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## Santé

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- 641080 2004 ROBERT HALL ROSE DE ROBLES, PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA**  
74% Syrah, 21% Grenache, 5% Mourvedre. Full bodied with ripe strawberry, raspberry, green tea, and rose petals; medium finish. **VALUE**
- 2002 2003 GUNDLACH BUNDSHU PINOT NOIR, SONOMA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**  
Medium to full bodied with vibrant red fruit and earthy aromas. Tangy red fruit on the palate with slight citrus and spice; tangy finish. **PRESTIGE**
- 10400 2000 BENI DI BATASIOLO BARBARESCO, PIEDMONT, ITALY**  
Medium to full bodied with restrained red fruit, floral notes, leather, wood, and tobacco. A well-made, lighter-style Barbaresco. **PRESTIGE**
- 652042 2002 RODNEY STRONG CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SONOMA COUNTY**  
Medium to full bodied with aromas of dark berry, dark chocolate, and cedar. Fruit-forward palate of cassis and vanilla with well-balanced tannins. **PREMIUM**
- 232391 2003 PARAISO CHARDONNAY, SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS**  
Aromas of citrus, green apple, and vanilla with good richness in the mouth and a great balance of acidity and fruit. **VALUE.**
- Santé Gold Star*
- 80311 2002 YATTARNA CHARDONNAY ADELAIDE HILLS, AUSTRALIA**  
Medium to full bodied, well balanced, and delicious exhibiting flavors pineapple, melon, and vanilla plus a hint of citrus.

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### Smart Buys

- 80397**    **2004**    **WYNNS COONAWARRA ESTATE SHIRAZ**  
Distinctly peppery, with cracked black pepper character in a lithe red, brimming with currant and blackberry right through the polished finish. **SCORE 89**

### Great Values From Around the World

- 946764**    **2003**    **BODEGA NORTON MALBEC RESERVE MENDOZA, ARGENTINA**  
The first vines at Bodega Norton were planted in 1895, making it one of the oldest wineries in Argentina. Today the estate owns almost 1,700 acres of vines spread over five ranches. This plush 2003 comprises 100 percent Malbec, with flavorful layers of blackberry and boysenberry fruit augmented by mocha, graphite and floral notes. **SCORE 90**
- 30675**    **2004**    **S.A. HUET VOUVRAY SEC CLOS DU BOURG, LOIRE VALLEY**  
Le Clos du Bourg is a 15-acre walled vineyard, part of a larger estate owned by Noel Pinguet, who has used biodynamic techniques since 1990. Crisp acidity up front supports green almond, ginger, humus and clove, there's fine minerality on the finish of this dry white. **SCORE 90**
- 28396**    **2003**    **BUEHLER CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY**  
Buehler offers elegant, affordable Napa wines. Winemaker David Cronin crafts tasty Chardonnays, delicate Zinfandels and impressive Cabernet Sauvignons, such as this complex and balanced version. Made from a mixture of estate and purchased grapes, it delivers excellent purity of youthful Cabernet flavors, with rich currant, blackberry and black cherry components. **SCORE 90**
- 28853**    **2003**    **GIRARD PETITE SIRAH, NAPA VALLEY**  
The Petite Sirah is a good reminder of the undiscovered gems to be found in Napa, an area better-known for its pricey Cabernet Sauvignons. Winemaker Marco DiGuilio blends Petite Sirah from Calistoga with dashes of Zinfandel and Carignane to make this dark, dense and rich wine with mouthcoating tannins. **SCORE 90**



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- 28233 2002 ETUDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ST. HELENA**  
Supple and elegant, with ripe, plush currant, blackberry, spice and cedar notes joined by a subtle touch of espresso bean, ending with a hint of mocha and polished tannins. Grows on you. **SCORE 91**
- 265721 2002 STUHMULLER CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE**  
High-toned, racy wild berry, blackberry and raspberry flavors give this unique flavor profile for Cabernet, but it works, as it is intense and concentrated, with fine depth, balance and length. **SCORE 88**
- 265021 2003 DELILLE D2, COLUMBIA VALLEY**  
Lithe, supple and generous with its sweet berry and currant fruit, wrapped with toasty oak as the finish goes on and on. Has impressive depth and elegance for a hefty wine. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. **SCORE 91**
- 35871 2004 FARNESE TREBBIANO D'ABRUZZO, FARNETO VALLEY**  
A medium bodied Italian white, with ripe lemon and some pleasant floral and mineral notes. Smooth, with a tasty, minerally finish. **BEST VALUE. SCORE 86**

