

Tondo Soave Classico Casette
\$22 Delivers fabulous aromas of apple and lily. Full-bodied, with lots of fruit and a bright undertone. Complex and wonderful. A new benchmark? Drink now. 500 cases made.—J.S.

Soave Classico Alzari 2007 \$24
Delivering banana cream pie and dried apricot flavors. Full-bodied, with a dense, rich palate and a juicy Chardonnay from the New World. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Friulano Collio 2008 \$30 Aromas of almond and light toffee follow through with a solid core of fruit and loads of apricot and peach pit flavors. Very intense. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Pinot Grigio Collio 2008 \$30
Delicious, delivering apple, peach pie and apricot flavors. Full-bodied, with lots of delicious fruit, and a rich, mineral aftertaste. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Friulano Collio Ronco delle Cime
Delivers captivating aromas of dried apple, apricot and subtle honey. Full-bodied, with loads of apricot acidity. Really intense on the finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Pinot Grigio Collio 2008 \$32
Delicious and tropical on the nose, delivering pineapples as well. Full-bodied, with an intense apricot flavor. Long and very lively. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Friulano Grave del Friuli Toh!
This stylish, rich white is full and fruity, with apricot, toffee and honey aromas and flavors, with a rich mineral aftertaste. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—J.S.

Friulano Colli Orientali del Friuli
Full and very spicy, with loads of peach pit apricot character. This is a little dumb right now. Intense and stylish. Drink now. 7,000 cases made.—J.S.

Soave Classico 2008 \$9 Lots of ripe apricot flavors turn to a medium body, with attractive character and a lemony finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Pinot Grigio Colli Orientali del Friuli
Offers some CO₂, with sliced apple and pear flavors follow through to a medium body. This has a juicy and a medium finish, with white pepper notes. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Pinot Grigio Grave del Friuli 2008
Delicious spice, papaya and lemon character on the nose. Medium-bodied, with fresh acidity and apricot. Drink now. 8,000 cases made.—J.S.

Pinot Grigio Lugana Pievecroce 2008 \$18
Clean, offering a citrus peel and mineral undertone. Full-bodied, with bright acidity. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Pinot Grigio Aquileia del Friuli 2008
\$18 —J.S.

Pinot Grigio Latisana del Friuli Albola
\$18 —J.S.

Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie 2008
\$18 —J.S.

Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie Kris
\$18 —J.S.

NEW ZEALAND Sauvignon Blanc

91 Goldschmidt Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
Nick Goldschmidt Boulder Bank 2008 \$15 See Smart Buys, page 84.

91 Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2009 \$19 This is bright, lively and distinctive for its apricot, lime and tangerine flavors, which zip nicely through the long, vibrant finish. Drink now. 8,000 cases imported.—H.S.

90 Wairau River Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2009 \$15 See Smart Buys, page 84.

89 3 Stones Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2009 \$14 Light and fragrant, with pretty melon, green herb and lime flavors that keep singing through the finish. Drink now. 7,500 cases made.—H.S.

89 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2009 \$19 Elegant and vibrant, this mouthwatering wine offers lime and tequila flavors that are reminiscent of a margarita, but remains light, refined and distinctive. Drink now. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 225,000 cases imported.—H.S.

89 Sherwood Estate Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2009 \$14 Light, crisp and tangy, with star fruit and white pepper flavors on a juicy frame. Drink now. 15,000 cases made.—H.S.

88 Ketu Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2008 \$12 This bright and lively white offers jalapeño-accented green apple and melon flavors that sail easily through the fresh finish. Drink now. 3,000 cases made.—H.S.

88 Mohua Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009
\$13 Fresh pear and candied lemon aromas and flavors remain fresh and zingy through the finish in this lively white. Drink now. 33,000 cases imported.—H.S.

88 Woollaston Estates Sauvignon Blanc
Nelson 2008 \$15 Light and smooth, with lime and green papaya aromas and flavors on a tight frame. Drink now. 2,759 cases made.—H.S.

87 Jackson Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Stich
2009 \$22 On the soft side, with a sweetness to the Meyer lemon and cucumber aromas and flavors, lingering easily. Drink now. 25,000 cases made.—H.S.

87 Matua Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2009
\$12 Bright and ripe, with a solid feel to the lime and pear flavors, lingering on the tangy finish. Drink now. 89,000 cases imported.—H.S.

86 Riparian Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2008 \$7 Light and refreshing, with pretty grapefruit and herb flavors and a soft finish. Drink now. 2,945 cases imported.—H.S.

85 Mud House Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2009 \$15 This fresh white shows celery leaf overtones to its candied green apple flavors, finishing tight. Drink now. 5,000 cases imported.—H.S.

85 Omaka Springs Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
2009 \$16 Light and flinty, with a candied edge to the pear and smoke flavors, finishing on a mineral note. Drink now. 10,250 cases imported.—H.S.

NEW ZEALAND Other

91 Yealands Pinot Noir Marlborough 2008 \$16
Tight and beautifully focused, delivering a juicy mouthful of raspberry, wild strawberry and pomegranate flavors that linger on the sleek, bright finish. Drink now through 2014. 5,000 cases made.—H.S.

90 Framingham Pinot Noir Marlborough 2008
\$25 Polished and focused, this brims with mineral-accented currant and black olive flavors, riding on a light, supple frame. Drink now through 2013. 4,000 cases made.—H.S.

90 Mt. Difficulty Pinot Noir Central Otago 2008
\$38 Light and velvety, with lovely currant and blackberry fruit gliding over refined tannins through the vivid finish. Drink now through 2013. 1,000 cases imported.—H.S.

89 Sherwood Estate Pinot Noir Marlborough
2008 \$18 See Smart Buys, page 84.

87 Tohu Pinot Grigio Nelson 2008 \$16 Light and polished, showing integrity to the almond-accented melon flavors, lingering easily. Drink now. 2,000 cases imported.—H.S.

86 Mohua Pinot Noir Central Otago 2008 \$20
Fresh and appealing for its balance, offering pretty raspberry and currant flavors on a lively frame, finishing with subtlety. Drink now through 2011. 5,000 cases imported.—H.S.

86 Torrent Bay Pinot Noir Nelson 2008 \$15
Peppery, with an earthy edge to the light orange peel and cherry flavors, finishing with refinement. Drink now through 2012. 3,000 cases made.—H.S.

86 Torrent Bay Sauvignon Blanc Nelson 2009
\$13 Light and soft, with pretty pear and herb flavors, lingering easily. Drink now. 20,000 cases made.—H.S.

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