

Wine Spectator

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James Molesworth's Recommended Rhône Valley Wines

MICHEL & STÉPHANE OGIER Côte-Rôtie 2009	94	\$98
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MICHEL & STÉPHANE OGIER Condrieu La Combe de Mallevall 2010	95	\$95

Tim Fish's Recommended California Merlots

SEBASTIANI Merlot Sonoma County 2008	87	\$17
Modest in scale, with appealing notes of cherry, tomato leaf and mocha.		

Buying Guide

New releases: Italy

91 **Paolo Manzone** Barolo Meriame 2008 **\$80**

Round and fruity in style, featuring plum, cherry, licorice and leather flavors. Balanced, with soft, dense tannins coating the finish, where a hint of tobacco lingers. Best from 2014 through 2027. 660 cases made.—B.S.

90 **Paolo Manzone** Barolo 2008 **\$60** A dense, chewy red, featuring menthol, tar, cherry and plum aromas and flavors. A bit of a monolith today, yet retains the sweet fruit and flesh necessary to offset the beefy tannins. Best from 2015 through 2030. 500 cases made.—B.S.

87 **Paolo Manzone** Barolo Serralunga 2008 **\$60**

Aromas of wild herbs and leather settle into cherry and plum flavors. Broad and on the soft side, yet with enough structure and moderate length. Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made.—B.S.