

# reds – from here



## pinot noir

pinot noir, poppy, monterey county '09 delivers a bright red color with intense aromas of damp earth and raspberry.	9	40
pinot noir, stickybeak, sonoma coast '09 enticing nose of high toned cherry and raspberry with a cedary, creamy note beneath. a long, full-bodied palate with a sustained attack.	10	42
pinot noir, ministry of the vinterior, russian river '09 this is a bigger style of Pinot due to the warmer Russian River sites the winery sources their fruit from, but everything appears to be in balance, with anise and spice dancing gracefully alongside raspberry fruit.		44
pinot noir, strange, santa maria valley '08 deeply layered and complex. on the nose and palate are loads of dark fruit and a touch of earthiness.	13	46
pinot noir, emeritus, russian river valley '07 the emeritus russian river valley hallberg ranch is a voluptuous, flavorful wine with an opulent texture and darker flavors expressing its clonal traits. supple tannins give the wines an early approachability, highlighting charm, balance, and elegance.		62
pinot noir, robert sinskey vineyards, los carneros '07 the wine gleams bright with deeply saturated, yet translucent, ruby color. a sip brings texture, not heavy, but dense, rich and supple, laden with flavors of santa rosa plum, earth, spice and that savory, bright and sensual long finish.		68
pinot noir, willakenzie estate, aliette, willamette valley '07 on the palate, this fruit-forward wine embodies elegance and sultry silkiness with upfront, sweet, round tannins hinting of caramel and spice, that eventually enliven a bright acidity of sweet-tart oranges.		70
pinot noir, sea smoke, southing, santa barbara '08 this exceptional site features southern exposure, rich clay soils, low crop yields and the cool microclimate of the santa ynez river canyon.		74

## merlot

merlot, whitehall lane, napa valley '08 this merlot is a dark garnet color, with aromas of vanilla, boysenberry pie, and notes of toasted hazelnuts. flavors of sweet blueberries.	11	44
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## cabernet

cabernet sauvignon, pennywise, napa valley '09 the '09 pennywise cab blends fruit from the solari vineyard in calistoga and the gamble vineyard in yountville and ages the wine in 70% new/30% one-year-old french oak barrels.	9	38
cabernet sauvignon, starmont, napa valley '08 grown in top vineyards across the napa valley, starmont cabernet lots were hand selected for their rich and robust flavors and fine tannins. The wine exhibits aromas of cassis, brambly blackberry jam, perfumed violets and baked pastry notes.	14	48
cabernet sauvignon, buehler vineyards, napa valley '09 the aromas hint at black fruit: ripe black cherries and black plums. enticing barrel qualities of cola and spice complement the fruit aromas. on the palate, the wine shows layers of deeply extracted flavors that only mature hillside vineyards can give.		56
cabernet sauvignon, kuleto estate, napa valley '06 the 2008 kuleto estate cabernet is a deep red-black color. it leads with aromas of melted black licorice, bay leaves, and ripe plums – in other words, it smells like their estate in late fall. pleasing, toasty, tarry aromas lie just underneath.		62

## blends

westerly, cote blonde, santa barbara '08 made in the style of a northern Rhone, this blend of 87% syrah and 13% viognier, offers a perfumed and intense nose of cassis and smoky bacon fat with hints of violet and fine tannins.		66
benziger, tribute, sonoma county '05 75% cabernet sauvignon, 19% cabernet franc, 3% merlot, 3% petit verdot. organic and biodynamic grown grapes, the flagship of this winery.		128
opus one, '03, '05, '08		215

# whites



## domestic

chardonnay, bridlewood, monterey county '09 roughly 30% of the new wine was transferred to american oak barrels to age for a few months. this oak aging adds some toast notes to the wine.	10	40
chardonnay, justin, paso robles '09 aromas of green apple, pineapple and ripe stone fruit combine with a hint of cinnamon and toasted oak on the nose of this wine.		40
viognier 45% , marsanne 55%, treana, paso robles. '08 the marriage of these two varietals highlights the tropical notes found in both grapes, and gives the wine a lush, cohesive palate of exciting flavors.	10	40

