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BEST BUYS

TOP shelf

Here's a look at this month's top-scoring **Cellar Selection**, **Editors' Choice** and **Best Buy**. For full tasting notes on these and hundreds of other wines, turn to our Buying Guide, which begins on page 71.

BEST BUY

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Price: \$10 abv: 12%



87 Oak Knoll 2008 Pinot Gris (Willamette Valley). Oak Knoll's Pinot Gris is a sturdy, steady expression of the grape's main strengths. Vintage in and vintage out, the wine has plenty of ripe apple and pear fruit flavors, with citrusy highlights and a splash of refreshing acidity. **Best Buy**. —P.G.
Price: \$12 abv: 13.5%



89 Oak Knoll 2006 Red Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir (Oregon). From a vineyard in southern Oregon that is actually its own, self-contained AVA (Red Hill Douglas County), this is a well-structured Pinot Noir with grip and authority. There is a noticeable smokiness to both nose and palate, not unpleasant, and the fruit is tight and supple. Black cherry and blackberry flavors are set in charred wood tannins, but everything is in proportion and nicely developed. —P.G.
Price: \$24 abv: 13%

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TOP 10 under \$10

These wines represent some of the best inexpensive offerings we've tasted for this issue, selected for price and quality, and balanced to give a selection of wine styles. Remember, you can always visit our Ratings on winemag.com to search more than 5,000 wines we've named Best Buys.

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Oak Knoll 2010 Semi-Sweet Riesling (Oregon); \$10. —P.G.



87 Oak Knoll 2008 Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley). This opens with a clean evocation of Pinot Noir aromas—delicate, almost ethereal, like a wisp of cherry and caramel and moist earth. It turns a bit hard and acidic in the mouth, suggestion that further cellaring is in order. The pieces are here to make a wine with genuine ageability. —P.G.
Price: \$15 abv: 12.6%

GO TO: Win

