



BETWEEN THE VINES

with Kathleen Rake

Wine under \$10: Spanish Verdejo

A little bit about how I rate wines using QPR, quality-price ratio: I rate a wine's QPR at excellent, good or fair, depending on what I determine its value to be when considering the quality of the wine compared to its price.

In order for a wine to achieve a rating of excellent, it has to go far beyond what I would expect at the price point in terms of flavour, structure and complexity.

A fair rating means the wine is clean and non-offensive, but I'd likely not buy it for myself or serve it to others.

Good is attributed to a bottle of wine that delivers flavours typical of the grape, has some layers of complexity and would be easy to pour for guests, given the right circumstances.

WHITE WINE: Santa Cruz de Alpera Verdejo 2011

PRODUCER: Santa Cruz de Alpera
COUNTRY: Spain (DO Almansa)
GRAPE/BLEND: Verdejo
PRICE/ABV: \$9.09/12.5% ABV

THROUGH THE EYES: Pale yellow with a hint of green.

ON THE NOSE: Green apple, citrus, suggestion of tropical fruit, yeasty.

ON THE PALATE: Citrus, green apple, pleasantly bitter at the finish, watery mouthfeel.

OVERALL: Aromas burst at first pour, but settle quickly. Pleasant and fruity, with flavours typical to this grape; however, it is not going to get any better with age and should be consumed right away, before it loses all its verve.

SERVE IT: Drink this wine with tapas (especially green olives), seafood or salad dressed with a vinaigrette.

BUY IT: BC Liquor Stores for a reduced price of \$9.09.

QPR (QUALITY-PRICE RATIO): Good, especially at its current price point.

Want to read about a particular wine that is less than \$10? Send your suggestions to kathleen@betweenthevines.ca and I'll give you my take

Long career a shock to Cooper

FROM 33

He said every day, a fan will approach him and tell him how his music impacted their lives.

"I've actually had kids say 'Hey, y'know if it wasn't for that song Hey Stoopid, I was ready to kill myself."

"It's a real compliment and then all of a sudden you kind of realize that there is a responsibility in what you say."

Looking back, Cooper said it's hard to believe that he's still creating music. When he released his first album, one reviewer referred to it as a "tragic waste of plastic." Others had similar opinions.

"They were saying 'Here's a band that really isn't very good but their show is great. Take away their show and they've got nothing.' Those people had to eat crow when we had two number one albums in a row and there was no show behind it. It was just the albums."

The rock 'n' roll lifestyle of the 1970s took a toll, he said.

"If you would have told me when I was 25 and getting loaded every night, that at 65 I was getting ready to go out on a 100-city tour ... I would have said you were so out of your mind."

"And if you would have told me Ozzy was still around and Iggy was still around and Lou Reed was still around I would have said you've got to be insane because none of those people should be alive, especially me."

But, having given up alcohol years ago, Cooper is still on tour, bringing his new Raise the Dead tour to Russia, the U.S. and Canada.

He said Russian fans have some



JOCELYN, FREAK SHOW CONTEST ENTRANT

amazing stories, considering his music was banned in that country for years.

In the 1970s and '80s, the government newspaper labelled Cooper as "the worst example of Western depravity" and said he would never step on Russian soil.

"A lot of them (Russian fans) come up to me and say 'I had your albums when I could have gone to the gulag because of them.' It's really interesting to hear these people say that they bought my albums on the black market, at risk of going to jail. That's what kind of fans they are."

The show he will present in Abbotsford is divided into three parts. The first is "Glam Alice" which features all the glitz, sparks and make-up. The middle of the show is dedicated to "Nightmare Alice," the darker, theatrical side which includes the use of straightjackets, a guillotine and a character Cooper refers to as the insane nurse.

The third scene begins with the nurse wheeling Cooper's body into a graveyard. The audience soon learns that it contains the "Hollywood Vampires" – the nickname Cooper gave to his old drinking club.

"It's sort of a dedication to all my dead, drunk friends."

Cooper will perform in Abbotsford on Nov. 14. Visit abbotsfordcentre.ca for details.

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AROUND TOWN

OCT. 21-31 Bring your kids to **The Land of Boo!** Highstreet's family-friendly Halloween experience is open from Oct. 21-31. Also, on Halloween, parents can join the fun with their kids from 5-7 p.m. for treats, treats and more treats. Highstreet is a new shopping mall located on Mt Lehman Road.

OCT. 26 Come join the MSA Museum Society for its scariest **Halloween Haunted House** yet. As Halloween approaches, mark down Saturday, Oct. 26 as Trethewey House will be transformed into a scary Halloween Haunted House. This is fun for the whole family as there is a child friendly tour from 3-5 p.m. and a spin-chilling tour from 6-8 p.m. Fear will

reign as thrill seekers navigate through the 1920s house littered with ghouls, goblins and other hair-raising individuals. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Admission is \$4 per person or \$10 per family (two adults, up to three children).

NOV. 8 Gallery 7 Theatre is presenting **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**. The show runs Nov. 8-9, 14-16 and 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. with matinees on Nov. 9, 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. All shows are at the MEI auditorium located at 4081 Clebrook Road. Rediscover this classic American tale about the loveable scallywag, Tom Sawyer, as he sets out for adventure and manages to break the rules along the way.

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