



California's North Coast Report

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CAPTURE WINES

2009 Tradition Sauvignon Blanc

(\$30) Pale color. Aromas of Meyer lemon, fresh sage and minerals, with a sweaty nuance that reminded me of a Loire sauvignon. Dense and ripe, but with a firm minerality accentuating the piercing quality of the grapefruit and lemon zest flavors. Finishes brisk and long, still a bit youthfully tight. Classy and energetic wine.

92 Points

2009 Les Pionniers Sauvignon Blanc

(\$36) Pale color. Subdued aromas of soft citrus fruits, lemon drop, minerals and spearmint, plus a whiff of goat cheese. Softer, lusher and fruitier than the Tradition but with firm acids framing the flavors of jasmine, honeysuckle, tarragon and licorice. This is even more Loire-like than the Tradition, but deeper and more pliant.

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