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The Best Wines of 2008

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1. Rosenblum Petite Sirah Pickett Road 2005 - One of those rare wines that emanates an aroma of greatness the second it's poured into the glass. Dark red hue, full of complexity, beautiful legs and tasty all the way through. The best wine we've tasted so far this year. Amen. **94**



2. Girard Artistry 2005 - Whoa, momma. This wine is packed full of flavor. Incredible depth, rich fruit, a touch of spice and long-lasting firm tannins. A wonderful blend that stands up to anything off the grill. **94**



3. Castello di Gabbiano Alleanza 2004 - A combo of Merlot and Sangiovese, this is one of the most unique and exciting wines we have tasted in a long time. Full-flavored with hints of cinnamon spice and lasting tannins. Very good. **93**



4. Norton Privada 2005 - Anyone who has doubts about Argentina, listen up. This wine is dynamite, packed full of TNT. Rich, earthy flavors, full-bodied and a long finish. Excellent. **92**



5. Burgess Napa Valley Merlot 2005 - Smooth and delectable. Incredibly elegant. One of the best Merlots we have tasted this year. **92**