

Krutz 2008 Stagecoach Vineyard Syrah (Napa Valley); \$38. A big, potent and concentrated mountain wine, coming from this fine vineyard that straddles the Atlas Peak appellation. The wine is dry but enormously rich in blackberry and blueberry fruit flavors, with spicy, meaty notes of bacon. Impressive for sheer volume, it should develop cellar nuances over the next six years. —S.H.