

2009 HOST'S GUIDE

**FINE
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A SPECIAL BUYER'S GUIDE
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Treasures of the vine.

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Humorist Fran Lebowitz once amended Eleanor Roosevelt's much-quoted remark on great minds (the former first lady took it as a matter of course that her own passed muster), stating, "Great people talk about ideas, average people talk about things, and small people talk about wine." We are inclined to agree with Lebowitz: Why talk about wine when you can drink it? Toward that end, we will keep the introduction to our list of the year's worthiest bottles pleasantly brief. The selections presented herein have been categorized as red or white, though the latter grouping also includes dessert and sparkling wines. For many listings, we have included estimates of the average current market price; unless it is marked as an estimate, the given number reflects the suggested retail price at the time of release. And now, enough chatter. Let us indulge. After all, as one very small person by the name of Benjamin Franklin observed, "[Wine is] a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy."



**CAPTÛRE 2008
TRADITION
SAUVIGNON BLANC**

This Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc was made by May-Britt and Denis Malbec, formerly of Château Latour. The wine is brilliantly crisp, with notes of tar on the nose. A dense texture mirrors a substantial palate of creamy pear, lychee, lime, and bay leaf. (\$32)

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