

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- FORCE OF NATURE** '11 "Paso Robles" MOSS FIRE RANCH Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is intensely powerful, yet delineated, pure, and bordering on refined. **16⁹⁵**
- MADRIGAL** '08 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, It's getting more and more difficult to find good Napa Valley Cabernets for under \$20. Lots of flavor with its ripe cassis, black currant and berry fruit. **19⁹⁵**
- HALTER RANCH** '10 "Paso Robles" Cabernet Sauvignon, The flavors on the palate are driven by an explosion of red and black fruit, framed by elegant structure. **19⁹⁵**
- EMBLEM** '10 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, This is the project of Mr. Michael Mondavi and his two children, Rob and Dina. Their family experience shines through with this impressive Cabernet! **27⁹⁵**
- STUHMULLER** '10 "Alexander Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, This is classic Alexander Valley Cabernet, with enticing aromas of cassis, blueberry and licorice. **29⁹⁵**
- MEYER VINEYARD** '01 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, Seductive, rich and approachable with layers of blackberry, currant and vanilla oak. **39⁹⁵**
- CORLISS** '01 "Columbia Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, "95" Stephen Tanzer WOW! This wine is simply outstanding. This is a winery to watch as this very well could be a SUPERSTAR producer in the making! A TREAT! **64⁹⁵**
- DUNN** '05 "Howell Mountain" Cabernet Sauvignon, "94" Wine Advocate, This is a gorgeous wine with lovely mid-palate presence and fleshiness. **79⁹⁵**

JOHN ALAN WINERY

- JOHN ALAN** '09 "Paso Robles" Tuscali, This Super Tuscan blend from California is 44% Sangiovese, 28% Cab and 28% Merlot. The perfect match for hearty pasta dishes. **17⁹⁵**
- JOHN ALAN** '08 "Paso Robles" Petite Verdot, Dark fruit with a bold finish. Only 25 cases made. **14⁹⁵**
- JOHN ALAN** '01 "Paso Robles" Merlot, Full-bodied with dark berry, hints of plum and smooth! **14⁹⁵**

SYRAH

- SCHERRER** '01 "Russian River Valley" Syrah, "92" Stephen Tanzer, Dark and muscular with black currant, candied violet and notes of smoke on the impressively long finish. **24⁹⁵**
- L'ECOLE No. 41** '09 "Columbia Valley" Syrah, "91" Wine Spectator, "...lively & appealing." **21⁹⁵**
- CORLISS** '01 "Columbia Valley" Syrah, "96" Wine Enthusiast, Pricy but WORTH IT! **48⁹⁵**

CA' MOMI

'10 "Napa Valley" Rosso di Napa

Hard to believe you can find anything from Napa at this price and the QUALITY IS TERRIFIC! A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Merlot and Petite Sirah. **5⁹⁵**

FOPPIANO VINEYARDS

'09 "Russian River Valley" Petite Sirah

Petite Sirah from the Russian River? Yes, and overflowing with lush black plum, berries and spiciness galore. This is a fun wine! ~Matt's Top Pick~ **13⁹⁵**

CALCAREOUS

'09 "Paso Robles" TRES VIOLET GSM

"90" Wine Spectator From Wine Spectator: "Offers a complex mix of blackberry and cranberry flavors that are tight and vibrant." A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre. **25⁹⁵**

COSENTINO

'11 "Lodi" THE FRANC Cabernet Franc

Dark and intense with blackberry, sage and hints of pepper. THE FRANC IS BACK! **9⁹⁵**

CARR

'10 "Santa Ynez" Cabernet Franc

Don't miss this juicy Cabernet Franc from Santa Ynez. Textbook spicy dark chocolate, black cherry and earthy mushrooms. ~Mark's Top Pick~ **17⁹⁵**

FOUR MILE CREEK

By Novy '11 "North Coast" Red Wine

This wine is lighting up Twitter with a tweet from former Wine Advocate writer Antonio Galloni: "Novy's 2011 Four Mile Creek is one of the very best values in American wine...a great showing." **12⁹⁵**

