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In each issue, Editor-in-Chief Anthony Dias Blue selects a wide range of the best wines and spirits from among the more than 500 he samples over the course of a month. The reviews are subjective editorial evaluations, made without regard to advertising, and products are scored on a 100-point scale: 85-89 VERY GOOD; 90-94 OUTSTANDING; 95-100 CLASSIC.

Once products are selected for publication, producers and importers will be offered the option of having their review accompanied by an image (bottle photo or label art) for a nominal fee. There is no obligation to add an image, nor does the decision affect the review or score in any way.

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domestic

90 **Quivira Vineyards 2007 Sauvignon Blanc, Fig Tree Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley (\$18)** Smooth and juicy with some spritz and ripe citrus; rich, full-on and luscious.




90 **Cliff Lede 2007 Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley (\$22)** Elegant with ripe citrus and good acid structure; fresh and aromatic with great depth and style.

91 **EOS Estate 2007 Muscat, Canelli, Tears of Dew, Paso Robles (\$22)** Deep golden color; cream and sweet with apricot and honey flavors; powerful and lovely.

90 **Stags' Leap Winery 2007 Viognier, Napa Valley (\$25)** Sunny with aromatics, spice and lively acidity; tangy and edgy.

FOSTER'S GROUP

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2005 Kuvée, Paso Robles (\$44) Concentrated and lush with velvety texture and bright, tangy fruit flavors; complex and nicely structured; 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 12% Syrah, 8% Malbec, 5% Zinfandel.



90 **Fess Parker 2005 Syrah, The Big Easy, Santa Barbara (\$45)** Lush with smooth texture and black raspberry fruit; tarry with a long finish and generous flavors.

Leibniz, co-owners of Saint Felix in West Hollywood, CA, with a selection of Castle Brands spirits.

