

87 Álvaro Castro Dão 2004 \$17 Lush, with loads of plum and berry flavors and delicious sweet cherry notes. Well-structured, with a finish of dark chocolate and orange peel. Drink now through 2008. 600 cases imported.—K.M.

87 União das Adegas Cooperativas do Dão Dão Adro da Sé Reserva 2000 \$12 Mature aromas and flavors, yet still lively, with dried cherry, roasted meat and smoke flavors. Notes of sandalwood and Asian spice on the finish. Drink now. 5,560 cases made.—K.M.

87 Quinta da Vegia Dão Reserva 2003 \$50 Very fresh and lively, with an array of red plum, cherry, currant and spice flavors that make this a good quaff for the barbecue. Crisp finish. Drink now through 2009. 350 cases made.—K.M.

86 Paço de Santar Dão 2003 \$16 Filled to the brim with raspberry and cherry flavors, with luscious cardamom and cinnamon notes. Soft finish. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—K.M.

82 Casa de Santar Dão Castas 2003 \$8
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SLOVENIA

92 Simcic Goriska Brda Leonardo 2002 \$54/375ml Amazing nose of milk chocolate and caramel. Full-bodied, very sweet and delicious. Thick and powerful. Extraordinary white dessert blend. Drink now. 120 cases made.—J.S.

91 Vinakoper Koper Plemenito Belo 2000 \$20 Exotic aromas of lime and passion fruit. Lots of peach and lemon, with dried apricot. Full-bodied, with a long finish. Very fruity and exotic. Drink now. 10 cases imported.—J.S.

90 Movia Brda Veliko Belo 2001 \$30 Lots of apple, pear, pineapple and lemon aromas, with hints of vanilla. Full-bodied, with fresh acidity and a long finish. Drink now. 1,100 cases made.—J.S.

90 Simcic Goriska Brda Teodor Réserve 2002 \$24 A complex wine, with apple, cream, vanilla and pineapple aromas and flavors. Medium- to full-bodied. Oily and rich. Ribolla, Tocai Friulano and Pinot Grigio. Drink now. 560 cases made.—J.S.

89 Batic Vipavska Dolina Pinela 2003 \$20 Pineapple, caramel and apple aromas and flavors. Medium- to full-bodied, with good acidity and a medium finish. Drink now.—J.S.

88 Simcic Chardonnay Goriska Brda Réserve 2002 \$23 Full-bodied and rich, with lemon curd, apple and pear character. Thick and oily, with a long finish. Drink now. 440 cases made.—J.S.

88 Simcic Ribolla Goriska Brda Réserve 2003 \$22 Overripe aromas of dried pineapple and honey. Full-bodied, dry and spicy. Lots of fruit. A rich Ribolla.

87 Simcic Tocai Friulano Goriska Brda 2004 \$13 Aromas of apple, peach and honey. Medium-bodied, with good fruit, medium acidity and a fresh finish. Drink now. 640 cases made.—J.S.

87 Vinakoper Malvazija Koper Capris 2004 \$17 Aromas of peach pie and cream follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with fresh acidity and a fruity finish. Solid. Drink now. 30 cases imported.—J.S.

85 Simcic Pinot Grigio Goriska Brda 2004 \$13 Aromas of apple pie and cream follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with bright acidity, a clean finish and a white pepper aftertaste. Drink now. 1,500 cases made.—J.S.

84 Simcic Chardonnay Goriska Brda 2004 \$13 —J.S.

83 Kogl Pgo Magna Dominica Albus 2003 \$17 —J.S.

United States

CALIFORNIA Cabernets & Blends

92 Pahlmeyer Napa Valley 2003 \$110 Plump and generous, with fleshy currant, blackberry and black cherry fruit that's supple and focused. Ripe without going overboard. Finishes with a burst of sweet ripe currant and blackberry fruit and ripe tannins. Best from 2007 through 2012. 4,739 cases made.—J.L.

92 Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena Family Estate Grown 2003 \$110 Subtle aromas of red currant, black cherry and plum carry over to the palate in an elegant, supple manner. Excellent balance, depth, complexity and length. The finish is long and persistent, keeping the emphasis on the fruit. Drink now through 2012. 3,699 cases made.—J.L.

91 Bond St. Eden Napa Valley 2003 \$230
See Collectibles, page 123.

91 Colgin Cariad Napa Valley 2003 \$225
See Collectibles, page 123.

91 Turnbull Oakville 2003 \$85 Intense, with a tight beam of black cherry, plum and currant fruit that's well-defined, vibrant and enlivened by crisp acidity and firm tannins. Hints of nutmeg, cedar, anise and sage fold in, adding a dimension of flavor complexity. Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Syrah. Best from 2007 through 2012. 518 cases made.—J.L.

90 Darioush Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Signature 2003 \$68 An exciting 2003. Ripe, rich and vibrant, with juicy plum, currant and blackberry flavors that are supple and harmonious, revealing layers of fruit complexity and finishing with a long, lingering aftertaste. Drink now through 2012. 4,795 cases made.—J.L.

and spice. Finishes with a push of tannins. Best from 2007 through 2012 made.—J.L.

90 Joseph Phelps Insignia 1 \$150 Supple, polished and hard in the class of the 2002. Nonetheless, a complex range of rich currant, berry and oak, hints of anise and sage, and a finish. Mildly tannic. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Pinot Noir. Drink now. 12,000 cases made.—J.L.

90 Realm Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Dense, rich and concentrated, with ripe currant, blackberry and cherry flavors. Well-balanced, finishing with a tight finish. Very impressive for the vintage. Drink now through 2011. 295 cases made.—J.L.

90 Switchback Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Peterson Family Vineyard 2003 \$110 A highly successful 2003 that comes with depth, density and concentrated tannic structure of the vintage. Lots of red currant, black cherry and plum fill out nicely on the palate. Drink now. 550 cases made.—J.L.

89 Delectus Cabernet Sauvignon Sacrashe Vineyard 2002 \$100 and concentrated. A mouthful of dried currant, herb, sage, cedar and plum fold together nicely. The fleshy texture is midpalate. Complex aftertaste through 2012. 200 cases made.—J.L.

89 Frank Family Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford Reserve 2002 \$70 and richness, with firm currant and cedary oak notes that are tight and focused. Drink now through 2012. 1,800 cases made.—J.L.

89 Gemstone Yountville 2002 \$110 Complex, with a mix of dark cherry, blackberry fruit that's intense and a little heat, which makes the tannin finish. Decant. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2011. Tasted twice, with consistent results.—J.L.

89 Hartwell Cabernet Sauvignon District 2003 \$115 Notably restrained, yet elegant and stylish. Denotes oaked flavors of currant, blackberry with smoky, toasty notes. Best from 2007 through 2012. 1,369 cases made.—J.L.

89 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Mountain 2003 \$80 Aromas of anise, sage and cedary oak, combined with firm tannins, give this wine a