

MERLOT — Low Priced:
Up to \$73/case (Up to \$9.10/btl. full retail)

NAPA RIDGE, 1993 NORTH COAST, \$72 (\$9) ★★★★★

Supple, toasty and ripe in flavor, this is a great value Merlot, with fruity, lightly herbal flavors and light oakiness. Long finish. Great value. [1996-1999] 707.963.7115



MERLOT — Medium Priced:
\$73-\$120/case (\$9.10-\$15/btl. full retail)

EXPRESSIONS BY GLEN ELLEN, 1994 SONOMA COUNTY, \$108 (\$13.50) ★★★★★

FIRST RELEASE. Very drinkable and appealing in style. It has smoky oak, red fruit and herb flavors, good balance and a long finish. [1996-1997] 707.939.6200

WILDHURST VINEYARDS, 1994 CLEAR LAKE, \$112 (\$14) ★★★★★

Lightly oaky and full bodied, this is a Merlot with good fruit and depth, and a long, somewhat rugged finish. Excellent value. 15% CS. 4,900 cases. [1996-1999] 800.595.9463

MERLOT — High Priced:
\$121-\$200/case (\$15.10-\$25/btl. full retail)

CHAUFFE-EAU, 1993 KUNDE VINEYARDS, SONOMA VALLEY, \$180 (\$22.50) ★★★★★

Luscious and complex, in a full bodied style. A wine with toasted oak, anise, blackberry and vanilla flavors. Medium long, somewhat oaky finish. Excellent. 182 cases. [1999-2003] 707.857.3722

DRY CREEK VINEYARD, 1993 ESTATE RESERVE, DRY CREEK VALLEY, \$172 (\$22) ★★★★★

Toasty and medium full bodied, with plum, berry, and new oak flavors. It is ripe and fairly rich, with a medium length finish. Excellent. 2,000 cases. [1997-2000] 800.864.9463



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS, 1993 CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY, \$192 (\$24) ★★★★★

A full bodied, somewhat oaky Merlot, with bay leaf, dill, wood and ripe fruit flavors. It is long and somewhat oaky on the finish. Very good. 1,938 cases. [1998-2001] 707.253.7153

VICHON, 1993 NAPA VALLEY, \$168 (\$21) ★★★★★

Supple, ripe and full, a medium rich wine, with good balance and length. Has berry-like fruitiness and moderate new oak character. Excellent. 8% Malbec, 2% CS. [1998-2002] 707.944.2811

VILLA ENCINAL, 1993 NAPA VALLEY, \$160 (\$20) ★★★★★

Rich, ripe and tannic, this is a powerful, fairly full bodied wine, with cherry, bay leaf, vanilla and oak flavors. Long, mildly tannic finish. Excellent. [1998-2002] 707.944.1465

MERLOT & BLENDS — Expensive:
\$201/case & Up (\$25.10/btl. full retail & Up)

CAFARO, 1993 NAPA VALLEY, \$264 (\$33) ★★★★★

Full bodied and ripe, this is a rich, powerful Merlot, with intense black cherry, oak and bay leaf flavors. Long, somewhat tannic finish. Fine quality. 886 cases. [1999-2006] 707.963.7181

CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE

- 1993 COLD CREEK VINEYARD, COLUMBIA VALLEY, WASHINGTON, \$120/6 (\$30) ★★★★★
- 1993 CANOE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD, COLUMBIA VALLEY, WASHINGTON, \$120/6 (\$30) ★★★★★+

Both Merlots are full bodied and very complex in flavor, with considerable new oak. Between them, the Cold Creek bottling is somewhat fruitier; the Canoe Ridge version a bit fuller and more complex. Both are among the country's best Merlots. [1998-2003] 206.488.1133

KENDALL-JACKSON, 1993 GRAND RESERVE, CALIFORNIA, \$336 (\$42) ★★★★★

Full bodied and supple, with plenty of new oak; a Merlot with good depth and a long, somewhat woody finish. Very good. 19% CF. 2,200 cases. [1996-2001] 800.769.3649

PINOT NOIR — Low Priced:
Up to \$73/case (Up to \$9.10/btl. full retail)

NAPA RIDGE, 1994 NORTH COAST, \$72 (\$9) ★★★★★

A delicious Pinot Noir, which is remarkable at the price. It is medium full bodied, very fruity (cherry, berry), with smoky oak character and a long finish. Top value. [1996-1999] 707.963.7115 [label pg. 21]



PINOT NOIR — Medium Priced:
\$73-\$120/case (\$9.10-\$15/btl. full retail)

AIRLIE, 1994 WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON, \$88 (\$11) ★★★★★

Round and medium full bodied; a Pinot Noir in a vinous style, with depth but not much nuance of flavor, and evident oak on the finish. Very good. 1,000 cases. [1996-1997] 503.838.6013

CHARLES KRUG, 1994 CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY, \$96 (\$12) ★★★★★

Full bodied, ripe and a bit rugged in style, this is a fairly complex wine, with oak, mint and berry flavors. Medium long finish. 17,700 cases. [1996-1997] 707.967.2200



FORIS, 1994 ROGUE VALLEY, OREGON, \$104 (\$13) ★★★★★

An elegantly styled Pinot Noir, with delicate floral, fruity flavors (plum, violet, raspberry) and overtones of pepper, clove and herbs. Slightly hot finish. 3% Pinot Gris. 1,828 cases. [1996-1997] 800.943.6747

MIRASSOU, 1993 MONTEREY COUNTY, \$80 (\$10) ★★★★★

- 1993 HARVEST RESERVE, MONTEREY COUNTY, \$120 (\$15) ★★★★★

These are crisply styled wines, with cherry and cranberry fruitiness. The standard bottling is medium bodied—and excellent value—while the Reserve is slightly fuller and more complex. [1996-1997] 408.274.4000

OLIVET LANE ESTATE, 1994 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, \$120 (\$15) ★★★★★

An exceptional, medium full bodied Pinot Noir, with luscious texture, some richness and fine aromas/flavors (raspberry, vanilla, strawberry, toasted oak). Long, harmonious finish. Easily, the best Pinot from Pellegrini ever. 3,526 cases. [1996-1997] 415.761.2811



WILLAMETTE VALLEY VINEYARDS, 1994 OREGON, \$120 (\$15) ★★★★★

An elegantly flavored Pinot Noir, in a medium weight style. It has pronounced floral character, with plum, ginger, herb and vanilla overtones, and a medium length, slightly rugged finish. 3,036 cases. [1996-1997] 800.344.9463