

WINES BY THE GLASS

Mont Marcal Brut Reserva Cava

2007 Spain \$7 glass \$27 bottle

Shenandoah Vineyards Riesling

2009 Edinburg, Virginia \$7 glass \$27 bottle

Barboursville Pinot Grigio

2008 Virginia \$8 glass \$31 bottle

Montinore Estate Borealis Northern Whites blend

2010 Willamette Valley, Oregon \$7 glass \$27 bottle *organically grown*

Michael Shaps Virginia Wineworks Viognier

2009 Virginia \$6 glass

Cooper Vineyards Chardonnay

2010 Louisa, Virginia \$8 glass \$31 bottle

Foris Chardonnay

2009 Illinois Valley, Oregon \$8 glass \$31 bottle

The Crusher Pinot Noir

2009 Clarksburg, California \$8 glass \$31 bottle

Don Manuel Villafane Malbec

2010 Mendoza, Argentina \$8 glass \$31 bottle

Juan Gil Honoro Vera Monastrell

2010 Jumilla, Spain \$7 glass \$29 bottle

La Tersande Grenache and Syrah blend

2010 Côteaux de Peyriac, France \$7 glass \$27 bottle *organically grown*

Red4 Syrah, Petit Syrah, Monastrell and Grenache blend

2008 Paso Robles, California \$8 glass \$32 bottle

Prince Michel Arete Merlot and Cabernet blend

2006 Virginia \$6 glass \$25 bottle

Sivas Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon

2009 Sonoma County, California \$8 glass \$31 bottle

Jim Barry Cover Drive Cabernet Sauvignon

2008 Coonawarra, Australia \$9 glass \$35 bottle



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Virginia Whites

- Jefferson Vineyards Pinot Grigio** Monticello 2010 \$32
Melons and lemon peel on the nose, followed by bright, polished acidity carrying flavors of the same, as well as honeysuckle and grapefruit.
- Prince Michel Arete Chardonnay** Monticello 2008 \$30
This wine is medium bodied, and nuanced with 85% fermented in stainless steel and 15% fermented in oak. No malolactic fermentation maintains good fruit with an appealing freshness and an excellent balance of fruit, oak and acid.
- CrossKeys Vineyard Chardonnay** Shenandoah Valley 2008 \$33
This delightful wine was barrel-fermented in new and used French oak for nine months. Pale straw in color with a bouquet of apple, flowers, honey and vanilla. This wine has a clean acidity and rich mouth-feel.
- Barboursville Reserve Viognier** Barboursville 2008 \$37
An exceptionally articulate varietal expression of Viognier with no malolactic fermentation, yet with extended aging on lees in stainless steel. The wine captures a generous concentration of aromas and bright flavors of juicy pear, passion fruit, and hints of citrus on a gently herbal frame.
- Montdomain Chardonnay** Monticello 2009 \$38
From Albemarle's earliest Farm Winery in the heart of the Monticello AVA. This old vine, single vineyard, 100% chardonnay is crafted by Virginia's foremost winemaker, Michael Shaps. Utilizing old French Oak cooperage, the oaking is minimal, allowing interesting citrus effects.
- Jefferson Vineyards Reserve Chardonnay** Monticello 2008 \$40
While at first showing crisp mineral aromas, the nose is quickly enveloped in bright citrus, apple and lemon peel. The palate shows intense fruits, underpinned by crisp minerality and balanced by tingling acidity and a broad rich mouthfeel.

Chardonnay

- Terres Dorees Beaujolais Blanc** Beaujolais, France 2009 \$30
Proprietor Jean Paul Brun is a believer in using only the vineyard's wild yeast, rather than the synthetic yeasts used by most other producers. His beautiful wines are favorites among purists. With a formidable sense of underlying density and mysterious minerality, allied to luscious, vivacious peach and lime fruit, it displays a fine sense of and finishes with irresistible juiciness.
- Gruet** Engle, New Mexico 2009 \$30
Styled after the white Burgundies of the Côtes d'Or, this lovely Chardonnay is a delicate lemon yellow. Fermented in a combination of new, one, and two-year old French oak barrels, it has notes of bright apple, lemon and cream aromas, with mineral and toasty oak highlights. Complex and layered with round mouth-filling flavors of rich pear, apple and honeysuckle filling the palate. No malo-lactic fermentation, vibrant citrus highlight the long finish.
- Domaine des Gerbeaux Pouilly Fuisse** Burgundy, France 2009 \$45
Not to be confused with Pouilly-Fumé from the Loire Valley (made from Sauvignon Blanc), Pouilly- Fuissé is firmly Burgundian and made from 100% Chardonnay. This great example exhibits bright lemon acidity. On the palate a rounded creamy mouthfeel is detected, with integrated oak and wonderful balance. Pear and apple characters marry happily with a freshening citrus streak on the elegant finish.
- Stuhlmuller** Sonoma, California 2008 \$45
From its lemon-green color to its aromas of Bartlett pear, Meyer lemon peel, hard lemon candy, clove and honeysuckle, this wine offers a captivating first impression. On the palate, it is lushly textured and full-bodied, displaying flavors of poached pear and lime custard, alongside brown baking spices and Stuhlmuller Vineyard's signature wet stone minerality.

Melville Santa Ynez Valley, California 2007 \$53
Lemon zest, sea air, chalk and jasmine aromas swirl around a core of peach and jicama, continuing onto the palate. The citrus notes gain strength on the clean, juicy, impressively persistent finish. Using estate fruit from the winery's Santa Rita Hills vineyards, the wine is barrel fermented, but only undergoes partial malo, from a wonderful tension between cool-climate acidity and mid-palate creaminess.

Oakville Ranch Napa Valley, California 2006 \$53
Oakville Ranch is a Chardonnay for the purist – crisp, natural acidity, and the ranch's signature "minerality" are framed with a dash of nicely integrated oak. A touch earthy, with a green live edge to the rustic citrus and pithy grapefruit notes, reflecting burgundian complexity so seldomly found in California Chardonnay.

