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With the hopes of helping our readers in the selection of their next bottle of wine, the following pages include 131 wines, tasted and rated by our panel. Unique from other publications, all of the wines rated are available for purchase within the state of Georgia. No longer will readers discover a wine only to find it unavailable in their local stores.

**K**eeping both the average wine buyer and connoisseur in mind, the accompanying explanations are easy to read, yet quite informative.

Since many people enter a retail outlet with a specific wine budget in mind, our unique ratings system is broken down by

varietal and then by price. Rated wines fall into one of four monetary categories: \$12 & Under; \$12-\$20; \$20-\$35; and \$35 & Up.

Accordingly, we have based the rating score on the value of each wine in its price category. Therefore, the reader may see wines at a low price point with a score of 90+ points. What we are imparting

to our readers is that our panel considers those wines to be the best value for the money in that price range. This will be true at all price points in the ratings system. It is not intended to imply that a wine of 90 points in the \$35-&-Up category and 90 points in the \$12-&-Under category are of equal stature, but merely that they both

represent top-value wines for each dollar spent.

We hope that these ratings will make your decision-making easier and enjoyable. We strive to rate between 125 and 200 wines in each issue, giving you our views and insights into the great wines and wine regions of the world.

Cheers! 🍷

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## {Argentina Malbec}

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### \$12 & UNDER

- 92** **La Puerta** | 2006 | **Mendoza**  
Beautiful nose with a nice, elegant mouth feel. A long-lasting finish you will not soon forget. Great wine for the money.
- 92** **Alto Salvador (organic)** | 2005 | **Mendoza**  
A beautiful showing of what an organic wine can be. Not overdone or flimsy. Nice fruit and good balance with a long finish.
- 90** **Lazzaro Reserva** | 2002 | **Mendoza**  
Lovely flavors of cherry and plum. Nice balance, sweet tannins and a long, pleasant, persistent finish.
- 89** **Alamos** | 2004 | **Mendoza**  
Clean and smooth, with vanilla and boysenberry defining the nose. Rich berry flavor. Great everyday drinking wine.
- 87** **Santos Beck** | 2003 | **Mendoza**  
Old vines create a balance and feel like no other. Well-balanced with old-world style, this wine is similar to many French Bordeaux's.

### \$12 – \$20

- 92** **Bodega Norton Reserva** | 2004 | **Mendoza**  
Beautiful blackberry and currant flavors, followed by some chocolate, spice and a hint of licorice. Wonderful structure and balance. Put some steaks on the grill.
- 92** **Obra Prima** | 2004 | **Luyan de Cuyo**  
Light in color and big on flavor. Big notes of floral on bouquet and wonderful rich, ripe red fruit on the palate, with a long finish.
- 91** **Ricardo Santos** | 2004 | **Mendoza**  
Smooth, with aromas of cola and berry pie. Vivacious plum and blackberry fruit offers a finish of drive and length.
- 89** **Catena Alta** | 2005 | **Mendoza**  
Wonderful nose with aromas of violets and raspberries. Light to medium weight on palate and good spice on the finish. This wine is sure to please old- and new-world lovers alike.
- 89** **Serrera** | 2003 | **Lalunta Hills**  
Beautiful nose leads to a wonderful, rich fruit concentration on the mouth and almost a slight port-like finish. Wonderful for the money.
- 89** **Las Moras** | 2005 | **Mendoza**  
A big wine worthy of the name Reserva. Blackberry, vanilla and chocolate overtones make this an interesting wine. Good balance, smooth finish.

- 89** **Ben Marco** | 2004 | **Mendoza**  
Intense nose and color lead to a big, bold wine in the glass. This wine will hold up to any steak and would love a side of bacon. Nice dark-red fruit on palate and a finish that you won't forget very quickly.

- 88** **Cavas de Santos** | 2003 | **Luyan de Cuyo**  
A big wine that needs a little decanting. Delicate nose leads to big, heavy mouth feel and plums on the finish.

- 87** **Cinco Tierras** | 2004 | **Mendoza**  
Strong hints of American oak, but mellow on the finish with nice vanilla and spice, and hints of violet on the nose. Simple, but elegant.

