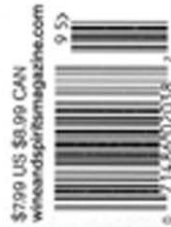


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by fine acidity and clean grip of fruit tannin. For roast chicken. (1,100 cases) *Andrew Rich Winery, Carlton, OR*

MENDOCINO MEDIAN: \$30

90 | Girasole Vineyards \$16
2007 Mendocino Pinot Noir Light in weight and finely structured, this is a clean cherry- and pomegranate-scented pinot noir. The sweet and sunny fruit is balanced by light tannins. A simple wine and a super value. *Berra of Mendocino, Ukiah, CA*

CALIFORNIA MEDIAN: \$12



Fat Cat \$7
2007 California Pinot Noir (Exceptional Value) Bright and high-toned, with sweet, juicy cherry flavors and a lingering cola note. For mushroom pizza. *Fat Cat Cellars, Napa, CA*

Shiraz/Syrah \$25
COLUMBIA VALLEY MEDIAN:



92 | Hogue \$16
2006 Columbia Valley Genesis Shiraz Hogue's syrahs from its Genesis series are usually open, generous expressions of the fruit for the money. In 2006, the Columbia Valley Shiraz from Hogue's Hogue Cellars is a chocolate cake, and it's a great value. *Hogue Cellars, Prosser, WA*

CALIFORNIA

MEDIAN: \$9

Fetzer \$9
2006 California Valley Oaks Shiraz (Exceptional Value) This spicy, plummy shiraz can take a light chill. Serve it with grilled burgers. *Fetzer Vineyards, Hopland, CA*

Zinfandel

DRY CREEK VALLEY MEDIAN: \$28



90 | Lake Sonoma \$19
2006 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel Spicy and balanced in a relatively light, claret style, this wine's black fruit lasts past its alcohol and tannin. It's a clean, tightly built zin, with gentle spice for pepper steak. (4,000 cases) *Lake Sonoma Cellars, Glen Ellen, CA*

ARGENTINA RED
MENDOZA MALBEC MEDIAN: \$15



91 | Caligore \$15
2008 Mendoza Reserve Malbec Deep tones of sour cherries and graphite contrast the vibrant and refreshing aspects of this malbec. It's muscular, marked by firm tannins as well as pointed acidity. Drink it now with lamb curry. *Marquee Selections, Kansas City, MO*