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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

90 Roth 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



92 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.

92 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.



91 KC Jones 2010 Streamliner, Sonoma County (\$25)

An aromatic, modern multi-variety 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



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.

96 Ridge Vineyards 2008 Monte Bello Vineyard,

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.

91 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.

90 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.

94 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.



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