### \$20 – \$35

- 97** **Familia Barberis Gran Reserva Malbec** | 1999 | **Mendoza**  
Wow! This wine is close to perfection. Violets race out of the glass to fill your nose, followed by raspberry, vanilla and bright red fruit. Malbec at its best.
- 92** **Luigi Bosca** | 2004 | **Luyan de Cuyo**  
Violet in color with aromas of sweet lilac, plum and vanilla. Chocolate and blackberry pour on the palate. Beautifully balanced.
- 89** **Finca La Anita** | 2004 | **Mendoza**,  
Very light on the nose, but the taste makes up for it. Big fruit and spice, but light enough to pair with delicate food. Good substitute for the Merlot drinker in the group.

### \$35 & UP

- 94** **Bodega Catena Zapata Alta** | 2003 | **Mendoza**  
Big and bold with vivid color. Lovely chocolate and spice notes with a creamy, pure finish. Everything you want in a fine Malbec.

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## {Cabernet Sauvignon}

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### \$12 AND UNDER

- 88** **Trace** | 2005 | **California**  
Nice, easy-drinking Cabernet with smooth tannins that allow the cherry and chocolate notes to come through.
- 87** **Grove Street** | 2005 | **California - Healdsburg**  
Cherry flavor all the way through this wine that finishes with a touch of licorice and spice.
- 87** **Lambert** | 2004 | **California**  
Great bouquet of vanilla and cedar with hints of leather and sweet tobacco on the palate and a smooth finish. Highly recommended for the price.

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**87** **Pope Valley | 2006 | California - Napa**  
Beautiful cherry and plum on the front with a long finish and a little bit of anise to keep your senses awake.

**\$12 – \$20**

**89** **Rotta | 2005 | California – Paso Robles**  
Wonderful, sweet nose that screams big fruit on palate, and big fruit it is. This wonderful wine is medium bodied, but bound to be a crowd-pleaser.

**86** **Cinco Tierras | 2005 | Argentina**  
A little over-done on the wood, but great fruit and bouquet after it breathes for about a half hour. Excellent wine for the value.

**86** **Crios | 2005 | Argentina**  
Aromas of small, ripe red fruit. Silky on the palate and a slightly quick finish. Nice Cabernet for the money. Will be a crowd-pleaser at any party.

**\$20 – \$35**

**90** **1975 | 2004 | California**  
Big bouquet of dark red fruit and a huge mouth feel. This wine can use decanting and, for the money, is a steal. Big California mouth feel and a long, long finish.

**89** **Esca | 2005 | California - Napa**  
Chocolate, earth and floral tones in the nose lead into blueberry and blackberry flavors with supple tannins for easy drinking.

**89** **Clayhouse | 2004 | California**  
Paso Robles has done it again. Cool morning air and hot afternoons produce a very well-balanced, medium-bodied Cab that has vanilla, bright red fruit and a beautiful, soft finish.

**\$35 & UP**

**92** **Andrew Geoffrey | 2005 | California**  
Big, bold and deep, rich, velvety flavors pour over your palate and change with every sip you take. This wine needs a little decanting, but, wow, what a specimen. Chocolate, raspberries, cigarbox and vanilla. Not an everyday bottle, but well worth the investment for any special occasion.

**90** **Frias Spring Mountain | 2004 | California**  
Exploding with dark chocolate, blackberry and raspberry, this wine is sweetly perfumed with ripe fruit and exotic spices such as vanilla, cinnamon, cardamom, as well as cedar and cigarbox.

### {Merlot}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**92** **Trace | 2005 | California**  
Great nose. Lots of blackberry and ripe cherry fruit with hints of chocolate and soft tannins for easy drinkability. Unbelievable value.

**89** **Lapis Luna | 2004 | California**  
Rich and elegant. Cherry, raspberry and a touch of blueberry flavors lead to a silky-smooth finish.

**89** **La Puerta | 2006 | Argentina**  
Very soft nose gives way to a mouthful of big fruit. Flavors and texture stays long after you have swallowed this wine. Bright fruit and good tannin structure.

**88** **Stephen Vincent | 2005 | California**  
Wonderful light nose with bright fruit upfront and a quick but enjoyable finish. Great everyday wine with or without food.

