

**90 Cave Springs Indian Summer Riesling 2003, