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Rank	Points	Bottle Number	Wine rating.	Paso Robles – “GSM”	Price & Source
1	67	8	94 WS; 94 Parker	2010 Epoch “Veracity” Paderewski Vineyard GMS%: 69-23-4-4 (Counoise)	\$65-Winery
2	74	4	93 Parker	2010 Law Estates, “Sagacious” GSM%: 44-42-14, 16.1% alc.	\$62-Winery
3	74	1	96 Parker	2010 Torrin “Banshee” SGM%: 60-30-10, 15.5% alc.	\$62-Winery
4	80	7	92 Parker	2010 Terry Hoage Vineyards “The Pick” GSM: 60-20-10-10 (Counoise), 15.5% alc.	\$55-Winery
5	92	2	96 A. Galloni	2011 Villa Creek “High Road” JBV GSM%: 40-40-20, 15.2% alc.	\$65-Winery
6	98	6		2011 L’Aventure, Cote a Cote “Stephan Vineyard” SMG%: 40-38-22, 15.8% alc.	\$85-Winery
7	108	3		2010 Ecluse “Rendition” GSM%: 40-40-20, 14.8% alc.	\$38-Winery
8	125	5		2010 Tablas Creek Vineyards, Espirit de Beaucastel. MGS% : 45-30-21-4 (Counoise), 14.5% alc.	\$55-Winery
Pre Tasting Wines					
A				2010 Venteux “Farm House Cuvee” GSM%: 60-40-20	\$34-Winery
B				2005 Linne Calodo “Slacker” SG%: 85-35	\$59-K&L Auction website
C				22011 Tablas Creek Vineyard “Patelin de Tablas” SGM%: 52-29-18-1 (Counoise)	\$18-Winery
D				2007 Carica Kick Ranch “Temptation” Sonoma County GSM% (Unk.) (92WS)	\$25-Winery

## Paso Robles GSM Results

These Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre wines shared a style of high alcohol, from 14.5% to 16.1%. The preference of our tasters favored higher alcohol. The top two scores went to Epoch (15.9%) and Law Estates (16.1%) while the lowest score (by far) was the 14.5% Tablas Creek and the next lowest, #7 Ecluse, measured at 14.8%. The #3 and #4 wines, Torrin and Hoage, had 15.5% alcohol. The outlier was L’Aventure (15.8%) at #6 and the most expensive too. The best deal was the delicious pre-tasting wine, 2011 Tablas Creek “Patelin de Tablas” at \$18.00. Probably the favorite of the pre-tasting was “B”, the 2005 Linne Calodo (\$59)-it was the most mature and comes from a highly regarded small producer (bottle bought at auction). Had it been in the tasting, it may have been one of the top wines. Steve, Marie, Mignone and Chris visited these Paso Robles Wineries in November.

We are sorry Steve couldn’t enjoy the fruits of putting together this event and we wish him a speedy and full recovery.



## Future 2014 Tastings & Events

March	NO TASTING	
April 12	Chardonnay	Smith
May 10	Argentine Malbec	Gandara
June 14	West Coast Rhone White	Wood
July 12	Picnic at the Felton’s winery in Danville	DeAtley/Felton
Aug 9	Merlot	Saywell/Shank
Sep 13	“High-End” Italian	Gibson
Oct 11	Australian Shiraz	Simcox
Nov 8	Pinot Noir/Burgundy	Slora/Avila
Dec 12 or 13	Repast	Hartford
1/10/15	Planning Meeting	DeAtley
2/14/15	Chateauneuf-du-Pape	Taylor/Glassman