2005 Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc a score of 89 points (silver medal) and during their 7th Annual World Value Wine Challenge: “Golden straw color. Citrus custard, cantaloupe, and peach aromas. A round entry leads to a tangy, dryish medium body of Key lime, green apple, and white peach flavors. Finishes with a tart, slightly pithy mineral accented fade. A nice dry, wine for scallops and shellfish.” This wine was also recognized in an additional category: “2007 World Value Wine Challenge Top 11 White Wines under \$15.”

Beverage Testing Institute (August 2007) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2003 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon a score of 88 points (silver medal) during their 7th Annual World Value Wine Challenge: “Garnet color. Tart cherry, spice and cocoa aromas follow through to a supple, fruit sweet medium-to-full body and a tangy cherry and golden raisin and currant with spicy toffee fade. A very smooth and highly drinkable cab to enjoy on its own or with cheese.”

Beverage Testing Institute (August 2007) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2004 Central Coast Chardonnay a score of 85 points (silver medal) during their 7th Annual World Value Wine Challenge: “Golden straw color. Sweet buttery citrus aromas. Round entry, medium body. Butter cream, baked citrus, and delicate spice flavors. Creamy, lightly tart finish with a touch of peppery. A nice buttery, oaky quaffer.”

California State Fair (June 2007)

- Gold Medal 94 pts – 2005 Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc
- Silver Medal 89 pts – 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal 90 pts – 2005 Central Coast Chardonnay





SEAN MINOR

FAMILY OF WINES

Orange County Fair Wine Competition (June 2007)

- Gold Medal– 2005 Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc
- Bronze Medal – 2005 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Bronze Medal – 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

San Francisco International Wine Competition (June 2007)

- Silver Medal – 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Hilton Head Island (February 2007)

- Gold Medal – 2005 Central Coast Chardonnay
- Gold Medal – 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- Gold Medal – 2005 Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc

Wine Spectator (Web 2007) – Awarded Sean Minor: Four Bears 2002 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon a score of 85 points: “Trim band of herb, cola and charry wood notes are chewy and intense, with licorice and black cherry flavors that linger in the finish. Drink now through 2011.”