

Wine Spectator

Tasting Highlights: California Chardonnay and Zinfandel

17 wines show that these grapes can still offer good value in the Golden State

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Chardonnay Carneros 2007



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Fragrant floral, green apple and pear flavors are delicate and spicy. Medium- to full-bodied, sleek and focused, with a long, persistent finish that keeps fruit purity at the center. Drink now through 2012.

“We’ve been tasting a lot of Chardonnay and Zinfandel lately in our Napa office, and while consumers may grumble about the cost of wine, it’s a rare day that we don’t unbag an excellent bottle at a decent price. With this week’s selection we focus on wines that sell for \$30 and less.

“Chardonnay fans love to chase the latest player, but senior editor James Laube found real satisfaction in a group of wines from familiar names like **Artesa...**”

