

The Cork Report

Wine of the Month

Freemark Abbey Merlot 2005

We could wax on poetically about all the tasty nuances this wine displays. But it's more accurate to say this is California Merlot at its best. Period. **94**



Terra d'Oro Barbera 2006

Powerful blackberry aromas jump out of the glass. Full-bodied with a fairly tannic finish. An excellent offering from Amador County. **93**



Clos Pegase Chardonnay 2006

Rich and creamy. Loaded with that great California Chard signature of butter and oak flavors. Yum. **91**



Joel Gott Riesling 2008

From Washington, this Riesling rocks. Full of rich flavors and just a touch of sweetness. Delicious. **91**



Guide to the Cork Report

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

September Sippers

A sampling of some of the best wines we have reviewed over the past few months.

Gascon Malbec 2008

Well-balanced and a hint of earthy tannins. Very good. **89**



MacMurray Ranch Pinot Gris 2008

Rich and complex. A sturdy white. **89**



Broke Ass White Wine 2008

As the label says, "No frills great value wine." Cool name. Cool wine (especially when it's chilled)! **86**



Undone Dry Riesling 2008

Cool bottle with twist off cap. Fresh and lively. **88**



Think Red

A fairly light and fun red in an aluminum bottle. **87**



Stein 1 Sweet Red

Despite its name, not overly sweet. A unique German red and best served slightly chilled. **87**