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- 80202 2002 PENFOLDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON KOONUNGA HILL, SOUTH EASTERN AUSTRALIA**  
Lithe and appealing for its gentleness, with raspberry, currant and dusky herb flavors that shine through the refined finish. **BEST VALUE. SCORE 88**
- 231720 2004 GLEN CARLOU SYRAH PAARL, SOUTH AFRICA**  
Big, juicy Syrah, with dark plum, blackberry and cocoa flavors. Plenty of structure too, with a smoky, muscular finish. Hint of mineral. **SCORE 90**



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- 39615 2003 CASA LAPOSTOLLE CLOS APALTA, COLCHAGUA VALLEY**  
Dense as a brick, with deep blackberry, prune, earth and chocolate aromas. Huge and multilayered, but already exhibiting perfect structure and integrated oak and spice flavors. Pure and exact; along with the 2001 this is Clos Apalta at its finest. **EDITOR'S CHOICE. SCORE 94**
- 26916 2003 BONTERRA MERLOT, MENDOCINO COUNTY**  
Last year's release was the best Bonterra Merlot ever. This one's right up there. It's rich and dry and exceedingly fruity, with long, deep cherry, blackberry and cocoa flavors complexed with coffee and herb nuances. The mouth feel is vibrant and interesting. **SCORE 90**
- 39658 2004 CASA LAPOSTOLLE CUVÉE ALEXANDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON, COLCHAGUA COUNTY**  
Bright and bold, with forceful berry aromas in front of dark, saturated fruit flavors. Medium to full in weight, with a sturdy tannic structure. Shows a big spice, pepper and chocolate element on the finish. Typically large and satisfying. **SCORE 90**
- 47003 2004 LOS VASCOS CABERNET SAUVIGNON, COLCHAGUA VALLEY**  
Wines like this helped Colchagua earn its Wine Region of the Year award for 2005. For not much cash you can get a ripe, smoky Cabernet with black plum and cassis aromas as well as flavors of raspberry and cherry. Balanced and pure, with some vanilla and oak on the finish. **BEST BUY. SCORE 90**
- 47011 2005 LOS VASCOS CHARDONNAY, COLCHAGUA VALLEY**  
A nicely sculpted white wine; fresh on the nose, with talcum powder, flowers and citrus aromas. Shows little to zero oak, but lots of grapefruit that isn't sour at all—more like delicate and ripe. One of the better value Chards from Chile, and there are plenty of them. **BEST BUY. SCORE 90**
- 47004 2003 LOS VASCOS RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, COLCHUAGUA VALLEY**  
Los Vascos' wines have been on the upswing, evidenced by this serious, round, mainstream Cab that blends in some Carmenere and Syrah. The bouquet is lush and attractive, the palate full of ripe berry and chocolate. Very good and mouth filling. **SCORE 90**



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- 42570 2003 CHATEAU LASCOMBES, MARGAUX**  
Finally it looks as if Lascombes is back on form. With its huge vineyard, a good selection of the best fruit has been the issue, and this has happened with 2003. It's not a huge wine, but there is smooth, polished fruit, layered with wood and dusty tannins. **SCORE 90**
- 231651 2003 CLOS PEGASE MITSUKO'S VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, CARNEROS**  
Built more along the lines of the '02 than the massive '01, this Pinot is elegant and streamlined. It's polished now in black cherry, pomegranate, rhubarb, coffee and vanilla flavors, and nice and silky, providing a complex, thoroughly satisfying Pinot experience. **SCORE 89**
- 34963 2002 BYRON NIELSON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY, SANTA MARIA VALLEY**  
What a string of successes Byron's Nielson Chard has had over the years. As always, this is a high acid, mineral-filled wine, with a taste of lighter fluid riding over the pineapple, pear and kiwi fruit. Very dry, it should be considered for the cellar, if you're into aging the handful of California Chards that can handle it. **CELLAR SELECTION. SCORE 92**
- 48276 2004 GIRARD CHARDONNAY, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**  
This Napa winery has been reaching into the Russian River for their Chardonnay, with good results. Dry and crisp in acids, the wine has a minerality behind the green apple, peach and melon flavors. The firm structure should provide for aging through 2009. **SCORE 89**