## new zealand

sauvignon blanc, mt nelson '10 it offers vivid varietal aromas, creamy mid-palate flavors with a touch of vanilla from oak aging, perfect balance and a long, zesty finish.	9	38
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## argentina

torrontes, altosur, finca sopenia mendoza '09 a fresh and light body with flavors of rose grapefruit, and ripe peaches. organically grown grapes, hand-picked during the last 2 weeks of march.	8	36
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## italy

ribolla gialla, la sclusa, doc, friuli '09 offers a rich and intense aroma of fruit with hints of apple, pineapple, quince and pear, good structure and a floral finish.	9	38
sauvignon, conte le marsure, friuli '09 delicately perfumed with scents of flowers and spice, it features almond, tangerine, and citrus notes. 90pts by wine advocate.	9	38
pinot grigio, tiefenbrunner, alto adige '10 light yellow to sandy-colored in appearance, with an unobtrusive bouquet, and hints of pear and candied fruit.	10	40
gavi, michele chiaro, piedmont '08 this classic expression of the cortese grape is delicate and refined, with lean, subtle pear and white fruit flavors and a fragrance of acacia.		40
soave classico pieropan, veneto '09 the 2009 soave classico (90% garganega, 10% trebbiano) offers superb quality, as well as value, at this level. it offers great ripe fruit & vibrancy.		39
gavi di gavi, broglia, la meirana '09 this is ripe and rich, offering peach, mango and grapefruit aromas and flavors. this is backed by bright acidity, and a fillip of bitterness helps to lift the lingering finish.		42
sauvignon , tiare, collio '09 with wonderful aromas of apple cider and lemon zest, this clean and focused wine expands on the palate to reveal clove and quince nuances.		52

## spain

albariño, fillaboa, rias baixas '09 the classic sandy soils of the region in the northern part of rias baixas with the cool climate from the atlantic ocean, produce a vibrant wine of tremendous acidity and complexity.	9	38
cosme palacio, rioja valley 94 points r.p. '08		52

## germany

riesling kabinett, baron k, rheingau '09	10	40
prosecco, villa sandi, il fresco, veneto '10	10	40

# and there



## argentina – mendoza

### malbec, filus, mendoza valley '09

8 38

silver medal for filus malbec 2009 at the san francisco international wine competition 2009

### malbec, la posta, mendoza valley '08

10 42

dense dark berry and plum flavors along with hints of sandalwood and spice, and even a hint of violets in the finish.

## france – bordeaux

### chateau renard mondesir, fronsac, bordeaux '05

66

a merlot-driven bordeaux blend from the small region of fronsac, near pomerol. full bodied with wonderful complexity and good fruit, enjoy with grilled meats and fine cheeses.

## spain – rioja valley

### garnacha 65%, tempranillo 35% palacios remodo "la vendimia" rioja

39

lively and lucid, this wine has supple aromas of fresh orchard fruit, wild berries and ripe blood oranges. fruit-forward and round on the palate, the aromas found on the nose are mimicked in the mouth and include additional notes of sweet spice and raspberry jam.

### tempranillo, artadi, vinas de gain, doc, rioja '07

46

artadi's 2007 vinas de gain is 100% tempranillo sourced from 40 to 60 year-old vines and aged in 40% new french oak for 12-14 months. a saturated purple color, it delivers an expressive bouquet of wood smoke, pencil lead, mineral, blueberry, and blackberry.

### tempranillo, glorioso reserva especial, doc, rioja '06

48

deep ruby red, ripe dark fruits balanced by well integrated oak and spice. rich, complex dark fruits with a long satisfying finish.

## italy – umbria

### montefalco rosso doc, arnaldo caprai '07

50

sangiovese 70%, sagrantino 15%, merlot 15%  
rich ruby red, brilliant, sensationally intense, with notes of ripe red fruit and delicate hints of vanilla

## piemont

### barbera d'asti superiore, michele chiaro, le orne '09

10 40

an intense yet airy, vinous bouquet and a medium-bodied, robustness that is exceptionally pleasant on the palate. harmonious quality of considerable elegance.

### barolo, ascheri '06

59

their style is very traditional, which means this wine is very graceful on the nose and palate; something i adore in a great barolo - finding a wine of this caliber, and class.

### barolo, damilano '04

65

this wine provides a classic harmony of rose licorice and berry fruit with subtle nose of vanilla, tobacco; layered flavors, a round velvet-textured palate and lingering finish.

### barolo, campe della spinetta, '04

140

a sweet core of opulent fruit along with notes of spices, leather and menthol that develop in the glass. it is a big, opulent barolo.

### barolo, bruno giacosa falletto, '01

178

giacosa's 2001 barolo falletto is so compelling it will be hard not to drink it in its youth. this gorgeous barolo reveals a deeply structured frame layered with sweet dark fruit, mint, spice and pine. on the nose, it shows its complex personality with a delicious blend of black cherry, raspberry, vanilla and black pepper.

