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# The Cork Report

## Autumnal Comfort Wines



### Guide to the Cork Report

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



#### Bellini Brunello di Montalcino 2001

Full-bodied with ripe fruits with a long finish. Fun to drink by itself but even better with a rich meal. Easily compares to or tops similar wines that are more expensive. 92

#### Ravenswood Big River Zinfandel 2004

Just what you would expect from this notable Zin producer. Heavy, flavorful, spicy and simply big. If a big, bold Zin is your preference, this is your wine. 91

#### A by Acacia Pinot Noir 2005

About as true to a Burgundian style as it gets, this California Pinot gets the job done. Elegant and graceful with just enough muscle. 91

#### Hogue Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

What you might call a "Washington-style" Cab. Medium- to full-bodied but not too tannic. With Hogue, you usually get what you expect ... and that's very good. 90

#### Frei Brothers Reserve Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

Full-bodied, flavorful and tannic. Sonoma Cab at its best. 90

#### Heath Southern Sisters Pinot Noir 2003

Ok, so you might not often think of Pinot Noir and Australia together. But this wine is as good, if not better, than many Pinots on the shelves. Delicate fruit with a soft finish. 90

#### Jaboulet Parallele "45" 2003

This dependable Rhône value is a wonderful combination of earthy fruits and slight tannins. Enough heft for this wine to complement a hearty stew. 89



#### Conquista Malbec 2005

Another gem from Argentina. This wine, like so many of its counterparts, has lively fruit and is just fun to drink. 89

#### Duck Pond Columbia Valley Merlot 2002

Rich and lush fruit with lasting tannins that are slightly chewy. Wow, Washington can make some great Merlot. 89

#### Trapiche Oak Cask Pinot Noir 2004

From Argentina, this wine combines the finesse of Pinot with a little kick of earth in the Argentine style. Very good. 89

#### B&G Bistro Wine Pinot Noir 2005

Fairly light and fruity but not wimpy. A simple, yet quaffable Pinot. The label and the wine make you think of drinking wine at a Paris Bistro. 88

#### Trinity Oaks Pinot Noir 2005

Lively and fruity. Not a traditional Pinot but still fun to drink. 88

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