

The Grape Tray Wine Guide

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Wine Spectator 95

Tensley Syrah Santa Barbara County Colson Canyon Vineyard 2008

Displays gorgeous fruit, with a medley of wild berry, blackberry, huckleberry and boysenberry fruit that's pure, rich and intense, yet elegant, supple and refined. The fruit flavors are sustained on the finish, ending minerally, with fine-grained tannins. 1,610 cases made Drink now through 2017.—J.L. \$38

Wine Spectator 93

MCPRICE MYERS Beautiful Earth Paso Robles 2007

Bold, rich and fleshy, with generous ripe plum, black cherry and berry fruit that's complex and layered, full-bodied and juicy, gaining depth and richness on the finish, which is long and persistent. Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2016. 425 cases made. —J.L. ~~\$36~~

Parker 92+

2007 Jaffurs Syrah Larner Vineyard

The 2007 Syrah Larner Vineyard, which comes from sandy, limestone soils, is somewhat Hermitage-like, offering graphite, roasted meat, pepper, licorice, and road tar characteristics. Full-bodied and powerful with abundant amounts of black fruits, it is potentially the most backward wine of this group. Forget it for 2-3 years, and consume it over the following 10-15+ years. ~~\$40~~ **\$34.19**

Wine Spectator 93

DENNER The Ditch Digger Paso Robles 2007

A tremendous wine, bold, rich and concentrated, yet stylish and elegant, with layers of ripe cherry, blackberry, wild berry, plum and spice notes unfolding. Holds onto a tight focus and ends with a long beam of fruit. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cunoise and Cinsault. Drink now through 2016. 790 cases made. —JL \$50

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Wine Spectator 93

Denner Syrah Paso Robles 2007

Smooth, ripe and fleshy, with a mix of creamy black cherry, wild berry, floral and spice scents that are rich, layered, complex and persistent, with a long, lingering finish that kicks up mineral and tobacco notes. 807 cases made. Drink now through 2016. *From California.* —J.L. \$40

Wine Spectator 92

Owen Roe Syrah Columbia Valley Ex Umbris 2007

Velvety, offering a plush mouthful of spicy cherry and red berry flavors, playing against plush tannins and hints of milk chocolate on the long, vivid finish. Syrah. Drink now through 2014.—H.S. 3000 cases made. \$24 ~~\$20.99~~

2007 Carlisle Bennett Valley "Cardiac Hill" Syrah

Tasting Note: Dark ruby-purple. Nearly opaque. A perfumed nose of blackberry, violets, black olive, and pepper. Full-bodied but not heavy thanks to refreshing acidity and invigorating tannins. While obviously Californian, something very Northern Rhone-like about this wine. Cornas perhaps? Enjoy from release through 2020. (MRO – 07/17/09) Cases Produced: 520 \$43 (arrival 11/12/09)

2007 Domaine André Brunel Cotes du Rhone

The vines are located in the Commune of St Génies de Comolas (Gard) on a poor sandy soil with lime-clay subsoil. With elegance and finesse in mind, the Grenaches grown there produce a low yield. The rest of the fruit comes from Travaillan in the Vaucluse and are grown on a stony soil with lime subsoil and produce a powerful wine. The vineyards are naturally worked with sustainable practice in mind. The Grenache vines are head pruned, while Syrah is grown on wires. The yield is 30-35 hectoliters per hectare. The blend is 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah and 10% old-vine Cinsault. All fruits are hand-picked and a 20 to 30 day maceration period follows. Pigeage takes place every day during fermentation, which is temperature-controlled at 82°F. The fermentation occurs in tanks, and the bottling is done with no fining and very light filtration. Wine Notes: Small red berry fruits, blackcurrant and cherries. Slight touch of spices. ~~\$13~~ **\$10.29** Outstanding Value!