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TEN NEW PINOT NOIR

- SONOMA HILLS** '11 "Russian River Valley" Pinot Noir, Very unusual to find a Russian River Pinot Noir at this low price with such a high level of quality. **14⁹⁵**
- ALTA MARIA VINEYARDS** '10 "Santa Maria Valley" Pinot Noir, "93" Pinot Report, Full and complex, a great match for grilled meats! **19⁹⁵**
- LORING WINE CO.** '11 "Santa Lucia Highlands" GARY'S VINEYARD Pinot Noir, "92" Wine Spectator, Our favorite of all the LORING offerings this year! **42⁹⁵**
- WINE BY JOE** '10 "Willamette Valley" Pinot Noir, This is your "go to" wine. Delicious but never pretentious. A quality bottle at a no-nonsense price. Meant to be shared with the people who make you happy. **12⁹⁵**
- CHERRY PIE** '10 "Napa Valley" STANLY RANCH Pinot Noir, This is as full-bodied Pinot Noir as you will ever try! Lush, rich undeniable cherry flavors. Lip Smacking good! **41⁹⁵**
- MEIOMI** '12 "Monterey County, Santa Barbara County, Sonoma County" Pinot Noir, They don't get much fuller and richer than this. Lush, creamy red fruit coat the palate. **16⁹⁵**
- FOXEN** '11 "Santa Maria Valley" Pinot Noir, On our recent trip to Santa Barbara we tasted this at their new tasting room. FANTASTIC. **27⁹⁵**
- MAC MURRAY** '10 "Russian River Valley" Pinot Noir, Hints of lavender & mushroom are supported by a subtle oak influence. **17⁹⁵**
- EDICT** '10 "Anderson Valley" Pinot Noir, Crafted by winemaker Mark Herold. Creamy strawberry, spicy cherry & forest floor with notes of cocoa powder on the satin-like finish. Only 150 cases made. **17⁹⁵**
- DUTTON ESTATE** '10 "Russian River Valley" KARMEN ISABELLA-DUTTON RANCH Pinot Noir, Complex and elegant with cherry, raspberry and notes of minerality on the finish. **27⁹⁵**

CHARDONNAY

- SMOKING LOON** '11 "California" STEELBIRD, UNDAKED Chardonnay, Bright and vibrant on the palate with refreshing Honeycrisp apple, Meyer lemon and a hint of crème fraiche. **6⁹⁵**
- CHAMISAL VINEYARDS** '11 "Central Coast" UNDAKED Chardonnay, The lime, kiwi, orange and lemon flavors are so delicious you won't miss the oak at all! **12⁹⁵**
- SILVER BUCKLE** '11 "Lodi" RANCHERD Chardonnay, Fresh pear, candied pineapple and notes of toasted oak on the creamy finish. **11⁹⁵**
- CARMEL ROAD** '11 "Monterey" Chardonnay, This cool region winery has produced a crisp and refreshing wine with creamy oak undertones and juicy pineapples and mangos. A winning combination of value and quality! **11⁹⁵**
- PROVOCATIVE** by Ahnfeldt '11 "Sonoma Valley" Chardonnay, Crafted by Paul Hobbs, this Sonoma Chardonnay is soft and rich with layered fruit and creamy notes of toasty oak. **15⁹⁵**
- LAIRD** '10 "Napa Valley" RED HEN Chardonnay, Layered flavors of buttered toast, grilled peaches, orange jam and honeysuckle flowers. **27⁹⁵**
- GARY FARRELL** '10 "Russian River" Chardonnay, This comes from a blend of vineyards in Russian River including the famed ROCHIOLI ALLEN VINEYARD. **17⁹⁵**
- NEYERS** '11 "Napa Valley" 304 Chardonnay, 304 is the industry designation for food-grade stainless steel. Aged and fermented in stainless steel it is bright, crisp, fresh and delicate. **17⁹⁵**

