

Anthony Dias 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

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The "twisty" icon indicates wines sealed with a screwcap closure. 

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DOMESTIC

90 Shannon Ridge
2011 High
Elevation Collection
Sauvignon Blanc,
Lake County (\$19)

Fresh, ripe and dense with herbs, minerals and lively fruit; smooth, peachy and balanced; long and vibrant.



91 St. Clement
Vineyards 2010
Chardonnay, Carneros

(\$19) Smooth, bright and tangy with white flowers, citrus and silky texture; racy, fresh and pure with lively acidity and a long, integrated finish; charming.

TREASURY WINE ESTATES



93 Center of Effort
2009 Estate
Chardonnay, Edna
Valley (\$30) Silky and elegant with a core of pure, racy acidity; lush texture and rich, ripe fruit; balanced, long and quite lovely.



JACKSON FAMILY WINES

91 Byron 2010 Chardonnay,
Nielson Vineyard, Santa
Maria Valley (\$32) Bright and

juicy with silky texture and lovely mineral notes; crisp and structured with edgy notes and some creaminess; a complex wine with richness and tangy style.

93 MacPhail 2010
Chardonnay,
Gap's Crown Vineyard,
Sonoma Coast (\$45)

Lush and focused with lovely tangy acidity, bright and racy with Burgundian style and elegant, toasted new oak and pure acidity; long and creamy with great structure and style.

HESS FAMILY ESTATES



92 Antica Terra
2010 Pinot
Noir, Willamette Valley

(\$50) Silky and tangy; pure with minerals and rich texture; elegant, racy and supple with bright acidity and a long, graceful finish.

94 Pamplin Family
Winery 2008
Proprietary Red,
Columbia Valley (\$50)

Thick and dark with ripe blackberry, plum and cassis; concentrated, rich and deep; showing chocolate, tar and spice; a wine of profundity and exceptional quality; actually a very good value at this price.



91 Jordan 2008
Cabernet
Sauvignon, Alexander
Valley (\$52) Silky, elegant
and bright with ripe plum,
tangy acidity and ripe flavors;
balanced, classic and long.

