

# Sunset

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Wine  
Awards  
2014  
Winners!

## TOP REDS OVER \$40

We all know that some whopping wine prices are based on reputation and scarcity. In a tasting like ours—blind to price—the true cream rises to the top. These reds are pricey but worth it.

By Sara Schneider

**Dry Creek Vineyard 2011  
"The Mariner" Meritage  
(Dry Creek Valley; \$45)**

Aratas 2010 Petite Sirah  
(Napa Valley; \$45)

Beitz Family 2011 "Besant"  
(Columbia Valley; \$45)

Select Cabernet Sauvignon  
(Columbia Valley; \$55)

Halter Ranch 2011 Estate  
Reserve "Ancestor" (Paso  
Robles; \$50)

Hendry 2009 Hendry Vine-  
yard Cabernet Sauvignon  
(Napa Valley; \$55)

Huge Bear 2010 "Ursa  
Gigantes" (Sonoma County;  
\$45)

Meadowlark 2007 Reserve  
Cabernet Sauvignon (Santa  
Barbara County; \$50)

Mi Sueño 2010 Cabernet  
Sauvignon (Napa Valley;  
\$70)

Obsidian Ridge 2010  
Obsidian Ridge Vineyard  
"Half Mile" (Red Hills, Lake  
County; \$60)

Palmeri 2011 "High Eleva-  
tion" Vin Ness Vineyard  
Syrah (Alexander Valley;  
\$42)

Robert Mondavi 2010  
Oakville Cabernet Sauvi-  
gnon (Oakville, Napa  
Valley; \$55)

Silverado Vineyards 2010  
Estate Grown Cabernet  
Sauvignon (Napa Valley;  
\$58)

St. Francis 2011 "Rockpile  
Red" (Sonoma County; \$50)

Willamette Valley Vine-  
yards 2012 Bernau Block  
Pinot Noir (Willamette  
Valley; \$55)

William Hill 2011 Cabernet  
Sauvignon (Napa Valley;  
\$40)

