

Red Bag Clues:

### **Serve in a White Steam**

- From the best of the seven DOC's in one of our favorite wine producing regions
- The DOC shares the name of the grape.
- Wines should be smooth with just enough tannin to be well balanced.
- The translation of the name is thought by some to be indicative of the sweetness of the grape. Another opinion is that it is due to the inaccurate perception of sweetness of this dry vinified wine.
- You will find this wine to typically have a perfumy bouquet and rich, fruity, ripe berry flavors.

Bonus

- Started the business in 1881
- The name of this estate is derived from the original owner's name
- It's still in the same family, the great grandson is currently at the helm

Tasting Notes:

Decent fruit. Stylish, old-school nose. A little peppery meatiness. Smooth integration on the palate, rounded and soft, with just a little tannin showing on the finish. This has good style. 15.5+/20

Answer: 2002 Pio Cesare Dolcetto d'Alba

## White Bag Clues

- Considered one of the best white wine grapes and produces some of the very best white wines.
- This grapes balance of acid and sugar levels makes it a great candidate for aging.
- Often confused with many other grapes sharing a common name.
- Planted in many states in the new world.
- Bottlings of this grape are broken into six sub-categories in it's country of origin where it has been grown for possibly as long as 2000 years.

## Bonus

- This wine maker first worked with John Paul of Cameron.
- In 1999 he partnered with Bill Holloran and built a small winery.

Answer: J. Christopher Riesling 2004 Willamette Valley