Luca Mendoza, Argentina 2007 \$53
The Chardonnay has arguably been one of the 3-4 best produced in Argentina for a number of years and the 2007 Chardonnay is no exception. It was 100% barrel-fermented, went through full malolactic fermentation, and was aged for 12 months in 50% new French oak on its lees. Light gold-colored, it has an outstanding bouquet of spiced apple and poached pear, with tropical fruits in the background. Medium to full-bodied, mineral and oak notes emerge on the palate accompanied by lively acidity, layered flavors, and excellent balance.

Elizabeth Spencer Sonoma, California 2008 \$55
On the palate, a bright acidity contributes to an impression of freshness as the wine's intensity heightens. Rich without becoming weighty or cloying, the wine displays mouth-watering flavors of stone fruit, apple blossom, pomelo and lemon meringue. Flavors are interwoven to a finish at once persistent and clean.

Flowers Sonoma Coast, California 2008 \$70
This is a chardonnay of balanced depth and complexity with a crisp acidity. Medium bodied with aromas of white peach and lime citrus. Stone minerals and luscious melon equally contend for attention in this mouth filling and delicious wine, while the lean acidity refreshes the palate.

Patz & Hall Dutton Ranch Russian River Valley, California 2009 \$75
A product of another exceptional growing season, this wine balances the flamboyant character often associated with a warmer vintage, with the bright acidity and sleek minerality more common in cooler years. The use of a little more wild yeast in '09 has also accentuated layers of hazelnut, graham cracker and peach cobbler in the aromatics. On the palate, this is one of the richest expressions of Dutton Ranch Chardonnay we have produced, highlighting lush flavors of peach, pear, green apple and marzipan.

Signorello Estate Napa Valley, California 2007 \$84
The 2007 Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes is fashioned from 30-year old Chardonnay vines planted along the Silverado Trail. Its attractive nectarine, orange marmalade, and white peach-scented bouquet is followed by a full-bodied white exhibiting crisp acidity, good underlying minerality, and a subtle touch of oak. It, too, can be drunk over the next 2-3 years." - Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

Pinot Grigio

Frattina Pinot Grigio Friuli, Italy 2010 \$33
From the vineyard Quartarezza comes a wine of a pale straw-colored yellow with a full prominent fragrance reminiscent of walnut marrow and a refined aroma of fresh hay and wild honey. The taste is dry, flavorful and full with a fruity aroma and an elegant lingering finish of toasted hazelnuts. A fine complement served with antipasti, fish, and light white meats.

Elk Cove Pinot Gris Willamette Valley, Oregon 2010 \$37
 If you've yet to try Pinot Gris from Oregon, this is a great place to start. The 2010 is quite similar to the spectacular 2008 vintage, with the same lower yields and fully-ripe fruit at lower sugar and higher acidity, two critical things when you're talking Pinot Gris. The wine had sweet, perfumey aromatics and flavors of grapefruits, white flowers and nectarines, with the rich mid-palate but overall crisp character. Fresh acidity, and flavors of baking spice and ripe peaches linger on the palate, Elk Cove's 2010 Estate Pinot Gris is a definite crowd pleaser

Maso Poli Trentino, Italy 2009 \$40
 This luminous Pinot Grigio offers a beautifully perfumed bouquet as well as structure and staying power. An open, floral bouquet leads to ripe, round fruit as this gorgeous white caresses the palate all the way through to the harmonious, polished finish. A small percentage of the wine is aged in oak and this adds density and complexity.

Sauvignon Blanc

Mantel Blanco Rueda, Spain 2010 \$25
 A modern Sauvignon Blanc, the Mantel Blanco is pale green in color, with aromas of apple, pear and ripe citrus. The crisp, herbaceous palate showcases rounded citrus notes, reminiscent of a Bordeaux style Sauvignon Blanc along with a long, juicy finish.

Joel Gott Napa Valley, California 2009 \$25
 Aging this well-balanced Sauvignon Blanc in stainless steel preserves the intense fruit aromas and flavors without the cloaking presence of malolactic fermentation. Bright, crisp, dry and clean. It has rich flavors of tart citrus fruits, minerals and white flowers. A very pleasant and versatile wine.

Babich New Zealand 2011 \$27
 This is a rich, intensely flavored Sauvignon Blanc that proves a versatile partner for many dishes. Delicate floral notes intermingle with ripe melon and apple on the nose. The palate is focused, though soft and generous, showing good concentration of tropical fruits and granny smith apples. Well balanced acidity leaves a crisp and refreshing finish.

Clos Pegase Napa Valley, California 2008 \$36
 Lightly oaked in style, complex and full bodied, supple in texture, and intensely flavored. Firm acidity and a long finish, tasting of spicy oak, lemon peel, vanilla, grapefruit, and lemon grass.

Riesling

Joseph Pfister Reserve Alsace, France 2008 \$34
 A beautiful dry French Riesling with notes of pear, green apple, lemon citrus mixed with wet stone and ripe apricot. Clean and round; very refreshing.

Gunther Steinmetz Mosel, Germany 2009 \$37
 An exquisite sweetness balanced by crisp acidity, which itself is less noticeable as an acidic sensation but more like sense of vibrancy. That exactly is the beauty of this wine: the perfect balance within its complexity. The acidity is high, the minerality pronounced, yet the wine is round and elegant. The juicy peach and tangerine are met by a hint of nuttiness towards the finish.

Clemens Busch Mosel, Germany 2009 \$38
 A biodynamic wine full of tension and yet so elegant and almost light. Fresh and fruit-driven typical Mosel Riesling with intense minerality grown on red slate terraces. Dry on the palate, the minerality dominates clearly while the flavor is brimming with stones and fleshy peach fruit.