**88** **Helena Ranch | 2005 | California**  
Earthy and well rounded, this Merlot is soft and supple. Mild fruit and tannins lead to an easy, smooth finish.

**\$12 – \$20**

**90** **Osso Anna | 2003 | California - Napa**  
Nice, mild nose with a big mouth feel. A Cabernet-lover's Merlot. Not too earthy and a great finish. Can stand up to a great steak or grilled lamb chops.

**89** **Pietra Santa Cienga Valley | 2003 | California**  
A crowd pleaser from start to finish. A well-rounded wine that would be great for any occasion.

**86** **GV Cellars | 2004 | California – Green Valley**  
Cherry, leather and almonds on the nose, gives way to hints of dried fruit on the palate and a soft, smooth finish.

**\$20 – \$35**

**90** **Corte Riva | 2005 | California - Napa**  
Beautiful nose with true old-world elegance. This Merlot is very well balanced and has hints of terrior and sandalwood. Excellent finish with lingering dark red fruit on the back end.

**90** **Miner Stagecoach | 2004 | California - Napa**  
Light on the bouquet, but big enough to stand up to the plate. This is not your French Merlot. This wine is California at its best, good fruit, well balanced and ready to drink. Not over-oaked by any stretch, this wine will please all who taste it.

**\$35 & UP**

**88** **Kathryn Kennedy Lateral | 2004 | California**  
Hints of plum and spice round out a great aroma and help to create a big, bold Merlot that will intrigue the novice and connoisseur. Great wine to lay down for a couple of years.

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**{Zinfandel}**

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**\$12 – \$20**

- 91** **Cline** | 2004 | California - Sonoma  
Huge fruit in this classy, elegant wine. Blackberry, black raspberry and plum aromas and flavors with a touch of pepper on the finish.
- 90** **Seghesio** | 2005 | California - Sonoma  
Lovely, jammy Zin packed with ripe, dark fruit. Nice spice tones and a touch of licorice complete this complex wine.
- 85** **Pope Valley** | 2004 | California - Napa  
Vanilla and berries, light bodied and easy-drinking, old-world-style Zinfandel.

**\$20 – \$35**

- 92** **Opolo Summit Creek** | 2005 | California - Paso Robles  
A huge fruit bomb. This full-bodied Zinfandel has lots of ripe fruit and spices that are complemented nicely with soft tannins and good acidity. Delicious.
- 90** **Dashe** | 2004 | California - Dry Creek  
A well-balanced, jammy Zinfandel. Rich, ripe raspberry and blackberry mingled with some sweetness and spice make this a Zinfandel lover's choice.
- 90** **Opolo Mountain** | 2005 | California - Paso Robles  
Big, rich and dark, this wine has hints of leather and deep, rich spices. It is definitely new-world Zin, but does not come across hot with alcohol like some mountain Zins. Second year that this wine has been very well balanced and true to form.
- 90** **Rotta (Giubbini Vineyard)** | 2004 | California - Paso Robles  
Crowd favorite. Nice, sweet notes, but not too sweet. Great spice and mouth feel. Wonderful with barbecue or all by itself next to a warm fire.

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**{Pinot Noir}**

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**\$12 & UNDER**

- 88** **Eola Hills** | 2005 | Oregon  
Blackberry, cherry and a hint of anise in this well-balanced Pinot Noir. A lingering finish with some light toast and spice. A great value.

- 87** **Mandolin** | 2006 | California - Monterey  
This is a well-balanced wine with fresh red berries up-front and a touch of leather and spice on the finish.

**\$12 – \$20**

- 90** **Del Fin Del Mundo** | 2004 | Argentina - Patagonia  
This wine embraces everything that makes a great Pinot Noir. Elegant, rich and soft. Wonderful cherry notes and good acidity make this a wine that will last five to seven years in the bottle. Great to pair with a turkey dinner or anything with mushrooms.
- 89** **Territorial** | 2003 | Oregon  
Aromas of ripe cherries, graham crackers and cinnamon. This wine is cherries to the core with soft tannins and firm acidity.

