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91 Adegá Martínez Serantes 2005 Dona Rosa Albariño (Rias Baixas); \$17. A powerful wine with forceful minerality. Still, it's loaded with expressive fruit that falls squarely into the pineapple-mango category. Finishes crisp but precise, with notes of wet stone and lingering nips of green apple and peach. Imported by T. Edward Wines Ltd.

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91 Beaulieu Vineyard 2004 Chardonnay (Carneros); \$20. I love this Chard for its bright, brisk acidity that fires up the palate, only to reward it with ripe, delicious flavors of Key lime pie, kiwi and pineapple. Oak adds notes of buttered toast and vanilla. The result is rich, refined and complex, a Chardonnay to linger over. Easy to find, with 17,000 cases produced.

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93 Château Beychevelle 2003 Saint-Julien; \$35. The most beautifully situated chateau, with its great view of the Gironde estuary, Beychevelle is another of those Médoc estates that has found top form after a fallow period in the 1980s and early '90s. The wine's generosity, sweetness and fruit is balanced with the carefully crafted structure of wood that underpins it all. Imported by Diageo Chateau & Estates.

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95 Cayuse 2003 Cailloux Vineyard Syrah (Walla Walla); \$55. Incredible fruit intensity. Cranberry, pomegranate and cherry meet rock, gravel and pepper. Lovely focus and purity; it's concentrated and tight, with a minerality that is compelling and distinctive. The best yet from Cailloux. Syrah is cofermented with 4 or 5% Viognier. It's a world-class effort, still quite young and tight, but built for beautiful aging.

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92 Ferrari NV Brut (Trento); \$28. A tightly packed, mineral-driven sparkler with aromas of crushed vitamins, bread, white stone, almond, pear, banana and cracked white pepper. The mouth is rendered lively and fresh thanks to fruit and toast accents; a taut, yet expressive whole. Imported by Dalla Terra.

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94 Marimar Estate 2004 Don Miguel Vineyard Earthquake Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley); \$47. This is Marimar's reserve-style Pinot. The '04, like the '03, shows authoritative structure in the fine tannins and acids that frame wonderfully ripe fruit. It's a complex, grippy young wine, elaborately gorgeous in blackberry pie, cherry tart, blueberry, cola and vanilla spice flavors, with an earthy undertow of balsamic-dashed heirloom tomato. Just great now and through 2007 for its youthful beauty.

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95 Domaine Leflaive 2003 Clavoillon Premier Cru (Puligny-Montrachet); \$113. It's not so much the fruit but the richness and concentration that mark this wine. Yet it's not superripe because of the hot 2003 vintage. This wine, with its origins in biodynamically grown grapes, preserves a great purity of fruit as it layers intense almond and citrus flavors over

vanilla and yellow fruit tastes. It should age well. Imported by Wilson Daniels Ltd.

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93 Fife 2001 L'Attitude 39 (Mendocino); \$18. Fascinating to taste this alongside Fife's 2002 Redhead Red. Both wines have pretty much the same Southern Rhône blend, although they're from different vintages. L'Attitude is a bigger, more complex wine, thicker and perhaps softer, but everything is deeper and more intriguing. It's one of the best Carignane-based wines I've ever had.

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93 The Rare Wine Co. NV Historic Series New York Malmsey Special Reserve (Madeira); \$40. The sweetest and richest in the Historic series, the New York Malmsey unfolds slowly in the glass, gradually revealing layers of depth and flavor. Coffee, toffee and date notes emerge, followed by earthy, almost truffley flavors. Powerful and assertive on the long finish. Imported by Vieux Vins, Inc.

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93 Castiglion del Bosco 2001 (Brunello di Montalcino); \$45. Engineered as modern Brunello and deliciously successful as such. Owned by the Ferragamo family. This is a wild card, new winery with little in the way of a track record and a lot to prove. But you can count on it becoming a pivotal force in a few years. Full, rich, ripe, dense and fruit-forward with feathery softness in the mouth. Imported by William Grant & Sons, Inc.