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2008 Syrah Tous Les Jours Central Coast(\$16)

Bright ruby. Cherry and dark berry preserves on the nose, with complicating notes of licorice and olive tapenade. Lively, taut cherry and blackberry flavors stain the palate, showing very good clarity and zesty minerality that builds with air. Finishes with strong cut and sweet persistence. ***This is an outstanding value. 90***

2008 Esperance Central Coast(\$30)

(60% grenache, 25% syrah and 15% mourvedre): Glass-staining ruby. Sexy, oak-spiced aromas of black raspberry, cola and licorice. Broad and expansive in the mouth, offering juicy red and dark berry flavors and notes of cola and vanilla. Finishes smooth, sweet and long, with resonating spiciness and a hint of mocha. **91**

2009 Syrah Watch Hill Vineyard Santa Ynez Valley(\$36)

Deep ruby. Complex, seductively perfumed bouquet displays raspberry, cassis, cola and potpourri, along with a smoky overtone. Sweet, spicy and penetrating, displaying very good clarity to its dark fruit and floral pastille flavors. The intensely spicy finish clings with excellent tenacity and a hint of cracked pepper. **91**

2008 Syrah Reserve Central Coast(\$50)

(made from a blend of fruit from Terra Bella, Watch Hill and Thompson vineyards): Inky purple. Warm and ripe on the nose, with scents of exotic oak spices, cassis and cherry compote. Thick, weighty and chewy, with dense dark berry flavors and a building note of candied licorice. Finishes rich, round and smoky, with alluring sappiness, pliant tannins and very good length. **91**