



# Eating & Drinking

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**87 Points**     **ARGENTO CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVA 2009**  
LCBO 164764     \$12.95

*Where the less expensive Argento reds are powerful, fruity and blunt., this reserva is slightly more finessed, with ripe blackberry, vanilla-cocoa sweetness and a touch of spice. It's medium-to full bodied and smooth, with some youthful cabernet tannin and earthiness on the finish. Decant for 30 minutes and serve grilled meat.*

**88 POINTS & GREAT VALUE**     **TRUMPETER CABERNET SAIUVIGNON 2010**  
LCBO 218842     \$12.95

*A seductive, rich and complex nose of cocoa, cedar, leather and blackcurrant jam makes this red a true gem in its price range. It's medium-full bodied and a touch sweet, with some heat and woody tannin. Smooth for such a young wine.*

**88 POINTS**     **OATLEY TIC TOK SHIRAZ 2008**  
LCBO 187187     \$12.95

*A blend of grapes from three regions, this is a supple, delicious shiraz loaded with Black Forest cake, menthol and tobacco notes. It feels dense and smooth without being too sweet or overly hot. It's elegant enough to enjoy now or over the next three years.*

**90 POINTS**     **PIERRE SPARR GEWURZTRAMINER 2009**  
LCBO 373373     \$17.00

*This is a pure, powerful and focused gewurz nose with lychee and apricot, along with classic musk perfume and peppery spice. It's full-bodied, thick, creamy and rich, with acid cut and alcohol warmth. Excellent length and focus elevates this one to the 90-point mark.*

**87 POINTS**     **CONCILIO PINOT GRIGIO 2010**  
LCBO 637595     \$12.45

*Trentino's high-altitude is reflected in the light, crisp, tingling, zesty style of this pinot Grigio. But for such a light wine, it has concentrated green apple, lime and grapefruit flavours, with almost salty minerality on the finish. Chill well and enjoy with oysters.*



**89 POINTS**      **CESARI RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA 2009**  
**LCBO 506519**      **\$15.95**

*The hot 2009 vintage produced impressive valpolicellas, like this ripe one. There's rich prune fruit, chocolate and cedar aromas. It's full and rolling, yet it strikes a composed, elegant note as well. There's well-meshed, dry tannin on the finish. Best 2013 to 2016.*

**88 POINTS & BEST BARGAIN BOTTLES**  
**FARNESE CASALE VECCHIO MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2009**  
**LCBO 612788**      **\$9.85**

*Fragrant, ripe plum-blackberry fruit is well meshed with cedar, leather, licorice and chocolate. It's smooth, dense and not too tannic, with generous focused fruit. Decant for 30 minutes.*

**89 POINTS**      **J. LOHR SEVEN OAKS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009**  
**LCBO 656561**      **\$21.95**

*This is an artful blend of 79 per cent cabernet, with enough petit syrah (9 per cent), petit verdot (5 per cent) and other grapes to ever so slightly soften cabernet's tough, green edges. It's medium-weight, smooth, dense and rich, with ripe cherry fruit, chocolate, tea and herbs.*