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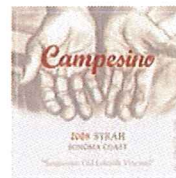
Wine



Peachy Canyon 2007 Cirque du Vin, Paso Robles (\$17) This is a performance blend: an entertaining festival of mostly Cab Sauv, Zin and Cab Franc with back-up acts of Merlot, Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot that forms a gobby, viscous, bright and juicy palate-touring variety show. **91**



Campesino 2008 Syrah "Sangiacomo Old Lakeville Vineyard," Sonoma Coast (\$35) A single vineyard Syrah from the Sonoma Coast made in small production (100 cases) that showcases a progression of flavors. Strikingly in-your-face ripe raspberry jam amidst a sink-your-teeth-into-it complexity of espresso and smoke. **93**



Coquerel Wines 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Le Petit Coquerel, Napa Valley (\$22.50)

The aromas keep opening up and you can sniff this light straw-colored Sauv to its fruity pungency, floral prettiness and citrus tartness but you'll want to taste its pineapple, stony and spearmint lifesaver wow-ness. **93**



Lucienne 2007 Pinot Noir, Doctor's Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands (\$38)

Deep and red-fruited (with Syrah-like depth), chiseled, angular and structured; dense, tongue-tying spice and herbs; meaty sweetie. Great with grilled lamb. **90**

HAHN FAMILY WINES



Stein Family Wines 2009 Los Carneros Semi-Dry Gewürztraminer (\$22) In its first release, this refreshingly "shiny" white offers a clean, light lime and Asian pear-through-stone profile. Alsace-like aromatics entice for that next sip. **92**



Kluge Estate 2005 New World Red, Monticello, Virginia (\$32) From its opaque black-out hue to its raspberry-tinted earthiness and a twist of smoke and minerality, this spicy sage-y, bright blueberry wow-er puts Virginia on our map! **90**



Laurent Miquel 2009 Père et Fils Cinsault-Syrah Rosé Vin de Pays d'Oc, France (\$11) A Languedoc gem, refreshingly food friendly. A gift of candied raspberry-blueberry. Perfect with shellfish. **89**

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Worthy of a smooch.

French-style double bizou.

Wildly infatuated.

Seriously smitten.

Head over heels in love.