

190538 **REAL SITIO DE VENTOSILLA BL8 BIRLOCHO 2009** \$12.95
DO RUEDA **DRY, CRISP & LIGHT */*+ (PRADO REY)** (220 Cases) (12.5%) [NOB EST] Lot: L7309-02
This blend of Verdejo and Viora has a light straw colour. Tangy, youthful, slightly spicy, ripe, lemon-apple nose. Dry, light bodied, slightly spicy, ripe, lemon-apple-melon flavours with a very crisp, unoaked finish. Screwcap closure. Drink up. **DRINKABILITY: { N S }**

RED TABLE WINE

CANADA - ONTARIO (RED)

211318 **10TH ANNIVERSARY BACO NOIR 2009** \$19.95
VQA PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY **SWEET, SOUR & HERBAL -/* (SANDBANKS ESTATE)** (135 Cases) (12.5%) [SAN BAN]
Very deep intense purple colour. Slightly spicy, cooked, vegetal nose. Sweet and sour, tart, vegemite flavours. Tasted once. Avoid.

349233 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007** \$19.95
VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA **TANGY & REEDY */*+ (PILLITTERI ESTATES)** (167 Cases) (13%) [PIL EST]
Deep intense purple colour. Dilly, reedy nose with some vanilla notes. Dry, medium bodied, spicy, tangy, slightly herbal, dusty plum flavours with a slightly herbal, crisp, peppery, pimienta finish. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M }**

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA (RED)

219717 **BORDELLO 2008** \$53.95
VQA SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY **SOLID ***(DIRTY LAUNDRY)** (55 Cases) (14.9%) [HHD IMP]
Very deep intense purple colour. Complex, herbal, slightly spicy, baked plum nose with some cedary notes. Dry, solid, medium-full bodied, well structured, ripe, baked plum flavours with a lingering, rather cedary finish. This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot would be best with a rib steak. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M ML L }**

USA - CALIFORNIA (RED)

Explorer's Selection

146878 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2004** \$29.95
ALEXANDER VALLEY, SC **HARMONIOUS & SPICY **/**+ (HAWKES)** (167 Cases) (14.3%) [NEC WIN]
Deep intense purple colour. Slightly spicy, ripe, plummy-cherry nose with some cedary notes. Dry, spicy, medium bodied, ripe, plummy-cherry flavours with a lingering, sandalwood-vanilla finish. Nice length. A repeat of the unrepresented 2004 released on December 4, 2009 at \$31.95. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M ML }**

226944 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007** \$22.95
SONOMA COUNTY **SPICY */** (RODNEY STRONG)** (800 Cases) (13.8%) [MAR ANT]
Very deep intense purple colour. Slightly spicy, plummy nose with some cedary-earthy notes. Dry, medium bodied, fairly extracty, plummy, spicy, chocolate flavours with some slightly earthy notes on the lingering, high-acid finish. Better than the 2006 (*+) released on March 6, 2010 at \$19.95. Pricey. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M }**

Explorer's Selection

212126 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009** \$19.95
CALIFORNIA **JUICY CHERRIES ** (MCMANIS)** (1895 Cases) (13.5%) [THE VIN]
Fairly deep intense purple colour. Juicy, spicy, vanilla-scented, ripe cherry-plum nose. Dry, medium to medium-light bodied, bright, ripe plummy-cherry flavours with a tangy, vanilla-tinged finish. A pleasant, popular-styled red that will go with a wide variety of dishes. A total of 115,000 cases were produced and it sell for under \$10 in the US. These inflated Canadian prices at the LCBO will not help the cause. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M }**

707489 **MERLOT 2007** \$44.95
RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY **HOT & SOLID ***(FROG'S LEAP)** (111 Cases) (13.5%) [ROG COM]

Very deep intense purple colour. Slightly spicy, cedary, stewed plum nose. Dry, fairly well structured, medium-full bodied, slightly spicy, fairly complex, stewed, plummy-crancherry flavours with a lingering, cedary finish. Similar to the 2006 (***) an organic Napa red released on September 26, 2009 at \$44.95. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M ML L }**

