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FEUDO MONTONI
DEL PRINCIPATO DI VILLANOVA
2008
Nero d'Avola
SICILIA
INDICAZIONE GEOGRAFICA TIPICA
VRUCARA

Azienda PALARI Agricola
di Salvatore Geraci
Denominazione di Origine Controllata
PALARI FARO
13.5% vol
2008
0.75 l e

San Lorenzo 2008
Etna Rosso
GIROLAMO RUSSO

ACTOR SAM NEILL'S PINOT NOIR EPIPHANY

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CRIANZA 2008

88 Viña Arnáiz 2008 Crianza (Ribera del Duero). Solid on the nose, with pure berry aromas matched by oak-related vanilla. Fresh and medium in weight, with juicy acidity and mild tannins. Tastes of dried red fruits, blackberry, vanilla and tobacco. Fairly long and slightly elegant on the finish. Drink now through 2014. CIV/USA. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$25



87 HandCraft 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon (California). A pretty good Cabernet, especially considering the price, which makes it ideal for everyday drinking. Dry and medium-bodied, it has pleasant blackberry, cherry, spice and oak flavors, with a long, clean finish. —S.H.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$13



87 HandCraft 2010 Chardonnay (California). Easy to like for its orange and pear soda, vanilla cream and buttered toast flavors that are heightened and brightened with acidity. Shows real richness and class for the price in a popularly appealing Chardonnay. *Editors' Choice.* —S.H.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$13



87 HandCraft 2010 Pinot Noir (California). Light in body and silky in texture, this easy Pinot Noir offers plenty of varietal character. The raspberry and cherry flavors are spicy and sweet. —S.H.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$13



87 Nicosia 2010 Fondo Filara Catarratto (Sicilia). This fresh, Catarratto-based white wine opens with a bright, crystalline appearance and a thin, crisp mouthfeel. Aromas include lemon, grapefruit, dried grass and mango. Rolivia, Inc. —M.L.
abv: 13% Price: \$15



87 Nicosia 2009 Fondo Filara Rosso (Etna). Fondo Filara offers an authentic taste of Etna winemaking at a reasonable low price. Delicate tones of wild berry, cassis and almond paste characterize the bouquet. The mouthfeel, on the other hand, shows power, length, tightness and firm structure. Rolivia, Inc. —M.L.
abv: 13% Price: \$19



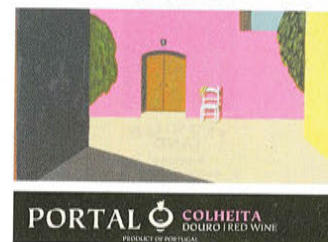
86 Nicosia 2010 Fondo Filara Nero d'Avola (Sicilia). A simple red wine, with cherry, cassis and prune. There's a touch of burnt almond on the close that is typical of this popular Sicilian grape variety. Rolivia, Inc. —M.L.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$15

SPIRITS



97 Aviation Gin (USA; House Spirits, Portland, OR). With its clean, neutral profile, this graceful gin works well with just about anything, from Aviation cocktails (natch) to bone-dry Martinis. On the palate, look for bewitching hints of caraway, juniper, grapefruit and a dry, faintly spicy finish.
abv: 42% Price: \$30

BEST BUYS



93 Quinta do Portal 2009 Colheita (Douro). An elegant wine, its red fruits balanced with acidity and layers of wood aging. The style is serious, the ripe fruit restrained by the tannins. It will age well, giving an always structured, fine and stylish wine. M Imports, LLC. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$15