Parker 94
2007 Mas de Boislauzon
Chateauneuf du Pape

The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape, a big time sleeper of the vintage, is well-worth buying. The finest traditional Chateauneuf produced at Mas de Boislauzon, it boasts a saturated ruby/purple color as well as a spectacular nose of licorice, black raspberries, black cherries, and lavender, and an exquisitely full-bodied, multidimensional and layered wine with not a hard edge to be found. Tremendous depth, beautiful freshness, and admirable purity suggest this 2007 will evolve for 12+ years. Readers should move quickly to secure some of this fabulous bargain. ~~\$40~~ **\$33.99 (arriving 12/10/09)**

Parker 93
2007 Domaine Grand Veneur Lirac Clos de Sixte
(Alain Jaume)

The 2007 Lirac Clos de Sixte is composed of 50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, and 15% Mourvedre. Abundant licorice, graphite, black cherry, and blackberry characteristics are offered in a full-bodied, deep, fleshy style. Liracs generally do not age as long as Chateauneuf du Papes, but this effort is capable of lasting 5-7 years where well-stored as it is a big, impressively endowed wine. ~~\$26~~ **\$22.99 (arriving 12/4/09)**

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Los Angeles Times Wine
of the Week
2007 Domaine des Escaravailles Cotes du Rhone 'Les Sablieres'

Domaine des Escaravailles is known for its fine Rasteau. But Gilles Ferran, grandson of founder Jean-Louis Ferran, also makes a terrific Côtes du Rhône called "Les Sablières," which is mostly Grenache blended with 20% Syrah and 10% Carignan.

Dark ruby with glints of violet, the 2007 is pure fruit, tasting of raspberries and earth. It's delightful drinking, not too complex, with the weight of a Beaujolais. A wine to break out for any occasion, great with a burger, a hearty soup, something braised or grilled, a platter of roasted root vegetables. In warm weather, serve it ever so slightly chilled. ~~\$15~~ **\$12.99**

Wine Spectator 90
Château de St.-Cosme
Côtes du Rhône
Les Deux Albion 2007

Polished, with a nice beam of raspberry ganache laying over dark coffee and graphite notes. Dash of roasted sage on the fleshy, racy finish. Co-fermented Syrah, Grenache, Carignan, 3,330 cases made. ~~\$23~~ **\$20.99**

Parker 90
2007 Guigal Cotes du Rhone Blanc

The beautiful 2007 Cotes du Rhone Blanc, a blend of 50% Viognier and the rest Roussanne, Marsanne, Clairette, and Bourboulenc, is the finest he has yet produced. Amazing aromatics, fresh citrus fruits, and a hint of minerality are presented in a medium-bodied, delicious style that most consumers will love. ~~\$15~~ **\$12.49**

Parker 93
2007 Pierre Usseglio
Chateauneuf du Pape

The 4,400-case blend of 80% Grenache and the rest Syrah, Mourvedre, and Cinsault, the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape boasts a dense plum/purple color as well as a wonderfully sweet nose of fresh black truffles, incense, blue and black fruits, roasted herbs, and earth. The wine is full-bodied and pure with fresh acids, silky tannins, and a voluptuous mouthfeel. Drink this beauty over the next 10-12 years. ~~\$59~~ **\$45.99**

Parker 94-96

2007 Snowden Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve (86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Cabernet Franc) reveals a character typical of other wines from this site. Espresso roast, cedar, chocolate, black currant, roasted coffee, and scorched earth characteristics result in a Napa version of a top-notch Pessac-Leognan from Bordeaux. In the mouth, the wine is full-bodied, pure, and multidimensional with layers that build incrementally without heaviness. This superb, savory, potentially stunning Cabernet Sauvignon should keep for three decades ~~\$80~~ **\$65.99**

**Wine Spectator 95
CONTINUUM Oakville
2006**

Shows rich dark chocolate, mocha and espresso, along with a wealth of ripe, currant-laced Cabernet fruit. Focused, tight, elegant and stylish, with a persistent finish that keeps unfolding to reveal hidden nuances. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Best from 2010 through 2017. 1,750 cases made. -JL ~~\$140~~ **\$129.99**

**Parker 94
2006 Behrens and
Hitchcock Cemetery**

Another Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated offering, the 2006 Cemetery (75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, and the rest Cabernet Franc, all from David Abreu's vineyards) displays a stunning bouquet of graphite, smoked herbs, blueberry and blackberry liqueur, chocolate, and toasty oak. The outstanding aromatics are followed by a lavishly rich, extravagantly fruit-driven wine with superb body, richness, and texture as well as a compelling, hedonistic appeal. It should drink well for a decade or more. \$80

