

# The Cork Report

## Wine of the Month

### Castello di Gabbiano Alleanza 2004

A combo of Merlot and Sangiovese, this is one of the most unique and exciting wines we have tasted in a long time. Full-flavored with hints of cinnamon spice and lasting tannins. Very good. **93**



### Clos Pegase Merlot Mitsuko's Vineyard 2004

A beautiful wine for Merlot lovers and really a wine any Merlot detractor should taste (yes, there are still many great Merlots). Chewy strawberry and blackberry fruit flavors with a smooth, slightly tannic finish. **89**



### Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve Merlot 2005

Well-made with lush fruits and full flavors. Smooth tannins round out what is a very satisfying Merlot. **88**



### Dry Creek Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel 2004

Here's an excellent Zin that won't disappoint. Full of spice, heft and loads of tannins. Very tasty. **88**



### 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>

