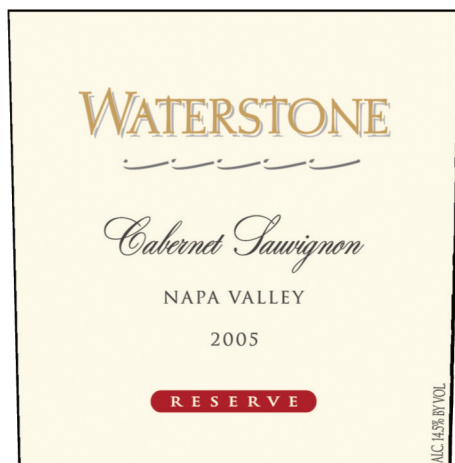


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### **2005 Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**

Philip Zorn purchases fruit for this reserve from hillside growers in Oakville and Rutherford (65 percent), the balance coming from Diamond Mountain and Truchard's vineyard in Carneros. The blend produces a wine with intensity and pungent, forest floor scents. The fruit is juicy and rich, the tannins contrasting its sweetness with the savor of olive and plum skin. Luscious and tense with minerality, this is ready to drink with braised lamb.

# Anthony Dias

## BLUE REVIEWS

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**85-89: VERY GOOD**

**90-94: OUTSTANDING**

**95-100: CLASSIC**

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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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