

CUTTING EDGE SELECTIONS

✧ HAND-CRAFTED WINES ✧



A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE BUYING GUIDE FOR THE **JUNE 15, 2009** ISSUE

Wine Spectator's annual Wine Country Travel issue features a wine lover's guide to Napa Valley to fit every budget. Plus, delicious 2006 red Burgundies, exciting California whites and refreshing New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs are all included in the tasting reports.

SMART BUYS

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MOUNT EDEN Chardonnay Edna Valley Wolff Vineyard 2007 • \$20

Ripe and floral, with fleshy peach, nectarine, melon and spice. Full-bodied, focused and elegant, with a long, persistent finish that emphasizes the ripe fruitiness. Drink now through 2012.—*J.L.*

BEST VALUES

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MAS DE GUIOT Grenache-Syrah Vin de Pays du Gard 2007 • \$11

A hint of reduction blows off quickly in this Southern Rhône red, revealing pepper-infused blackberry fruit. The round finish is laced with a hint of lavender. Drink now.—*J.M.*