**2006 Coho Headwaters
Red**

The inspiration for **Headwaters** is that special, hard to find place, always just around the next bend, where tall trees grow and pure water nourishes exposed gravel bars, and where for Coho salmon, the beginning is also the end. Like that idyllic spot, our wine is focused on absolute purity of fruit. It has elegant oak nuances and beautiful, purple plum and wild berry aromas, with a supple texture, silky density and polished tannins. The Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot vineyards sourced for this blend come from the cool "Coombsville Area" of the Napa Valley, where intense, deep red color and soft tannins are typical of the wines. \$40 ~~\$40~~ **\$33.79**

**Wine Spectator 96
Chappellet Cabernet
Sauvignon Napa Valley
Pritchard Hill Estate
Vineyard 2006**

Firm and concentrated, with taut, vibrant mineral, blackberry, wild berry and black cherry fruit that gives this a rich core of flavors. Deep and concentrated, ending with a long, persistent finish. 3,100 cases made. Best from 2011 through 2017.—J.L. ~~\$135~~ **\$117.99**

Cabernet

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Parker 94**2006 Opus One Proprietary Red Wine**

Not surprisingly, the 2006 is a bigger, more muscular, less charming effort displaying unbridled power, full-bodied richness, and notes of new saddle leather, black fruits, roasted herbs, and burning embers. Powerful and rich with sweet tannin, low acidity, and more structure and density than the 2005 as well as less nuance and complexity, the 2006 should be consumed over the next 15+ years. ~~\$197~~

Parker 92-94**2007 Snowden Cabernet Sauvignon The**

Ranch The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon The Ranch (a blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot) exhibits the extraordinary fragrance, purity, and seamless personality of Bordeaux varietals in this vintage. Full-bodied without any hard edges, this is a remarkably rich, complex, exceptionally pure wine that will get even better with time. It should ultimately eclipse the 2006 because of the nobility of the tannins. ~~\$42~~ **\$35.99**

2007 JaM Napa Cabernet

Tasting Notes: JaM is a luscious fruit forward Napa Valley Cabernet with aromas of ripe plum and cherry with a hint of chocolate. The palate is velvety with ripe black cherry and wild berry fruit finishing with supple spicy plum. 98 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite Verdot. Retail \$20

Wine Spectator 93
STEPHANIE Napa
Valley Red 2005

Exhibits ripe, vivid blackberry, wild plum and black cherry fruit that's well-proportioned, focused, long and persistent, with appropriate tannins and acidity, ending with a complex aftertaste and a touch of mocha. Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec. Drink now through 2016. 940 cases made. -JL
~~\$60~~ **\$46.99**

2007 J. Lohr Seven Oaks

Cabernet The 2007 J. Lohr Estates Seven Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon is a youthful, dense purple red color with bright hues. The aroma is very generous with black cherry, black currant and plum fruit, complemented by vanilla, char and toasty notes from the twelve to fourteen months in barrel. On the palate, the fruit flavors echo the aroma, enhanced with blackberry and a plump, round mouthfeel and finish. Although the 2007 Seven Oaks Cabernet is ready to be enjoyed now, it is cellar-worthy for an additional 5 years. Enjoy it with your favorite roasted or barbecued meats, or tomato-based pasta dishes.
 Jeff Meier, winemaker. ~~\$20~~ **\$11.99**

Chardonnay

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Wente Riva 08	16.69
Whitehall Lane Napa 06	24.99
ZD California 07	25.79

Wine Spectator 92
SBRAGIA FAMILY
Chardonnay Dry
Creek Valley
Home Ranch 2007

Sleek, elegant and refined, offering a beam of lemon, citrus, spicy pear, honeysuckle and hazelnut fruit that's focused and pure, with a long, clean finish. Drink now through 2012. 2,657 cases made. —JL ~~\$26~~ **\$21.99**

Wine Spectator 96
Mount Eden
Chardonnay Santa Cruz
Mountains 2006

Simply delicious, a rich, buttery style, with ripe, vivid and delicate peach, pear and honeydew melon fruit that's complex, concentrated and full-bodied, offering excellent length and depth. Creamy oak adds a touch of smoke and vanilla. The texture is silky. **2,387 cases made** Drink now through 2016.—J.L. ~~\$48~~ (Arriving 12/5/09)

2008 Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc / Viognier * Parker 88

