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A photograph of Tom Seaver, a middle-aged man with short, graying hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a blue and white plaid button-down shirt and blue jeans with a black belt. He is standing in a vineyard, leaning his left arm on a dark wooden post. In his right hand, he holds a small bunch of dark purple grapes. The background shows green grapevines and a clear blue sky.

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2010 CALIFORNIA CABERNET

A CLASSIC VINTAGE
FOR THE CELLAR

**TOM SEAVER
MAKES ALL-STAR
CABERNET ON
DIAMOND MOUNTAIN**

**POLISHED WHITES
FROM ALSACE**

**A MENU MATCHED
WITH RIESLING**

**WINE STARS
FROM AUSTRIA,
BORDEAUX,
BURGUNDY**

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Alison Napjus' Recommended Wines From Alsace

More than 300 wines were reviewed for this report. A free alphabetical list is available at www.winespectator.com/111513. WineSpectator.com members can access complete reviews for all wines tasted using the online Wine Ratings search.

TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
WHITE WINES		
BARMÈS BUECHER Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Steingrübler 2010 Beautifully balanced, with flavors of dried apricot, papaya, crystallized honey, toasted almond, ground ginger and anise.	94	\$61
ROLLY GASSMANN Riesling Alsace Silberberg de Rorschwihr 2010 Searing acidity frames flavors of blood orange granita, macerated peach, crystallized honey, toasted almond and apple tarte Tatin.	94	\$55
ZIND-HUMBRECHT Gewürztraminer Alsace Hunawühr Clos Windsbuhl 2011 Searing acidity provides a firm backbone for the finely knit flavors of papaya, apricot tart, orange peel, smoke, anise and ground cardamom.	94	\$79
ZIND-HUMBRECHT Pinot Gris Alsace Grand Cru Rangen de Thann Clos St.-Urbain 2011 A stony mineral undertow accents finely knit flavors of melon, white peach, kumquat and blanched almond.	94	\$105
ZIND-HUMBRECHT Pinot Gris Alsace Hunawühr Clos Windsbuhl 2011 Shows a waxy edge to the ripe flavors of baked peach, mango chutney, lemon meringue pie, smoke and crystallized honey.	94	\$64
BARMÈS BUECHER Gewürztraminer Alsace Herrenweg 2010 Vibrant and balanced, this offers floral and spice hints, delivering flavors of ripe apricot, papaya, candied kumquat, honey and lychee.	93	\$31
ALBERT MANN Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg 2011 Broad and focused, this shows flavors of green melon, candied orange zest and guava, with smoky mineral. The racy acidity adds balance.	93	\$53
OSTERTAG Riesling Alsace Fronholz 2010 Vibrant and finely detailed, with flavors of apricot tart, kumquat, blanched almond and subtle passion fruit. Displays focus and length.	93	\$44
WEINBACH Pinot Gris Alsace Altenbourg 2011 The flavors of dried papaya, apricot gelée, toasted almond, melon and candied orange zest are finely layered, with zesty minerality.	93	\$51
WEINBACH Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg Cuvée Ste.-Catherine 2011 Dry, showing fine balance, with hints of brine accenting the flavors of green melon, star fruit, crunchy white peach, pickled ginger and anise.	93	\$55
MARCEL DEISS Gewürztraminer Alsace 2010 Well-cut acidity keeps this lithe, with flavors of baked peach, blood orange, pink grapefruit zest, crystallized honey and lychee.	92	\$30
LATE-HARVEST AND DESSERT WINES		
WEINBACH Gewürztraminer Alsace Grand Cru Furstentum Sélection de Grains Nobles 2010 Reminiscent of liquid candy, offering flavors of dried papaya and guava, glazed apricot, grated coconut and flowers.	95	\$137 375ml
ZIND-HUMBRECHT Gewürztraminer Alsace Turckheim Herrenweg Vendange Tardive Vieilles Vignes 2011 Off-dry, featuring racy acidity and enlivening notes of mango puree, lychee, grapefruit granita, honeycomb and apricot.	95	\$66

TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
KUENTZ-BAS Gewürztraminer Alsace Cuvée Caroline Vendange Tardive 2011 Just off-dry, driven by a streak of minerality and smoke, with finely layered flavors of melon sorbet, mango chutney and dried apricot.	94	\$NA
MURÉ Gewürztraminer Alsace Grand Cru Clos St.-Landelin Vendanges Tardives 2011 Tea rose and lily notes waft through subtle layers of baked peach, blood orange, crystallized honey, piecrust and candied ginger.	94	\$57
WEINBACH Pinot Gris Alsace Altenbourg Cuvée d'Or Quintessence de Grains Nobles 2010 Mouthwatering, this lush version displays a fine mesh of baked peach, pear pâte de fruit, candied almond and crystallized honey notes.	94	\$218 375ml

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
MEYER-FONNÉ Pinot Gris Alsace Réserve 2011 Shows flavors of apricot, mango, almond, lemon and honey.	92	\$26
SCHOFFIT Riesling Alsace Lieu-Dit Harth Tradition 2011 A clean-cut version, with notes of pineapple, passion fruit and mango.	92	\$26
EMILE BEYER Gewürztraminer Alsace Tradition 2012 Features lush flavors of ripe melon, glazed apricot and strawberry fruit.	91	\$22
PAUL BLANCK Riesling Alsace 2012 Lively and expressive, featuring floral and ground spice notes.	91	\$20
HELFRICH Pinot Gris Alsace Grand Cru Steinklotz 2011 Delicate and balanced, with juicy yellow plum and ripe apricot notes.	90	\$20
ALSACE WILLM Riesling Alsace Réserve 2012 Offers apple, crunchy white peach, mango, blood orange and anise.	90	\$14
KUENTZ-BAS Riesling Alsace 2011 Dry and smoky, this offers notes of apple, star fruit and stone.	89	\$17
DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER Pinot Gris Alsace Les Princes Abbés 2011 Well-knit, with a spicy edge to the flavors of apple, star fruit and melon.	89	\$18
BOTT-GEYL Pinot d'Alsace Alsace Métiss 2010 Aromatic, with flavors of peach, passion fruit, stone and orange peel.	88	\$16
FAMILLE SPARR Riesling Alsace Cuvée Tradition 2011 Focused on minerality, with hints of apricot, beeswax, anise and apple.	88	\$13
ARTHUR METZ Riesling Alsace Michel Léon 2012 A subtle version, offering hints of Anjou pear, lemon and apricot.	87	\$14
DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER Pinot Blanc Alsace Les Princes Abbés 2011 Creamy, with flavors of apple, kumquat, almond and fleur de sel.	87	\$14
ALSACE WILLM Pinot Blanc Alsace Réserve 2012 Bright, with white peach, almond and mandarin orange notes.	87	\$14
ALSACE WILLM Brut Rosé Crémant d'Alsace NV Smoky, with dried strawberry, blackberry, honey and orange zest.	86	\$13
PIERRE SPARR Brut Blanc de Blanc Vin de France Marquis de Perlade NV Offers flavors of ginger, cherry, pink grapefruit and candied almond.	85	\$13