

**Dick Erath (Erath, Dundee Oregon)** on the 2002 Kinkead Ridge Revelation Cabernet Sauvignon blend: "We all thought it was dynamite and it would give a lot of Frenchies a run for their money!"

More tasters than can be described here: "We can't believe these wines are from Ohio."

Review from **Bridget in Cincinnati**:

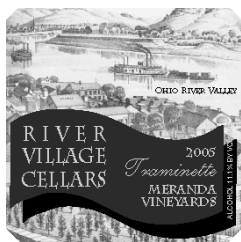
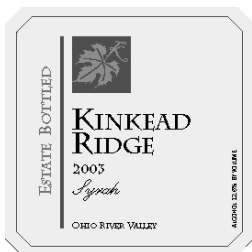
"WOW, your 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon was spectacular! I have to admit, I was "all about" the California wines and did not think that an Ohio wine could wine me over, but after smelling and tasting this gem... Well, let's just say that there is a new kid on the block in my wine cabinet these days! Great job! Thank you for making such a wonderful wine!"

Comment from Scott about the Dayton Wine Festival featuring Ohio wines on Mark Fisher's Wine Blog: "There were a few great wines that I tasted, and a few that were horrible. Without question in my mind, the best winery was Kinkead Ridge. "

"I am having a blast with the Kinkead Ridge wines! I have poured them blind to various "experts" and love to watch the results:  
"Ah yes this is probably the Cheval Blanc 03' "  
--**Melvyn Masters, wine author**, importer of Tortoise Creek wine (France) and Denver restaurant owner,  
on Kinkead Ridge 2004 Cabernet Franc

Two Kinkead Ridge wines were chosen to be poured for **John Mackey, founder, Whole Foods**, during his recent visit to Columbus.

Kinkead Ridge's ultra-premium label and second label for everyday wines



From **Lenn Thompson, wine writer, Long Island, New York**

"As someone who was born and raised in western Pennsylvania, four things come to mind when I think about neighboring Ohio:

- \* Bad drivers
- \* Sea World
- \* Cedar Point amusement park
- \* The much-hated Cleveland Browns.

I wouldn't go so far as to say that I was raised to loathe our neighbors to the west, but they definitely weren't looked upon fondly.

Now, after tasting the wines of Kinkead Ridge Estate Winery, there is at least one thing I can say that I love about the Buckeye State. Located just outside of Ripley, Ohio, Kinkead Ridge Winery grows only vinifera grapes in their vineyard, including Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Riesling, Viognier, Roussanne and Sauvignon Blanc. The vineyard lies on ridges rising more than 400 feet above the nearby Ohio River and the soil is 30 inches deep to broken limestone, rich in clay and well drained. This drainage is ideally suited to growing fine wines, though winter can be cold enough to damage less hardy varieties.

Cabernet Franc is one of my favorite varieties, and if you love the red wines of the Loire Valley, I can't recommend Kinkead Ridge's 2004 Cabernet Franc enough.

A deep violet-crimson in the glass, black cherry dominates the nose with more subtle aromas of dusty cocoa, black pepper and violets. This is an extremely full flavored wine, with black raspberry, cherry, black pepper, and dark chocolate flavors mingling on a rich, balanced palate. Well-integrated, smooth tannins and just a little lick of acidity make this a wine of unusual character and balance.

Best of all, at \$17 per bottle, it's an excellent value."

**2003 Viognier/Roussanne honored as one of the TOP 100 EXCITING NEW WINE FINDS IN THE WORLD in the 2006 Wine Report by Tom Stephenson, international wine writer.**

Preferred over the **Domaine du Clovallon** from the Midi, the "best Viognier of the Midi".

**Bob Monica, the Wine Shoppe Bistro**, Columbus, in his electronic newsletter: "It's not that we're wine snobs. But as operators of a fine wine store, we feel compelled to provide our customers with...fine wine. While we applauded the efforts of many Ohio producers, few of their wines ever raised to a level that we could comfortably call fine wine. Until now. We have now discovered an Ohio winery making superior vintages -- Kinkead Ridge of Ripley. The partners are producing solid vintages of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, and a lovely Viognier/Roussanne. All are reasonably priced. It is really exciting to find a real vineyard producing real wine in Ohio. Just remember you heard it here first! Ohio is on the map!"

**Chef-Owner Julie Frances (Nectar, Cincinnati)**

"While wines like Chateau de la Greffiere, Macon La Roche-Vineuse find favor, local Kinkead Ridge wines are popular too. Their rich, aromatic Viognier/Roussanne makes a delicious pairing with the grilled whole Spanish bass with pancetta, winter squash puree, fennel salad and tapenade."

**Kinkead Ridge 2004 Viognier/Roussanne bested a Chateaufeuf du Pape Vieux du Lazaret (twice as expensive) in the first ever Ohio Wine Challenge blind tasting by nationally recognized experts. Only three Ohio wineries of ten bested their European and California competition.**

**Ann Boucher, Proprietor, Serendipity Wine Shop**, Columbus on 2004 Kinkead Ridge Cabernet Franc "I gave this wine to my husband blind and asked him what he thought. He raised the glass to his nose, swirled and took a good sniff. Putting on his best airs, he said, without skipping a beat, "very nice... Cabernet France... definitely French." Then he took a good sip into his mouth, swirled and chewed the wine for a moment, and completed his diagnosis, "Bordeaux." Always the business man, he then asked, "how much and what's the stock status?" never guessing he could be wrong about the wines provenance. When I told him it was Kinkead Ridge 2004 Cabernet Franc, his eyes lit up. When I told him that it will retail for \$16.99 his jaw dropped. As for stock status, only 355 cases were made. Needless to say not much to go around, and if history is any guide, it will all be gone fast."