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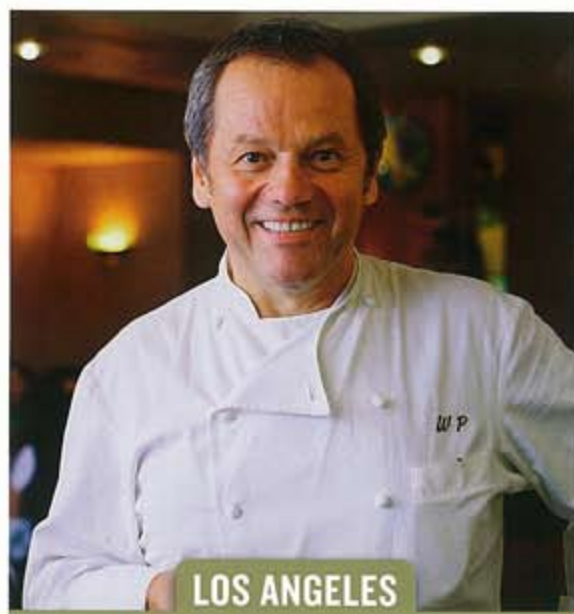
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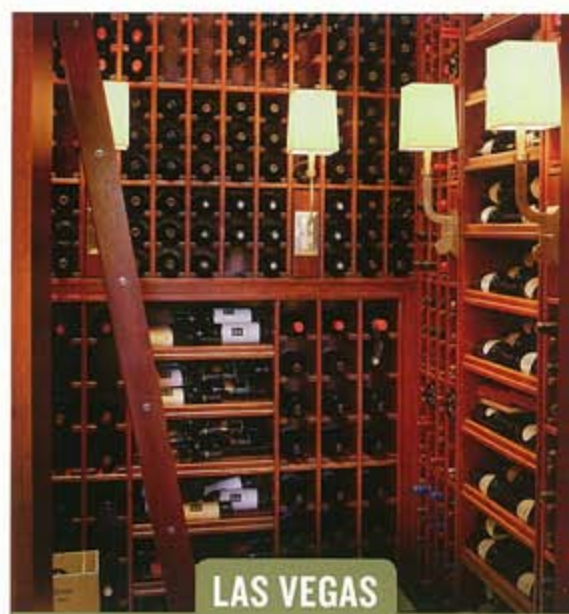
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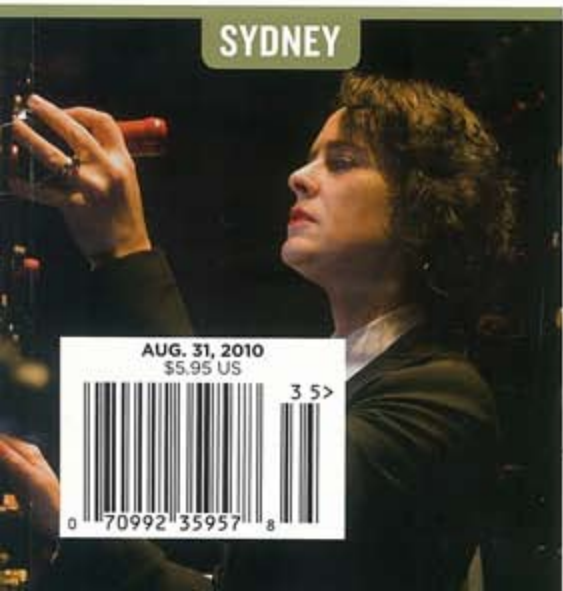
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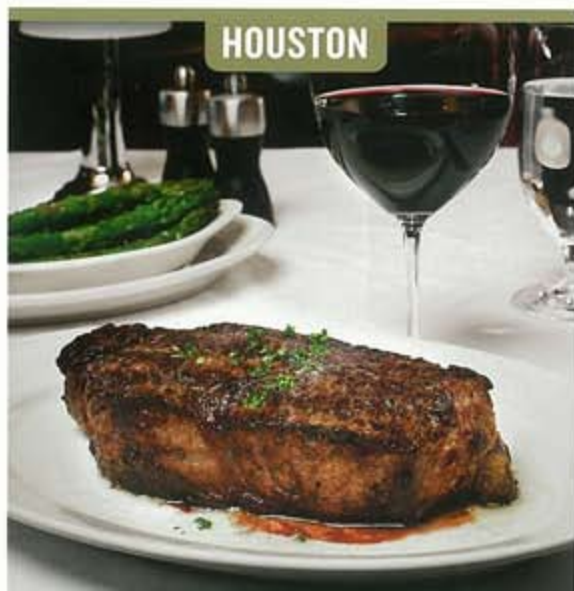
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# MaryAnn Worobiec's Recommended California Sauvignon Blancs

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## TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>MERRY EDWARDS Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2008</b> Effusively fragrant, with honeysuckle, apple blossom, peach and ripe melon flavors that are delicious, ripe and mouthwatering.	<b>93</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>ALTAMURA Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2007</b> Opulent and very expressive, delivering a very smooth, rich texture and flavors that just explode with ripeness.	<b>92</b>	<b>\$48</b>
<b>CAPTÛRE Sauvignon Blanc Sonoma County Les Ploniers 2009</b> Impressive for its elegance and clarity, with fragrant apple blossom, passion fruit, Meyer lemon and green apple flavors.	<b>92</b>	<b>\$36</b>
<b>CLIFF LEDE Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2008</b> This vibrant white bursts with fresh mandarin orange juice and tropical whiffs of mango and passion fruit.	<b>92</b>	<b>\$22</b>
<b>LEWIS Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2008</b> Delicate and intriguing, with a soft, caressing texture and lemon, lime and apple pie flavors that are fresh and flavorful.	<b>92</b>	<b>\$37</b>
<b>BRANDER Sauvignon Blanc Santa Ynez Valley Cuvee Nicolas 2009</b> Rich and fragrant, showing lemon curd, apricot marmalade and sweet pea notes, with hints of smoke that expand on the finish.	<b>91</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>CAPTÛRE Sauvignon Blanc California Tradition 2009</b> An elegant, restrained style, this still has plenty of ripe fruit flavors, with citrus, melon and apricot notes.	<b>91</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>JOHN ANTHONY Sauvignon Blanc Carneros Church Vineyard 2009</b> Passion fruit, Key lime and mango flavors are ripe and mouthwateringly juicy, ending focused, pure, aromatic and expansive.	<b>91</b>	<b>\$28</b>