ZINFANDEL

- TERRA D'ORO** '10 "Amador County" Zinfandel, This wine shows classic Sierra Foothills characteristics with its rich and super spicy nose with a smooth palate of ripened blackberry fruit. **10⁹⁵**
- LA CETTO** '10 "Valle de Guadalupe" Zinfandel, We don't see too many wines from the Guadalupe Valley in Mexico. However, this wine caught our attention with its UNDENIABLE VALUE! **6⁹⁵**
- BIANCHI** '10 "Paso Robles" HERITAGE SELECTION Zinfandel, A great follow up to the extremely popular 2009 vintage. Lush raspberry with toasted vanilla and hints of spice. **11⁹⁵**
- PLUNGERHEAD** '11 "Dry Creek Valley" Zinfandel, Luscious dark berry, white pepper and spice with hints of vanilla bean on the concentrated finish. **12⁹⁵**
- MAURITSON** '11 "Dry Creek Valley" Zinfandel, Brambly red and black fruit with a touch of cinnamon and cocoa from French Oak barrels. This is exactly what you should expect from Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel! ~Kevin's Top Pick~ **21⁹⁵**
- ULISES VALDEZ** '08 "Russian River Valley" LANDY VVVD. Zinfandel, As vineyard manager for world renowned wineries such as Paul Hobbs, Aubert and Pahlmeyer, Ulises was growing grapes for "Good guys who have a name in the business." Elegant with balanced fruit and loads of complexity. **29⁹⁵**

FRANCE

- Chateau du Prieur** '10 CUVÉE RESERVE "BORDEAUX"
Last years bottling from this producer was our **TOP SELLING** inexpensive Bordeaux. 2010 is yet another great Bordeaux vintage and once again this wine is a **WINNER**. **83⁹⁵**
- Domaine Dupeuble** '11 "GAMAY" Beaujolais. This is an easy-drinking, food-friendly wine that matches any occasion. Bing cherries, fresh strawberries and cinnamon sticks come through on the palate. Imported by Kermit Lynch. **119⁹⁵**
- Nicole Chanron** '11 "COTE DE BROUILLY" Beaujolais. This is a powerful version of Beaujolais with pure fruit and fresh violets. 2011 was good to this region and you'll understand why with this example. Imported by Kermit Lynch. **169⁹⁵**
- Chateau Rocher Calon** '10 "ST. EMILION" Another **SUPERB BORDEAUX VALUE!** Elegant, full-bodied and distinguished. 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc. **119⁹⁵**
- Chateau Ducasse** '11 GRAVES "BORDEAUX" Blanc, Plenty of honeysuckle, Thai lemongrass in a medium-bodied, attractive, fruit-driven style. **129⁹⁵**
- Laurent Habrand** '10 "SAINT JOSEPH" Syrah, Lots to like in this flavorful Syrah. Notes of cherry liquor, raspberries and smoke. **159⁹⁵**
- Domaine Reverdy Ducroux** '11 "SANCERRE"
Clean, pure notes of white flowers, melon and white peach. **179⁹⁵**
- Domaine Faury** '11 "SAINT JOSEPH" Syrah, Syrah at it's most elegant! Flowers, smoked meats, fruits and laced with black pepper. Imported by Kermit Lynch. **289⁹⁵**

BURGUNDY

- Patrice Rion** '10 "COTE DE NUITS-VILLAGES" Vieilles Vignes, Rouge, Medium-bodied, sultry and deep, this velvety textured beauty coats the palate with plums and black cherries. **259⁹⁵**
- Domaine Fevre** '10 "CHABLIS" 1er Cru VAULARENT, "90" Wine Spectator, Reviewed at \$65, we have it for an incredible price! Don't miss this mineral-laden fresh white. **359⁹⁵**
- Domaine Michelot** '10 "MEURSAULT"
"90" Wine Spectator, A beautiful Meursault at a great price! Rich, with good cut and a finish of toast & hazelnut. **339⁹⁵**
- Clos Salomon** '09 "GIVRY" 1er Cru
"92" Burghound, Expressive layers of fruit and bright floral notes that add freshness. **369⁹⁵**