A consistent winner from this Napa winery, this fragrant, stylish blend of Chenin Blanc and Viognier is the type of dry white I wish more California wineries would focus on. Moreover, there are 45,000 cases of this excellent bargain. Think of a spring flower garden oozing with melon and citrus blossom notes. Fresh, light to medium-bodied, and dry, it is a food-friendly white to enjoy as an aperitif or with food over the next year. Kudos to Pine Ridge! ~~\$12~~ **\$8.99**

Wine Spectator 93
Chalk Hill
Chardonnay Chalk
Hill 2007

Bold, rich and full-bodied, with succulent fig, apricot, smoky oak and roasted marshmallow flavors that are complex and distinctive, finishing with a long, intricate finish and subtle flavor notes. 13,837 cases made Drink now through 2015.—J.L. ~~\$48~~ **\$32.99**

Parker 94
2007 Walter Hansel Winery
Chardonnay Cahill Lane

The 2007 Chardonnay Cahill Lane has hints of caramelized citrus, white currants, honeysuckle, and tropical fruits (pineapple and orange blossom). It is full-bodied, with gorgeous texture, terrific mouthfeel, and vibrant acidity and purity. In fact, the striking component of these 2007s is the extraordinary fruit purity that seems to be found in all the top Chardonnays as well as other varietals. **\$36**

Parker 94
2006 Pahlmeyer Merlot

Pahlmeyer's Merlot was the uncontested top California Merlot for many years, but significant competition has emerged from the upstart Kapcsandy Estate in Yountville. However, Pahlmeyer's offering remains one of the classic examples of just how great Merlot can be in Napa. The 2006 Merlot (89% Merlot and 11% Cabernet Sauvignon) exhibits sweet chocolate, mocha, cola, black cherry, and plum aromas and flavors as well as full body, a sumptuous, dense texture, and no hard edges. The beautifully integrated acidity, tannin, and wood result in a hedonistic, mouthfilling, luscious Merlot to consume over the next 10-15 years. ~~\$90~~

Wine Spectator 90
Castello di Querceto Chianti
Classico 2007

A full-bodied, well-structured version, with crushed black fruit, flowers and oak on the nose and palate, coating the firm tannins and giving a long, controlled finish. Tempting now, but will improve. Best after 2009.—J.S. ~~\$16~~ **\$12.39**

Wine Spectator 90
VITICCIO Chianti
Classico 2006

Exhibits lots of blackberry and vanilla character on the nose, with hints of flowers. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a long, crisp finish. A beautiful wine. Best after 2011. 12,500 cases made. —JS ~~\$21~~ **\$17.99**

2007 Banfi San Angelo
Pinot Grigio

San Angelo Pinot Grigio is a delightful complement to light fare, seafood and simple veal and poultry dishes. Above all, it is a superb aperitif. ~~\$18~~ **\$15.99**

Wine Spectator 96
 Top 100: 2009, Rank: 7
RENATO RATTI Barolo
Marcenasco 2005

This fabulous Nebbiolo displays aromas of very ripe strawberry and cappuccino. Full-bodied, with supervelvet tannins and incredible concentration. All the tannins are coated with gorgeous fruit. Best after 2013. 5,000 cases made. —JS Release Price ~~\$44~~ **\$45.59**

Parker 90
Pelissero Dolcetto d'Alba
2007

The 2007 Dolcetto d'Alba Munfrina is a vibrant, pure wine. It offers notable complexity in its dark fruit, spices and menthol, with tons of complexity. A long, resonating finish caps off this incredibly delicious Dolcetto. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2011. ~~\$22~~ **\$14.99**

Merlot

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2008 Pra Soave Classico
Parker 87

The 2008 Soave Classico opens with a beguiling, sweet bouquet that leads to an expressive core of perfumed fruit. It is a very pretty, entry-level Soave with excellent balance and a harmonious, polished finish. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2012. ~~\$16~~ **\$12.99**

Wine Spectator 94
VITICCIO Toscana
Monile 2006

Offers currant, berries, light toasty oak and light coffee. Full-bodied, with ripe fruit, soft, silky tannins and a rich finish. Ripe and beautiful, with a lovely texture. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2012. 555 cases made. —JS ~~\$55~~ **\$48.99**

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**93 points Stephen Tanzer's
International Wine Cellar
2007 Walter Hansel Winery
Pinot Cahill Lane**

