

**SAUVIGNON BLANC — Expensive:
\$237/case & Up (\$32.10/btl. & Up full retail)**

LAIL VINEYARDS, 2008 BLUEPRINT, NAPA VALLEY, \$336 (\$42) ★★★★★

Very fine Sauvignon Blanc, in a supple, complex, refined style. It is full bodied, finely flavored (apple, lemon peel, vanilla, roasted nut, pineapple, pink grapefruit), and very long on the finish. Exceptional. 980 cases. [2009-2011] 707.968.9900

ROBERT MONDAVI WINERY, 2007 TO KALON VYD., FUME BLANC RESERVE, NAPA VALLEY, \$160/6 (\$40) ★★★★★+

Complex in style and full bodied, this is an excellent wine, with firm acidity, rich flavors (apple, lime, grapefruit, honey, roasted nut, baked bread, spicy oak, tobacco), and a long, crisp finish. 6% Semillon. [2009-2010] 707.226.1395

**WHITE BLENDS — High Priced:
\$145-\$240/case (\$18.10-\$30/btl. full retail)**


BONNY DOON, 2007 LE CIGARE BLANC, BEESWAX VYD., ARROYO SECO, \$184 (\$23) ★★★★★

Screw cap. Full bodied, not quite dry, round, finely flavored (cherimoya, pear, smoky oak, melon). Excellent value. 64.3% Roussanne, 35.7% GR Blanc. [2009-2010] 831.425.4518


TRENZA, 2008 BLANCO, EDNA VALLEY, \$160 (\$20) ★★★★★+
Screw cap. An excellent blend: full bodied, smoothly textured, and crisp, with a long finish, tasting of apple, honeysuckle, peach, and ripe grapes. Fine value. 60% Albarino, 40% Grenache Blanc. 808 cases. [2009-2010] 805.597.8200

**ROSE — Medium Priced:
\$65-\$144/case (\$8.10-\$18/btl. full retail & Up)**


BONNY DOON, 2008 VIN GRIS DE CIGARE, CALIFORNIA, \$128 (\$16) ★★★★★

Screw cap. Medium pink color. Supple, full bodied, and well balanced; a wine with strawberry, plum, lemon peel, and pepper aromas/flavors. 58% GR, 18% Cinsault, 10% Roussanne, 7% MV, 4% SY, 3% GR Blanc. [2009-2010] 831.425.4518 

PEDRONCELLI, 2008 DRY ROSE OF ZINFANDEL, DRY CREEK VALLEY, \$104 (\$13) ★★★★★+


Screw cap. Medium reddish pink. Full bodied, off dry, and quite intensely flavored (candied cherry, raspberry, boysenberry), with good balance and a long finish. Excellent. 1,800 cases. [2009-2010] 707.857.3531 

TRENZA, 2008 ROSADO, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, \$136 (\$17) ★★★★★

Screw cap. Medium purplish pink color. Fragrant and fairly intense aroma (strawberry, raspberry, violet, with citrus overtones); dry, full bodied, and intensely flavored, with a long, lightly tannic finish. Exceptional. 58% GR, 37% SY, 5% MV. 567 cases. [2009-2010] 805.597.8200 

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON — Medium Priced:
\$73-\$144/case (\$9.10-\$18/btl. full retail)**

337 CELLARS, 2007 LODI, \$136 (\$17) ★★★★★+

Fleshy, full bodied, medium rich, moderately complex in character (cassis, herbs, toast, chocolate), and long on the finish. Great value. [2009-2010] 707.265.1700 

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON — High Priced:
\$145-\$280/case (\$18.10-\$35/btl. full retail)**

ADELAIDA, 2006 PASO ROBLES, \$272 (\$34) ★★★★★

A medium rich, ripely flavored wine with supple texture, and moderate oak character on the finish. It tastes of blackberry, tobacco, spicy oak, and cherry jam. Excellent. Unfined, unfiltered. 7% CF. 995 cases. [2010-2013] 800.676.1232

RODNEY STRONG, 2006 ALEXANDER VALLEY, \$240 (\$30) ★★★★★

Best version of this wine in years. Full bodied, medium rich, smoothly textured, and clearly oaked; a wine with good flavor (cassis, toast, blackberry, cedar) and balance; medium long finish. 6% ME. 2% PV. [2011-2014] 707.433.6521

SATORI CELLARS, 2006 HALLELUJAH, WASHINGTON, \$264 (\$33) ★★★★★

Round, ripe, and full bodied; a wine with near-jammy flavors, and modest oakiness. Smooth, long finish. Very good value. 590 cases. [2010-2013] 408.848.5823

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON — Expensive:
\$281-\$600/case (\$35.10-\$75/btl. full retail)**

