

REVIEWS

TOP-10 wines for spring



**Boulder Bank
Marlborough Pinot Noir
2009** – Intense blackberry
fruits, well-rounded and
smooth. Pairs well with
almost any food. Very tasty.
90

**Katherine Goldschmidt
Crazy Creek Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon 2008**

– Want to almost be guaran-
teed a good wine? Look for
those named after the maker's
daughter, like this one. Vibrant
and intense with a lasting,
slightly tannic finish. Full-
bodied. **92**



**Russian Hill Chardonnay
2008** – From the Russian
River Valley, this Chard
is full-bodied yet crisp. A
touch of oak flavors rounds
out each rewarding sip. **91**



**Forefathers Marlborough
Sauvignon Blanc 2009** – A
nose full of citrus fruits and
grassy aromas. Packed full of
flavor with a lasting finish. **89**





Forefathers McLaren Vale Shiraz 2005 – An inviting nose that says “Drink me.” This wine is full of rich fruit flavors (by no means is it a fruit bomb, though) and a hint of mint. Excellent. **89**

Michel Picard Pouilly Fuissé 2008 – Chalky overtones with a hint of citrus flavors. Fairly dry. Worth an extra point or two for being a great value. **89**



Undercut Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 – Newer to the shelves, this Napa Cab is medium-bodied with a noticeable tannic finish. Not one of those ‘rip your tongue’ out Napa Cabs, but full-flavored nonetheless. **89**



Michel Picard Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2008 – Like the Pouilly, this is another great French value. Nothing fancy, but a wine that holds up well by itself or complements a number of dishes. Light- to medium-bodied and easy to sip. **88**



Tosti Asti – Fairly sweet and very lively. A perfect aperitif for a warm afternoon. Good value, too. **88**



Radio Boco Tempranillo 2009 – Medium-bodied and easy to quaff. A fun little Spanish red. **87**

