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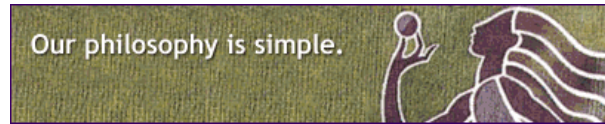
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**Baileyana, Edna Valley (California) Syrah Firepeak Vineyard "Grand Firepeak Cuvée" 2003** (\$30): Seriously delicious! Very deep, ripe and rich, this shows gorgeous dark berry fruit with just the right little touch of wood and a wonderful undertone of cocoa. The texture is very broad and the feel supremely soft, making this a wine with an unusual combination of serious flavor impact with lush, soft texture. **92 Michael Franz** *Oct 11, 2005*

**Baileyana, Edna Valley (California) Pinot Noir "Grand Firepeak Cuvee" 2005** (\$38): Richly textured and full-bodied, with vibrant wild berry and plum flavors and touches of baking spice and toast. It's beautifully made and fresh tasting, with brisk acidity. **91 Linda Murphy** *Jul 10, 2007*

**Baileyana, Edna Valley (California) Pinot Noir Firepeak Vineyard "Grand Cuvée" 2005** (\$38): This excellent Pinot delivers lots of flavor, but the flavor is admirably delicate and the wine's ripeness is balanced by very appealing acidity. The oak is also very well done, providing accent notes that are lightly spicy and smoky, and doing so without detracting from the delicious fruit. This isn't the thing for a steak (which is actually one of the few dishes that works well with some chunky, over-ripe California Pinots), but it will pair beautifully with all sorts of moderately robust fare such as chicken, duck, pork or veal. **90 Michael Franz** *May 29, 2007*

**Baileyana, Edna Valley (California) Chardonnay Grand Firepeak Vineyard "GFC" 2004** (\$30): Winemaker Christian Roguenant's roots are in the Burgundy region of France and no doubt account for his stylistic preferences when it comes to Chardonnay. This wine □ the GFC is short for Grand Firepeak Cuvee □ is a beautifully structured, crisp California Chardonnay that is so very rare; a rich, mouth-filling Chardonnay with outstanding backbone. It was nominated for Best of Show white wine at the recent San Diego International Wine Competition, and though it didn't win it was easily my favorite among the Chardonnays that were entered. **93 Robert Whitley** *Jun 20, 2006*



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**Baileyana, Edna Valley (California) Chardonnay Firepeak Vineyard 2004** (\$30): This is a very intelligently styled and well crafted Chardonnay. Generous without becoming overbearing, it features moderately rich fruit recalling peaches and ripe apples, along with nicely balanced notes of spice and smoke from oak that is moderate in intensity. The slight sweetness of the primary fruit notes is effectively counterbalanced by fresh acidity, and the finish is persistent and clean. **90 Michael Franz** *Sep 19, 2006*

**Baileyana, Edna Valley (California) Chardonnay Firepeak Vineyard 2005** (\$30): A well-balanced, full-bodied Chardonnay, this wine tastes delicious, with plenty of fruit and spice flavor. Its one weakness is a somewhat muted bouquet, an oddity considering its very expressive flavors. Perhaps aeration would help? I'd try decanting it. **87 Paul Lukacs** *Jul 31, 2007*



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