ITALY

- Kermit Lynch** '11 "MONFERRATO" Rosso, This wine should be called "Perfect for Pizza." The rustic Italian flavors with dried red fruit coming through gives this wine undeniable charm. Wonderful value! Imported by Kermit Lynch. **83⁹⁵**
- Stefano Farina** '10 "BARBERA DI ASTI" You won't believe the quality of this Barbera for the money. There is terrific intensity and texture in the glass for an entry-level wine. **83⁹⁵**
- Tenuta Di Salviano** '09 "UMBRIA" Turlo, From the rich clay and limestone soils of Umbria. This bold and full-bodied wine shows complex red fruit with notes of mineral on the complex finish. **129⁹⁵**
- Masciarelli** '08 "MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO" MARINA CVETIC Rosso, "92+" Wine Advocate, Expressive dark red cherries, plums, spices and licorice. **AN OUTSTANDING EFFORT!** **249⁹⁵**
- Poggio Al Cascone** '09 "CHIANTI SUPERIORE" DOCG, Soft and supple with red fruit & notes of leather on the textured finish. **139⁹⁵**
- Campo di Marzo** '11 "PUGLIA" Primitivo, IGT, Full-bodied with wild cherry, plum and notes of pepper on the smooth finish. **83⁹⁵**
- Bosco Nestore** '09 "MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO" Loaded with juicy dark fruit, licorice and a host of dark aromas. **UNDENIABLE VALUE!** **99⁹⁵**
- Domaine Maestracci E Prove** '11 "CORSIKA" Vermentino, Summer is just around the corner and this is the perfect wine to pair with the warm weather. Bright citrus flavors and mineral undertones make this a perfect way to beat the heat! Imported by Kermit Lynch. **139⁹⁵**

ARGENTINA

- ALAMOS** '12 "Mendoza" Cabernet Sauvignon, Hard to beat this for the money. Barrel-aging lends hints of brown sugar and vanilla. **YUM!** **79⁹⁵**
- ZUCCARDI SERIE A** '11 "Valle de Uco" Malbec, "90" Wine Advocate, Silky and refined with blackberry, cherry and notes of anise on the powerful finish. ~Sharon's Top Pick~ **99⁹⁵**
- TILIA** '11 "Mendoza" Bonarda, "91" Wine Advocate, Pure floral bouquet with dark cherries and cassia aromas. This is a superb Bonarda! **79⁹⁵**
- FAMIGLIA BIANCHI** '10 "Mendoza" Malbec, The flavors mimic the aromas, with massive, yet soft and silky mouthfeel and a long, lush finish. **139⁹⁵**
- PULENTA** '12 "Mendoza" Malbec, This isn't just any Malbec! Positioned in the Andes Mountains makes for wonderfully concentrated fruit flavors and soft on the palate. **119⁹⁵**
- MASI TUPUNGATO** '11 "Valle de Uco" PASSO DOBLE Malbec/Corvina, Rich and intense with ripe cherry, berry and subtle notes of spice. **99⁹⁵**

SPAIN

- Los Dos** '11 "CAMPO DE BORTA" Grenache/Syrah, Simple and easy drinking, this is a crowd-pleasing wine great for those casual dinners. **59⁹⁵**
- Bodegas Juan Gil** '10 "Jumilla" Monastrell, "92" Wine Advocate, Another winner from this producer who year in and year out makes one of our **TOP SELLING** Spanish reds! **119⁹⁵**
- Bodegas Atalaya** '11 "ALMANSA" LAYA Monastrell/Garnacha, Juicy dark berry with hints of pepper and spice on the focused finish. **69⁹⁵**
- Arzuaga** '09 "RIBERA DEL DUERO" Crianza, A hedonistic bouquet with copious macerated dark cherries mixed with blueberry jam. Full-bodied and filled with rich cherry fruit. **269⁹⁵**

CHILE

- Calcu** '10 "COLCHAGUA VALLEY" Cabernet Franc, Calcu is Chilean for "Magician" and Magic is what's in this bottle. A flavorful blend of pepper, red fruits and hints of chocolate makes you Scream "Abracadabra" **119⁹⁵**
- Emiliana** '11 "COLCHAGUA VALLEY" Carmenera, Intense red aromas of cherry, chocolate and spice. Ideal with roasted or grilled meats. **ORGANIC.** **89⁹⁵**

NEW ZEALAND

- Oyster Bay** '10 "MARLBOROUGH" Pinot Noir, Best price you will find on this wine anywhere! Don't miss this great value Pinot Noir from New Zealand. **99⁹⁵**
- Astrolabe** '12 "MARLBOROUGH" Sauvignon Blanc, "91" Wine Spec. Last year's version of this wine was one of the Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of the year. Once again they have made a terrific Sauvignon Blanc that is **not to be missed!** **169⁹⁵**

May Wine-of-the-Month

ROUTE 152

'10 "Central Coast"

PINOT NOIR

You simply will not find a better Pinot Noir for the price than this incredible value from Pietra Santa Winery, located just outside Monterey in Hollister. We were blown away by the quality of this Pinot Noir for the money. A must try and it will not be around for long as there is limited production. **Get it while you can!**

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