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2007 OVERLOOK CHARDONNAY	CALIFORNIA	(\$30.00)	WHITE	90
2006 DAMARIS RESERVE CHARDONNAY	SONOMA	(\$40.00)	WHITE	90
2006 HEINTZ CHARDONNAY	SONOMA COAST	(\$50.00)	WHITE	90
2006 LORENZO CHARDONNAY	RUSSIAN RIVER	(\$50.00)	WHITE	91
2007 PINOT NOIR GRAND DETOUR	SONOMA	(\$32.00)	RED	90
2006 PINOT NOIR KANZLER	SONOMA	(\$60.00)	RED	90

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The always reliable Landmark winery continues to turn out a bevy of Burgundian-styled Pinot Noirs and impressive Chardonnays. One of the best Chardonnay values in the marketplace is their Overlook. The **2007 Chardonnay Overlook** (most from Sonoma County with about 20% from Santa Barbara and Monterey) offers a beautiful bouquet of peaches, pineapples, and other tropical fruits along with super-purity and focus. Medium to full-bodied, crisp, and pure, with the oak pushed to the background, this beautiful Chardonnay can be enjoyed over the next several years. The other Chardonnays are from the more challenging 2006 vintage. The **2006 Chardonnay Damaris Reserve** (61% from the Sangiacomo Vineyard and 39% from the Flocchini Vineyard) possesses more steely mineral and crushed wet rock characteristics as well as hints of freshly mowed hay, nectarines, and mangoes. It is a distinctively-styled, medium to full-bodied, leesy, orange rind, and brioche-scented and flavored Chardonnay to consume over the next 1-2 years. The single-vineyard Chardonnays include the **2006 Chardonnay Lorenzo** (a vineyard made famous by Helen Turley

at Marcassin). Its light straw color is followed by aromas of honeyed citrus, orange blossom, and white peaches. Crisp, with good acidity, zesty minerality, and a medium to full-bodied finish, it will drink well for 3-4 years. The **2006 Chardonnay Heintz** reveals a vivid, crisp minerality with tangerine oil, lemon blossom, and delicate honeysuckle characteristics. Like all of these Chardonnays, there is little evidence of oak in this medium to full-bodied, fresh, lively, effort. It is best drunk over the next 2-3 years. These are undeniably successful efforts for the 2006 vintage.

The **2007 Pinot Noir Grand Detour** exhibits a dark ruby color as well as a foresty, black cherry, and meaty-scented, Côte de Nuits-like nose. Spicy, round, and generously endowed with a velvety texture, this is a seductive style of Pinot to enjoy over the next 3-4 years. From a well-known Pinot Noir vineyard, the medium ruby-hued, spicy, earthy **2007 Pinot Noir Kanzler** reveals sweet black cherry notes without the foresty undertones. This plump, fruit-forward, generous, pleasant wine is best consumed over the next several years.

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