**\$20 – \$35**

- 91** **Morgan** | 2005 | California - Santa Lucia Highlands  
Rich, concentrated and smooth. This lovely Pinot has raspberry and cedar on the nose and bright cherry flavors. A finish that will leave you asking for another glass.
- 89** **Adelsheim** | 2005 | Oregon  
This Oregon beauty has intense cherry and plum flavors and a long, lingering finish. Tannins are ripe and firm.
- 88** **Elkhorn** | 2002 | California  
Well-balanced Pinot Noir with a floral bouquet. Packed full of dark fruit: blackberry, black cherry and black currants.

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**{Syrah}**

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**\$12 & UNDER**

- 90** **Trace** | 2005 | California  
Dark in color with blackberry, thyme and pepper aromas. Nice chewy texture with a long finish.
- 89** **3 Winds** | No Vintage | France  
With fresh-cut flowers, truffles and spice on the nose, you will find hints of chocolate that lay soft on your palate.
- 87** **La Puerta** | 2006 | Argentina  
Sourced from vineyards located at the foothills of the Andes, the fruit is exposed to clean mountain air, hot sun and cool breezes — perfect conditions for slow ripening. An intensely fruit-driven, drinkable Syrah that will seduce you from the first glass to the last.

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**\$12 – \$20**

**92** **La Puerta Reserva** | 2005 | **Argentina**  
Opaque purple. Extremely deep nose of menthol, black licorice, cumin, sausage and black-olive jam. Sweet and tangy simultaneously — with broad flavor impact competing with forceful, edgy stem tannin. Great concentration.

**90** **Rietvallei Wine Estates** | 2004 | **Australia**  
Wonderful hints of bright cherries and blackberries complimented by soft tannins and a very well-balanced mid-palate. This wine has great flavors of sweet tobacco and chocolate.

**\$20 – \$35**

**90** **Carlei Vineyards** | 2003 | **Australia, Sergio's Blend**  
Deeply colored, almost purple, with red edge. Very portish, ripe and sweet with plum, blackberry, blueberry and smoky oak. Developing aromas of prunes and dried dates.

**89** **Lost Canyon Vineyards** | 2005 | **Alegria Vineyard, California**  
Cherry red with initial notes of barnyard, earth and ink, opening to attractive aromas of pepper, blueberry and sweet oak. Medium weight with an brief attack of acidity, the wine gives off some smoke.

**89** **Lost Canyon Vineyards** | 2005 | **Trenton Station Vineyard, California**  
Cherry-red hue. Very aromatic with vanilla, blackberry and pepper, developing a nutmeg note. Full bodied and very well balanced with good acidity and soft tannins that firm up on the finish.

**88** **Alexandria-Nicole Cellars** | 2004 | **Washington State**  
Dense cherry red with red edge. Initially, sulphur aroma over subdued cherry, blackberry, faint pepper and dusty oak. Full bodied with fine tannins and very juicy acidity. Finishes nicely.

**\$35 & UP**

**92** **Michaud** | 2003 | **California**  
Rich and ripe with sweet blackberry, smoky oak and pepper. Soft entry with excellent carry of flavors onto the palate and a lengthy finish. Well balanced and excellently structured. A very appealing, refined Syrah.

### {Red Blends}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**88** **Anvil Road** | 2005 | **South Africa**  
This Pinotage/Merlot blend has earthiness and leather that will intrigue you and make you want more.

**86** **Cinco Tierras** | 2006 | **Argentina**  
This Cabernet/Merlot blend has a deep, rich color and big tannins that might call for a little more bottle aging. Hints of chocolate on the finish.

**\$12 – \$20**

**90** **Victor Hugo Hunchback** | 2004 | **California**  
This blend of Malbec, Syrah and Petite Verdot is light on the nose, but very well balanced with nice, light fruit concentration and a strong finish.

**\$20 – \$35**

**90** **Victor Hugo Opulence** | 2003 | **California**  
With a rich bouquet and a smooth leather hint on the palate, it has a beautiful finish. This Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot and Cab Sauvignon blend is sure to please.

**89** **Turners Crossing** | 2003 (Shiraz-Viognier) | **Australia**  
This blend of Shiraz and Viognier has a wonderful aroma of fresh fruit on the nose and hints of earthiness on the palate, slightly spiced on the back-end. This wine is very well balanced.

