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## American New Releases Feature: Bordeaux Blend



Captûre 2009 *Harmonie* Red Wine, Sonoma County - \$120

**94 points**

“From the Tin Cross Vineyard, rising from 1,600 to 2,400 feet in the Alexander Valley hills that straddle Sonoma and Mendocino counties, this wine is made by Denis Malbec, born at Château Latour, where he was the third generation of his family to work as cellar master, and May-Britt Malbec, his partner, a former sommelier whom he met when she joined Latour in 1995. A blend of 51 percent merlot, 43 percent cabernet sauvignon, 4 percent cabernet franc and 2 percent petit verdot from blocks planted in the early 1990s, this has the elegance and sophistication you might expect from such a winemaking team. It has the floral beauty and soft tannic caress of perfectly ripe merlot, and the bright, damson plum energy of firm cabernet, layered in savory spice through a cool finish. The tannins carry the sense of a dark, earthen cellar where this would best age to maturity over the next ten years. (424 cases) – Joshua Greene

Captûre 2009 *Révélation* Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County - \$135

**90 points**

“Predominantly cabernet sauvignon (84 percent), this is a denser, more powerful wine than Captûre’s *Harmonie*. The fruit tannins combine with new French oak to dry the finish and narrow the range of flavor. It’s a rich wine that needs long aging for those tannins to mellow and allow the fruit to come forward.” (461 cases) – Joshua Greene