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2008 OVERLOOK CHARDONNAY	SONOMA/SANTA BARBARA	(\$29.00)	89
2007 DAMARIS RESERVE CHARDONNAY	SONOMA	(\$40.00)	91
2007 LORENZO CHARDONNAY	RUSSIAN RIVER	(\$53.00)	92
2007 BIEN NACIDO CHARDONNAY	SANTA MARIA	(\$42.00)	89
2007 HEINTZ CHARDONNAY	SONOMA COAST	(\$47.00)	93
2008 PINOT NOIR GRAND DETOUR	SONOMA	(\$40.00)	89
2008 SOLOMON HILLS PINOT NOIR	SANTA BARBARA	(\$55.00)	89

Consistently reliable wines emerge from this venerable winery in Sonoma. Their top value is the excellent **2008 Chardonnay Overlook**, 75% of which is accessed from Sonoma and 25% from Santa Barbara. Its medium straw/green color is followed by notes of poached pears, cloves, white currants, and nectarines, pure fruit, medium to full body, and a good finish. It should drink well for 2-3 years. The light gold-colored **2007 Chardonnay Damaris Reserve** is sourced from Sangiacomo (89%) and Lorenzo (11%). It exhibits a beautifully scented nose of honeysuckle, caramelized orange rind, peaches, apricots, and subtle oak background. Full-bodied with outstanding purity and richness as well as a nicely layered texture, this is a lovely effort from proprietors Mike and Mary Colhoun. It should drink well for 3-4 years given its acid profile. The **2007 Chardonnay Bien Nacido** reveals a medium gold color, a honeyed, lychee nut, exotic nose revealing lots of tropical fruit, and bracing acidity and tartness. Tasting less eveloved than it smells, it is a big Chardonnay to enjoy over the next 2-3 years. The light gold-hued

**2007 Chardonnay Lorenzo** exhibits aromas of *crème brûlée*, peaches, honeysuckle, and flowers in addition to terrific acidity, more minerality, and a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. Still young, this beauty should age effortlessly for 4-5 years. The 2007 Chardonnay Heintz possesses a fragrant bouquet of honeysuckle, apricots, peaches, creme brulee, and background oak. It should drink nicely for 4-5 years. Winemaker Eric Stern judiciously uses wood as a complementary seasoning, which is evident in all these Chardonnays.

The **2008 Pinot Noir Grand Detour** offers beautiful aromas of smoky herbs, black cherries, forest floor, and plums. With good structure, round, generous flavors, and medium to full body, this stylish Pinot Noir combines elegance with flavor authority. Enjoy it over the next 3-4 years. Revealing a slightly denser darker ruby color, the 2007 Pinot Noir Solomon Hills possesses a spicy, earthy nose displaying hints of bay leaf and red cherries, medium to full body, more structure, and a less generous style. This firm 2007 will benefit from a year of bottles age, and should last 4-6 years.

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