



## **ÉCLUSE scores a 93 and a 90 and “Four Hearts “Love at first sip”**

### **Affairs of the Vine 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Shootout**

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Shootout began with a series of blind tastings over a six week period November to December 2007 in San Francisco, California. The wines were tasted in groups of 32 wines per session. All wines were tasted blind and were tasted without reference to producer, appellation or price. The wines were delineated by vintage in the first round of tasting but no vintage reference made in proceeding round.

The top wines were then tasted blind to determine the best of the best. The 55 top wines selected by the team of judges were then submitted to the entire panel for review. The final tasting was held in San Francisco as the professional panel brought their experienced palates and love of Cabernet to this task. Each wine was judged and reviewed on its own merit. The final 55 wines were rated using a 100 point scale and are recommended “from the heart” with the additional reference of 1 to 4 hearts - 4 hearts the highest = Love at First Sip.

### **ÉCLUSE WAS AMONG THE TOP 55 FINALISTS!!**

Here’s how we scored:

Écluse “Ensemble” 2005 Bordeaux-style Cabernet Blend:

**93 and 4 Hearts – “Love at first sip”!**

“Black cherry, date, dense dark berries on the nose ; Lush fruit in the mouth. The flavors march through the lively entry through the clean, tapered finish.”

Écluse 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon:

**90 and 4 Hearts – “Love at first sip”!**

“Rich blackberry fruit with aromas with clove and chocolate accents are delivered onto the palate. Nicely balanced.”