<b>PETER MICHAEL Sauvignon Blanc Knights Valley L'Après-Midi 2008</b> Wonderfully rich, complex and fragrant, featuring a mix of brioche, fresh apricot, honeysuckle and dried citrus peel.	<b>91</b>	<b>\$48</b>
<b>PROVENANCE Sauvignon Blanc Rutherford Estate Grown 2009</b> Reminiscent of a perfectly ripe honeydew melon, with a nice fleshy texture, offering details of apricot, citrus and mango.	<b>91</b>	<b>\$26</b>
<b>ARIETTA On The White Keys California 2008</b> Very rich, aromatic and extremely floral, with peach, apricot and Meyer lemon flavors. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon.	<b>90</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>CHALK HILL Sauvignon Blanc Chalk Hill Musque 2008</b> Deliciously rich, showing lush, creamy dried pineapple, papaya and orange marmalade flavors, yet with refreshing acidity.	<b>90</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>FROSTWATCH Sauvignon Blanc Bennett Valley Kismet 2009</b> Vivid passion fruit, nectarine, fig and Meyer lemon flavors are bright and refreshing, with a rich texture.	<b>90</b>	<b>\$21</b>
<b>GREY STACK Sauvignon Blanc Bennett Valley Rosemary's Block Dry Stack Vineyard 2009</b> Shows finesse, with honeysuckle and jasmine details to the tangerine, lemon zest, pineapple and melon flavors.	<b>90</b>	<b>\$28</b>
<b>GRIEVE Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2008</b> This has good intensity, showing pineapple, guava and passion fruit flavors that are ripe and vibrant.	<b>90</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>HARTWELL Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Carneros 2008</b> Ripe ruby grapefruit, green apple and pineapple flavors are rich and generous, with a seamless body and refreshing acidity.	<b>90</b>	<b>\$35</b>

## TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>ROUND POND ESTATE Sauvignon Blanc Rutherford 2009</b> Pretty and fragrant, offering vibrant lemon curd and Key lime pie flavors, with honeysuckle and lemongrass details.	<b>90</b>	<b>\$26</b>