### barbera d'alba, campe della spinetta doc, '05

98

a great wine, warm, rich, sexy and feminine...100% barbera - is aging in entirely new, medium toasted french oak for 16-18 months. it exhibits a distinct bouquet of violets or rose petals, with seductively earthy, slightly musky undertones.

### barbaresco, ugo lequio docg '07

78

The wine has an exquisite color with aromas of black fruit, cocoa powder and toasty vanilla. The palate opens with an amplification of these aromas complemented by a skillful use of wood which softens the tannins while producing an elegant balance.

### barbaresco, la spinetta vigneto gallina - vursu '04

140

giorgio rivetti makes some of the best, modern style barbaresco. hints of truffle, gorgeous perfume and flavors of wild berry, violet, anise and spice coat the palate.

## veneto

### pallazo della torre, alegrini, 07

12 44

palazzo della torre is made from 70% corvina, 25% rondinella and 5% sangiovese, all traditional veneto grapes. approximately 30% of the fruit is air-dried, amarone-style.

### castello di buttrio colli orientali del friuli, '04

48

this pignolo has an intense, elegant nose with notes of small red berries and spicy undertones of vanilla. it is robust and intense on the palate.

### valpolicella classico superiore, ripasso, giuseppe '07

50

a classic veneto blend of: 75% corvina, 20% rondinella and 5% molinara. lush cranberry notes, with smoky chocolate that epitomizes the lovely characteristics of corvina.

## sicily

### nero d'avola, colosi cantine '10

11 46

the color is cherry red with black highlights. the nose is blackberry, cherry, spearmint chewing gum and a herbal note. full bodied with silky smooth flavors of black and blueberries, then cherries and cinamon spice are added.

### nero d'avola, saia, '07

52

saia is opaque deep violet in color with aromas of dark and bitter red cherry, spearmint, spice and oak nuances. these lead into a velvety palate of lush, exotically concentrated fruit balanced by a fine acidic underpinning and ripe, sweet tannins.

## toscana

### chianti classico riserva contemassi '07

11 44

91 pts wine spectator. it offers forest fruits, with a light toasty oak character; medium bodied, with fine fruit and mineral-coated tannins and a clean finish.

### chianti classico riserva, nozzole '07

13 46

this wine shows crisp, ripe red berry and cherry fruit flavors and aromas sustained by a fresh, acidic note offset by classic sangiovese notes of earth, mushrooms and leather.

### chianti classico riserva, felsina '08

50

90 points robert parker's wine advocate: felsina's chianti classico riserva reveals gorgeous sweet fruit, flowers and delicately laced toasted oak with lovely inner sweetness.

### insoglio del cinghiale, igt '07

46

syrah 35%, cabernet franc 30%, merlot 30%, petit verdot 5% - intense ruby with flecks of purple. the nose is intensely fruity with a hint of spicy oak and licorice. palate is balanced and harmonious, with the rich fruit being balanced by ripe, round tannins.

### crognolo, tenuta sette ponti, igt '06

64

this refined, stylish blend of sangiovese and merlot combines fruit lushness and concentration with a palate of ripe wild cherries, black fruit, leather and vanilla repeated in the aromas.

### lucente, la vite '07

69

merlot (50%), sangiovese (35%), and cabernet sauvignon (15%). in the world of supertuscans, this one is right on. always a huge hit with vintage customers, this wine offers intense strawberry, blueberry, and currant fruit accented by mocha and spice. 93 pts - wine spectator

### il pareto tenuta di nozzole '06

84

100% cabernet sauvignon grapes from the best vineyard plots of the estate are hand harvested, within the first ten days of October, the wine is aged 16-18 months in French oak barrels part new and part one year old and is then followed by a minimum of 6 months in bottle before release. critical acclaim: beautiful aromas of crushed blackberry and currant, with intense cassis character.

### brunello di montalcino, pinino '04

65

92 points wine spectator: has rose, blackberry and sandalwood aromas. full-bodied, with velvety tannins, ripe fruit and a long finish.

### brunello di montalcino, altesino, montalcino '03

76

made from 100% sangiovese grosso hand harvested from the prestigious montosoli vineyard. the extra long, 10 day maceration allows for richer color and superb concentration. brunello montosoli is aged for three to three and a half years in 115 year old slovanian oak barrels.

### brunello di montalcino, camogliano, toscana '05

79

there is just plenty of juicy and plush fruit you might think this estate was using small french oak barrels. in reality they make this with the larger oak barrels. a lot of extraction leads to the deep rich color and the rich, chewy palate.