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BLUE REVIEWS


In each issue, Editor-in-Chief Anthony Dias Blue selects a wide range of the best wines and spirits from among the more than 500 he samples over the course of a month. The reviews are subjective editorial evaluations, made without regard to advertising, and products are scored on a 100-point scale:

85-89: VERY GOOD

90-94: OUTSTANDING

95-100: CLASSIC

Once products are selected for publication, producers and importers will be offered the option of having their review accompanied by an image (bottle photo or label art) for a nominal fee. There is no obligation to add an image, nor does the decision affect the review or score in any way.

 The "twisty" icon indicates wines sealed with a screwcap closure.

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DOMESTIC

92 Robert Mondavi 2008 Fumé Blanc Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$40) Creamy and rich with lots of racy citrus, white flowers and soft herbs; complex and luscious with tangy acidity and lovely balance.

CONSTELLATION WINES U.S.



91 Grgich Hills Estate 2009 Fumé Blanc, Napa Valley (\$30) Smooth and

bright with racy grapefruit and lemon; juicy, silky and crisp with rich texture and fine balance; long, pure and stylish.



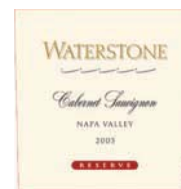
95 Freestone 2008 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (\$55) Gorgeous bright fruit and tangy acidity; crisp and elegant, Burgundian and masterful with amazing depth and grace.

JOSEPH PHELPS WINERY

90 Pfendler Vineyards 2008 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast (\$45) Ripe, fresh and sweet cherry fruit with juicy acidity; bright and lively, long and balanced with good texture and style.

94 Waterstone 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserve, Napa Valley (\$60)

Smooth and juicy with ripe plum and black raspberry fruit; dense and generous, seamless with lovely balance and expansive length; bright and classic.




90 Cambria Winery 2008 Pinot Noir, Julia's Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley (\$25) Smooth and silky with ripe cherry and lovely notes of earth and spice; racy acidity, clean and balanced with a long, lush finish.

JACKSON FAMILY VINEYARDS

91 Russian Hill 2007 Estate Syrah, Russian River Valley (\$28) Smooth and ripe with juicy black raspberry and cassis; dense, rich and nicely structured; delicious flavors and a long finish.



90 Mara Wines 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, White Grass, Sonoma County (\$16)

Aromatic and dense with stone fruits and citrus; minerals, spice and nice texture with a core of racy acidity; long, bright and balanced. 

91 Sanford Winery 2008 Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County (\$22) Smooth and creamy with ripe fruit and sweet vanilla oak; bright and showing racy acidity and lovely balance; elegant and long.

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