

SEAN MINOR

Four Bears™

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

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.

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

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- 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

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

Wine Enthusiast (February 2010 – Online review) – 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.

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 Buying Guide) –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 Buying Guide) – 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.

Long Beach Grand Cru (July 2009)



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- 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.”

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



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- 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

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



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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 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

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 charr wood notes are chewy and intense, with licorice and black cherry flavors that linger in the finish. Drink now through 2011.”

