

WINE RECOMMENDATION

**Robert Hall Winery****2006 Blanc de Robles
(Paso Robles)**

2006 Robert Hall Winery Blanc de Robles, Paso Robles – Robert Hall Winery is best known for its reds – actually, that could probably be said for most Paso Robles wineries – but the winery also produces some outstanding, elegant whites, particularly this Rhone-style blend. Blanc de Robles – the white counterpart to the winery’s popular Rhone de Robles red -- is a

blend of mostly Grenache Blanc and Roussanne, along with a smidgen of Picpoul Blanc, and the fruit comes from the Hall Ranch vineyards. The 2006 vintage was one of extremes in Paso Robles: brutal, record-setting heat in July, followed by an extremely cool August. Despite all that, winemaker Don Brady managed to put together a very well-balanced, fresh white.

Part of the blend was fermented in neutral barrels, with the rest in stainless steel. The wine was aged for four months, with daily lees-stirring, and the blend was assembled just before bottling. The result is a lovely, fleshy wine with ripe white peach and green apple flavors, lively acidity and just a whisper of vanilla/oak. Drink the 2006 Blanc de Robles with seafood pasta or with a soft cheese like brie.

Reviewed August 29, 2007 by [Laurie Daniel](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Robert Hall Winery](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Blanc de Robles

Appellation: [Paso Robles](#)

Grapes: [Grenache](#), [Roussanne](#)

Price: \$20.00

THE REVIEWER**Laurie Daniel**

Laurie Daniel, wine columnist for the *San Jose Mercury News*, has been reviewing wine for more than 10 years. She doesn’t use numbers, preferring to describe her recommended wines and let consumers decide for themselves.

Laurie believes that bigger isn’t necessarily better; she’s partial to wines of balance, finesse and character. Her particular interests are Pinot Noir (versions that really taste like Pinot, that is) and aromatic whites like Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Gewürztraminer.