BERNARDUS, 2005 MARINUS, CARMEL VALLEY, \$180/6 (\$45) ★★★★★

Very supple in texture, and full bodied, with complex character, and a smooth, long finish, tasting of cassis, cherry, cedar, vanilla, and toast. ME, CF, PV, MB. [2011-2014] 800.223.2533

CADARETTA, 2006 COLUMBIA VALLEY, WA, \$188/6 (\$42) ★★★★★

Powerful and ripe, this is an intensely flavored, supple Cabernet, with rich blackberry, black currant, toast, dark chocolate, and tobacco aromas/flavors. Excellent. 314 cases. [2011-2016] 509.591.0324

GOLDSCHMIDT VINEYARDS, 2006 OAKVILLE, \$288/6 (\$72) ★★★★★+

Full bodied, complex and intense in character; this is a wine with rich fruitiness (cassis, blackberry) and layers of oak (toast, spicy oak, tobacco). Long finish. Excellent. Unfined, unfiltered. 600 cases. [2011-2016] 707.433.2061

ROBERT CRAIG, 2006 AFFINITY, NAPA VALLEY, \$400 (\$50) ★★★★★

An excellent blend: supple, ripely flavored (cassis, black cherry), full bodied, and very long on the palate, with moderate tannin on the finish. It has layers of oak complexity (toast, spicy oak). 13% ME, 6% CF, 5% PV. 5,800 cases. [2011-2016] 707.252.2250

STERLING VINEYARDS, 2006 DIAMOND MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY, \$560 (\$70) ★★★★★

Excellent. A full bodied Cabernet with medium richness, plenty of cedary toasty oak character, and cassis, cranberry, and tobacco aromas/flavors. Medium long finish. Can be aged a bit. 3,800 cases. [2011-2014] 800.726.6136

TERRA VALENTINE — Spring Mountain District ←

• **2006 WURTELE VINEYARD, \$260/6 (\$65)** ★★★★★

• **2006 YVERDON VINEYARD, \$300/6 (\$75)** ★★★★★

These are excellent Cabernets. The Wurtele is fleshy, full bodied, and fairly rich in style, with evident complexity; long and persistent on the finish. It tastes of blackberry, caramel, spicy oak, toast, vanilla, and dark chocolate. 800 cases. The Yverdon is quite

complex in character, full bodied, supple, rich, and long on the palate, with a finish tasting of black cherry, toast, spicy oak, vanilla, and cassis. Can be aged a bit. 937 cases. [2011-2016] 707.967.8340

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON — Very Expensive:
\$601/case & Up (\$75.10/btl. full retail & Up)**

AURIELLE, 2006 NAPA VALLEY, \$760 (\$95) ★★★★★
FIRST RELEASE. Excellent! Supple and full bodied, this is a rich, powerful, complex wine, with excellent balance and length. It tastes of cherry, blueberry, black currant, violet, toast, cedar, and spicy oak. 1% CF, 0.5% ME. Unfiltered, unfiltered. 303 cases. [2012-2016] 707.323.3263

BEAULIEU VINEYARD, 2006 GEORGES DE LATOUR ★★★★★
PRIVATE RESERVE, NAPA VALLEY, \$510/6 (\$127.50)
A full bodied, supple wine, with good depth of fruit, complex flavors (cedar, toast, spicy oak, cassis), and a long finish. Excellent. 9,200 cases. [2012-2016] 707.299.2600

CLOS PEGASE, 2005 PALISADES VYD., ★★★★★
NAPA VALLEY, \$720 (\$90)
Fleshy and full bodied, this is a fine Cabernet, with full body, ripe fruit character (black currant, blackberry), evident oak complexity (toast, dark chocolate, spicy oak), and a long finish. Would benefit with some aging. 3% PV, 1% CF. [2012-2016] 800.366.8583

ROBERT CRAIG, 2006 MT. VEEDER, \$308/6 (\$77) ★★★★★
Concentrated and full bodied, this is a nearly overripe Cabernet, but with excellent depth and weight. It is powerful and long on the finish, tasting of blackberry, cassis, toast, smoky oak, and dark chocolate. 19% ME. 1,700 cases. [2012-2016] 707.252.2250

VINE CLIFF WINERY, 2006 16 ROWS, OAKVILLE, ★★★★★+
\$620/6 (\$155)
A rich, intensely flavored Cabernet, with a firm, tannic finish. It is full bodied, supple in texture, and very long on the finish, tasting of black currant, cherry, vanilla, toast, cedar, and spicy oak. Excellent. [2012-2016] 707.944.1364

