

the finish. Look for good fragrant, floral aromas and flavours with some meaty notes that add depth and complexity. vineland.com (CW)

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Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery 2008 Sibling Rivalry White Niagara Peninsula \$13.95 (126144)

The new Sibling Rivalry label is a point of departure for the Speck brothers who own and operate Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery. The playful labels picture younger versions of Paul, Daniel and Matt Speck as a way of illustrating the free-spirited approach behind the wine. To my taste, the white is the more engaging of the two. A blend of Riesling, Chardonnay and Gewürztraminer, it is pretty and perfumed on the nose, with a crowd-pleasing fruity and off-dry palate. henryofpelham.com (CW)

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Road 13 Vineyards 2007 Chardonnay Okanagan Valley \$19.99 (738823)

Big fruit and oak define this in-your-face Chardonnay. The nose gushes extroverted fragrances of pineapple, baked apple, melon, smoky oak and vanilla. Zesty acidity refreshes the onslaught of butterscotch, fruit and sweet, spicy, toasty oak. Cellar two to three years or serve now with grilled swordfish. road13vineyards.com (MB)

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Tinhorn Creek Estate Winery 2006 Cabernet Merlot Okanagan Valley \$17.99

Composed of 60 percent Cabernet Franc and 40 percent Merlot, this easy drinking blend displays appetizing fragrances and flavours of raspberry, sour cherry, red pepper, smoky oak and vanilla with a note of tomato puree, propped up by soft, ripe tannins. Enjoy now with grilled red meats and pasta with tomato sauce. tinhorn.com (MB)

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Viña Santa Carolina 2007 Barrica Selection Chardonnay Casablanca Valley \$14.95 (928580)

Vanilla and tropical fruit aromas rip from the expressive nose of this medium-bodied, generously textured gem. The delicious stream of ripe fruit flavour includes sweet pineapple, melon and yellow peach followed by a lip-smacking wave of citrusy notes keeping it all in good balance. The eight months in French oak has been seamlessly integrated—adding complexity, but otherwise imperceptible. Grilled or roast chicken pairs perfectly. Pick up a few; there's excellent value offered here. (VH)

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Viña Señal 2008 Arboleda Sauvignon Blanc Leyda, Casablanca Valley \$15.95

This is outstanding. Focused and pungent aromas jump from the glass with mineral, nettles and lemongrass to the fore. The flavours are vibrant and luscious with gooseberry, tangy lemon-lime and sweet ripe pineapple predominant. It's medium-bodied, nicely textured and refreshing on the well-balanced finish. There's enough residual sugar to pair this perfectly with spicy Asian cuisine or an asparagus quiche. (VH)

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Viña Tabalí 2006 Reserva Especial Limarí Valley \$21.95 (107540)

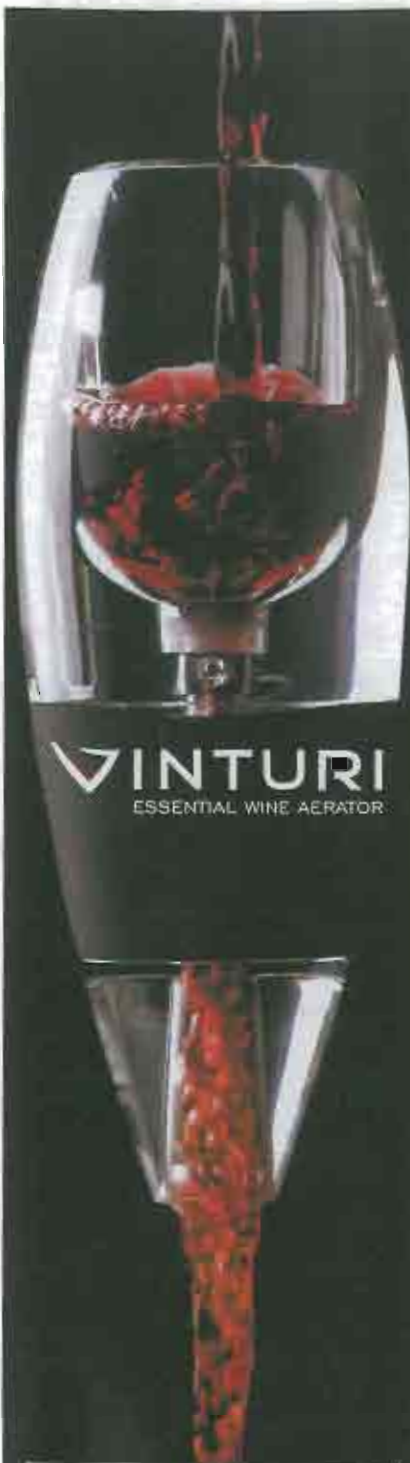
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