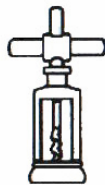


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**One of the premium purveyors of value-priced California wines (believe me, there are not many that offer high quality at low prices). Cartlidge & Browne continues to provide rewarding and surprisingly tasty drinking.**

Their brilliant **2006 Sauvignon Blanc Dancing Crow** is a medium-bodied white loaded with melony fruit notes, crisp acidity, freshness, and true Sauvignon character. Drink it over they next year. The tasty **2006 Chardonnay** offers orange blossom, lemon oil, and tropical fruit notes, medium body, crisp acidity and fine purity as well as freshness.

There is no evidence of oak in the lovely Chardonnay. It is surprising that such a good yet fairly priced Pinot Noir can be made in the New World, where consumers tend to lose any common sense and purchase mediocre, but extravagantly priced Pinots (thanks to the movie *Sideways*). Cartlidge & Browne's **2006 Pinot Noir** is better than many that sell for five times the price. Its medium ruby color is followed by a soft perfume of sweet cherry fruit and a touch

of cinnamon. With good size, medium body, excellent purity, and a generous, savory texture, it can be enjoyed over the next 1-2 years. The **2005 Cabernet Sauvignon** exhibits black currant, dried herb, earth, and spice characteristics. It is a fruit driven, medium-bodied, soft wine to consume over the next 2-3 years. The dark ruby-hued **2005 Rabid Red** (a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah with small amounts of Merlot and Syrah) offers an attractive bouquet of earth red and black fruits and spice. Medium-bodied with excellent texture, good purity, and a decent finish, it should be drunk over the next 1-2 years.

These are all excellent values!