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Ecluse earns Wine Enthusiast accolades Prominent Paso winery to pour at festival

Staff report

PASO ROBLES – Ecluse Wines of Paso Robles has the attention of the upper echelon of the wine industry with its Wine Enthusiast critics' good reviews.

The critics gave 90+ scores to the boutique, estate-driven brand emphasizing the quality, elegance and consistency of the wines. A selection of these accolades will be listed in the June issue of Wine Enthusiast, which hit newsstands on May 7 and goes online in the searchable wine database June 1.

Wines and rating by Wine Enthusiast include:

Ecluse 2009 Reserve Lock Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 92 Wine Enthusiast

Ecluse 2010 Lock Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 91 Wine Enthusiast Ecluse 2010

Ensemble Lock Vineyard, Bordeaux Style Red Blend 90 Wine Enthusiast Ecluse 2010 Lock

Vineyard Syrah 90 Wine Enthusiast "I am very proud of these wines," said Steve Lock,

winemaker and proprietor. "The 2009 and 2010 vintages provided the perfect balance of terroir with temperatures giving us the optimum ripeness and fruit flavors. Working with the fruit from our 30-acre estate vineyard for the past 15 years helps me really understand each of these wines from the vineyard to the glass. I'm pleased the wines critics are discovering what I believe are some very special wines."

Ecluse will be participating in the Paso Robles Wine Festival this weekend, pouring a variety of its wines throughout the event.

"We've poured every year that we've been making wine. It's always a great event introducing people to the wine," said proprietor Pam Lock.

At the main event Saturday, Lock said the winery will be pouring in the section featuring Bordeaux-similar wines in the festival. Among the wines featured, Ecluse will pour its Rhone blend, Prelude and its red blend, Blind Dog. "We had two blind dogs on the property, Toby was a hearing assist dog, and she's still with us," Lock said. "Blind dog is a complete eclectic blend of wonderful Paso Robles reds we put together a fun blend with Blind Dog."

Customers may purchase wines directly at www.eclusewines.com.

Proprietors Steve and Pam Lock invite wine enthusiasts to join them in the tasting room or find Ecluse Wines throughout the festival season at these upcoming events:

· Paso Robles Wine Festival May 17-19 · Rhone Rangers Los Angeles Tasting Event June 23

· Central Coast Wine Classic July 14 · Sunset SAVOR the Central Coast September 28-29

Ecluse Wines is located at 1520 Kiler Canyon Road in Paso Robles. Their modest tasting room among the barrels is staffed for tasting Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, go to www.eclusewines.com.