Sparkling and Other Whites

- Domaine de la Bergerie Anjou Blanc** Loire Valley, France 2008 \$22
Big lively fruit with a healthy mixture of white peaches, apricots, pears and mango, and delicious crispness to compliment. Blended 80% Chenin Blanc and 20% Chardonnay, the qualities and characters of these two grapes compliment one another perfectly.
- Musva Sparkling Moscatel** Valencia, Spain NV \$25
Valencia is surrounded by orange trees and this sparkling moscatel seems to capture the aroma of them all in bloom. Notes of white flowers, nectarine and wild herbs complement the flavors of orange blossoms.
- Foris Gewürztraminer** Rogue Valley, Oregon 2009 \$25
Classic Gewürztraminer nose of rose petal and lychee, as well as stone fruits and lemongrass. The palate shows good concentration but stays fresh and lively due to its crisp acidity.
- Cantine Riondo "Pink" Prosecco Raboso** Veneto, Italy NV \$27
Delicate red berries and fresh herbs on the nose; crisp, prickly and fresh on the palate, subtle fruit shaped by good acidity. Pale rosy pink in color with a distant hint of fresh-fruit sweetness, but with the tart acidity and a pleasant dry finish. This elegant bubbly will be a real treat for alfresco sipping before or after dinner or paired with dinner salads and veggie dishes.
- The Furst Gewürtztraminer** Alsace, France 2008 \$30
Aromas of litchees and roses, with a full-bodied, creamy texture. Good, fresh-fruit acidity and a distinct spiciness on the palate.
- Chateau Gaillard Cremant de Loire Brut** France NV \$30
The Chateau Gaillard vineyard is cultivated according to biodynamic agriculture's methods in order to protect the ancestral wine quality of this vineyard. The grapes are carefully hand-picked in small baskets, a blend of Chenin (60%) and Chardonnay (40%) for a better balance and richness. Slightly blush in color with notes of honey and crab apple. Round and fruity on the palate with small and persistent bubbles, it has a long aftertaste.
- Bethel Heights Pinot Blanc** Willamette Valley, Oregon 2008 \$33
Estate grown, certified sustainable. Primary aromas of deep mineral, wet stone, citrus and white peach. The palate is a dense concentration of peach, golden delicious apples, and flint, framed by firm acidity.
- Fidelitas Semillon** Columbia Valley, Washington 2007 \$37
A crisp and viscous wine, balanced fruit and oak with pear and fresh fig aromas. Its rich, full finish is the result of sur lies aging for seven months in small, French oak barrels. A perfect companion to scallops, chicken-all food light and delicious.
- Rudera 'Tradition'** Stellenbosch, South Africa 2009 \$37
De Tradisie is an elegant, barrel-fermented 100% Chenin Blanc, made in a dry, refreshing style. Complex nose of pineapple, rose petals and orange blossoms. The tropical, citrus flavours follow through on the palate, with oranges leading grapefruit, quince and cinnamon onto a rich but refreshing palate. It is a well-balanced wine with great integration of oak and a lovely long and crisp finish.
- Rudera 'Robusto'** Stellenbosch, South Africa 2008 \$39
Robusto is a bold, barrel-fermented Chenin Blanc, made in a richer, full-bodied style. From the first release in 2000 the Robusto has set the pace for serious Chenin Blanc in South Africa. Quince and grapefruit bouquet, with fresh fruit salad and pineapple on the nose and it follows through on the palate. Good crisp acidity balances the sweet fruit flavours. A taut yet big wine with structure, texture and length will reward aging.

Beckmen Le Bec Blanc Santa Ynez Valley, California 2008 \$40

A unique blend of white Rhône varietals, including a small block of Roussanne. After several years of biodynamic farming at Purisima Mountain Vineyard, this block has literally been revived, and is producing the finest Roussanne we have ever seen. When combined with 45 percent Marsanne and 10 percent Grenache Blanc, the result is a rich and viscous white, with lush layers of pineapple, apricot, beeswax, lemon and crème brûlée.

Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut California NV \$42

Founded in 1981, Roederer Estate is nestled in Mendocino County's cool, fog-shrouded Anderson Valley. As the California outpost of Champagne Louis Roederer, Roederer Estate builds upon a centuries-old tradition of fine winemaking. Complex minerality runs through this sparkler, tinged with sweet vanilla and strawberry flavors, but not overtly fruity. With light richness and firm acidity.

Taittinger "La Francaise" Brut France NV \$83

"A rich Champagne, beautifully elegant, touched by yellow fruits, apples and just the right amount of weight. There are final hints of toast, spice and creamy coconut milk, giving a Champagne that is as much about wine as about bubbles." 91 points Wine Enthusiast

Perrier-Jouët "Grand Brut" France NV \$86

"This is what you expect a prestige Champagne to look, smell and taste like. Poised and stylish, it layers sharp citrus fruit with spicy wood and light toast. Layers of citrus, tangerine and flower blossoms unfold elegantly; lime and grapefruit accents add interest, and above all it comports itself with impeccable balance, precision and grace." 93 points Wine Enthusiast

Dom Perignon France 1998 \$220

A stronger vintage than expected, the 1998 Dom Perignon exhibits aromas and flavors of lemon oil, orange rind, and brioche in a medium-bodied, zesty, rich, moderately intense style.

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Virginia Red Wines

- B4 Barboursville Cabernet** Barboursville 2009 \$30
This elegant red is complex and inviting, showing currant, mint and herbal tones. Twelve months of oak aging produce a well balanced structure with supple and refined tannins.
- D4 Cross Keys Vineyards Meritage** Shenandoah Valley 2008 \$33
Gold Ribbon at 2010 State Fair of Virginia Wine Competition. This classic blend of 43% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 27% Petit Verdot has great red fruit extraction and smooth connected tannins. Fifteen months in new and used oak give the wine a smooth, velvety finish with notes of vanilla and spice.
- B6 Vint Hill Cabernet** Vint Hill 2008 \$35
Hints of black cherry on the nose giving way to ripe plum and blackberries on the palate. Big mouth feel with layers of complex tannins.
- D6 Cross Keys Vineyards Petit Verdot** Shenandoah Valley 2009 \$35
Ten months aging in a combination of French & American oak gives this rich, garnet-colored wine a softness and roundness that is balanced by a sound tannic structure. A nose of blackberry and clove with hints of spiciness on the palate make a great pairing with bold, grilled flavors, red meat, or strong blue cheese. An excellent wine to pair with chocolate.
- C3 Cave Ridge Red Silk Cabernet Franc** Mt. Jackson 2007 \$35
Winner of a Silver Medal at 2010 Governor's Cup, Red Competition. Herbs and cocoa on the nose with medium to light palate of blueberry, menthol, and spice.
- E7 La Grange Tannat** Haymarket 2008 \$38
A full bodied red, well balanced with lush dark fruits, black cherry and cedar. Balanced with moderate acidity, subtle tannic structure and a spicy finish.

