

The Cork Report

Wine of the Month

Candoni Prosecco Brut

Yeasty aromas and packed full of flavor. One of those sparkling wines that dances on your tongue. Exciting and delicious. A beautiful bottle, too. **90**



Big House The Birdman Pinot Grigio 2006

If this tastes a little like a Sauvignon Blanc, don't be surprised; it contains some. Firm, sexy legs in the glass and ever so tasty. A perfect blend Who knew Pinot Grigio could have this much flavor? **89**



Domaine Philippe & Joseph Jaboulet Crozes Hermitage 2005

Like an old friend you haven't seen in awhile, the Rhône is sometimes overlooked. This wine is proof of two things: Rhône wines are consistently good and deserve more attention. Earthy, well-balanced with a little bite on the finish. **88**



Rosenblum Vintner's Cuvée XXX

A bit spicier than previous versions. Medium-bodied with a basic tannic tone. Good wine to go with hamburgers on the grill. **87**



Guide to the Cork Report

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>

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