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*Tanzer has written wine columns for **Food & Wine Magazine** and **Forbes FYI**. Among his books are **The WineAccess Buyer's Guide** and **Food and Wine Magazine's Official Wine Guide**.*

*Tanzer's **International Wine Cellar**, also employing a modern wine rating system on a 70-100 point quality scale, is considered in direct competition with Robert Parker's **The Wine Advocate**, though Tanzer's "controlled prose" is in contrast to the more flamboyant style of Parker.*

Sir Paz Estate - Merlot 2008

Ruby-red. Pungent, highly aromatic bouquet of red- and blackcurrant, cherry-vanilla, dried flowers and smoky herbs. A sweet, concentrated midweight that offers sweet cherry/berry flavors, supple texture and slow-building spiciness. The finish repeats the cherry and floral notes and lingers with impressive clarity and sweet persistence. **91pts**

Sir Paz Estate - Shiraz 2008

Saturated ruby. A sexy, expansive bouquet of red berry preserves and flowers, with complicating notes of dried herbs and rose. Pliant, slightly warm raspberry and bitter cherry flavors are framed by velvety tannins and pick up a smoky note with aeration. Lush, open-knit and seamless merlot with very good finishing punch and sweet persistence. **90 pts**

Tanzer Wine Rating System

95-100: Extraordinary

90-94: Outstanding

85-89: Very Good to Excellent

80-84: Good

75-79: Average

70-74: Below Average

< 70: Avoid