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**PEJU WINERY EARNS TOP REVIEWS IN DECEMBER, 2009**  
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**Rutherford, Calif.** – Peju Winery, family owned and operated for more than 25 years, has just received 90-plus scores from *Wine Enthusiast* Magazine on six of their current Napa Valley wines, including five 2006 red wines and one 2008 white wine. The reviews will be published in the upcoming December 1, 2009 issue which is slated to hit newsstands today.

The Peju 2006 Fifty/Fifty, a blend of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, received the highest accolade with a '94' out of a possible 100-point score from wine writer Steve Heimoff. Heimoff also awarded the 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon a '93', the 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Franc a '91', the 2006 Napa Valley Merlot a '91', the 2006 Napa Valley Zinfandel a '90' and the 2008 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc a '90'.

"If hedonism is what you like in a Cab, you'll love this lush bottling from Peju," Heimoff said of the 2006 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Peju's biggest seller. "It's softly delicious, offering waves of complex blackberries, blueberries, currants, sandalwood and sweet milk chocolate. Outstanding."

The 2006 red wines mark the first vintage that Peju Winemaker Sara Fowler has overseen from vine to bottle. Some of her innovations include the creation of vineyard sub-blocks, additional passes through the vineyards, increased attention to hand-sorting, the use of bladder presses, smaller fermentation tanks and a new barrel program.

All of the featured Peju wines were produced using estate-grown fruit sourced from the family's certified organic Rutherford Vineyard and sustainably farmed Persephone Vineyard.

Peju's entire wine portfolio is available for sale in the winery's Rutherford tasting room and online at [www.peju.com](http://www.peju.com). A small selection of Peju wines are available in restaurants and fine wine retailers sprinkled throughout the United States and abroad.

**About Peju Winery:**

It was the love of farming and a passion for wine that brought the Peju's to the Napa Valley more than 25 years ago. After selling their nursery business in Southern California to purchase a 30-acre wild, overgrown vineyard in Rutherford, Tony and his wife Herta embarked upon a journey to transform the land and its bounty from a vision into a reality. The family's humble winemaking efforts began inside their garage, then a makeshift tasting room, and have since grown into one of Napa Valley's most notable landmarks and a celebrated winery operation. Lisa and Ariana Peju have also joined the family business and have contributed to the greening of the winery. Farming organically and sustainably, Peju's goal is to achieve organic certification for all of its vineyards in the next few years. In addition, Peju is one of only 18 wineries to earn certification as a Napa Green Winery and Bay Area Green Business. Still focused on its early commitment to produce high-quality wines for a wide range of palates, Peju prides itself on offering the majority of its wines directly to guests in its tasting room and through the Peju Wine Club. Located at 8466 St. Helena Hwy, Rutherford, Napa Valley, the tasting room, art exhibit and gardens are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.peju.com](http://www.peju.com) or call 800-446-7358.