

The Cork Report

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California
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1. **Forest Glen Pinot Noir 2005** - Ripe fruits combine for an elegant and flavor-filled wine. A great Pinot at a great price. **91**

2. **Guenoc Petite Sirah 2005** - Rich and filling. Well-developed fruit with a lasting finish. Really delicious. **91**

3. **Forest Glen Sauvignon Blanc 2005** - Wow, this is different! A blend that includes Semillon helps this stand out among its peers. Fresh with a mellow finish. **90**

4. **ForestVille Chardonnay 2005** - Hints of caramel on the nose. Rich and full-flavored. A crowd favorite. **89**

5. **Cypress Chardonnay 2006** - Mouth-filling flavors. Well-balanced and not overpowering. Almost a cross between Chard and Sauvignon Blanc. Great food wine. **89**

6. **Cellar 8 Merlot 2005** - Oak and vanilla flavors dominate this wine. Good legs, intense fruit and a well-rounded finish. **89**

7. **J. Lohr Wildflower Valdiguié 2006** - Soft and supple blackberry flavors. A tough varietal to pronounce but an easy wine to drink. Perfect with blue cheese. **89**

8. **Gallo Sonoma Reserve Merlot 2004** - Medium-bodied. Tasty. A good dependable wine from Sonoma. **89**

9. **Mirassou Pinot Noir 2005** - Different vintages of this wine might vary slightly, but this Pinot is always very good. Medium-bodied with delicate overtones. **89**

10. **Stephen Vincent Sauvignon Blanc 2005** - Mineral nose. Clean and crisp. A really nicely-made Sauvignon Blanc. **89**

11. **Dancing Bull Sauvignon Blanc 2006** - Very grassy from first sniff to sip. Citrus fruits fill the mouth and make this quite flavorful. **89**

12. **Red Tree Pinot Grigio 2006** - A distinctive golden hue gives the immediate impression this Pinot Grigio is different, and it is. Tasty caramel flavors and a lasting finish. **89**

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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