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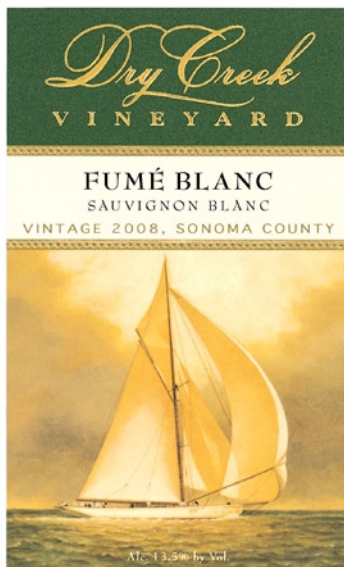
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WINE OF THE WEEK

Scouting for the best of the Harvest Fair favorites.

Wine writer Peg Melnik had a blind tasting this week of some of the Harvest Fair favorites, the top-ranking wines of the fair's wine competition. She was determined to find the most impressive at the best possible price. Our wine of the week winner is Dry Creek Vineyard 2008 Sonoma County Fumé Blanc, at the remarkable price of \$12.



TOP PICK

**Dry Creek Vineyard
2008 Sonoma County Fumé Blanc**

★★★★½

A grassy Sauvignon Blanc, bright and crisp. Aromas and flavors of grapefruit, herbs and lemon. Great acidity. Zesty finish. Great value. In fact, a steal.

Others worth noting:

Calstar Cellars, 2007 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, \$29. ★★★★★

A fleshy pinot with tangy fruit flavors. Notes of lavender, rose petal, black cherry and a hint of caramel.

Wilson, 2007 Sawyer Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel, \$32. ★★★★★

An ultra-ripe zin with deep flavors. Notes of plum, tangy cranberry, herbs and spice. Long finish.

Buena Vista, 2006 Carneros Pinot Noir, \$25. ★★★★★

An earthy Pinot with deep flavors. Notes of plum, tangy cranberry, herbs and spice. Long finish.

Owl Ridge, 2008 Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc, \$12. ★★★½

A creamy Sauvignon Blanc with aromas and flavors of pear, vanilla and citrus. Floral, with a hint of grassiness.