BIN # Merlot

- A1 Independent Producers** Columbia Valley, WA 2009 \$25
This 100% Merlot from Washington state can easily be mistaken as a fine French Bordeaux if you are looking at the bottle and label. The House of Independent Producers focuses on the terroir for this medium bodied red wine. An approachable, wine, full of blueberry, cherry, earth tones, pencil lead and flint. With soft tannins this is flavorful and enjoyable Merlot that is reminiscent of a fine French wine in texture and flavor.
- A3 Eagle Eye Merlot** Napa Valley, California 2005 \$44
Eagle Eye Merlot 2005 is from the famous Truchard Vineyards in Carneros. The 10% Cabernet Sauvignon adds a wonderful balance and harmony. Ripe, vivid blackberry, black cherry and currant flavors are rich and vibrant yet firm and structured. The bright red fruits explode on your palate and provide you with a long, lingering finish with soft tannins and complexity.
- A7 Northstar Merlot** Columbia Valley, Washington 2007 \$60
Dense and chewy, featuring a sweetness and suppleness that make the earthy cherry and blackberry flavors weave through the tannins, emerging on the long finish with finesse.
- Cellar Minor Family Stagecoach Vineyard** Napa Valley, California 2007 \$75
Minor is a dynamic, family-owned winery tucked along the eastern hills of the Oakville appellation in the heart of Napa Valley. Challenged by the rocky volcanic soils of this mountainous vineyard site, the vines at Stagecoach produce fruit of extraordinary quality and intensity. Loaded with rich ripe fruit and spice notes, touches of toasty oak and grip from the fine tannins on the lengthy finish.

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Cabernet Sauvignon

- D2 D'Arenberg High Trellis** McLaren Vale, Australia 2008 \$33
This is a wonderfully structured and varietal Cabernet with very subtle oak, which is refreshing. The nose is full of blackcurrant with a lovely mint leaf lift and a spicy undertone. The characters are ripe, yet remain balanced. Dark plum and red fruits and a savory mid palate emerges with soil characters, hints of coffee, black olive and more spice framed well by fine gravelly tannins and just a hint of oak.
- E3 Yalumba The Scribbler** Barossa Valley, Australia 2009 \$37
Made from a blend of 65% Cabernet and 35% Shiraz, shows excellent concentration and lift on the nose, with redcurrant fruits, spices and licorice complementing fresh floral aromatics of herbs and mints.
- E5 Black Stallion Cabernet** Napa Valley, California 2009 \$37
This seductive Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromas of dark cherry, plum and baking spice with flavors of berry jam and dark chocolate. It has a lingering finish with plush, supple tannins.
- R5 Seventy Five Wine Company "The Sum"** Napa Valley, CA 2008 \$40
Amazingly well endowed and profoundly rich, this wine truly showcases the potential of blending (75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah and 10% Petite Sirah). The nose gives off focused aromas of ripe stone fruit, vanilla, cedar cigar box and cinnamon. In the mouth, there are layers upon layers of broad, sweet opulent fruit balanced by firm tannins, great acidity and oak.
- B2 Marietta Cellars** Alexander Valley, California 2008 \$40
Full bodied with a touch of elegance, the nose is classic Cabernet with rich black currant, cassis, and dark cherry fruit aromas. In the background mild oak and spice mix with a hint of sweet menthol-like herbs. Prominent, bright black currant flavors are balanced by lively acidity and firm, lasting tannins to create a textured, mouth coating finish. This big wine is supple enough to enjoy now.
- E1 Live Wire** Napa Valley, California 2007 \$42
Dark fruit flavors of blackberry and plum burst at the nose offering up rich aromas, and dark fruit characteristics of cherry follow on the palate, finishing with narrow hints of licorice. Full of concentrated depth and fine tannins.
- C1 Freemark Abbey** Napa Valley, California 2007 \$65
The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of fruit (79% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest mostly Merlot and tiny dollops of Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc) from estate vineyards. Classic aromas of cedar wood, roasted herbs, dark cherries and white chocolate emerge from this spicy, medium-bodied Cabernet. Approachable now, with decanting. It should provide plenty of pleasure over the next decade. The oak is well integrated with a slight nuance of aromatic cedar.
- C5 Terra Valentine Spring Mountain District** Napa Valley, CA 2006 \$72
Most wineries find themselves fortunate to have one estate vineyard. Terra Valentine is lucky enough to have two - Wurtele and Yverdon - to capture the best of Spring Mountain. Plum, violet and chocolaty aromas. Intense, with spicy, loamy earth, mineral and pebble notes mixed with dried currant and blackberry fruit. Full-bodied and tannic, yet the flavors push through on the finish.
- C7 Sequoia Grove** Napa Valley, California 2008 \$75
Dark black in color, the nose gives aromas of red cherry and blackberries with vanilla, nutmeg, and cigar box notes. The palate has a big, round silky arc with smooth tannins and impeccable balance. Flavors of blackberry and spice blend into a smoky finish.

