

Stephen Tanzer's
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

BONUS FEATURES



California's North Coast Report

By Stephen Tanzer

C A P T U R E W I N E S

2010 *Les Pionniers* Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma Coast

Pale yellow. Pungent, sexy aromas of lemon, nectarine, white grapefruit, crushed mint, anise and spring flowers. Supple, juicy and penetrating, with a musky complexity to the citrus zest and ripe grapefruit flavors. Conveys a tactile impression of extract without weight. Vibrant and well-delineated sauvignon with excellent balancing acidity. The brisk, persistent, palate-dusting finish shows a refreshing touch of bitterness. This is excellent.

92 points

2009 *Ma Vie Carol* Chardonnay, Sonoma County

Pale green-tinged yellow. Aromas of white peach, lime ice and spring flowers. Surprisingly dense and opulent on entry, then silky and dry in the middle, with a saline umami quality to the flavors of stone and citrus fruits, honeysuckle and vanillin oak. Not hugely fruity or gripping but nicely plump and classically dry. This round chardonnay melts on the palate and lingers nicely.

90