

HANDLEY, 1991 DRY CREEK VALLEY, \$128 (\$16) ★★★★★
Ripe and complex, with green apple, vanilla, toast, oak flavors, and a long finish. Has good depth and balance. [1994-1995] 707.895.3876



KENDALL-JACKSON

- 1992 GRAND RESERVE, CALIFORNIA, \$170 (\$21.25) ★★★★★+
- 1992 CAMELOT VINEYARD, SANTA MARIA VALLEY, \$128 (\$16) ★★★★★

The Reserve is both fruity and oaky (hops, vanilla) in flavor; medium full bodied and long in the finish. A more elegant style than previous releases. The Camelot Vineyard is more complex (butterscotch, toast, roasted grain, vanilla, tropical fruit), softer, and long in the finish. [1994-1996] 707.544.4000



KENWOOD, 1992 SONOMA VALLEY, \$120 (\$15) ★★★★★
Grapey and oaky in flavor, medium full bodied, and crisp, with lemon and grapefruit overtones. [1994-1996] 707.833.5891

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- 1992 KINNEYBROOK VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY, \$136 (\$16) ★★★★★
- 1992 WILDWOOD VINEYARD SONOMA VALLEY, \$136 (\$16) ★★★★★
- 1992 ESTATE RESERVE SONOMA VALLEY, \$160 (\$20) ★★★

Both the Kinneybrook and Wildwood are unfiltered. They are also very fleshy and oaky in style, with flavors reminiscent of lemon, butterscotch, and roasted grain. The Reserve is a very good wine, with floral, tropical fruit flavors, moderate new oak (hops, vanilla, toast), and a medium long finish—suffering only by comparison. [1995-1996] 707.833.5501

MERIDIAN, 1992 EDNA VALLEY, \$136 (\$17) ★★★★★
Rich, full, and toasty in style. A wine with pineapple and new oak flavors, and a long, ripe finish. Excellent. Best Chardonnay yet from Meridian. [1994-1996] 805.237.6000

MURPHY-GOODE, 1992 RESERVE, ALEXANDER VALLEY, \$176 (\$22) ★★★★★
A complex, fleshy, somewhat oaky Chardonnay. It has an aromatic nose, and a luscious palate impression, with new oak, vanilla, butterscotch, and toast flavors. A bit on the oaky side, but excellent. 1000 cases. [1994-1995] 707.431.7644



OAKVILLE RANCH VINEYARDS, 1992 VISTA VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY, \$144 (\$18) ★★★★★
Complex, supple, and medium full in style. Has butter, hops, baked bread, lemon, and vanilla flavors, with overtones of ripe apple and roasted nuts. Medium long finish. Excellent. [1994-1996] 415.342.8017



ROCHIOLI, 1992 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, \$138 (\$17.25) ★★★★★
Toasty and lightly oaky style, with flavors reminiscent of hops, honey, butter, vanilla, and tropical fruit. Has a luscious palate impression, but falls a bit short on the finish. [1994-1996] 707.433.2305

SILVERADO VINEYARDS, 1992 NAPA VALLEY, \$132 (\$16.50) ★★★★★
Very fruity and fairly complex in flavor (toast, apple, vanilla, pear); a crisp, medium weight wine, with a long finish. Excellent. [1994-1995] 707.257.1770



ST. CLEMENT, 1992 NAPA VALLEY, \$136 (\$17) ★★★★★
A luscious, medium full wine, with complex flavors (pineapple, vanilla, butter) and good length. Excellent. [1994-1996] 707.963.7221

ST. GREGORY, 1991 MENDOCINO, \$138 (\$17.25) ★★★★★
Complex and ripe, with medium weight, and pineapple, grapefruit, butterscotch, and vanilla flavors. Long, mildly oaky finish. Fine quality. [1994-1995] 707.463.1532

THE HESS COLLECTION, 1991 MT. VEEDER, \$132 (\$16.50) ★★★★★
Extremely floral in character, with spicy, orange blossom flavors, medium weight, and moderate oak character. Finishes just a bit short. [1995-1996] 707.255.1144

TRUCHARD, 1992 CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY, \$148 (\$18.50) ★★★★★
Ripe and complex in style; a medium full bodied wine, with layers of flavor (toast, vanilla, butterscotch, apple, pineapple), and a long, harmonious finish. **Exceptional.** [1994-1996] 707.253.7153



VICHON, 1992 NAPA VALLEY, \$140 (\$17.50) ★★★★★
Intensely flavored, medium full bodied, and complex; a wine with fine flavors (vanilla, lemon, butterscotch, apple) and a crisp, long finish. 8,500 cases. [1994-1996] 707.944.2811

ZD, 1992 CALIFORNIA, \$178 (\$22.25) ★★★
Very toasty in flavor, full in body, and long on the finish. Has tobacco, new oak flavors, with tropical fruit character. [1995-1996] 707.963.5188



**CHARDONNAY - Expensive:
\$201/case & Up (\$25.10/btl. full retail & Up)**

BABCOCK VINEYARDS, 1992 GRAND CUVÉE, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY, \$264 (\$33) ★★★★★
Very complex and full in style. It has intense pineapple, lees (soft ripened cheese), baked bread, and nutty flavors, and a rich, long finish. Pushes the limit in style. [1994-1995] 805.736.1455

KISTLER, 1992 DURELL VINEYARD, SAND HILL SONOMA VALLEY, \$240 (\$30) ★★★★★
Ripe, supple, and toasty in flavor; a full bodied, complex wine, with strong barrel fermented character (toast, new oak, hops). Needs some aging. [1995-1997] 707.823.5603



PATZ & HALL, 1992 NAPA VALLEY, \$208 (\$26) ★★★★★
Complex and soft in style; a full bodied wine with apple, lime, butterscotch, and vanilla flavors, and excellent length. Fine quality. [1994-1995] 707.963.4142

ROCHIOLI, 1992 RESERVE, J. ROCHIOLI VINEYARDS, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, \$256 (\$32) ★★★★★
An intensely flavored, complex wine with full body, apple, vanilla, pineapple, and oak flavors, and a medium long finish. Very good. [1994-1995] 707.433.2305

STEELE, 1992 LOLONIS VINEYARD, MENDOCINO, \$224 (\$28) ★★★★★
Supple, ripe, and very fruity in style; a luscious wine, with toast, butterscotch, and pineapple flavors, and a long, smooth finish. Excellent. Limited availability. [1994-1995] 707.279.0213



WILLIAMS SELYEM, 1992 ALLEN VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, \$264 (\$33) ★★★
Full bodied, supple, and minty in style; a ripe, intense, crisp wine, with a long finish. It has spearmint, dill, vanilla, and apple flavors. Limited availability. [1994-1996] 707.887.7480

Color for wines (and spirits) reviewed is noted only when it deviates prominently from the norm.