- Cellar **Frog's Leap** Napa Valley, California 2008 \$80
 The classic Rutherford characters of earth and dust are present in this 2008 Frogs' Leap Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of cassis and currant combine with a mineral tone and a touch of warm spices. Across the palate rich black cherry flavors are enhanced with notes of pomegranate, spice, cedar and green olive. Elegant and soft, this wine's plush texture is balanced by firm yet yielding tannins and a bright acidity.
- Cellar **Chateau Montelena** Napa Valley, California 2007 \$80
 The deep intensity of the dark ruby color hints at the great extraction of this 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet. The nose is layered with ripe plum, blackberry, dried black currant and rich cocoa. In addition, there are undertones of earth, leather and vanilla, along with a light rose top note. Bright acid and fresh red fruit flavors open the palate, leading the way to big ripe cherry mid-palate, and mellow barrel tones. The wine is rich and mouth filling with good layers, good persistence and depth, and culminating in a nice spicy ripe fruit finish. This Cabernet shows excellent mouthfeel and weight throughout, thanks to the beautiful structure of firm fine-grain tannin.
- Cellar **Oakville Ranch** Napa Valley, California 2006 \$84
 Lively in the mouth with perfectly ripe, round fruit, a juicy core and aromas of dried herb and exotic spice. "The sleeper 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon offers impressive notes of creme de cassis, camphor, cedar, and subtle roasted herbs. Deep, full-bodied, and rich with velvety tannin and an opulent personality, this beautiful 2006 can be drunk now or cellared for 12-15 years. Moreover, its a relative bargain in the luxury priced Napa sweepstakes."
 Robert Parker
- Cellar **Allora Tresca** Napa Valley, California 2004 \$90
 Allora Tresca Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautiful Bordeaux blend from the Napa Valley (82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc) all from Allora's estate vineyards in St. Helena. A mere 472 cases were produced! Allora Tresca Cabernet Sauvignon is deep ruby red with a nose of blackberries, cherries, cassis, chocolate and spice. This wine offers rich flavors of raspberry, blackberry, cherry, chocolate, and toasted nuts. It was aged 20 months in new French oak barrels. It is silky and lush on the lingering finish. Enjoy Allora Tresca with lamb chops, filet mignon, NY Strip or Ribeye.
- Cellar **Ramey** Napa Valley, California 2007 \$93
 The final bottling from the extraordinary Larkmead Vineyard, it boasts a dense purple color as well as a big, sweet bouquet of blueberry and black currant fruit intertwined with licorice, bay leaf, cedar and fruitcake notes. Full-bodied and opulent, this precocious 2007 is drinkable now.
- Cellar **Arietta Quartet** Napa Valley, California 2008 \$94
 This third vintage of Arietta Quartet, a blend (62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, and 2% Petit Verdot) is selected from top lots sourced from Arietta's ten blocks of Bordeaux varietals located in the cooler climates of Napa Valley. Forward, lifted aromas of blueberry, raspberry, flint and baking spice are immediately apparent in the glass. Displaying polished tannins, the Arietta Quartet is soft on entry, with the fruit flavors building on the palate to a long, rich finish.
- Cellar **Bourassa Symphony3** Napa Valley, California 2005 \$99
 Dense ruby in color, rich raspberry and hints of chocolate and blackberry fruit flavors fill the palette with smoky toasted oak in the background. There is a smooth vanilla sweetness present to round out the finish. Complex, rich and lush, the young and compact black currant and dried cherry flavors are enhanced by scents of caramel, slate and herbal hints. Tastes of plum, chocolate, and oak are evident throughout.
- Cellar **Signorello Vineyards** Napa Valley, California 2007 \$100
 Shows plenty of good Cabernet varietal character in the blackberry and black currant flavors, with savory cherry and violet notes that must come from additions of Cabernet Franc and Merlot. The all important tannins are super soft and mellow, while acidity also is soft. Enjoy this decadent wine now and through 2015.

Cellar **Shafer 'One Point Five'** Stags Leap, California 2008 \$142
This is a big, full-bodied Stags Leap Cabernet offering abundant notes of roasted herbs, chocolate, cassis, incense and earth. Balanced and delicious now, full and silky with ripe berries and spices. Aged in 100% new French oak, but the smoky wood overlay is seamless. Finishes with broad, dusty, palate-saturating tannins.

BIN # France

- O5 **Domaine La Guinrandy Visan** Cotes du Rhone 2009 \$33
Dark ruby with violet highlights, blend of old vine Grenache (90%) and Syrah (10%). Spicy nose of red fruits. Well structured on the palate with cherry, prune and spice. Harmonious, long finish. Barrel aged and bottled without filtration.
- M7 **Chateau des Laurets St. Emilion** Bordeaux 2008 \$42
This dry and ruby colored red showcases a complex nose releasing woody, spicy and fruity scents. You will be charmed with this full-bodied wine revealing a broad texture, firm tannins and a long finish. Excellent with beef, lamb and hard cheeses.
- N6 **Chapoutier Petite Rouche** Crozes-Hermitage 2008 \$48
Syrah combines a meaty core of ripe berry fruits including red fruits, blackcurrant and raspberry. Fresh and round tasting with a finish of stewed fruits all in finess.
- Cellar **Chateau Le Puy Bordeaux** Bordeaux 2006 \$62
Château le Puy 2006 has a garnet-red color. Ripe red fruit on the nose, blackcurrant, redcurrant, roasted almonds, sour cherries, oaky vanilla and hints of wild mushrooms. Medium to full bodied and concentrated with velvety tannins. Flavors of currants, red apple and black pepper.
- Cellar **Domaine Les Pallieres** Gigondas 2006 \$67
This well-known Gigondas holding, source of legendary wines from the 1960s and '70s, is now co-owned by the Châteauneuf du Pape estate Vieux Telegraphe and American importer Kermit Lynch. The current ownership is clearly committed to recapturing the estate's past glories. Hugely seductive aromas of red berries, rose and incense. Vibrant strawberry and raspberry flavors are finely etched and strikingly sweet, with energetic minerality adding clarity and lift. A remarkably elegant Gigondas with the pure sex appeal to enjoy in its youth but also the balance to repay cellaring. A must purchase for southern Rhone freaks.
- Cellar **Chateau Rausan Segla Margaux** Bordeaux 2006 \$83
A big, ripe chocolate-flavored wine with spice, new wood and a smooth, polished character. Rich, with black currant jelly flavors, the richness is balanced with a lively freshness and subtlety in its tannins. The finish is long, the flavors echoing the nose.
- Cellar **Faiveley Gevrey-Chambertin** Burgundy 2006 \$92
A brilliant dark ruby color. The expressive and complex nose has aromas of red fruits. The tannins are discreet and delicately blended into a balanced and well-rounded whole. This wine is all softness and elegance, with a long finish.

