

## **93 MacLaren**

**2011 Drouthy Neebors Syrah (Sonoma County);**

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## **91 MacLaren (Cellar Selection)**

**2011 Stagecoach Vineyards Syrah (Napa Valley);**

This Syrah shows the dramatic richness of almost any Stagecoach red. Midnight black in color, it's enormously extracted in blackberry jam fruit, with complex notes of grilled meat, black pepper, licorice, violets and subtle minerals. The tannins are huge, but furry and pliable. If you have to drink it now, give it a few hours in the decanter. But it should benefit by reposing until 2017 in the cellar. — S.H. (7/1/2014)

## **90 MacLaren**

**2013 Lee's Sauvignon Blanc (Dry Creek Valley);**

Winemaker Steve Law, a specialist in cool-climate Syrah, offers a barrel-fermented and barrel-aged Sauv Blanc named for his mom. It's completely herbal, dry, savory and complex, yet deliciously sippable. — V.B. (10/1/2014)

## **89 MacLaren**

**2011 Atoosa's Vineyards Syrah (Russian River Valley);**

With firm tannins and generous blackberry jam, crispy bacon and black pepper flavors, this wine is California ripe all the way. It's pretty upfront, but has some complex mineral and floral notes. Drink through 2019. — S.H. (7/1/2014)

## **89 MacLaren (Cellar Selection)**

**2011 Samantha's Vineyard Syrah (Russian River Valley);**

Ripely opulent, it's explosive in blackberry jam and red currants, with the grilled meat bone and black pepper notes of a cool-climate Syrah. The tannins are strong, but finely ground, while the acids will cut right through meat fat. Give this lovely young wine until 2016–2017 in the cellar. — S.H. (7/1/2014)