

AS SEEN IN JULY 2012



BUYING GUIDE



**90** **Vina Robles 2008 Syrée (Paso Robles).** This is a ripe, full-bodied red, made mostly from Syrah, with about one-fifth Petite Sirah for tannic weight and depth. It's a big wine, front-loaded with blackberry and black pepper flavors, with a spicy, smoky finish that tastes of grilled Canadian bacon. Drink this savory wine now. —S.H.

**abv:** 15.5%

**Price:** \$39

*Stephen Tanzer's*  
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“Inky purple. Wild, intensely perfumed bouquet evokes dark berry compote, smoked meat and dried flowers. Weighty cassis and bitter cherry flavors provide impressive palate coverage and pick up a peppery nuance with air. Chewy tannins add grip to the finish, which clings with impressive tenacity and spiciness.”



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“The purple fruit of the petite adds to the zesty character of the syrah, all encompassed in high-toast oak tannins that hold the fruit in a dense, central core, waiting to be released with the next bite of meat.”

