

Jancis Robinson proclaims Tantalus Riesling in Top 10 Canadian Wines

From Bordeaux to Napa, it doesn't get any better in the wine world than to receive the stamp of approval of British wine authority Jancis Robinson. The Washington Post called Robinson's *Oxford Companion to Wine* "the greatest wine book ever published."

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She had this to say about her first visit to the British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. *"The countryside is stunning. A ribbon of lakes with sandy beaches threaded between slopes of Ponderosa pines, granite cliffs and vine-covered benchland. The Okanagan Valley, an hour's flight inland from Vancouver, is unusual in having been a tourist destination before it was a wine region rather than the other way round."*

"Certainly the wines show quite extraordinary directness of fruit; they almost punch you between the eyes with their frankness. And, like the wines of the deserts of eastern Washington to the south, they all have good natural acidity thanks to the Okanagan's routinely cool desert nights."
Tantalus 2008 Riesling... *"Truly outstanding. Very pure, fine Riesling aromas. Great spread of tight but not austere character across the palate. Great balance and length. This one should run and run."*

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Here's what she had to say about her tasting of 70 Canadian wines: *"The crème de la crème of... Canada "I have done my utmost to score each of these wines in a serious global context rather than in a more flattering Canadian one. That Tantalus Riesling, for example, is well up to the quality of a German 2005 Riesling..."* She goes on to describe the 2005 Riesling as *"Full, citrus and tropical fruit aromas - passion fruit? Very positive, punchy, pungent fruit - almost like a Marlborough SB (Sauvignon Blanc) in its assault on the palate. Kerpow!... Seriously good."*

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