



As Seen In
The Tasting Panel
September 2012



BLUE REVIEWS

94 **Batasiolo 2004 Barolo Bofani, Italy** (875) Lush and elegant with complex flavors of leather, plum, spice and oak; elegant, refined and exquisitely balanced; layers of flavor and a long, classic finish.



BOISSET FAMILY ESTATES

90 **Batasiolo NV Rosé Spumante, Italy** (816) Pink color; bright raspberry and lovely sweet spice; tangy, fresh and tangy, yum!



BOISSET FAMILY ESTATES

92 **Citadelle Gin, France** (828) Soft, herbal vanilla nose; spicy and ripe with notes of citrus, ripe botanicals and juniper; lush and complex with length and notes of angelica and other herbs; dry, smooth and balanced.

W. J. DEUTSCH SPIRITS

VALUE AND BY-THE-GLASS RECOMMENDATIONS

88 **Targovishte 2011 Riesling, Black Sea Coastal, Bulgaria** (88) Bright and tangy with crisp acidity and dry, steely notes; clean, juicy and lively and quite charming.

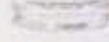
BULGARIAN MASTER VINTNERS, LLC

88 **Trivento 2010 Syrah Reserve, Mendoza, Argentina** (813) Smooth, lush and showing balance, fresh black raspberry and spice; meaty, bright and juicy with finesse and good length.

BARI VINTNERS

92 **Legs Diamond Un-Aged Rye Whiskey, USA** (839) Made by Nahmas et Fil in their distillery in Tonawanda, New York, from sustainably farmed rye; smooth, clean and lush grain with hints of vanilla, anise and a bit of sweetness; mellow and rich with a long, creamy finish.

KAISER NAHMAS ET FILS



88 **Chateau Ste. Michelle 2011 Dry Riesling, Columbia Valley** (89) Smooth and dry with juicy lime and racy fruit; fresh, clean and steely.

STE. MICHELLE WINE ESTATES

88 **Double Decker 2009 Red, Central Coast** (810) Silky smooth and fresh with notes of plum, raspberry and cherry; balanced, clean and showing some length; charming.

TAMAR ESTATES/VINOS VINEYARDS

93 **Spicebox Spiced Rye Whisky, Canada** (820) Gorgeous nose of pepper, vanilla and incense; smooth, spicy, sweet and peppery; silky, creamy and incredibly delicious; seamless and rich with crème brûlée and a long, lush finish.

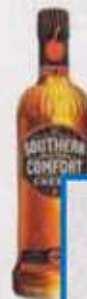
UNDERDOG WINE AND SPIRITS



87 **Prelus 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Maremma Toscana, Italy** (815) Fresh, bright and juicy with tangy acidity and crisp, earthy flavors; balanced, clean and long; Organic.

WILSON DANIELS

88 **Sawtooth Winery 2010, Skyline Red, Snake River Valley, Idaho** (811) An eight-varietal blend with complex flavors of blackberry, spice and ripe cherry; supple, tangy and balanced; long and a great value.



88 **Southern Comfort Bold Black Cherry, USA** (817) Spicy cherry nose; sweet and creamy with spice, cinnamon

88 **Gérard Bertrand 2010 Gris Blanc, Pays d'Oc, France** (89) Pale golden color; smooth and juicy with tangy acidity and bright apple and stone fruit; dry, fresh and balanced with good depth.

VIN DIVINO

88 **Pepi 2011 Sauvignon Blanc, California** (810) Fresh, bright and lemony with gooseberry, herbs and tangy acidity; long and bracing.



89 **Joel Gott Wines 2011 Sauvignon Blanc, California** (812) Smooth, fresh and juicy with tangy fruit and clean, balanced flavors; lively and crisp.

TRINCHERO FAMILY ESTATES

SPIRITS

90 **Boyd & Blair Potato Vodka** (837) Smooth vanilla nose; spicy, crisp and hot with good depth and a long finish.

AMERICAN STILL LIFE COLLECTION

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