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## Blue Reviews EXTRA! January 2013

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### WHITES

#### SAUVIGNON BLANC/SEMILLON

#### 90 Pegasus Bay Winery 2010 Sauvignon–Semillon, Waipara Valley, New Zealand (\$21)

Smooth, silky and ripe with juicy, tangy grapefruit and bright acidity; clean, lively and balanced.  
EMPSON USA



#### 88 MAN Vintners 2012 Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa (\$11)

Smooth and bright with spice, citrus and tropical fruit; mellow but juicy and showing nice acidity and good length.  
VINEYARD BRANDS

#### 88 Tangent 2011 Sauvignon Blanc, Paragon Vineyard, Edna Valley (\$13)

Grassy and bright with herbs, spice and sweet gooseberry; rich and complex with nice acid structure and length.  
BAILEYANA

#### 88 Dourthe 2011 Sauvignon Blanc La Grande Cuvée, Bordeaux, France (\$15)

Bright, tangy and racy with clean, fresh fruit; juicy, crisp and balanced.  
DOURTHE USA

#### 88 Edna Valley Vineyard 2011 Sauvignon Blanc, Central Coast (\$15)

Smooth, bright and minerally with flint, tangy acidity and clean, racy fruit; lively and balanced.  
GALLO

#### 90 Kim Crawford 2012 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$19)

Silky and bright with minerals and tangy gooseberry; juicy, fresh and crisp with charming, consistent style; a classic.  
CONSTELLATION BRANDS

#### 91 Joseph Phelps 2011 Estate Sauvignon Blanc, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$32)

Bright, juicy and fresh with soft, generous apple and citrus fruit; smooth, balanced and long.

#### 88 Château Bonnet 2011 Entre-Deux-Mers, France (\$13)

Fresh, juicy and bright with tangy fruit and a core of crisp acidity; balanced, silky and long.  
DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS

#### CHARDONNAY

#### 88 Penfolds 2011 Chardonnay, Koonunga Hill, South Australia (\$12)

Smooth and lush with creamy notes of pear and citrus; long, fresh, clean and balanced.  
TREASURY WINE ESTATES

#### 88 Heron Wines 2011 Chardonnay, California (\$13)

Smooth and fresh with clean bright fruit and good acid structure; fresh, elegant and showing nice pear

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fruit; balanced and long.

**88 Bonterra Vineyards 2011 Chardonnay, Mendocino County (\$14)**

Silky, smooth and racy with tangy acidity and bright fruit; juicy, balanced and long. Organic.  
CONCHA Y TORO

**88 Spellbound 2010 Chardonnay, California (\$15)**

Creamy and smooth with vanilla, tropical fruit, soft oak and good acid structure; lush, seamless and balanced; long and mellow.  
FOLIO WINE PARTNERS



**88 Buena Vista 2011 Chardonnay, Sonoma County (\$15)**

Crisp and bright with citrus and white flowers; silky and showing good acidity and length; fresh and tangy.

BOISSET FAMILY ESTATES

**89 Franciscan 2011 Estate Chardonnay, Napa Valley (\$18)**

Smooth and juicy with good depth and lovely citrus and pear fruit; clean, silky and bright with vivid flavors.  
CONSTELLATION WINES U.S.

**89 Handley Cellars 2011 Estate Chardonnay, Anderson Valley (\$25)**

Smooth and juicy with tangy citrus and edgy acidity; racy, bright and crisp.

**90 MacRostie 2011 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (\$25)**

Ripe and smooth with rich, ripe fruit and lovely vanilla and supple style; fresh and elegant with lovely flavors and depth.

**90 Joseph Phelps 2010 Chardonnay, Freestone Vineyards, Sonoma Coast (\$55)**

Silky and elegant with lovely structure and sweet vanilla oak; structured, long and ripe with finesse and style.

**92 La Rochelle 2010 Chardonnay, Dutton Ranch, Morelli Lane Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$65)**

Deep, dense and lush with spice, tangy acidity and vanilla oak; balanced and silky and ripe with gorgeous style and finesse; lovely, long and deep.

*RIESLING*

**88 Loosen Bros NV Dr. L, Mosel, Germany (\$12)**

Silky and spicy with nice lime and hints of apricot and spice; smooth, slightly sweet and balanced.  
LOOSEN BROS.



**88 Robert Mondavi Private Selection 2011 Riesling, Central Coast (\$11)**

Fresh and bright with lovely aromatics, smooth, juicy citrus and peach; clean, tangy and balanced.  
CONSTELLATION BRANDS

**88 Domdechant Werner 2011 Riesling Kabinett Hochheimer Hölle, Rheingau, Germany (\$12)**

Silky and juicy with bright apricot and citrus; crisp and racy with sweet, tangy fruit.  
SLOCUM & SONS

**89 Domdechant Werner 2011 Classic Riesling, Hochheim, Rheingau, Germany (\$13)**

Juicy and fresh with racy acidity and bright citrus; silky and crisp, long and charming.  
SLOCUM & SONS

**91 Domdechant Werner 2011 Riesling Auslese, Hochheimer Domdechane, Rheingau, Germany (\$26)**

creamy and fresh with juicy apricot and tangy acidity; silky, lush and racy with nerve and pure, elegant, slightly sweet fruit; long and luscious with great balance and style.  
SLOCUM & SONS

**90 Domdechant Werner 2011 Riesling Spätlese Trocken, Hochheimer Kirchenstück, Rheingau, Germany (\$16)**

Bright and juicy with citrus and racy stone fruit; nervy, lively and fresh with minerals, tangy acidity and a long, smooth finish.  
SLOCUM & SONS

**90 Domdechant Werner 2011 Riesling Spätlese, Hochheimer Domdechane, Rheingau, Germany (\$16)**

Creamy and juicy, smooth and fresh with sweet, ripe apricot and citrus; bright, clean and nervy with lovely balance.  
SLOCUM & SONS