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BUYING guide



ARISTA

2009

Woodruff Vineyard,
Pinot Noir

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

93 Arista 2009 Woodruff Vineyard Pinot Noir (Santa Cruz Mountains). The oak sticks out now in the form of toast and sweet wood sap, but that's because it hasn't been integrated into this fine young wine. Give it 3-4 years to come around, by which time the barrel influence will equalize with the ripe raspberries, cherries, Dk. Pepper cola and red currants. Could be quite special around 2015. **Cellar Selection.** —S.H.
Price: \$55 **abv:** 14.3%

Cellar Selections are products deemed highly collectible and/or requiring time in a temperature-controlled wine cellar to reach their maximum potential. A Cellar Selection designation does not mean that a product must be stored to be enjoyed, but that cellaring will probably result in a more enjoyable bottle. In general, an optimum time for cellaring will be indicated.



ARISTA

2009

Longbow
Pinot Noir

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

92 Arista 2009 Longbow Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). A lovely, silky Pinot Noir so fresh and vibrant in cherry, cola, pomegranate and spice flavors. Feels light and delicate in the mouth, with lots of charm, yet shows a depth that makes it complex and interesting. Now-2014. —S.H.
Price: \$48 **abv:** 14.3%



ARISTA

2009

Farrington Vineyard,
Pinot Noir

ANDERSON VALLEY

92 Arista 2009 Farrington Vineyard Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley). An elegant Pinot Noir, dry, silky and crisp in acidity, making it a natural for lamb chops or a grilled steak. The flavors are strong, of sour cherry candy and raspberries, with a sweet, sticky coating of oak. Likely to develop over the next six years. —S.H.
Price: \$56 **abv:** 14.2%



ARISTA

2009

Mononi Vineyard,
Pinot Noir

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

92 Arista 2009 Mononi Vineyard Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). So fresh and juicy in raspberry and cherry fruit, so tannic and acidic, so overly oaky, it seems like a wine to stick in the cellar for 3-5 years to let it mellow out. It's good and rich and impressive, but too much of everything at this point. **Cellar Selection.** —S.H.
Price: \$60 **abv:** 14.3%



ARISTA

2009

La Cruz Vineyard,
Pinot Noir

SONOMA COAST

90 Arista 2009 La Cruz Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast). A good, rich, fruity Pinot Noir, nice and dry, with Banbury raspberries, cherry, cola and sandalwood flavors. It's fresh and vibrant in coastal acidity that gives it a tang. Drink now-2014. —S.H.
Price: \$52 **abv:** 14.2%