2010 INNOCENT BYSTANDER
PINK MOSCATO

Review Summary

90 pts  “Pale, lurid pink. Fresh lime, peach and raspberry preserves on the nose, with hints of tangerine and flowers adding complexity. Juicy, gently sweet red berry and pit fruit flavors are given a tangy bite by suggestions of white pepper and citrus zest. Juicy, off-dry and extremely easy to drink, especially if you have a bit of a sweet tooth. Reminds me a bit of an adult raspberry limeade. This would be great with a cheese and fruit course.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July 2010

90 pts  “Delicious, more-ish and refreshing. Innocent Bystander is gloriously pink, frizzante (slightly bubbly), grapey with some rosewater flavors and just enough sweetness.”

Dr. Peter Hay
Australian Doctor
September, 2010

17/20 pts  “A pretty, gentle sparkler. Imbued with red fruits, elderflower and a twist of the exotic, this has an enchanting sweetness, which is great as both an aperitif and as a dessert”

Christelle Guibert, Mark O’Halloran
Decanter
April, 2011

87 pts  “The color and the package have proved irresistible, but the wine is at the far end of the sweet spectrum.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2012

87 pts/Editor’s Choice  “Hyper-perfumed, with billowing floral notes, raspberries and citrus that provide immediate impact. The sweet, fruity flavors are adequately balanced by bubbly froth, making for an easy-to-drink quaff. The gentle pink color is even reminiscent of summertime sunsets. Drink now.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast Magazine
April 2011
Wine of the Week  “The experience: This lovely wine not only looks like liquid watermelon but tastes like it, along with some other fresh red fruits, strawberry and rhubarb. It’s seriously refreshing and eminently quaffable, which is OK because its alcohol content is a beer-like 5.5 percent. There’s some tongue-tickling fizz and a zingy finish here.

The setting: Delicious on its own, this vibrant bubbly can stand up to hearty grilled fare and spicy Asian dishes, plus most desserts.

The back story: Get that church key ready: This is the rare wine with a pop-top seal.”

Bill Ward
Star Tribune
April 27, 2011

“It’s what Italians call frizzante, which is to say sparkling but more of a light fizz than gushing effervescence. The wine is a blend of 65 percent Muscat of Alexandria and 35 percent Muscat of Hamburg. Here is pure raspberry and strawberry notched up by a spike of lime with delicate scents of watermelon and rose petals and something slightly earthy and foxy. In the mouth, Rainier cherries and orange zest come into play and a hint of cloves enveloped in chiming acidity and a bit of limestone-like minerality. The wine is slightly sweet initially, but it quickly goes bone-dry, while retaining a sense of ripe softness and talc-like lushness balanced by that crisp structure and gentle, fleeting bubbles. Absolutely charming and—a word I seldom employ apropos wine—fun. 5.5 percent alcohol, so you can drink a lot! Very good.”

Fredric Koeppel
Bigger Than Your Head
June 23, 2011