**\$35 & UP**

**94** **Joesph Phelps Insignia** | 2003 | **California**  
A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Verdot and Malbec. This wine embodies grace, dignity and all things that make the world right. Big nose with a huge mid-palate and a long, weighted, but not over-oaked, finish.

**94** **Miner Oracle** | 2004 | **California - Napa**  
A Bordeaux blend and a huge wine to boot. This wine is inky and dark, and bound to stain anything it touches. A little tight out of the bottle; after 45 minutes, it is ready to go the distance. Tobacco notes and big, deep, rich fruit move on to a velvety finish that yells and makes you tingle all over.

**86** **Xavier Clua Millenium** | 2001 | **Argentina**  
Slightly earthy on the nose, this 65 percent Garnatxa Negra, 20 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 15 percent Ull de Llebre blend is tart and has hints of saddle leather, but is a little quick on the finish.

### {Other Reds}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**90** **Bazzini Barbera** | **No Vintage** | **Italy**  
Earth, leather, spice and pepper frame the raspberry fruit that continues to develop through the mid-palate to its long, lingering finish.

**90** **La Beaun Cote de Rhone** | 2005 | France  
The nose is filled with rich aromas of almond and flowers. The texture is supple and well balanced with dark cherry, spice and minerality that lingers through a long finish.

**\$12 – \$20**

**90** **Graziano Barbera** | 2003 | Mendocino  
New-world nose with old-world flavor. Lots of red berry fruit balanced with supple tannins make this a food-friendly wine.

**\$20 – \$35**

**89** **J.R. Storey Tempranillo** | 2005 | Paso Robles  
Reminiscent of an old-world wine with dark fruit, spice and scents of musk. Soft tannins and low acidity make for an effortless drinking style.

**88** **J.R. Storey Petite Sirah** | 2005 | Paso Robles  
Not your typical Petite Sirah, with hints of kumquat and Asian spice that carry through to a smooth finish. A pleasant surprise.

## {Chardonnay}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**92** **Hess Collection** | 2004 | California - Napa  
Green apple and citrus with a touch of ripe melon. Smooth, elegant finish with a hint of spice.

**91** **La Puerta** | 2007 | Argentina - Mendoza  
Lovely bouquet leads to a wine that is well-rounded and creamy on the finish. Great wine for the money.

**88** **Dona Sol** | 2005 | California  
Easy drinking and a crowd pleaser, this wine doesn't hurt the pocketbook. Nice, bright fruit and a long finish, along with being very well balanced.

**88** **Helena Ranch** | 2006 | California  
Light, crisp with bright apple and pear flavors. Clean mid-palate and a bit of a quick finish. Easy drinking and approachable.

**88** **Lapis Luna** | 2005 | California  
Very well balanced and a hint of malolactic fermentation create a slightly creamy feel in the mouth with a long finish. Excellent for the money.

**87** **Trace** | 2006 | California  
This Chardonnay is bright, crisp and clean with good acidity that allows the fruit to come through. Nice finish.

**86** **Capetown Select** | 2006 | South Africa  
Light and bright with soft hints of bright fruit on the front and a quick finish.

**86** **Marquee** | 2005 | Australia  
Great value for the money and good acidity that mimics the French style.

**\$12 – \$20**

**93** **Pietra Santa** | 2005 | California  
Mild vanilla flavors in this well-balanced wine. Malolactic fermentation and some smooth oak creates a nice, creamy finish.

**91** **Mt. Eden** | 2004 | Wolff Vineyard  
Beautiful apple and pear flavors with a hint of spice. Lightly oaked with a smooth, easy finish and a refreshing citrus aftertaste.

**89** **Rotta** | 2005 | California  
The grapefruit and pear aromas are balanced by the vanilla flavor from oak-barrel aging. The crisp tartness provides a clean finish for the wine to be enjoyed lightly chilled on a hot day. Pairs beautifully with seafood.

**87** **Elkhorn** | 2005 | California  
Great bouquet of tropical fruit with a subtle butter note on the palate and a very smooth finish.

