

# Anthony Dias

## BLUE *REVIEWS*

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**

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☺ The “twisty” icon indicates wines sealed with a screwcap closure.

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Prices are for 750 ml. bottles unless otherwise noted.

### DOMESTIC

**92** **Paraduxx 2015 Proprietary White Wine, Napa Valley** (\$30) Duckhorn dedicates this label to blends. Mellow and tangy with juicy and bright style; aromatic and lush with creamy texture, rich style and lovely depth. 67% Viognier, 22% Chardonnay, 6% Roussanne, 5% Marsanne. ☺

DUCKHORN WINE CO.

**93** **Center of Effort 2013 Chardonnay, Edna Valley** (\$35) A nice Effort indeed. Silky and bright with racy acidity and lovely notes of sweet vanilla oak; fresh and modern with elegance and tangy, exuberant style.



**93** **Pepper Bridge Winery 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Walla Walla Valley** (\$36)

Silky and deep with rich, intense flavors of ripe, precise fruit; another master work by Norm McKibben and Jean-François Pellet, and it's sustainable too!

**92** **Robert Mondavi 2014 Reserve Chardonnay, Carneros, Napa Valley** (\$55) Still a Carneros classic. Lush, ripe pear and smooth new oak that doesn't cover the keen cool-climate fruit.

CONSTELLATION WINE U.S.



**91** **Morgan Winery 2015 Cotes du Crow's, Monterey** (\$18)

Winemaker Dan Lee's Central Coast take on a Cotes du Rhône; spice and ripe blackberry fruit; killer value for everyday drinking. 52% Grenache, 44% Syrah, 4% Tempranillo. ☺

**91** **Andis Wines 2013 Zinfandel, Amador County** (\$25)

Amador comes on strong with this bright and juicy Zin with racy acidity and tangy berry fruit; a winery to watch. 20% Petite Sirah.



**89** **Estancia 2014 Reserve GSM, Monterey** (\$25)

Dark, dense and showing an earthy nose; smooth and spicy with a rich, balanced finish. 48% Grenache, 42% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre.



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**92** **Chamisal 2013 Pinot Noir, Chamisal Vineyard, Edna Valley** (\$40)

From talented Kiwi-born winemaker Fintan du Fresne. Cherry and strawberry fruit; juicy, fresh and tangy; long and balanced; fresh and classic.

CRIMSON WINE GROUP

**92** **The Prisoner Wine Company 2014 Saldo Zinfandel, California** (\$55)

Sourced from historic dry-farmed vineyards across Northern California. Rich, caramel nose; silky and smooth with spice and ripe blackberry fruit; long and stylish. 15% Petite Sirah and Syrah.



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