Vivid red. Deep, smoky aromas of dark cherry, blackberry and licorice, with a sexy rose nuance adding complexity. The dark fruit notes repeat on the palate, which is velvety, seductively sweet and gently framed by fine-grained tannins. The most concentrated of these pinots, with impressively deep dark fruit character and excellent finishing thrust. (May/June '09) \$36

**Wine Spectator 93
JOSEPH SWAN Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
Cuvée de Trois 2007**

Offers great balance and purity of flavor, depth and complexity built around spicy wild berry, black cherry, mineral, anise and spice. Full-bodied, fresh and lively. The finish sails on. Drink now through 2013. 1,900 cases made. -JL ~~\$28~~ **\$26.99**

2008 Mark West Pinot Noir

Enticing aromas of strawberry and raspberry with barrel notes of caramel, vanilla and baking spices. Oak aging rounds out the palate and gives the wine its body. The wine drinks of deep, concentrated raspberry, cherry pie with a touch of cola berry. The wine shows juicy fruit texture and subtle oak. \$12 ~~\$12~~ **\$9.49**

**2007 Belle Glos Clark and
Telephone Pinot**

Established in 1972, the Clark & Telephone Vineyard was planted "own root" to the Martini clone. This heirloom clone of Pinot Noir, one of the first to grace the California coastlands, has become something of a lost treasure.

2007 Vintage Tasting Notes: Rich scarlet color, with aromas of brown spice, caramel and soft tea. The velvety palate offers flavors of bright red fruit, warm spices and sweet oak, supported by firm acidity and refined tannins. ~~\$50~~ **\$37.99**

**Wine Spectator 93
HAMILTON RUSSELL
Pinot Noir
Hemel-en-Aarde Valley
2007**

Bold, aromatic and ripe, but very elegant, with racy acidity providing the ground wire for the rich black cherry, bramble, incense and sweet earth notes, followed by a long, multifaceted finish. Drink now through 2013. 5,213 cases made. -JM ~~\$44~~ **\$33.99**

**Wine Spectator 92 (Top 100: 2009, Rank: 32)
BODEGA COLOME Malbec Calchaquí Valley 2007**

This Argentine red is quite ripe, with nearly exotic plum sauce, braised fig and crushed blueberry notes rolled together, while spice, mocha and incense hints help stretch out the juicy, dense finish. A flashy style, but well-balanced. Drink now through 2012. 5,500 cases imported. -JM ~~\$25~~ **\$23.99**

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**2007 Carlisle Russian
River Valley**

"Papera Ranch" Zinfandel

Tasting Note: Dark ruby-purple, nearly opaque. A compelling, exotic nose of raspberry liqueur, briar, pepper, and incense. Not as floral as Carlisle Vineyard but it's obvious this comes from the same 'hood. On the palate, full-bodied with explosive flavors of kirsch and black raspberry leading to a long and persistent finish. A wine that manages to be both powerful and graceful at the same time. Easily our best Papera Ranch Zinfandel to date. Enjoy this age-worthy zinfandel from mid-2010 through 2018. (MRO - 07/17/09)

**Wine Spectator 90
SEXTANT Zinfandel Paso
Robles Wheelhouse 2007**

Ripe and jammy, showing huckleberry and licorice aromas, with zesty black cherry and toasty pepper flavors that take on depth and briary tannins on the finish. Drink now through 2014. 3,300 cases made. -TF. ~~\$20~~ **\$15.39**

**Wine Spectator 92
GREEN & RED Zinfandel
Napa Valley Chiles Canyon
Vineyards 2007**

Ripe yet sleek and briary-just about everything you want in a Zinfandel. Offers aromas of cherry and smoky sage, with flavors of wild blackberry, loam and licorice that finish with lively tannins. Drink now through 2015. 1,800 cases made. -T.F. ~~\$21~~ **\$19.69**

**Connoisseurs' Guide to
California Wine 91 Pts
2007 RIDGE**

**VINEYARDS Geyserville
Sonoma County**

58% Zinfandel; 22% Carignane; 18% Petite Sirah; 2% Mataro. An intriguing note of cranberry-like fruit sets this offering off on a track of its own while complexing elements of sweet oak, anise, dark chocolate and tar contribute further distinction. Somewhat tighter than most past Geyserville bottlings, it is a solidly structured effort whose ample richness is met by lots of vitality, and, if a bit angular at this point, it promises to blossom with a few years of age and reward those with patience. ~~\$35.00~~ **\$29.99**

