



Other Recommended North Coast Wines

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2011 Amici Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain District Napa Valley **91**

Good bright ruby-red. Musky aromas of currant, plum, dark chocolate, mocha and herbs. More complex than the Oakville version and a step up in energy but still an essentially easygoing 2011, offering soft flavors of redcurrant, plum and tobacco that avoid greenness. This sweet, pliant, seamless wine finishes with sweet tannins and nice spicy length.

2012 Amici Cellars Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Sonoma County **90**

(14.8% alcohol): Bright medium red. Aromas of raspberry, musky tobacco and herbs are lifted by a floral topnote. Offers lovely balance and intensity to its red berry and spice flavors. Harmonious acidity energizes this silky, expansive pinot. Lovely pinot fruit and length here, and the fine-grained tannins will not get in the way of enjoying this wine right now. I'd consume it over the next two or three years.

2012 Amici Cellars Olema Pinot Noir Sonoma County **90**

Bright medium red. Aromas of cherry, raspberry, fresh herbs, rose petal and spicy oak. Less fat than the Russian River Valley bottling but with very good definition and lift to the high-pitched red fruit and spice flavors. Not a fat style but juicy and easygoing, finishing with good grip and lift. A terrific value in California pinot.