



94 2007 MERLOT OAKVILLE

\$36.00

One of the best Merlots of the vintage, at a good price for the quality. Shows a structural quality and ripeness that are pure Oakville, with ultrarefined tannins, good acidity and plush, complex flavors of black cherries, red currants and licorice that go on and on into a long, spicy finish. New oak comprises 40% of the barrels, and adds beautiful notes of toast and warmth. Editors' Choice. —S.H.
Reviewed: April 2011

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92 2007 ALEXIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE

\$75.00

Made with 19% Merlot, this Cabernet's tannins are quite hard and firm, giving it a tight astringency. Even so, the underlying fruit is so powerful, it breaks through in a mouthburst of blackberries, black cherries, black raspberries and an oak, smoky richness that's almost chocolaty. A very fine, intense and ageworthy wine that should develop bottle complexity over the next decade or more. Cellar Selection. —S.H. Reviewed: April 2011

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This statuesque Cab has the gift of being appealing now and yet capable of real aging. From one of Napa Valley's most serious small wineries, this is a sleek, polished Cabernet with integrity. It shows impressive concentration of fruit character on both the nose and palate, in its notes of dark berries, cassis and subtle tobacco. The wine's texture is as rich as its flavors, but the firm structure of oak and acidity keeps the richness from being excessive. You can cellar this wine for ten years or even more -- or drink it now. Mary Ewing-Mulligan Reviewed: April 2011

90 2009 PINOT GRIGIO NAPA VALLEY

\$21.00

It may carry the name "Grigio" but this attractive bottling comes closer to Alsace than it does to Italy. It is oriented to green peach and has a nice bit of richness in its rounded palatal impressions. Close to full-bodied and decently balanced, this wine will make a fine aperitif quaff yet can also hold its own nicely with grilled teriyaki salmon or chicken.

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