

AS SEEN IN AUGUST 2011



BUYING GUIDE

Merlot

Napa Valley

Carter

CELLARS

2008

Truchard Vineyards

14.9% alcohol by volume

92 **Carter 2008 Truchard Vineyards Merlot (Napa Valley); \$65.** A beautiful Merlot that shows how well this variety grows in a great vineyard on the Napa side of the Carneros appellation. It's rich and complex in cherry, spice and oak flavors, with an umami taste of cured meat, and the tannins are rich and firm. The wine shows the crisp, mouth-watering acidity of Carneros, especially in this cool vintage. Drink now–2013 for freshness. —S.H.