BIN # Pinot Noir

- F1 **Montinore Estate** Willamette Valley, Oregon 2010 \$37
Established in the early 1900s, Montinore has produced organic wines since 2001 and was certified biodynamic in 2008. The Pinot Noir is light bodied with black cherry and raspberry fruit, medium-high acidity, light tannins and a bit of mineral.
- F3 **Patricia Green Cellars Reserve** Willamette Valley, Oregon 2010 \$47
The fruit, structure and trademark full-bodied style are nicely balanced allowing the wine to be remarkably approachable and ready for early term drinking which is a goal of this wine. Fresh and mouthwatering with sweet black berry and savory cherry fruit flavors. There's also a bit of very appealing field herbs and earth in the mix with a smooth silky finish.

- F5 **Calera** Central Coast, California 2008 \$47
 Combines fruit from cool-climate vineyards in California's Monterey, San Benito and Santa Barbara Counties to produce this deliciously affordable, astonishingly complex and approachable wine. Layers of cherry, raspberry and blackberry fruit are woven together by a thread of mineral and Buddha's Hand citron notes. Both silky and savory with a nice acidic life and structured tannin foundation.
- J1 **Owen Roe Sharecropper's** Willamette Valley, Oregon 2009 \$50
 The fruit for this balanced Pinot Noir was sourced from several sites in the Northern Willamette Valley, predominately the Eola-Amity Hills and the Yamhill-Carlton District. The warm summer of 2009 yielded fruit ripe with dark cherry cola flavors and an undercurrent of earth and coffee bean.
- G2 **Belle Pente, Dundee Hills** Yamhill County, Oregon 2009 \$58
 In the glass, the Belle Pente is clear ruby red delivering an earthy tone at first that blew off in due course to reveal strawberry fruit and floral perfume. In the mouth, this is a terrifically well structured and balanced wine - wonderful red berry fruit, great acidity, and an amazing finish.
- J3 **Emeritus Hallberg Ranch** Russian River Valley, California 2008 \$62
 In 2008, Mother Nature tested us with fire and ice. The resulting wine is voluptuous, and flavorful with an opulent texture and darker flavors expressing its clonal traits. Supple tannins gives the wine an early approachability, highlighting charm, balance, and elegance — traits which exemplify Emeritus Pinot Noir.
- Cellar **Sequana Pinot Noir** Sonoma, California 2008 \$92
 This distinctive Pinot Noir's source is a tiny vineyard in cool Green Valley; the winegrower is James MacPhail, whose own MacPhail Pinot Noirs are so good. The wine itself is dry and silky and firm in acidity, yet soft in fine tannins. You might call it noble. Eruptive with cherries, sweet smoky bacon, raspberry granola and oaky sandalwood. Gorgeous, seductive and brilliant, a truly great Pinot Noir that is impeccable now.
- Cellar **Pali Fiddlestix Vineyard** Santa Rita Hills, California 2009 \$95
 Medium ruby in color with an expressive nose of bing cherry, cranberry, blueberry, and iron. The palate is pure and layered, with black cherry, berry, briar and graphite notes backed up by lush tannin and good acidity. This is a rich wine that remains light on its feet, a beautiful combination of juicy fruit and classic Pinot flavors.
- Cellar **Domaine Serene "Evenstad Reserve"** Willamette Valley, Oregon 2006 \$108
 Smoky red and dark berry aromas are complicated by suggestions of cola and cocoa powder. Round, fleshy, slightly sweet black raspberry and cherry-cola flavors show a touch of warmth and no rough edges. This rich, velvety wine finishes with echoing smokiness and good length

BIN #

Malbec

- H7 **Bodega Weinert "Carrascal"** Mendoza, Argentina 2008 \$30
 A blend of 45% Malbec, 35% Merlot and 20% Cabernet, this is a savory, red fruited wine, more reminiscent of the South of France than south of the equator. Earthy and a bit leathery, mellow and sturdy, with lighter tannins and hints of herbs to go with finely roasted berry and baked fruit. Integrated, long and spicy late.
- I6 **Laposta Malbec** Argentina 2009 \$30
 Brooding aromas and flavors of plum and dark raspberry, with a whiff of pepper. Silky and seamless in texture, but with good energy and clarity giving the wine some inner-mouth complexity. Finishes with suave tannins and very good sneaky length.
- H5 **Gamela Reserva** Mendoza, Argentina 2009 \$40
 Hand picked from the Lavaque's finest vineyard in Mendoza. Berry fruits on the nose and saturated, rich color. The estate grown wine is aged for 18 months in small French oak barrels, adding complexity. Dark fruit and hints of tobacco on the palate.

G6 Trisagio Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina 2006 \$41
From Benvenuto de la Serna, a blend of Malbec, Tannat, and Petit Verdot aged for 18 months in new French oak. Purple in color, it reveals black fruit compote in its brooding nose leading to a rich, layered, structured, wine with gobs of flavor and enough stuffing to evolve for another 4-6 years.

F7 Susanna Balboa Malbec Mendoza, Argentina 2009 \$52
Beautiful deep violet color with exploding aromas of blackberry, black cherry, and violets framed by hints of oak and mint. The wonderful aromas are mirrored on the palate, and they are joined by ripe plum fruit and a hint of toasty vanilla, bittersweet chocolate, and a hint of mint on the finish.

BIN # **Zinfandel**

H3 Manifesto Lodi, California 2009 \$28
Ruby red in color with a nose full of red raspberry, bright cherry, blackberry, and plum with secondary aromas of orange peel, rose petal and Asian spice. Mouth full of ripe cherry, raspberry, blackberry, and stone fruit. Long finish with secondary flavors of blackberry pie and a hint of baker's chocolate.

