

**Weinbach Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg Cuvee Ste. Catherine L'Inedit 2005**

Floral and lightly citric, with a lacy texture and concentrated flavors of peach, honey and orange peel. Zesty acidity keeps this lively through the mouthwatering finish. Delicious. .

**94 Points**

**Chateau de Beaucastel Chateaneuf -du- Pape Hommage a Jacques Perrin Grande Cuvee 2004**

A powerful, modern style, delivering a torrent of cassis and cocoa notes backed by a wave of tar and fig paste. Densely structured from start to finish, with floral and mineral hints in the background. Pure and driven, this steel-plated for the long haul. .

**96 Points**

**Weinbach Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg Quintessence de Grains Nobles 2004**

Shows precision balance between the intense beam of acidity and a range of honeyed fruit flavors, including pineapple, dried apricot and star fruit. Tightly wound now, with a long, lingering finish of apple and spice.

**97 Points**

**Weinbach Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg Selection de Grains Nobles 2004**

The light-weight framework and silky texture carries intense tropical fruit flavors of pineapple and guava, with apple pie, orange peel and a touch of hazelnut. The tangy acidity comes across on the tangerine-laced finish.

**95 Points**

**Weinbach Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg Vendanges Tardives Trie Speciale 2004**

A hint of petrol at first gives away to flavors of candied apple and golden raisin, with a touch of pineapple. The clean acidity provides an elegant structure in which the silky texture is draped. The finish is long and lingering.

**94 Points**

**Weinbach Pinot Gris Alsace Altenbourg Vendages Tardives 2004**

Hints of pine and lime play off the grapefruit and guava flavors in this spicy wine. A vein of minerality and racy acidity crackles throughout, and this ends with a lingering hint of rose petal.

**93 Points**

**Weinbach Gewurztraminer Alsace Cuvee Laurence 2005**

A serious Gewurztraminer, this evokes toasted brioche, cinnamon, vanilla and lychee flavors. Almost dry, this is well-balanced and creamy, with mineral and white pepper accents emerging at the end. The aftertaste is salty.

**93 Points**

**Weinbach Pinot Gris Alsace Altenbourg Cuvee Laurence 2005**

The lush texture is bolstered by tangy acidity and honeyed flavors of dried apricot, star fruit, white pepper and a hint of dried herbs. Elegant and delicious, with a long, spicy finish. .

**92 Points**

**Weinbach Pinot Gris Alsace Cuvee Ste. Catherine 2005**

A pronounced mineral note is accented by dried apricot, grapefruit and lots of white pepper. This is a full-bodied white, with live-wire acidity and long, zesty finish. .

**92 Points**

**Weinbach Pinot Gris Alsace Cuvee Laurence 2005**

This is a pretty wine, with zesty acidity driving honeyed notes of peach, orange peel and a touch of dried guava. The white-pepper-laced finish lingers. .

**91 Points**

**Weinbach Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg 2005**

This elegant white shows great definition thanks to its laserlike acidity, which is balanced by honeyed notes of apple blossom, red grapefruit and apricot, with a touch of lime. A vein of minerality leads to the spicy finish.

**91 Points**

**Weinbach Riesling Alsace Gran Cru Schlossberg Cuvee Ste. Catherine 2005**

This aromatic white shows lime-tinged flavors of apricot and red grapefruit. The racy acidity keeps it balanced and structured, with a white pepper-filled finish. .

**91 Points**

**Weinbach Gewurztraminer Alsace Altenbourg Cuvee Laurence 2005**

Shows more subtle range of flavors, with floral and grapefruit notes mingling with the firm structure. Powerful yet lean, without a lot of flesh. Has a fine, mouthwatering finish. .

**91 Points**

**Weinbach Muscat Alsace Reserve 2005**

A beautiful Muscat, this offers subtle floral and spice notes on a delicate, vibrant structure. Has excellent length and harmony, with an aftertaste of grapefruit and rose. .

**89 Points**

**Weinbach Sylvaner Alsace 2005**

A zinger. The racy structure cuts a bracing feel across the palate, focusing the apple and mineral flavors like a laser. Has fine length and balance.

**88 Points**

**Weinbach Gewurztraminer Alsace Reserve Personnelle 2005**

A dry style, exhibiting lychee and grapefruit aromas and flavors. Firm and tangy, with a spiciness emerging on the finish. Well-balanced. .

**88 Points**

**Weinbach Gewurztraminer Alsace Cuvee Theo 2005**

Round and juicy, this white offers lychee, rose and white pepper notes, with some grapefruit added for good measure. Intense and dry, with a viscous texture.

**88 Points**

**Weinbach Pinot Blanc Alsace Reserve 2005**

Clean and fresh, with light honeycomb and dried herb flavors. A hint of candied lemon peel on the moderate finish. .

**85 Points**

**J. Faiveley Mercurey White Clos Rochette 2004**

Round and spicy, yet with lively acidity and good concentration. Shows flavors of apple and peach, with a hint of mineral. This is balanced and ready to enjoy.

**88 Points**

**Bernard Morey St.-Aubin Le Puits 2005**

Fresh and inviting, this offers toast, peach, citronella and mineral aromas and flavors. Harmonious and succulent, with elegance as well as density. Has fine length and a sense of place.

**91 Points**

**Bernard Morey St.-Aubin Les Charmois 2005**

A beautiful marriage of sweet fruit and toasty oak. Ample and accessible, this balanced white boasts peach, citrus, spice and butterscotch flavors. The mineral element comes out on the finish.