**86** **Catena Alta** | 2004 | Argentina  
Nice, light and crisp, very well balanced, hints of tropical fruit on the nose. A wonderful wine to have with a pasta dish and beurre blanc sauce. Great for the price.

**\$20 – \$35**

**92** **Chateau St. Jean** | 2004 | Young Vineyard - California  
Clean and polished wine with pear, melon and apple flavors. A bit of oak mixes with the fruit for a memorable finish.

**91** **Chappallet** | 2005 | California - Napa  
Rich vanilla and pear flavors abound on this nicely balanced wine. Elegant, creamy finish — worth every penny.

**91** **Clendedon** | 2005 | California  
Delicate, toasty oak aromas, flavors of cinnamon and white peaches. Rich, very crisp, bitter almond finish. This wine is fabulous with salmon or even by itself. Very well balanced.

**91** **Frank Family** | 2006 | California  
A great bouquet to start: creamy, buttery notes that have hints of toasted oak and make you want more. Not over-oaked by any stretch, this wine will please all who drink it. Very reasonably priced for the quality.

**89** **Four Vines | 2006 | California**  
Light, crisp and delicious, this wine is 100 percent steel fermentation and a wonderful wine by itself or paired with light foods. Aromas of citrus and a mild mouth feel will please the masses.

**\$35 & UP**

**92** **Michaud | 2004 | California**  
Great intensity on the bouquet, with hints of tropical fruit. This Chardonnay has a beautiful finish and will drink well for another three to five years.

## {Sauvignon Blanc}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**86** **Capetown Sauvignon Blanc | 2006 | South Africa**  
Wonderful bouquet of grassy fields, good, crisp acidity on mid-palate with a fast finish.

**86** **Smoking Loon Sauvignon Blanc | 2005 | California**  
Grassy, with a little citrus and grapefruit. This is a light and refreshing wine.

**\$12 – \$20**

**91** **Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc | 2006 | New Zealand**  
Absolutely beautiful wine with all the grapefruit and passionfruit you would expect, with a brisk, clean finish.

**88** **Frias Sauvignon Blanc | 2006 | California - Napa**  
Nice, light fruit, great mouth feel and a long, lingering finish. Would be great with food or by itself.

**88** **White Haven Sauvignon Blanc | 2005 | New Zealand**  
Nice pear and grapefruit flavors with a hint of black pepper and a tart finish.

**\$20 – \$35**

**91** **Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc | 2006 | New Zealand**  
No escaping the bright grapefruit and tart apple flavors in this wine — they are present throughout, with a touch of grass that leads to a crisp finish.

**89** **Crinella Sauvignon Blanc | 2005 | California - Russian River**  
This fruit-forward Sauvignon Blanc from the Russian River Valley Appellation has a classically aromatic nose of citrus, peach and a hint of sweet flowers and spice.

## {Pinot Grigio}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**87** **Bazzini Pinot Grigio | No Vintage | Italy**  
Good acidity with aromas of pear and stone fruit. Well-rounded wine.

**86** **BelVento Pinot Grigio | No Vintage | Italy**  
Good value Italian Pinot Grigio with good fruit and clean acidity.

**\$12 – \$20**

**88** **Spindrift Pinot Grigio | 2006 | Oregon**  
Scents of crisp green apple, pear, grapefruit and hints of coconut with flavors of peach, pear and tropical fruit with a touch of lemon that finishes quite dry.

**87** **La Campana Pinot Grigio | 2006 | Italy**  
Don't let the light bouquet fool you. This wine is nutty, rich and full of fruit with a long finish.

**87** **Punt Road Pinot Grigio | 2006 | Australia**  
Aromas of pear, musk and honeysuckle. Nice citrus flavors with a creamy finish.

**87** **Territorial Pinot Grigio | 2006 | Oregon**  
Candied apple, pear and slate partner with the tropical flavors of pineapple to entice you into this new-world Pinot Gris.

## {Other White}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**87** **Sun Garden Riesling | 2005 | Germany**  
Tangy grapefruit with watermelon flavors that finishes clean with a slight touch of minerality.