J7 Three Old Vine Zinfandel Contra Costa County, CA 2008 \$31
A blend of 76% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah, 6% Carignane, 4% Mataro, and 2% Alicante Bouschet sourced from ancient vineyards in Contra Costa County. With an average age of vines over 100 years, of which all are still being dry-farmed. There is a concentration of ripe blackberries and spice with a minerality sneaking through. The overall balance, shows winemaker Matt Cline's "ripe but with restraint" style.

I4 Hullabaloo Zinfandel Napa Valley, California 2009 \$37
Taking advantage of some strong old timer grower relations, we have been able to source some wonderful old vine Zinfandel from several Napa Valley vineyards. The 2009 Hullabaloo displays classic Zinfandel characteristics of fresh cracked pepper, raspberries, black cherries and briery fruit. Full-bodied with plush textures and good acidity as well as a nice mouthfeel

J5 Peter Franus Brandlin Vineyard Napa Valley, CA 2006 \$63
Medium ruby in color, the aromas offer blueberry, allspice, and black cherry notes, made more complex by that Brandlin terroir of mineral and earth. Toasty French oak integrates and elevates the nose, while enhancing the structure and tannin profile of the wine. This is a vibrant, lively, and refreshing wine that invites another glass, and perhaps even a third!

I2 Orin Swift The Prisoner Napa Valley, California 2009 \$67
Mostly Zinfandel, complimented with 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Syrah, 7% Petite Sirah, 3% Charbono, 1% Grenache and 1% Malbec. This dark purple colored blend opens with a mild blackberry, earthy, and smoky oak bouquet. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, balanced, and savory. The flavor profile is a tasty black raspberry and plum blended with notes of black pepper and hint of cherry vanilla. The finish is dry with gentle, dusty tannins.

BIN # **Shiraz/Syrah**

L6 Corvidae Lenore Syrah Columbia Valley, Washington 2008 \$30
From Owen Roe Wines, made from rich, juicy fruit (95% Syrah and 5% Grenache), the Cordivae Lenore is a crowd pleaser. Dark and brooding, indulgently lush, this deep purple juice captivates with spice, seductive jammy fruit and a supple texture.

M3 Pyrenees Shiraz Victoria, Australia 2005 \$37
Intense spice, cinnamon and plum characters are in perfect harmony. The lush mid-palate, filled with crushed black pepper, currant and blackberry, is complemented by well balanced tannins. This wine will complement roast lamb and beef, all barbecued meats and some game dishes.

- M5 **Owen Roe Ex Umbris** Columbia Valley, Washington 2008 \$47
 'Ex Umbris' is Latin for 'out of the shadows'. Originally made due to a wildfire that resulted in tremendously smoky grapes, this wine has become a signature Syrah. Deep plum and dark cherry perfume precedes the velvety texture with bushels of blackberry, peppercorn and black licorice playing against plush tannins.
- L4 **Amavi Cellars Syrah** Walla Walla, Washington 2008 \$53
 Beautifully fragrant, with intense, polished berry and currant fruit flavors, more than a light sniff of fresh mushroom and lovely herbs. This is a truly remarkable effort, elegant and complex. Sustainable Viticulture
- N4 **D'Arenberg "Laughing Magpie" Shiraz** McLaren Vale, Australia 2007 \$57
 The opaque purple-colored 2007 Laughing Magpie Shiraz (90%)-Viognier (10%) offers up an expressive bouquet of smoke, mineral, violets, and wild blueberry. Medium-to full-bodied on the palate, it has tons of ripe blue fruits and spice notes.
- Cellar **Samsara Ampelos Syrah** Napa Valley, California 2007 \$94
 Opaque purple and exotically scented bouquet of boysenberry, cherry-cola and oak spices. Rich, intense and concentrated with abundant amounts of black fruits intermixed around firm, beefy, peppery wild berry, mineral and sage. A ripe and full-bodied wine with a lush and creamy texture. Picks up notes of black olive and black pepper with air and finishes with excellent clarity and sweet persistence.

BIN #

Spain

- L2 **Borsao Tres Picos** Campo de Borja 2010 \$30
 Big, ripe fruit welcomes you as only low yields of Garnacha can express. Less than two tons per acre are harvested from the warm slopes of Moncayo and the results are rich and forthcoming; the palate is awash in the spiced plums on the nose and bring on blackberries, mulling spices, a sweet leathery top note and vivacious acidity.
- K3 **Cellers Can Blau** Montsant 2009 \$30
 A blend of 40% Carinena, 40% Syrah, and 20% Garnacha aged for 12 months in French oak. Wood smoke, spice box, incense, lavender, black cherry and plum aromas are followed by a mouth-filling, round, dense wine with outstanding grip and length. It over-delivers in a big way.
- K1 **Juan Gill - Monastrell** Jumilla 2008 \$30
 Opaque purple, with blueberry, boysenberry and smoky Indian spices on the nose. Juicy, sweet dark berry flavors are framed by velvety tannins and enlivened by zesty minerality. Gains depth and fleshiness with air, finishing on a strong boysenberry note, with excellent sappy persistence. This is delicious right now.
- K5 **Federico Tinto Roble** Ribera del Duero 2008 \$32
 Lots of flavor and Tempranillo character in this wine, an unbelievable value that should appeal to Spanish wine drinkers and many others as well. The quality of the wine shows: savory dark cherry flavors show themselves on a rich, mouth filling frame, combined with hints of vanilla and spice from the American oak.
- M1 **Castillo Perelada 5 Fincas** Empordà 2005 \$32
 Castillo Perelada owns 5 Vineyards in the north-eastern corner of Spain, each of them with their own geological conditions. The 5 Fincas, or farms is a blended red of Merlot , Garnacha, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Tempranillo and Cabernet Franc. Intense and enveloping aroma of ripe fruit, with spicy and roasted notes. It reaches great volume in the mouth. It is fleshy, well-structured with fresh acidity and silky tannins.

