

WHITES

- 2010 Sauvignon Blanc, Jackson Triggs, 'Black Reserve', Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Canada, VQA.....\$36**
This is a refreshing, easy to sip, crisp summer wine displaying fresh, bold aromatics of citrus, grapefruit, and honeydew melon, with hints of dill and grassy notes.
- 2009 Riesling, 'Niagara Series', Inniskillin, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Canada, VQA\$36**
This dry, white wine exhibits beautiful aromas of lime, grapefruit and orange blossom with just a hint of pineapple. The acidity is balanced by the body with beautiful flavours of spice, orange and pineapple leading through to a lingering finish.
- 2010 Chardonnay, 'Twenty Three', Pillitteri Estates Winery, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Canada, VQA\$38**
This wine tastes like flowers - it particularly has a light elderflower taste reminiscent of Sauvignon Blanc, but with slightly more acidity. Light straw colour with greenish tint the bouquet is fairly intense with an elegant fragrance, the palate is light bodied with flavours of apricot, and apples.
- 2010 Pinot Grigio, Serenissima, Veneto, Italy\$48**
Fresh, fruity nose, a brilliant pale straw colour, a clean taste, with a mouth-filling texture and a crisp finish. The palate displays honey and bitter almond, finishing light bodied with balanced, clean crisp acidity.
- 2008 Chardonnay, Murphy Goode, Sonoma Valley, California, USA\$56**
The aromas and flavours of red apple, pear and tropical fruits have streaks of lemon creme with nice minerality and hints of vanilla. This is an approachable Chardonnay, yet richly textured, while retaining a balance of integrated fruit and sweet toasty oak.
- 2009 Grüner Veltliner, Weingut Kurt Angerer, 'Kies', Kamptal, Austria\$59**
The nose is inundated with huge peach along with citrus, honey and grapefruit, while spice, herbs and grapefruit add complexity in the mouth. A medium-bodied wine, it is rich and concentrated with fresh acid and superb length.
- 2004 Pinot Gris, Domaine Barmès Buecher, 'Herrenweg', Alsace, France, *Biodynamic*\$60**
Brilliant golden yellow. Moderate intensity, floral, buttery with aromas of earth, pistachio and spice. Mineral taste and with some sweetness. Evolves delicately with good acidity. Long and exotic finish. A wine that's quite powerful, satiny, smooth, with good structure, rich and mineral with lots of finesse.
- 2009 Gewürztraminer, 'Portrait', Paul Zinck, Alsace, France\$64**
This wine is made without oak contact to emphasize the full fruit character. Lemon colour with green tinges and aromas of exotic fruits, rose petals and spice. Intensely fruity with lychee, mango and violets and a dry finish.
- 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Kato, Marlborough, New Zealand\$65**
Pale straw with green tinges and has aromas of melon, lime, gooseberry and passion fruit. The palate shows tropical fruit flavours with hints of red capsicum and nettle. The wine has a rich mid palate with good weight and texture and a typical zingy finish.

2009 Chablis, William Fevre, 'Champs Royaux', Burgundy, France\$72
Brilliant straw colour; intense aromas of apples and pears with mineral and citrus zest notes; medium-bodied, dry, with zesty citrus flavour with a crisp finish.

ROSES

2010 Rosé, Taswe Winery, 'Échos', Niagara Peninsula, Canada, VQA\$38
This rose is a wonderfully complex blend of five varieties. The wines were individually created with just enough skin contact to extract flavour and colour, then blended to balance the flavours in the final wine. The result is an approachable, well balanced, yet complex wine. Cherry, berry, plum, rhubarb, spice flavours.

2010 Château de Manissy, Tavel, France\$53
Vivid pink. Exotically perfumed bouquet of wild strawberry, raspberry, cherry pit and dried rose. More lively than most Tavels, offering tangy red fruit and mineral flavours and a kick of juicy acidity. Finishes dry and very long, with solid grip and emphatic mineral character.

REDS

2010 Merlot, Viña La Rosa, 'La Palma, Estate Grown', Cachapoal Valley\$38
This wine has a rich intense colour. Floral, black berry fruit with a touch of mint; very juicy, full of black fruit (black cherry).

2008 Gamay Noir, Cattail Creek Family Estate Winery, Niagara, Canada, VQA\$44
Gamay Noir produces a wonderfully versatile red wine filled with aromas and flavours of black cherries, plums, raspberries. The soft oak aging adds complexity contributing flavours of smoky vanilla and anise. This is a light-bodied red wine with very subtle tannins making it a great wine to serve on its own.