**91 Points**

**Bruno Clair Savigny-les-Beaune La Dominode 2003**

Very silky, showing red cherry, strawberry and spice notes. Has good acidity and well-integrated tannins, ending with a lingering aftertaste of berry.

**88 Points**

**Neil Ellis Sauvignon Blanc Western Cape Sincerely 2006**

Plump grapefruit and peach flavors are backed by nice straw, herb and citrus peel notes, with a lingering herb note on the finish.

**88 Points**

**Ramey Chardonnay Russian River Valley Ritchie Vineyard 2004**

Rich, exotic aromas of fig, pineapple and butterscotch are delicate and refreshing. Turns complex and holds a tight focus on the finish, where this remains elegant and stylish. .

**92 Points**

**Ramey Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros Hudson Vineyard 2004**

Ripe, floral aromas give off perfumed, grapey quality, with ripe apple, melon, pear and light cedary oak. Complex and concentrated, this should get smoother in the next year.

**91 Points**

**Martinelli Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Three Sisters Vineyard Sea Ridge Meadow 2004**

Rich yet elegant, with intense pear, mineral, citrus and vanilla-tinged oak that picks up a butterscotch note. Long and complex.

**90 Points**

**Paul Hobbs Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2005**

This is still a bit awkward, but rich and concentrated, with smoky, cedary oak now holding an edge over the ripe pear and floral notes. The finish holds a focus on the fruit.

**89 Points**

**Patz & Hall Chardonnay Napa Valley 2005**

Racy, riveting citrus blossom aromas are clean and refreshing on the palate, serving up a beam of lively Chardonnay fruit that's shaded by cedary oak.

**89 Points**

**Rudd Chardonnay Russian River Valley Bacigalupi Vineyard 2004**

Builds intensity and depth, offering an elegant, creamy texture and a beam of citrus and pear, with a hint of marshmallow. Turns elegant and delicate. .

**89 Points**

**Breggo Chardonnay Anderson Valley Savoy Vineyard 2005**

Fresh and vibrant, with ripe pear, apple and hazelnut oak flavors that provide a wide range of flavor.

**88 Points**

**Patz & Hall Chardonnay Mendocino County Alder Springs Vineyard 2005**

Smoky, toasty oak and ripe pear are evident in the aroma and flavor, yet this is tight and closed on the palate, so there's probably an upside given to its youth.

**88 Points**

**Patz & Hall Chardonnay Sonoma Valley Durell Vineyard 2005**

A rich, intense, well-oaked style that shows off ripe pineapple, melon and spice. Ends with a woody, cedary aftertaste that needs time in the bottle.

**88 Points**

**Rochioli Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2005**

Smoky, exotic fruit aromas are evident on the nose, while this is more tame on the palate, with cedary oak joining ripe apple and melon notes.

**88 Points**

**Shafer Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros Red Shoulder Ranch 2005**

Fresh, floral aromatics offer citrus and yellow apple scents. Sleek and balanced, this finishes with hazelnut note. .

**88 Points**

**Stuhlmuller Chardonnay Alexander Valley 2005**

Intense and well-focused, this is concentrated and sleek, with a vibrant core of ripe pear, quince and green apple. Ends with a cleansing, mouthwatering aftertaste.

**88 Points**

**Buehler Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2005**

Fresh, floral scents join ripe pear, melon and honeysuckle flavors. Has a light cedary oak character on the finish.

**87 Points**

**Clos Pegase Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros Mitsuko's Vineyard 2005**

Fresh, snappy and vibrant, with ripe pear, melon and citrus notes that are pure and focused. Ends with a fresh, fruity aftertaste.

**87 Points**

**Morgan Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands Highland 2005**

Clean and delicate, with hints of mineral, green apple and honeydew melon, picking up a light toasty oak nuance on the finish.

**87 Points**

**Patz & Hall Chardonnay Carneros Hyde Vineyard 2005**

Clean and refreshing, with supple, subtle melon, pear and spicy floral scents that are appealing. Yet this is not of the caliber of past vintages. Has doubling that are sleek and well-defined.

**87 Points**

**Ramey Chardonnay Carneros 2003**

Subtle citrus, pear and green apple flavors fall on the delicate side, with a dash of cedary oak adding dimension and texture. Finishes with a clean aftertaste.

**87 Points**

**Belvedere Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2005**

Has a nice intensity to the ripe, juicy flavors of peach and apple, which are sprinkled in with doses of buttery toast and spice notes that persist on the finish.

**86 Points**

**Grayson Chardonnay Central Coast 2005**

Pineapple, papaya and nectarine notes are ripe, bordering on candied, with a nice twist of acidity that keeps this from being cloying. Soft and tasty.

**85 Points**

**Turnbull Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2004**

Dark, rich and fleshy, with ripe, supple black cherry, wild berry and currant flavors that are tight and focused. Firms up on the finish, where the tannins show more backbone and density. Ends with a long burst of fruit. Decant.

**92 Points**

**Turnbull Oakville 2004**

Superripe yet balanced, with a hint of raspberry jam. Yet for all its size, this remains balanced and well-proportioned, with layers of currant, dried berry and chunky Cabernet fruit. Rich and concentrated, but also quite tannic now. Needs time.

**91 Points**

### **Ramey Claret Napa Valley 2004**

Well-proportioned in a Bordeaux-like fashion, with cedary currant, herb, sage and anise. This is a deceptively complex wine, with lots of subtle nuances. Firm, ripe and tannic. Decant for now.

**89 Points**