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### United States & Canada

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| 2005 | Ten Mile Red, Napa, California  | 40 / 30  |
|      | ◆ <i>Based on the classic field blends of the late 1800's, this wine combines Petite Syrah, Zinfandel, Barbera, Malbec &amp; Carignane. Tannins are gentle, mouth is full. Good stuff.</i>          |          |
| 2007 | Pinot Noir, Monterey Coast, Mandolin, California  | 42 / 32  |
|      | ◆ <i>Featuring bright cherry &amp; raspberry fruit with hints of spice, leather &amp; cedar. Mike's pick.</i>   |          |
| 2006 | Trius Red, Hildebrand, Niagara Peninsula, Canada  | 46 / 34  |
|      | ◆ <i>Benchmark Bordeaux blend from this Canadian winery. Mid-weight vibrant cherry with some smoky oak, bitter tannins &amp; good length.</i>   |          |
| 2007 | Mourvedre, Ancient Vines, Cline Cellars, California   | 48 / 36  |
|      | ◆ <i>A consistent favourite of Mike &amp; Janis because of the winery's 100% organic cutting edge production. This wine has distinct mint, chocolate &amp; cherry flavours, an unusual delight.</i> |          |
| 2005 | Cabernet Franc, Lailey Vineyard, Niagara, Canada  | 58 / 43  |
|      | ◆ <i>Made from some of Canada's oldest vines. Wine guru Jancis Robinson named Lailey as one of a handful of Canadian "superior producers".</i>  |          |
| 2007 | Pinot Noir, Orofino, Similkameen Valley, BC, Canada   | 72 / 54  |
|      | ◆ <i>Rich dark fruit on the nose with a hint of smoke &amp; spice. Nice black cherry &amp; strawberry notes on the palate with classic earthy complexities.</i>                                     |          |
| 2005 | Zinfandel, Hendry Block 28, Napa Valley, California   | 75 / 56  |
|      | ◆ <i>From a vintage even better than the touted '01, the whopping 15.8% alcohol is well-integrated with dark fruit &amp; traditional zippy smoky spice, tar &amp; mineral.</i>                      |          |
| 2002 | Pinot Noir, DePonte Cellars, Willamette Valley, Oregon  | 92 / 69  |
|      | ◆ <i>An inaugural vintage &amp; already a gold medal winner. This Pinot needs a hearty dish to tame it.</i>   |          |
| 2004 | Cabernet Sauvignon, Frias Family Vineyard, Spring Mountain, California  | 125 / 94 |
|      | ◆ <i>Family owned small producer of super premium Napa Cabernet.</i>  |          |

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### **Australia & New Zealand**

- 2005 Hooley Dooley, Dowie Doole, McLaren Vale, Australia 40 / 30
- ◆ *An exquisite composition of Cab, Merlot, Shiraz & Petit Verdot, rich fruit, chocolate & spice complemented with soft charry oak. An amazing discovery!*
- 2006 Shiraz, Ball Buster, Tait, Barossa Valley, Australia 48 / 36
- ◆ *Big, thick & juicy, this is a true blockbuster, or I mean ball buster (ha, ha)... A seamless crowd pleaser of a wine that can be enjoyed anytime. Punches way above its price tag. Want some?*
- 2007 Cabernet/Shiraz, Passion Has Red Lips, Some Young Punks, Australia 48 / 36
- ◆ *Complex aromas of vivid red & dark berries, pungent herbs & fresh flowers. Round & seductive, like your woman. Silky raspberry and blackberry braced by nervy minerality. No intrusive tannins to get in the way of the fruit.. 90pts Wine Spectator.*
- 2005 Shiraz, Mt Billy, "Circe", Southern Fleurieu, Australia 50 / 38
- ◆ *A dangerous & irresistible woman of Greek legend, this enchantress turned Odysseus's companions into swine with a magic drink. A splash of Viognier enhances the black Shiraz.*
- 2007 Merlot, MollyDooker, The Scooter, Australia 60 / 45
- ◆ *Named after Sparky's scooter racing years, this is a charming wine with delicate sweet berry fruit, fine integrated tannins & a beautiful long finish. The perfect wine to relax with.*
- 2003 Grenache, Kilikanoon Prodigal, Clare Valley, Australia 60 / 45
- ◆ *Blueberry pie meets forest floor. Highly enjoyable without being overly complex.*
- 2004 Merlot, Sophia, Craggy Range, New Zealand 90 / 67
- ◆ *A marvelous foil for St. Emillion & Pomerols. Highly concentrated & tautly structured while retaining a certain freshness. Absolutely stunning!*
- 1998 Syrah, Balmoral, Rosemount Estate, McLaren Vale, Australia 130 / 98
- ◆ *This wine offers depth & complex peppery nuances. It is aging brilliantly, we just checked!*
- 2004 Shiraz, Hobbs, Australia 200 / 150
- ◆ *The spectacular Shiraz was sourced from vines planted in 1906 with yields a meager 1.25 tons per acre. It has a superb bouquet of woodsmoke, pencil lead, licorice & blackberry. A cult classic for those without sticker shock.*

