



Kendall-Jackson 2006 Grand Reserve / Sonoma County, California

97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1.5% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, 0.5% Malbec
Fruit-forward aromas and flavors of cassis and dark cherry with a sweet oak influence; full bodied with a dense, pleasing texture and a medium to long finish. Spicy grilled shrimp. **\$\$\$**
Kendall-Jackson, 800-769-3649

Kenwood 2006 / Sonoma County, California

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec, 3% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc
Aromas of dark fruit and mushroom with hints of red beet and black olive; medium bodied with an austere texture and lingering finish with some present tannins and acidity. Beef stew. **\$\$**
Heck Estates, 707-824-7000

Martin Ray 2005 Synthesis / Napa Valley, California

Dense aromas and flavors of black cherry, chocolate, and coffee; full bodied with low acidity and a slight herbal character on the medium finish. Braised beef and porcini ragu. **\$\$\$\$**
Martin Ray Winery, 707-823-2404

McWilliam's 2007 Hanwood Estate / South Eastern Australia

Medium bodied with aromas and flavors of black fruit and spice with notes of soft oak and vanilla; well rounded with a balanced finish. Rack of ribs or lamb. **\$**
E. & J. Gallo, 866-949-4637

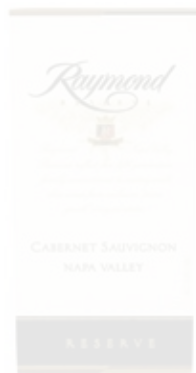


Murphy-Goode 2004 Terra A Lago #4 / Alexander Valley, California

Dense aromas of black currant and blackberry with flavors of black fruit and coffee with hints of cocoa. Full bodied with firm tannins and a long finish. Cellar for an exciting future. Venison stew. **\$\$\$\$**
Murphy-Goode Winery, 800-499-7644

Piña 2006 D'Adamo Vineyard / Napa Valley, California

Aromas and flavors of black fruit, blackberry, and spice; full bodied with firm tannins and a long finish; a charming wine. Grilled porterhouse steak. **\$\$\$\$**
Piña Napa Valley, 707-738-9328



Raymond 2006 Reserve / Napa Valley, California

91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc
Aromas and flavors of black and red currant with notes of cedar; medium bodied with balanced acidity and a long finish. Grilled rack of lamb with rosemary and garlic. **\$\$\$**
Raymond Vineyards, 707-963-3141



Redtree 2008 / California

Aromas and flavors of dark fruit and black pepper with some notes of bright cherry; full bodied with good spice and balance with a medium to long finish. Pasta with red sauce. **\$\$\$**
Cecchetti Racke, 707-939-2298

Ridgeline 2005 / Alexander Valley, California

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.5% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 0.5% Malbec
Ripe aromas and flavors of black cherry and blueberry with vanilla notes; medium bodied with a moderate finish. Braised veal cheeks with root vegetables. **\$\$\$\$**
Ridgeline, 707-254-2154

Robert Mondavi 2007 Private Selection / California

Medium bodied with a black fruit bouquet of black currant, black cherry, and cedar; soft tannins and a medium finish. Grilled beef tenderloin with Roquefort compound butter. **\$**
Constellation Wines US, 415-912-3700

Roth 2006 / Alexander Valley, California

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
Full bodied with aromas and flavors of currant, blackberry, and bittersweet chocolate; medium finish with fine tannins. Grilled porterhouse steak with a red wine reduction. **\$\$\$\$**
Roth, 707-433-8178

Shafer 2006 One Point Five / Stags Leap District, California

99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot
Full bodied with a nice balance of fruit, tannins, and acidity; shows aromas and flavors of black currant, blackberry, and spice box with a long finish. Braised short rib risotto. **\$\$\$**
Shafer Vineyards, 707-944-2877

Valley of the Moon 2006 / Sonoma County, California

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot
Peppery, dark fruit aromas and flavors with light notes of menthol; well balanced with a rich texture and velvety body. Long, slightly acidic finish with some heat. Goose. **\$\$**
Heck Estates, 707-824-7000

other red and red blends

Antica Tenuta Il Torchio 2007 Bonarda Oltrepo Pavese Rosso Supremo / Italy

100% Bonarda
Jammy aromas of blackberry and raspberry with hints of nutmeg; medium bodied and straightforward on the palate with a brief finish of tart black fruit and a hint of oak. Bottle has a convenient reclosable top. Pizza. **\$**
Bazzini Wine Merchants Inc., 631-367-0333