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Californian Pinot 2009

Stars of a great vintage

Decanter PANEL TASTING

3-STAR WINES Recommended

14.5-16.49pts

WINE	SCORE	TASTING NOTE	ALC	DRINK	PRICE	STOCKISTS
Muro Blanda, Crianza,	15.67	Ripe mellow nose of leather, liquorice and molasses. Supple palate, almost too sweet with a big charge of American oak and a long finish. Dense and rich.	14%	From 2012	£8.95	Big Red Wine Co
Pago de Larrea, Caecus, Reserva, Alavesa	15.67	Ripe cherry, fig, prune, vanilla, cedar and blueberry bouquet. Fresh acidity and delicate use of oak, big spicy strawberry fruit and real depth of flavour. Elegant.	N/A	From 2012	£15 (2006)	Hedelin Wines
Real Rubio, Crianza, Baja	15.67	Big, bi-layer aromas of citrus, strawberry, coconut, smoke and currant. Integrated and multi-dimensional palate with ripe, juicy and leathery fruit. Has acid bite.	13.5%	From 2012	N/A UK	www.bodegasrealrubio.com
Vinifedios de Alfaro, Conde de Real Agrado, Crianza	15.67	Abundant bouquet of smoke, cherry, vanilla, meat, game and savoury notes. A popular, modern style with sweet fruit, leather notes and lively acidity. Long.	14.5%	From 2012	N/A UK	www.vinifedios.com
Bodegas Sierra Cantabria, Saigoba, Crianza	15.63	Bramble, cream and spicy, savoury aromas. Soft, ripe berry fruit with savoury notes, framed by soft tannins and refreshing acidity. Warm, ripe and long.	14%	From 2012	£11.17	Justini & Brosio
Azabache, Bodegas Aldramueva, Organic, Crianza, Baja	15.6	Spice, vegetal and herbal aromas. Fruity, simple and light palate with warmth and power. Acidity is refreshing and tannins are soft but short on the finish.	14%	From 2012	£10.95	Elle of Richmond
Finca Mantanos, Crianza	15.6	Light aromas of spice, straw and baked blueberry and plum. Fruity palate which is succulent and well made. Tannins are astringent and it finishes austere.	13.5%	From 2012	£9.49	AA Wines, Alkerm Wine, Marks & Spencer, Paul Roberts, The Vineyard (Dunelm), Virgin Wines, World of Wines, Weight Wine Co

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