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- 2006 Tempranillo, Sabor Real, Spain 32 / 24  
 ♦ *Made in Northwest Spain, this wine is dark fruit driven, with plenty of structure, a roasted perfume & a spicy finish.*
- 2005 Chateau de Rully, Domaine Rodet, France 50 / 38  
 ♦ *This wine offers serious quality for its modest appellation & 2005 was a blockbuster vintage. Subtle touches of wood highlight red berry fruit with a dusty backend.*
- 2006 Tenuta Sette Ponti, Crognola, Tuscany, Italy 60 / 45  
 ♦ *This is a warm & sunny super Tuscan bursting with spice, earth, herbs & leather with a cherry cola finish. Emphasis has been put on harmony rather than intensity.*
- 2004 Lalande-de-Pomerol, Château Perron, France 65 / 49  
 ♦ *Masses of black fruit with toasty vanilla. A big, ripe & powerful glass of liquid velvet.*
- 2004 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine La Roquette, France 70 / 53  
 ♦ *Using the same rigorous vinification techniques as the highly regarded "Vieux Télégraphe" this wine shows cherry & floral at first, moving quickly into layers of blackcurrant, graphite & taut sinewy tannins that drive the finish.*
- 2004 Domus Pensi, Crianza, Altavins, Spain 70 / 48  
 ♦ *A full bodied blend produced from Cabernet Sauvignon, Garnacha Negro, Syrah & Merlot hand-harvested from 7 different vineyards. Raspberries & blackberries with mocha notes & a lingering finish. Decanter rated 4 stars.*
- 2004 Priorat, Alvaro Palacios Les Terrasses, Spain 80 / 60  
 ♦ *A sophisticated blend of Carignan, Grenache & Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine delivers a knockout nose of kirsch, licorice & minerals. The young superstar winemaker is known for invigorating the region.*
- 2005 St. Emilion, Chateau La Confession, Grand Cru, France 125 / 94  
 ♦ *Opaque purple with a sweet blue & blackberry perfume intertwined with licorice & graphite. Massive extraction but with admirable purity & freshness. 95 pts. but will improve with further cellaring.*
- 2003 Brunello di Montalcino, La Rasina, Il Divasco, Italy 135 / 101  
 ♦ *Made from the estates oldest vines, the flavor profile is darker than the normal bottling & it also shows greater freshness. Notes of toasted oak, smoke, black cherry & sweet herbs emerge to round out this terrific, full-bodied Brunello. Rarity alert - only 200 cases made.*
- 2000 Margaux, Château Siran, France 180 / 135  
 ♦ *Ripe currant & tobacco characters, masses of tannins & a long long finish. This is a spectacular wine, Decanter rated a perfect 5 stars.*

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### *South America*

- 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, Chakana, Mendoza, Argentina 32 / 24
- ◆ *Chakana Estate philosophy is to cross the bridge with respect the past and future, both in winemaking and support of the first peoples. Leather, plum & dark berries with cassis & a creamy smooth vanilla finish.*
- 2007 Tannat, Don Rudolfo, Argentina 40 / 30
- ◆ *A rare French varietal that thrives in South America. Dark purple color with deep violet undertones. Eucalyptus notes, intense ripe tannins. Silver Medal, LA wine competition 2008.*
- 2004 Pinot Noir/Malbec, Familia Blend, Schroeder, Patagonia, Argentina 100 / 75
- ◆ *Remarkably elegant with sour plum, hints of violet, vanilla & chocolate spice. Totally unique & worth every penny.*

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