2009 Chianti Ca'del Doge, Colle Senesi, Tuscany, Italy\$46
Concentrated ruby red in colour, clear and bright. Fruity with vibrant floral characteristics. Well structured, fresh and balanced with a pleasant persistent finish rendering it an ideal food wine.

2010 Malbec, Andeluna Cellars, Tupungato, Mendoza, Argentina\$48
Deep, dark garnet hue. Red fruit aromas with cedar and clove with hints of vanilla. Minty cherry flavours laced with fine-grain tannins. Dry, chalky close with licorice-like sweetness.

2007 Cabernet Franc, Pillitteri Estates Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, VQA\$50
Bold and brash yet revealing a touch of class, like a good Cabernet Franc should. Intense, yet elegant, sensations of ripe forest berry, rhubarb and dark cherry, with a waft of cigar intertwined along black pepper spice flood the senses. The palate brings forth further nuances of dark cocoa, blood plums and a touch of dill. Silky tannins brought about through easygoing maturation in new and old American and French oak barrels, round out the palate beautifully onto the long finish. A pleasure will be found pairing this with something meaty something hot, like braised venison loin, lean elk or wine-infused bison sliders.

- 2007 Tempranillo, Peccatore Reserva, Quinta do Portal, Douro, Portugal\$53**
 This is a very dark blackish-purple wine with ruby glints. Smoky black-cherry and plum aromas carry over on the palate as medium-bodied black-fruit flavors shaped by tart, almost sour acidity, but on the tangy side. Light tannins appear only in the long, tart finish.
- 2009 Côtes du Rhône, Jean Luc Colombo, 'Les Abeilles', Rhône, France\$54**
 Deep garnet colour. Aromas of black berries, a hint of old leather and some spices too. A medium-bodied and complex red wine focused on ripe black berry laced with liquorice spiciness well balanced by silky tannins. This red wine is a classic expression of the Cotes du Rhone appellation.
- 2008 Pinot Noir, Louis Jadot, Burgundy, France\$54**
 Intense, deep, dark cherry red, with an intoxicating mixture of spicy plums, violets, red cherry notes, and anise-tinged cedar on the nose. In the mouth, the red fruit flavours blend with black cherries and overtones of blueberries and anise, and the wine finishes mineral, long and complex with firm tannins and a solid acid structure.
- 2008 Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, Cantine Delibori, 'Corte Grande', Veneto, Italy\$57**
 This wine is much more like the 'baby Amarone'. Lighter than Amarone, Ripasso has deep, concentrated fruit, with rose petals and tar on the nose while the palate is quite soft and supple yet very juicy. The wine finishes with very satisfying sour blackberry, cherry, licorice and coffee aftertaste.
- 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, Tin Roof Cellars, California, USA\$60**
 Big black cherry and currant aromas positively jump out of the glass, being so pervasive as to almost subdue the oak, as well as the dried herb quality that defines ripe and varietal Cabernet. Sweet red cherries, sweet red cherries, and sweet red cherries are the three flavours that dominate the palate, with sweet black cherry playing a supporting role. This wine is very bold and flavourful, with chewy, chalky, but refined tannins in the finish.
- 2006 Abbaye De Saint-Ferme, "Le Vigne du Soir", Bordeaux, France\$62**
 A delicious example of a classic Bordeaux -100% Estate bottled and aged in French Oak barrels for 6 months - ripe flavours of sweet black cherries and chocolate.
 "Le Vigne du Soir" or "The Evening Vines" is what they call this wine because the grapes are the richest and ripest on the estate, coming from the vineyards that receive the longest sun exposure, thus tended late in the day or even after sunset. A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc aged 6 months in French oak, the estate is owned by the Kendall-Jackson wine group who spare no expense to make this the absolute best wine it can be. It shows dense fruit, richness and complexity.
- 2009 Shiraz, 'Junior', Frank Mitolo McLaren Vale, Australia\$64**
 This Shiraz displays a bouquet of mulberry, cedar, plum and liquorice.
 On the palate black cherry, dark chocolate, spice flavours are integrated with hints of pepper and blueberry, balance by subtle toasted oak. A rich firmly structured wine with tannin, fruit and oak in harmony.

2007 Pinot Noir, Zenith Vineyard, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA\$85

The 2007 Zenith Pinot is, in a word, intense. Roses, jasmine, and raspberry flowers mingle in the nose, and expansive Bing cherry and red raspberry flavors please the palate. An edgy hint of minerality in the rich fruit flavors and the smooth tannins makes the wine distinctive and unique.

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