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2007 Sleight Of Hand The Archimage

Sourced from three sites in Walla Walla, Sleight of Hand's 2007 The Archimage contains negligibly more Merlot than Cabernet Franc. Elderberry and mulberry, toasted almond and pecan, fennel and buddleia team up for a performance at least as savory as that of the 2009 Archimage, considerably brighter in personality; but also less ripe in its expression of berry fruit. Juicy, sappy, tartly fruit skin-edged; herbally bitter; and invigorating in its impression of berry seed crunching, this finishes with vibratory intensity and impressive sheer cling. It may well be more expressive at a later stage and I would not feel worried about revisiting it up to 3-4 years from now. Given Sleight of Hand's garish magic- and rock-themed labels, one might be tempted to imagine that winemaker Trey Busch and his partners, Jerry and Sandy Solomon – whom he met by chance in...

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2007 Sleight Of Hand Chardonnay The Enchanter

The 2007 Chardonnay The Enchanter was fermented with native yeasts and aged sur lie in seasoned French oak before bottling without fining or filtration. It displays a classy perfume of biscuit, mineral, baked apple, pear, and a hint of tropical aromas. Creamy textured, round, and concentrated, this flavorful effort will provide pleasure for several years. Sleight of Hand Cellars began in 2007 coming out of the chute with some superb values, wines which are easy to spot on retail shelves because of their bright, magician-themed labels. Tel. (509) 386-6566; www.sofhcellars.com

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2007 Sleight Of Hand Syrah Levitation

Sleight of Hand's 2007 Syrah Levitation spent 11 months in Burgundy barrels, 20% new. A glass-coating, opaque purple color, it displays an alluring bouquet of wood smoke, underbrush, lavender, hung game, bacon, and blueberry. Round and plush on the palate, it has layers of savory fruit, excellent depth and grip, and a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. Drink this sexy effort over the next 8-10 years. Sleight of Hand Cellars began in 2007 coming out of the chute with some superb values, wines which are easy to spot on retail shelves because of their bright, magician-themed labels. Tel. (509) 386-6566; www.sofhcellars.com

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2007 Sleight Of Hand The Illusionist

The 2007 The Illusionist is a blend of the 5 principal Bordeaux varieties and Syrah aged for 22 months in 33% new oak. It gives up an aromatic array of toast, pencil lead, tobacco, spice box, violets, black currants and black cherry. Dense on the palate with lots of stuffing and enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years, it will offer a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2022. Sleight of Hand Cellars began in 2007 coming out of the chute with some superb values, wines which are easy to spot on retail shelves because of their bright, magician-themed labels. Tel. (509) 386-6566; www.sofhcellars.com

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2007 Sleight Of Hand Red Wine The Spellbinder

Sleight of Hand's value priced 2007 Red Wine The Spellbinder is composed of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot and 14% Sangiovese aged in seasoned French oak for 11 months. It emits an alluring aromatic array of cedar, cinnamon, damp earth, cassis, and black cherry. Textured and savory on the palate, this sleek effort has enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years. It will provide prime drinking from 2011 to 2017. Sleight of Hand Cellars began in 2007 coming out of the chute with some superb values, wines which are easy to spot on retail shelves because of their bright, magician-themed labels. Tel. (509) 386-6566; www.sofhcellars.com

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