

OUR TOP PICKS
Best New
Chardonnays

GARDEN FRESH
Berry
Cocktails

PAINT TIPS
Small Spaces,
Bold Colors

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The Go List!

A year of weekend adventures

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**FRESH & EASY
COMFORT FOOD**

Roast chicken
Huevos rancheros
Crab pasta

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Celebs take on wine

We pick the best of the big names making bottles.

**KYLE
MACLACHLAN**
Actor

★★★★★

First vintage: 2005
What made him do it? "I met Eric Dunham [of Dunham Cellars in Washington] while searching for a Syrah for my wedding in 2002, and my wife, Desiree, an entrepreneur, encouraged me."
Our pick: Baby Bear 2009 Syrah (Columbia Valley; \$48).
What's it like? Dark and peppery, with leafy tobacco and espresso layered under blueberries.

**JOHN
LASSETER**
Pixar cofounder

★★★★☆

First vintage: 2000
What made him do it? "After we moved to Sonoma Valley, I went Zinfandel picking with friends," says his wife, Nancy. "I came home sticky and splattered with grapes, and John said, 'Next time, I'm coming too!'"
Our pick: Lasseter 2011 Enjoué Rosé (Sonoma Valley; \$24).
What's it like? A dry, crisp pink of watermelon and raspberry, with a lime finish.

**DREW
BLEDSOE**
Former quarterback

★★★★★

First vintage: 2007
What made him do it? "My wife and I have a shared passion for wine after many trips to wine country. The business was a cool way to reconnect with my hometown of Walla Walla [Washington]."
Our pick: Doubleback 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon (Walla Walla Valley; \$89).
What's it like? Dark black tea and licorice meet plum and olallieberry.

**EMILIO
ESTEVEZ**
Actor, director, writer

★★★★☆

First vintage: 2007
What made him do it? "I moved to a flat acre with an enormous lawn and ridiculously high water bills, and I thought, I'll build a vineyard here and create my own view."
Our pick: Casa Dumetz 2011 Gravitas Grenache (Santa Ynez Valley; \$28).
What's it like? Spicy cherries with white pepper and chocolate. (That's Emilio at age 4 on the label.)