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## WINE LIST

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**P**ress Democrat wine writer Peg Melnik scopes out restaurant wine lists around the North Bay, looking for good value and the occasional splurge. This week's picks (prices are retail; restaurant markup varies):

**Round Hill, 2010 California Cabernet Sauvignon**, 12.5 percent alcohol, \$8. An easy-drinking cab with great fruit. It's slightly sweet, with aromas and flavors of cherry, cinnamon and a hint of caramel. It's a steal for the price.

**Enotria, 2011 Mendocino County Cortese**, 13.5 percent, \$15. A lovely white with a lush, silky texture. Notes of lime, citrus and spice. Crisp acidity. Dry finish.

**Bucklin, 2005 Old Hill Ranch Sonoma Valley Zinfandel**, 15.8 percent, \$32. A tasty zin with aromas and flavors of rhubarb, cherry and cracked black pepper. Good acidity. Bright and lively.

**Lang & Reed, 2009 Napa Valley Cab Franc**, 14.5 percent, \$40. A spot-on cab franc with layered flavors. Gorgeous fruit — juicy. Good acidity. Notes of raspberry, blueberry and spice. Lingering finish.

**Lasseter Family Winery, Paysage, 2009 Sonoma Valley Red Blend**, 14.8 percent, \$40. An elegant red blend with a sleek texture and a great concentration of fruit. Focused. Nice length.

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*Want to share a current wine on your favorite restaurant's list? E-mail [peg.melnik@pressdemocrat.com](mailto:peg.melnik@pressdemocrat.com) or check out her Tasting Room blog at [pressdemocrat.com](http://pressdemocrat.com).*