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## LANDMARK

### 2009 Overlook Chardonnay 90

#### Sonoma County

Bright gold. Enticing aromas of tropical fruits, candied orange, truffle and smoky oak. Big, sappy and expansive, with hints of bitter citrus adding lift and bite to its pineapple and mango flavors. Shows a touch of musky lees on the clinging finish. In an opulent style but with very good energy and finishing cut. This drinks very well now.

### 2009 Damaris Reserve Chardonnay 91

#### Sonoma County

Vivid gold. Sexy, expansive aromas of pit fruits, hazelnut and musky lees, with a subtle iodine nuance adding complexity. Rich and supple but dry, with a lightly spicy quality and gentle sweetness to its flavors of peach nectar, orange marmalade, ginger and nutty oak. Finishes with very good persistence, echoing the ginger and orange notes. This fruit was sourced from the Rodgers Creek Vineyard.

### 2009 Heintz Chardonnay 91

#### Sonoma Coast

Full gold. Floral, lanolin, pit fruit and chalky mineral aromas, with a note of butterscotch in the background. Unctuous and weighty, offering layered peach, melon, and bitter citrus rind flavors that coat the palate. Full-bodied and savory chardonnay with very good finishing breadth, power and length.

### 2009 Lorenzo Vineyard Chardonnay 93

#### Russian River Valley

Bright gold. Highly expressive aromas of pear, mango, tangerine, white flowers and toasty lees, plus a hint of vanilla. Sappy and penetrating, with hefty tropical and citrus fruit flavors that smoothly blend power and vivacity. Develops a smoky character with air and finishes with excellent clarity, length and mineral-driven persistence. That spine of minerality should enable this chardonnay to age well.

### 2009 Grand Detour Pinot Noir 89+

#### Sonoma Coast

Deep red. Complex, vaguely smoky aromas of black raspberry, cherry, black tea and saffras. Youthfully taut on entry but turns suave and silky

in the middle, showing good intensity and focus to the dark berry and bitter cherry flavors. The firm finish features good length and harmonious tannins. This structured, well-balanced and somewhat masculine pinot could use a year or two to stretch out.

### 2009 Kanzler Vineyard Pinot Noir 92

#### Sonoma Coast

Vivid red. Sexy red berry and floral scents are complicated by notes of cinnamon, allspice and sandalwood. Suave, expansive raspberry and cherry compote flavors stain the palate, with zesty minerality providing lift. Puts on weight with air and gains in sweetness while maintaining vivacity. The finish hangs on impressively, with the raspberry note echoing.

### 2009 Spring Hill Pinot Noir 91

#### Sonoma Coast

Deep, bright red. Powerfully scented, attractive bouquet evokes black raspberry, cherry-cola and saffras, with subtle floral quality and a hint of underbrush. Broad and sappy on entry, then tighter in the middle, offering juicy dark berry flavors and notes of candied flower and anise. Finishes chewy and long, with a kick of peppery spices and solid grip.

### 2009 Estate Grenache 88

#### Sonoma Valley

Medium red. Subdued aromas of raspberry and cherry, with notes of dried rose and mint and a gently smoky quality. Light in body and only moderately concentrated, offering fresh red fruit flavors with a silky texture. This clean, smooth wine offers good finishing clarity, but could use more heft. These are young vines so this will be an interesting wine to follow in coming vintages.

### 2009 Steel Plow Syrah 90

#### Sonoma Valley

Opaque ruby. Moroccan spices and pepper accentuate dark berry preserves on the nose. Nicely focused and energetic syrah with good clarity to its blackberry and pepper flavors. Juicy, fresh and quite varietal in character. Finishes with broad, fine-grained tannins, solid grip and lingering smokiness.