

## 10 GREAT CALIFORNIA VALUES

### New reviews of Chardonnays, Syrahs and more for under \$30

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**The most extreme value comes from Line 39, a brand made by veteran winemaker Bob Broman. The name refers to the 39th latitude, where many of the world's great wines come from. This Petite Sirah is as fun to drink as it is affordable, and it's a great contender for your new house red.**

BARREL 27 Syrah Santa Barbara County Head Honcho 2007 Score: 92 | \$28

CHALONE Chardonnay Chalone 2008 Score: 92 | \$25

MACROSTIE Chardonnay Sonoma Coast 2008 Score: 92 | \$25

NEYERS Chardonnay Carneros 2009 Score: 92 | \$29

THE HESS COLLECTION Chardonnay Napa Valley Su'skol Vineyard 2008 Score: 91 | \$22

#### **GIRARD Petite Sirah Napa Valley 2008 Score: 90 | \$28**

*Juicy, with bright red berry and blackberry flavors that are balanced by nicely thick and rustic tannins, with spice and cedar details and a touch of smokiness on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 2,600 cases made. —M.W.*

DRY CREEK Zinfandel Sonoma County Heritage 2008 Score: 88 | \$19

BONTERRA Chardonnay Mendocino County 2009 Score: 87 | \$14

CALERA Chardonnay Central Coast 2009 Score: 87 | \$16

#### **LINE 39 Petite Sirah North Coast 2009 Score: 87 | \$9**

*Like a freshly baked blackberry pie, with plenty of ripe, jammy fruit flavors that are wrapped in warm, vanilla-scented spice notes. Generous, full-bodied and very focused. Drink now through 2016. 3,300 cases made. —M.W.*

