# Anthony Dias BLUE REVIEWS

n 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**

ORoth Estate 2009 Chardonnay,

Sonoma Coast (\$20) Bright and elegant with ripe apple and tropical fruits; juicy and showing sweet vanilla oak; balanced, long and very stylish.

WILSON DANIELS



### Rusack Vineyards 2009 Chardonnay, Santa

Barbara County (\$23) Silky and racy with lovely honeysuckle and tangy citrus; crisp acidity and subtle sweet vanilla

oak; another exceptional wine from this over-achieving winery.

### **1** KC Jones 2010 I Streamliner,

Sonoma County (\$25) An aromatic, modern multivariety white blend with spice and silky texture; clean, fresh and elegant with lovely balance and style; mellow but showing firm acidity; a terrific food wine.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

## 1 Stoller Vineyards 2008 Chardonnay, SV Estate, Dundee Hills (\$28) Bright and juicy

with vibrant, racy fruit; smooth, sweet oak and lively acidity; elegant, fresh, beautifully structured and showing great finesse.

#### Merriam Vineyards 2007 Cabernet Franc, Jones

Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley (\$45) Smooth and bright with dense plum and berry fruit; tannic, but supple and balanced with good structure and texture and a lingering finish.



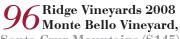
#### Skipstone 2009 Viognier, Makena's Vineyard,

Alexander Valley (\$40) Elegant and creamy with a good measure of bright acidity and lush aromatics; rich, thick and plush with

lovely texture and depth; long. balanced and very stylish.

### 90 Alta Maria Winery and Vineyards 2009 Pinot Noir, Santa

Maria Valley (\$28) Smooth and juicy with bright cherry and raspberry fruit; ripe and tangy with lively acidity and excellent balance; quite charming.



Santa Cruz Mountains (\$145) A Cabernet-driven icon from Ridge; ripe, dense plum and black raspberry fruit over bright acid structure; supple, elegant, nuanced, exquisite and age-worthy.

### 4 Sequoia Grove Vineyards 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cambium, Napa Valley (\$140) Dense

and dark with ripe plum, black cherry and racy acidity; beautifully balanced with lovely

French oak notes and great structure; long and complex with supple bearing and a long, elegant finish.

KOBRAND CORP.