- O3 Venta la Ossa** La Mancha 2008 \$32
 95% Tempranillo and 5% Syrah aged in new French oak for 12 months. This full-bodied, chewy red marries ripe fruit and toasty oak, with bold flavors of huckleberry, blackberry, chocolate and smoke. The wine opens in the glass to reveal spice notes of pepper, clove and sage with plenty of savory fruit. Firm tannins keep it focused, and iron and floral notes mingle on the finish.
- N2 Muga Reserva** Rioja 2007 \$45
 A modern Rioja blend (70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, 10% Mazuelo and Graciano) with an almost perfect mingling of red-berry fruit and toasted oak aromas on the nose. The fruit comes to the fore in the mouth and rounds off, with a supple, balanced overall effect.
- O1 Callejo Crianza** Ribera del Duero 2005 \$55
 Deep ruby in color with an explosively perfumed nose of black raspberry, cured tobacco, fresh rose and sexy oak spices. Lush but lively, with vivid red and dark berry, supple texture and a late hit of cola. Gains sweetness and energy on the finish.

BIN #

Italy

- S6 Fattoria Bibbiani Chianti Poggio Vignoso** Tuscany 2009 \$25
 Bibbiani's "wine of the people" (85% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo and 5% Malvasia). Poggio Vignoso is a simple, delightful food wine that can be enjoyed with virtually anything. Surprisingly firm, admirably balanced, with dried cherries and floral notes.
- T7 Cantele Primitivo** Puglia 2010 \$25
 The bouquet is mineral with undertones of cherries and plums. Soft tannins, good acidity and the soft mouth feel are characteristics of the bounty of Primitivo which was once a strong and rustic wine and is now one of elegance and nobility. Serve with red meats including lamb. Ideal partner for medium to well – seasoned cheese.
- P5 Damilano Barbera d'Asti** Piedmont 2009 \$30
 A big, powerful wine loaded with dark fruit, minerals and spices, showing terrific balance in a full-bodied, rewarding style. This is the second release from a recently acquired parcel in Asti, where Barbera is capable of reaching greater heights than just about anywhere else. Its high acidity makes it the perfect accompaniment to charcutière, hearty first courses, beef, game and medium-aged cheeses.

BIN #

Blends and other Reds

- P7 Château Musar "Jeune" Rouge** Bekaa Valley, Lebanon 2009 \$28
 Chateau Musar has been producing wine in Lebanon since the 1930s, and planted its vineyards in one of the world's oldest wine-producing regions. A blend of Cinsault, Carignan, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Delicate, earthy undertones accent flavors of raspberry, pomegranate, cherry and cranberries with spicy aromatics. Engaging on its own and a great choice to drink with lamb.
- K7 Apaltagua Envero Carmenere** Colchagua Valley, Chile 2009 \$28
 Made of old vine Carmenère and a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon. Envero's dark, rich fruit is complemented by eight months in French oak. It is characterized by juicy touches of raspberry and blueberry with a subtle aroma of tobacco and a delicate layer of oak. Pair with steak and chops.
- H1 Tablas Creek Patelin de Tablas** Paso Robles, California 2010 \$35
 A blend of four red Rhône varietals from seven top Rhône vineyards in Paso Robles, each vineyard selected for its quality. The blend marries the spice, mineral and structure of Syrah with generous fruit of Grenache, backbone of Mourvedre and the brightness of Counoise. Plump, mouthfilling, loaded with fruit and sheer character.

- G4 **Murrieta's Well The Spur** Livermore Valley, California 2009 \$37
 The Spur celebrates the esteemed art of blending, combining the best the vineyard has to offer to handcraft the most interesting and sumptuous wine possible. The unique varietal blend (54% Cabernet Sauvignon 23% Petit Verdot 10% Petite Sirah 9% Cabernet Franc 4% Malbec) displays enticing aromas and flavors of black cherry and blueberry, with hints of chocolate, anise, spice and toasted oak. Mature tannins and balanced acidity lead to a smooth, lingering finish.
- O7 **Marietta Cellars Petite Syrah** Alexander Valley, California 2008 \$37
 The deep color displays the degree of concentration in this wine; it is dense and lush while retaining great balance. Aromas of dark fruit are complimented by hints of cocoa, charcoal, dried herbs, and minerals. The round mouth shows blueberry and currant flavors. The finish has notes of earth and spiced chocolate along with rich layered tannins and firm acidity.
- T5 **Warwick Three Cape Ladies** Stellenbosch, South Africa 2009 \$40
 This blend brings the best of Pinotage to the classic French varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Dark berry and stewed fruit aromas fuse with spicy pepper flavors which compliment the full bodied ripe tannins.
- R7 **Three Carignane** Contra Costa, California 2007 \$42
 The 2007 vintage Carignane is a blend of 90% Carignane, 7% Petite Sirah, and 3% Zinfandel. The Lucchesi vineyard was established over 100 years ago and is still being dry-farmed and is on its own roots. There is a concentration of ripe black-cherries and spice. The Petite Sirah adds structure, color, and blue-fruit character. The Zinfandel adds a trace of raspberry flavor. This is a wine with big fruit flavor
- Q6 **Hedges Three Vineyards** Washington State 2008 \$45
 With a deep red color and aromas of oak, cedar box, spice and currants. A very well-made and balanced blend of 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 14% Syrah, 6% Malbec is reminiscent of Bordeaux. With firm, but elegant tannins, this finishes long and lush. A perfect candidate for pairing with grilled meats, juicy steaks and lamb chops.
- A5 **Chappellet Vineyards Mountain Cuvee** Napa Valley, CA 2009 \$57
 Our 2009 Mountain Cuvee shows the appealing depth and nuance of a true Bordeaux blend (56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec). On the palate, the texture is smooth and lush, with lingering flavors of sweet cherry and plum. Though there is ample weight and richness, elegance is really the theme of this complex and balanced wine.