**MERLOT — High Priced:
\$145-\$280/case (\$18.10-\$35/btl. full retail)**

CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE, 2006 CANOE RIDGE ★★★★★
ESTATE, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS, \$120/6 (\$30)
A supple, complex Merlot, with moderately rich flavors, good balance, and a very long finish, tasting of tobacco, cherry, blueberry, toast, and spicy oak. Mildly tannic. 2% SY. 11,500 cases. [2010-2012] 425.488.1133


ROBERT MONDAVI WINERY, 2006 NAPA ★★★★★+
VALLEY, \$200 (\$25)
Smoothly textured, full bodied, and moderately rich in style, with evident complexity; nearly Bordeaux-like in style and flavor. It is long on the palate, and finishes with modest oak and tannin, and tastes of plum, blueberry, toast, mint, and black currant. 13% CS, 5% MB, 3% CF, 3% SY. [2010-2013] 707.226.1395

**MERLOT — Expensive:
\$281-\$600/case (\$35.10-\$75/btl. full retail)**

NICKEL & NICKEL, 2006 SUSCOL RANCH, ★★★★★+
NAPA VALLEY, \$230/6 (\$57.50)
A fleshy Merlot, with rich fruit, evident oak, and a long, mildly tannic. It tastes of plum, spicy oak, blueberry, and baked cherry. Fine quality. 1,444 cases. [2010-2012] 707.967.9600

PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS, 2006 VINTNER ★★★★★
SELECT CUVÉE, SONOMA COUNTY, \$480 (\$60)
Full bodied, supple in texture, and complex in flavor; a near-luscious Merlot, with blackberry, cedar, toast, vanilla, and tobacco aromas/flavors. Long finish. [2010-2012] 707.963.4949

**PINOT NOIR — Medium Priced:
\$73-\$144/case (\$9.10-\$18/btl. full retail)**

CASTLE ROCK, 2008 MENDOCINO COUNTY, ★★★★★
\$120 (\$15)
Full bodied, softly textured, and quite grapey in flavor, with hints of oak, smoke, and raspberry. Exceptional value. 50,000 cases. [2009-2010] 310.375.4041 

**PINOT NOIR — High Priced:
\$145-\$280/case (\$18.10-\$35/btl. full retail)**

DOMAINE CHANDON, 2007 CARNEROS, \$264 (\$33) ★★★★★
Fine quality: distinct in character (plum, cherry, toast, nutmeg), moderately intense in flavor, full bodied, and medium long on the finish. Has modest tannin. [2010-2011] 707.944.8844

KENNETH VOLK VINEYARDS, 2007 SANTA ★★★★★
MARIA CUVÉE, SANTA MARIA VALLEY, \$240 (\$30)
An exceptional Pinot at the price. It is very full bodied and ripely flavored, with rich fruitiness, moderate new oak character, and a very long finish, tasting of cherry, pepper, rosehips, cedar, red currant, and plum. 6,317 cases. [2010-2011] 714.343.0739

MacMURRAY RANCH

• **2007 SONOMA COAST, \$148 (\$18.50) ★★★★★**
• **2007 CENTRAL COAST, \$168 (\$21) ★★★★★+**
Both terrific values. The Sonoma Coast is supple, ripely flavored, and full bodied; a complex Pinot Noir, with excellent balance and length, tasting of raspberry, cranberry, smoky oak, toast, and strawberry jam. 70,000 cases. The Central Coast (based on Santa Lucia Highlands fruit) is supple and full bodied; a fruity, moderately rich wine with intense cherry, plum, toast, cranberry, clove, and spicy oak aromas/flavors, and a long smooth finish. 89,000 cases. [2009-2010] 866.346.3963

SEBASTIANI, 2007 CARNEROS, \$224 (\$28) ★★★★★+
Round and ripely flavored, this is an excellent, full bodied Pinot Noir that is smoothly textured and long on the palate, with a persistent finish. It tastes of plum, rosehips, nutmeg, toast, and baked cherry. [2009-2011] 707.933.3200

**PINOT NOIR — Expensive:
\$281-\$600/case (\$35.10-\$75/btl. full retail)**

DOMAINE ALFRED, 2007 CHAMISAL VYDS., ★★★★★
CALIFA SELECTION, EDNA VALLEY, \$496 (\$62)
Concentrated and full bodied, this is a rich, nearly late harvest Pinot Noir, with intense fruit character (plum, blackberry, black pepper) and near-equal oakiness. Long, mildly tannic finish. [2010-2012] 805.541.9463

DUTTON GOLDFIELD

• **2007 DEVIL'S GULCH VYD., MARIN COUNTY, ★★★★★**
\$246/6 (\$61.50)
• **2007 FREESTONE HILL VYD., RUSSIAN RIVER ★★★★★**
VALLEY, \$246/6 (\$61.50)