**87** **Crios Torrontes | 2006 | Argentina**  
A truly different varietal that goes great with salads. Light, crisp and slightly acidic, this wonderful wine has bright fruit and is very well balanced. A good alternative to Pinot Grigio for the adventurous.

**86** **St. Lucas Torrontes | 2005 | Argentina**  
This wine has everyday value and a great bubble concentration. Slight hints of yeast on the nose and a dry finish that matches many French sparklings.

**85** **Marquee Riesling | 2005 | Australia**  
Pale straw color with sweet fruit and lemon aromas, and a touch of limestone that fades quickly.

**\$12 – \$20**

**92** Territorial Riesling | 2005 | Oregon  
Dried flowers, spice and honey aromas lead into orange citrus and apricot flavors that coat the palate. Different and absolutely lovely.

**90** Finca Del Valle Torrontes | 2005 | Argentina - Mendoza  
Hints of peach, flowers and orange citrus fruit that remind you of a Viognier. Fruity, floral and yet still quite dry. Great food wine.

**\$20 – \$35**

**92** Miner Viognier Simpson Vineyard | 2006 | California - Napa  
Great bouquet of bright fruit and a solid acidity level on the palate. This wine is consistent year after year, and after changing to the Simpson Vineyard two years ago, they have got it right. Truly a win-win for Viognier fans.

**90** Zacagnini White | 2005 | Italy  
A blend of Chardonnay, Riesling and Rousanne, this wine is bright and crisp with hints of starfruit and kiwi. A wonderful wine to have with a nice, light salad.

**87** J.R. Storey Viognier | 2005 | Paso Robles  
Intense fruit flavors of sweet peaches and apricots with a hint of citrus zest that lingers in the long finish.

**\$35 & UP**

**87** Finca la Anita Tocai Friulana | 2006 | Argentina - Mendoza  
The tocai friulano varietal is a wonderful wine to have with light foods and tapas. It has fruity notes on the bouquet and is crisp to taste, but very delicate.

## {Rosé}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**89** C.G. Arie Rosé | 2005 | California  
This delicious Rosé has structure, complexity and balance common to wines with great pedigree. Expect flavors of grapefruit and apricot with a crisp and clean lingering finish.

**89** Muga Rosé | 2005 | Spain  
This Rosé of Granacha, Viura and Tempranillo delivers delicate flavors of watermelon and tangerine that linger through its crisp, dry finish.

**\$12 – \$20**

**94** Obra Prima Rosado de Cabernet | 2006 | Argentina  
This is Rosé on steroids, a true red-wine-lover's Rosé, that you don't have to be ashamed to drink. Great fruit on the bouquet and a nice, dry finish. This wine is perfect for dinner or as a palate cleanser between courses. Great wine.

**88** Cobblestone Rosé | 2006 | California - Napa  
This Rosé of Cabernet offers the sweetness of strawberries and cream in the nose, while in the palate you get candied fruit, pear and crisp acidity.

**88** Frias Rosé | 2006 | California - Napa  
This wine has a lot of juicy fruit, including watermelon and strawberry, and a nice, crisp finish.

## {Sparkling}

**\$12 & UNDER**

**88** Domaine Ste. Michelle Brut | No Vintage | Washington  
A bit of lime and pear accent this bubbly from Washington State. A hint of toast lingers on the palate and leads to a smooth finish.

**87** St. Lucas Brut | No Vintage | Argentina  
This Argentinian sparkler is a good value for the money. Slight hints of yeast on the nose coupled with a dry finish make it reminiscent of its French counterparts.

**\$12 – \$20**

**89** Hillinger Secco | 2005 | Austria  
This Pinot Noir Rosé sparkling wine from Austria has aromas of red berries that follow through to the palate. Refreshing, pleasant finish.

**89** Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Blanc | 2003 | California  
Citrus and floral on the nose with bright citrus flavors and a faint hint of licorice. Fresh, crisp and mouth cleansing.

**89** Mumm Brut | No Vintage | California  
Fresh bread dough and floral aromas give way to bits of citrus and pear on the palate. Clean and refreshing.

**\$20 – \$35**

**89** Roederer | No Vintage | California – Anderson Valley  
This bubbly has a mineral edge with nuances of earth and green apples. Intense and focused with a clean aftertaste.