

# The Cork Report

## Wine of the Month

**Folie à Deux  
Sauvignon  
Blanc  
2006**



A complex Sauvignon Blanc, this wine has grassy aromas and citrus flavors, which you would expect from a S. Blanc. There's also a touch of caramel. Very good by itself as a summer sipper but rich enough to stand up well with food. **89**

**Chalone Vineyards  
Pinot Noir  
Monterey  
2005**



Well-rounded, smooth and full of rich fruit flavors, especially cherry. And excellent California Pinot. **89**

**Jordan  
Russian River  
Chardonnay  
2005**



Jordan is one of those wines that brings high expectations. This Chardonnay doesn't disappoint. Crisp, full-bodied, slightly oaky and very tasty. A Russian River Valley gem. **89**

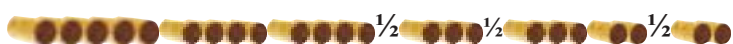
### Guide to the Cork Report

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| 90-100   | <i>Outstanding</i>                                     |
| 80-89    | <i>Very Good</i>                                       |
| 70-79    | <i>Good</i>  |
| Below 70 | <i>Really bad and probably won't even be mentioned</i> |

**Burgess  
Syrah  
2004**



Good earthy feel with strong tannins and a lasting finish. A perfect Napa Valley wine with some good spice to complement steak, pork and just about anything else off the grill. **89**



# Summer Beer Section

## Summit Brewing Company

**Scandia Ale** - There's a unique hint of spice, most likely coriander or ginger, that complements the overall flavor of this beer. A Belgian style ale that is perhaps the most exciting new introduction from Summit in years. Very, very good. 91

**Extra Pale Ale** - The flagship beer. When put up against others in the Summit family, this one distinctly stands out. A golden hue and rich, filling flavors. Has been good from day one and continues so today. 90

**Extra Special Bitter** - Another beer that was launched on a limited basis in 2006 before becoming part of the regular stable in 2007, this ESP offers an English-style bitter with its own touch. 90

**Pilsener** - Longing for something that tastes like it was brewed in the Czech Republic? Here you go. A full-bodied Bohemian-style Pilsner that delivers. Really good. 90



## New Belgium Brewing

**Sunshine Wheat** - While Fat Tire is the company's flagship, this is arguably a better and more exciting beer. You can smell and taste the wheat. It's at once fresh and full of complex flavors, among them a touch of honey. 91

**Fat Tire Ale** - A finely-crafted ale packed full of flavor with lots of depth but still refreshing. 89

**1554** - This is one heavy dark beer. Rich and decadent. As we like to say about powerful wines, this is "heavy fuel." 89



## Jerome

**Diablo** - Complex and tasty. Starts with subtle flavors and then gets more powerful. 90

**Roja** - A dark amber that has a pleasant spicy kick to it. A lasting finish, too. 89

**Negra** - Dark and filling. Like drinking a strong coffee with a nice head of foam. Not for the faint of heart. Very good. 89

