



# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## MAN OF THE YEAR

**ROBERT SANDS**

Constellation Brands

## IMPORTER OF THE YEAR

**SHAW-ROSS**  
INTERNATIONAL  
IMPORTERS

## NEW WORLD WINERY OF THE YEAR

CASA  
**LAPOSTOLLE**

## DISTILLER OF THE YEAR

THE  
**MACALLAN**

## WINE REGION OF THE YEAR

**MENDOZA**  
ARGENTINA

## WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

MARGO  
**VAN STAAVEREN**  
Chateau St. Jean



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

**PIERO ANTINORI**

Marchesi Antinori

## AMERICAN WINERY OF THE YEAR

**KORBEL**  
CHAMPAGNE

## WINE ENTHUSIAST BUYING GUIDE

**89** Bonny Doon 2005 Bien Nacido Vineyard Syrah (Santa Maria Valley); \$40.

An interesting and complex young Syrah that really needs bottle age to show its best. It's very fruity, offering a blast of currants and pepper, but also pretty astringent in bitter tannins. Grilled meats will help, and so will decanting, as the wine does change and soften in the glass, but it will be better by the 2009 summer barbecue season and for several years after. —S.H.

# 2008

## WINE STAR AWARDS