**Wine Spectator 93
Seghesio Zinfandel
Alexander Valley Home
Ranch 2007**

Rich and powerful yet supple, ripe but still balanced. Though jammed with personality, this is focused and complex, approachable now, but better in a few years. Shows aromas of black cherry and licorice, with dense plum, cracked pepper and espresso flavors that finish with ripe tannins. Drink now through 2015. 2,400 cases made.—T.F. ~~\$36~~ **\$30.39**

**Wine Spectator 90
2007 Bodegas Volver**

"This muscular red shows beef and iron notes, with plum and prune fruit in a thick texture. A bit blunt, but distinctive, with enough acidity to keep it all lively." 100% Tempranillo - Nov. 30, 2009 Issue, Vol. 34#11 "smart buy!" ~~\$15~~ **\$12.99**

**Parker 91
2006 Mas Igneus
Barranc Dels Closos**

The 2006 Barranc dels Closos is composed of 75% Garnacha and 25% Carinena aged for three months in French oak. Purple-colored, it offers up an expressive perfume of earth, slate, espresso, black cherry, blueberry, and licorice. This leads to a full-bodied wine with intense liquid mineral and black fruit flavors, outstanding depth, and enough ripe tannin to support an additional 2-3 years of cellaring. It should be at its finest from 2011 to 2021. It is a good introduction to the DO of Priorat. ~~\$21~~ **\$17.99**

Wine Spectator 92
Viña Cobos Malbec Luján de Cuyo Bramare 2007

This is made in a very lush, flattering style, with alluring blueberry, plum and boysenberry fruit flavors that are carried by creamy-textured tannins and flowing through a spice-infused finish. 430 cases imported Drink now through 2011.—*J.M.* \$40

Parker 90
2007 Familia Zuccardi Malbec Q

The 2007 Malbec Q is a step up over the Serie A. It offers more depth and complexity, savory flavors, some structure, and a medium-long finish. It will evolve for 1-2 years but can be enjoyed now. ~~\$20~~ \$15.29

Wine Spectator 92
Yalumba Viognier Eden Valley 2008

Smooth and creamy, the polished texture supporting an explosive range of lemon meringue, pear, pineapple and spice flavors that ease into the long, vivid finish. Drink now through 2012.—H.S. ~~\$19~~ \$15.19

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2008 J. Lohr Riverstone Chardonnay

Winemaker's Comments: The 2008 J. Lohr Estates Riverstone Chardonnay has a very youthful straw yellow color. The aromas are of ripe bosc pear, fuji apple, lime and honeysuckle combined with the perfumed vanilla and toasty oak bouquet from the barrel fermentation, malolactic fermentation and sur lie aging creating an elegant Chardonnay from Monterey's Arroyo Seco AVA. The flavors are very clean with ripe pear, subtle floral notes and vanilla toastiness, producing layers of complexity with an excellent balance of fresh fruit acidity and palate-weight. This wine is ideal for pairing with oven-roasted chicken, Dungeness crab or grilled salmon. ~~\$14~~ **\$10.19**

2008 Columbia Crest H3 Chardonnay

Tasting Notes: "Aromatics of slight mineral, apple, pear, smoke and Horse Heaven Hills dust open this elegant yet racy, medium-bodied Chardonnay. A balanced palate of fruit and French oak leads to a seductive, creamy vanilla finish."
— Ray Einberger, Winemaker ~~\$15~~ **\$11.99**

2008 Rombauer Carneros Chardonnay

Rombauer Vineyards' Carneros Chardonnay has earned a reputation for being the benchmark California Chardonnay and the 2008 vintage continues that tradition. Delicious with intense pear, pineapple and tropical fruits, balanced with creamy, toasted vanilla. Refined acidity and hints of apple linger on the finish. Our favorite pairing for this wine includes grilled salmon or chicken with mango salsa, seafood pasta, crab cakes and arugula salad. \$32 **Holiday Price \$25.99**

Wine Spectator 93

Lewis Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2007

Offers wonderful complexity, richness, depth and finesse. Fullbodied, with creamy, mocha-laced oak, currant, mineral, tobacco and plum flavors that are bold yet elegant, focused and polished, ending with a long, lingering finish. 2,000 cases made Drink now through 2018.—J.L. ~~\$85~~ **\$79.99**

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