

WINE RECOMMENDATION



Edward Sellers Vineyards and Wines

2005 Vertigo (Paso Robles)

In 2004, Ed Sellers bought property on the west side of Paso Robles, in the notch in the coastal range known as the Templeton Gap, and founded his small eponymous winery. The focus is on Rhones, both varietally labeled wines and blends like Vertigo. Sellers has planted a vineyard, but the early vintages have been made from purchased grapes. Vertigo, made from grapes sourced from several west side vineyards, is new this year to the Edward Sellers lineup.

This is a big, bold wine, a blend of 70 percent Grenache, 17 percent Mourvedre and 13 percent Syrah. It's not shy about alcohol, either: Vertigo weighs in 15.8 percent. But there's enough fruit and structure to carry it, so the wine doesn't taste at all "hot." Rather, the wine, which sells for \$30, displays juicy blueberry and black raspberry flavors; some jammy, smoky notes; nice spice; and firm tannins. It's aged in French oak barrels, about a third of them new, and the oak adds texture and roundness rather than overt flavors. Sellers' wines have been produced at Denner, but he's building a winery along the busy tourist route of Highway 46 West.

Reviewed November 20, 2007 by [Laurie Daniel](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Edward Sellers Vineyards and Wines](#)

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Vertigo

Appellation: [Paso Robles](#)

Grapes: [Grenache](#) (70%), [Mourvedre](#) / [Mataro](#) (17%), [Syrah](#) / [Shiraz](#) (13%)

Price: \$30.00

THE REVIEWER



Laurie Daniel

Laurie Daniel, wine columnist for the *San Jose Mercury News*, has been reviewing wine for more than 10 years. She doesn't use numbers, preferring to describe her recommended wines and let consumers decide for themselves.

Laurie believes that bigger isn't necessarily better; she's partial to wines of balance, finesse and character. Her particular interests are Pinot Noir (versions that really taste like Pinot, that is) and aromatic whites like Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Gewürztraminer.