

# THE 90+ SOCIETY



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**H**ow many times have you heard us tell you that high quality wines do not have to be expensive. Well, “high quality wines do not have to be expensive!” This edition of the 90+ Society will focus on those 90+ scored wines that are below the \$15 dollar price point. So stock up, buy big for parties, and make a list because these are sure to be your “go-to” wines after you try them for yourself.

*It is our hope that this series will help you make your selections within our stores in an effortless and exciting fashion. As most experts will tell you, use these rating systems as a nudge in the right the direction and not an absolute. After all, our palates are very different from one another as well as our likes/dislikes in flavors.*

## Borsao Tres Picos Garnacha 2008 (Campo de Borja, Spain)

\$13.92 cash

91pts – Wine Advocate

The flagship of this portfolio is the perennially outstanding Tres Picos. The 2008 Tres Picos is 100% Garnacha old vines in which 50% was aged in tank and 50% in French oak for 10 months. It gives up a compelling nose of black cherry fruit that jumps from the glass along with earth and mineral notes. Plush on the palate bordering on voluptuous, this pleasure-bent, full-flavored effort will drink well for another 3-4 years although few will be able to resist its charms for that long.



## Kono Sauvignon Blanc 2009 (Marlborough, New Zealand)

\$9.99 cash

90pts – Wine Spectator

A light and silky white, with refreshing pineapple, peach and green apple flavors in tremendous focus, lingering elegantly. Drink now. 5,000 cases imported



## Burgans Albarino 2009 (Rias Baixas, Spain)

\$13.99 cash

90pts – Wine Advocate

The 2009 Albarino is light gold-colored with a lovely bouquet of white flowers, hazelnut, peach pit, and mineral. On the palate it is surprisingly complex for its bargain price with a viscosity bordering on opulence. If you enjoy Albarino, this is one to buy by the case.

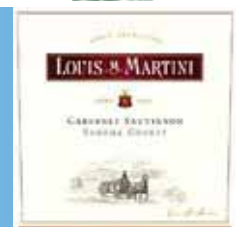


## Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 (Sonoma, California)

\$11.99 cash

90pts – Wine Advocate

I am also including their 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma, a 290,000-case blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest the other Bordeaux varietals. An exquisite value, this is a seductive, fleshy, fruity wine with excellent texture, body, and balance. Lots of cassis as well as silky tannins characterize this top bargain pick! Drink it over the next 5-7 years



## R Wines Luchador Shiraz 2008 (South Australia, Australia)

\$13.65 cash

91pts – Wine Advocate

The 2008 Luchador Shiraz was partially (70%) aged in seasoned American oak hogsheads, the balance in tank. A saturated purple color, it delivers an expressive nose of smoke, scorched earth, smoked meat, espresso, and blueberry. Full-bodied and layered on the palate, it has superior depth, grip, and loads of flavor. Drink this super value over the next 8 years.

