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## Hedonist's Gazette

### Snake River Grill on the Town Square

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*Robert Parker*

This is a terrific restaurant in Jackson Hole that I highly recommend for both its great wine list and the brilliant cooking of Chef Jeff Drew. The ambience is right out of the Wild West, and the food is as good as anywhere in the country. The service, overseen by owner and maitre 'd August Spier, is impeccable. It is a superb spot for hedonistic and enjoyable dining. The food included a steak tartare pizza that was to die for as well as the best onion rings I have ever had. I also enjoyed the Parmesan truffled shoestring potatoes, the sensational crispy pork shank, and the horseradish crusted halibut.

As for the wines, we began with a tasty, pleasant **non-vintage Veuve Clicquot**, followed by four Châteauneuf du Papes. One of my favorite Châteauneufs, the **2000 Vieilles Julienne Réserve**, was corked. But that was easily forgotten by the rich, fruity, full-bodied **2003 Chapoutier Barbe Rac**, the tannic, backward, inky/purple, Mourvèdre and Syrah-dominated **2000 Clos du Caillou Réserve**, and the piece de résistance, the monumental **2003 Pégaü Cuvée da Capo**. The latter wine was a blockbuster in terms of texture, richness, complexity, and pure intellectual and hedonistic enjoyment. We finished with a brilliant Syrah from **Sine Qua Non**, the **1998 E-Raised Syrah**, which was just beginning to strut its stuff. Inky/ruby/purple with notes of tar, blackberries, white chocolate, and mocha, it is a rich, powerful as well as impeccably well-balanced red. This was a superb night of food, wine, and great ambience in one of the most distinctive restaurants in the United States.

**Snake River Grill**, 84 E Broadway, Jackson, WY 83001 tel (307) 733-0557

#### FOOD:

**Course 1:** Steak tartare pizza

**Course 2:** Branding iron of sweet onion rings

**Course 3:** SRG potato pancake

**Course 4:** Parmesan truffled shoestring potatoes

**Course 5:** Crispy pork shank

**Course 6:** Horseradish crusted halibut

VINTAGE	WINE	RATING
N.V.	<a href="#">Veuve Clicquot</a>	89
2000	<a href="#">Vieille Julienne Châteauneuf du Pape Réserve (corked)</a>	?
2003	<a href="#">Chapoutier Châteauneuf du Pape Barbe Rac</a>	94
2000	<a href="#">Domaine du Caillou Châteauneuf du Pape Réserve Le Clos du Caillou</a>	97
2003	<a href="#">Domaine du Pégaü Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée da Capo</a>	100
1998	<a href="#">Sine Qua Non E-Raised (Syrah)</a>	96

#### Note to Readers about the Hedonist's Gazette

The abbreviated, spontaneous, and visceral tasting notes and numerical ratings in this section should not be confused with professional, structured tasting notes from specific peer group tastings or cellar tastings. The Hedonist's Gazette notes emerge from casual get-togethers, with the food and company every bit as important as the wines. I do not consider these tasting comments as accurate or as pure in a professional sense, but they are part of a wine's overall record. In short, focus, so critical in a professional tasting without food or other distractions, is clearly on a different level in such "fun gatherings." —*Robert M. Parker, Jr.*

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