



SKYY INFUSIONS CITRUS RATED 92 POINTS

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- 90 - Grey Goose Le Citron
- 89 - Absolut Citron
- 89 - Ketel One Citroen
- 85 - Smirnoff Citrus Twist



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Vodka tasting scores conducted by the Beverage Testing Institute®. Test conducted December 2007 and January 2008.

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The Ballad of Ballard Canyon: Rusack Vineyards

Attorneys who follow their hankering for viticulture, chucking legal briefs for pruning shears, is a recurrent theme in California wine. Geoff Rusack is another case in point. After practicing aviation law in Los Angeles, Rusack and his wife Alison moved their family north in 1994 to remote Ballard Canyon, in the wilds of Santa Barbara's burgeoning wine country.

The first vintage for the new Rusack Vineyards came in 1995. By 2001, the couple felt confident enough to rip out many of the original vineyards and replant with varieties better suited to the canyon's microclimate:



**Geoff Rusack and John Falcone
of Rusack Vineyards.**

Syrah, Sangiovese and Sauvignon Blanc. Bordeaux varieties Cab Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot were also added to create their St. Emilion-like blend, Anacapa.

John and Helen Falcone—one of California's few winemaking couples—came onboard for the 2001 harvest, bringing a confident hand to these wines. Fruit for Rusack's Burgundian-inspired Pinot Noir and Chardonnay programs are sourced from some of the best independent

neighboring vineyards in Santa Barbara County, including Fiddlestick and Bien Nacido. I recently tasted through a few recent releases and was very impressed with what I saw.

94 Rusack Vineyards 2007 Chardonnay, Santa Barbara (\$23) Bright and bursting with tangy Burgundian fruit and racy acidity; stunningly beautiful with long supple flavors and exquisite subtle oak; gorgeous.

93 Rusack Vineyards 2007 Chardonnay, Reserve, Santa Maria Valley (\$32) Dense and rich with lively citrus fruit and creamy vanilla oak; racy, long, complex and in total balance; lovely and complete.

90 Rusack Vineyards 2007 Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara (\$30) Silky and lush with toasted oak and sweet red cherry fruit; bright, juicy and showing tangy acidity and finesse.

92 Rusack Vineyards 2007 Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley (\$36) Bursting with black cherry and plum; juicy, bright and loaded with beautiful flavors and pure, deep flavors.

93 Rusack Vineyards 2007 Pinot Noir, Reserve, Sta. Rita Hills (\$40) Juicy red-cherry fruit with lovely ruby color and racy acidity; smooth and balanced with great structure and Burgundian style.