

WINE RECOMMENDATION

**The Winery at La Grange****2005 Snort
(Virginia)**

Selected products from sister wineries [Pearmund Cellars](#) and [La Grange](#), including this Port-like wine, were featured in a showcase of Virginia wines recently at [Vinopolis in London](#). Chris Pearmund of Pearmund Cellars is the man responsible for getting the investment group together to bring La Grange to the next level. Pearmund Cellars was a similar project. For that project the group renovated the former Meriwether Vineyard. Opened in September 2006, La Grange has a brand new winery building, newly planted vineyards, and a restored 1790's manor house.

Dry red and whites, a sparkling, and this fortified wine are in the portfolio.

Bright, deeply saturated inky purple and very viscous, this sweet fortified wine has aromas of tar, blackberry, barnyard, burnt wood, smoke, and stewed fruits. Ripe and sweet on the palate, it has a dense core of dark berry and plum fruit and is extremely concentrated. This very rich wine is slightly chewy, and has a long, ripe berry finish. This would be delicious with apple, cranberry and walnut pie with stilton cheese, almond bread pudding, Snort and strawberry layer cake, or chunks of dark, bitter, tarry single-origin Ecuadorian chocolate.

Reviewed July 24, 2007 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [The Winery at La Grange](#)

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Snort

Appellation: [Virginia](#)

Grape: [Petit Verdot](#)

Price: \$29.00 (500ml)

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Founder and President of Planet Grape LLC, a company committed to bringing the joy of wine, food, and good living into the lives of everyday people, Catherine is creator of the "grape goddess guides to good living," a series of books, television presentations, seminars, and e-learning programs. The fifth woman in the world to become a Master Sommelier, grape goddess Catherine Fallis is still very much down-to-earth.