104182 **NEWMAN'S OWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007** \$17.95
CALIFORNIA **JUICY, SPICY & SLIGHTLY COOKED */*+ (REBEL WINE)** (712 Cases) (13.9%) [DIO WIN]
Extremely deep intense purple colour. Spicy, cedary, plummy, ripe black cherry nose with some hints of vanilla. Dry, medium bodied, slightly spicy, fairly juicy, slightly cooked, plummy-raspberry-cherry flavours with a garrige-tinged finish. This entry-level red is a repeat of the 2007 (*/*+) released on June 26, 2010 at \$17.95. The more recent 2008 is widely available for less than \$10 US. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M }** Lot: L345910-7

29207 **OAKVILLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006** \$54.95
OAKVILLE DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY **HARMONIOUS ***(ROBERT MONDAVI)** (191 Cases of 6) (15%) [VIN INT]
Extremely deep intense purple colour. Spicy, cedary, fairly juicy, ripe, plummy-cherry nose with some vanilla notes. Dry, medium bodied, fairly well structured, harmonious, juicy, ripe, plummy-cherry flavours with a lingering, slightly spicy, vanilla finish. Decent and tasty but not inexpensive. The unrepresented 1998 was released on February 16, 2007 ISD at \$63.95. Once again, I have to remind readers that this wine can be bought for under \$30 in the US. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M ML L }**

Explorer's Selection

83329 **PINOT NOIR 2008** \$19.95
CALIFORNIA **SLIGHTLY SMOKY ** (MARK WEST)** (279 Cases) (13.8%) [SIG WIN]
Medium deep red colour. Quite spicy, gently toasty, plummy, ripe cherry nose. Slightly sweet, medium to medium-light bodied, slightly spicy, plummy, ripe black cherry flavours with a lingering, slightly toasty finish. The recommended 2006 (***) was released on January 10, 2009 at \$23.95. A popular, quaffable, California Pinot Noir that is widely available for under \$10 US. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM }**

203851 **RED 2009** \$14.95
CALIFORNIA **ORGANIC VERY SPICY * (OUR DAILY)** (279 Cases) (12.5%) [NAT VIN]
Deep purple red colour. Fairly intense, spicy, ripe plum and baked cherry nose with some vanilla notes. Dry, crisp, bright, medium-light bodied, tangy, dried red cherry flavours with a short, dusty, bitter, mocha-tinged finish. Screwcap closure. This organic wine contains 6 mg/L of free sulphur. It goes for as little as \$6.98 US and, even at this price, it isn't a detour!

942151 **SONOMA ZINFANDEL 2009** \$29.95
SONOMA COUNTY **SOLID, SPICY & TROPICAL **/**+ (SEGHESSIO)** (433 Cases) (15%) [DIO WIN]
Very deep intense purple colour. Slightly sweet, plummy, baked cherry nose with some vanilla notes. Sweetish, well structured, medium to medium bodied, bright, jammy-juicy, plummy-cherry flavours with a lingering, cedary, fairly crisp, tropical fruit cocktail finish. Not as good as the 2008 (**+/**) was released on May 01, 2010 at \$29.95. Overpriced - widely available for under \$20 US. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM MML }**

652875 **THREE VALLEYS 2008** \$29.95
SONOMA COUNTY **PLUMMY-CHERRY **/**+ (RIDGE)** (299 Cases) (14.4%) [ROG COM]
This blend of 74% Zinfandel, 11% Petite Sirah, 3% Syrah, 3% Grenache, 5% Carignane and 4% Mataro has a deep intense purple colour. Cedary, ripe plum and juicy black cherry nose. Dry, medium bodied, slightly cooked, plummy-cherry flavours with a lingering, somewhat cedary finish. Not quite as rich as the 2007 (**/**) released on December 5, 2009 at \$31.95. Widely available for under \$20 US. **DRINKABILITY: { N S SM M }** Lot: L09-1