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2010 Sojourn Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon George's III Vineyard Napa Valley

(\$95) Youthful purple color. A heady bouquet evokes cherry, cassis, vanilla, licorice and fruitcake, with a spicy topnote. Fleshy and sweet, offering intense dark berry compote and floral pastille flavors lifted by cracked pepper and mineral nuances. Shows impressive power on the clinging, gently tannic finish, which features notes of vanilla and cocoa powder. This wine was aged in 75% new French oak. (JR)

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2010 Sojourn Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain District

(\$59) (75% new French oak): Inky ruby. Intense aromas of blackberry, cassis, pipe tobacco, bitter chocolate, vanilla and smoky minerals. Densely packed but not heavy, with strong spice and mineral lift to the powerful dark berry and cherry-vanilla flavors. Nicely structured cabernet with a long, focused finish that features ripe tannins and a touch of bitter chocolate.

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2011 Sojourn Cellars Pinot Noir Campbell Ranch Vineyard Sonoma Coast (\$59) (raised in 50% new oak): Vivid ruby-red. High-pitched aromas of red berries, potpourri and Asian spices. Tangy and sharply focused, offering lively raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and a hint of smokiness. This precise pinot finishes with strong nervy cut and silky tannins.

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2011 Sojourn Cellars Pinot Noir Silver Eagle Vineyard Sonoma Coast

(\$59) Bright ruby-red. Sexy, mineral-accented aromas and flavors of candied red berries, rose, cola and mocha. Sappy and delineated on the palate, with deeper vanilla and bitter chocolate qualities building in the glass. Shows impressive energy and cut on the clinging finish, leaving suave vanilla and smoky mineral notes behind. I like this pinot's blend of power and vivacity.



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2011 Sojourn Cellars Pinot Noir Rodgers Creek Vineyard Sonoma Coast (\$48) Bright ruby. Powerful cherry and dark berry aromas are complicated by anise, pungent herbs and rose oil. Lush and expansive, offering bitter cherry and blackberry flavors lifted by a subtle mineral nuance. Shows very good energy and focus on the finish, which leaves sweet dark fruit and spice notes behind.

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2011 Sojourn Cellars Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard Sonoma Coast (\$54) Bright ruby. Pungent, sexy aromas of blackberry, mulberry, Indian spices and candied rose. Appealingly sweet and spicy, with a lush, velvety texture and very good depth to its cherry-cola and dark berry flavors. Shows supple tannins on the spicy, very long finish, with the cola and floral notes repeating.

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2011 Sojourn Cellars Chardonnay Sangiacomo Vineyard Sonoma Coast (\$45) Bright gold. Oak-spiced aromas of poached pear, melon and honey. Rich and fleshy on entry, then livelier in the mid-palate, offering powerful orchard fruit flavors that are brightened by a touch of lemon zest. Finishes with an echo of oak spice and gently sweet cling.

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