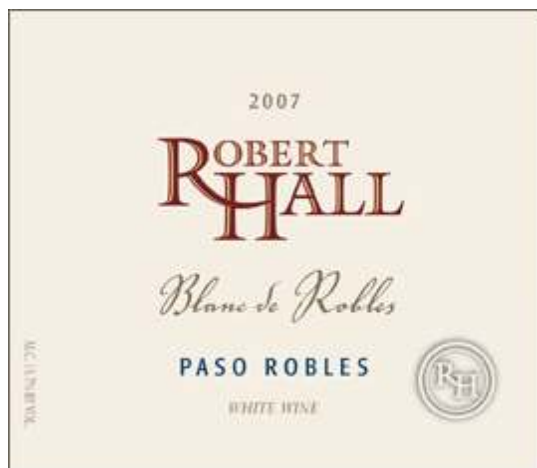


## WINE RECOMMENDATION

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### Robert Hall Winery

#### 2007 Blanc de Robles (Paso Robles)

When developer Robert Hall moved to Paso Robles in 1994, he was planning to retire. He bought some land and planned to plant a vineyard. But it wasn't long before he was expanding his plantings and producing wine. Hall decided to focus on Cabernet Sauvignon and Rhone-style wines - two of

Paso Robles' strengths.

Blanc de Robles is winemaker Don Brady's white Rhone blend, marrying roughly equal amounts of Roussanne and Grenache Blanc, along with a dash of Picpoul Blanc. It's a wine that's bright and racy, with juicy white peach and pear flavors, accented by a slight floral note and a hint of mineral on the finish. The wine is a little creamy, from daily lees-stirring, but oak doesn't intrude much into the flavor profile: 59 percent of the wine was fermented in neutral oak, while the rest was in stainless steel. Blanc de Robles, which sells for \$20, is a zesty little number that will complement shrimp or other shellfish, or perhaps a lighter chicken dish.

Reviewed April 30, 2008 by [Laurie Daniel](#).

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### THE WINE

**Winery:** [Robert Hall Winery](#)

**Vintage:** 2007

**Wine:** Blanc de Robles

**Appellation:** [Paso Robles](#)

**Grapes:** [Grenache](#), [Roussanne](#), [Picpoul](#)

**Price:** \$20.00

### 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.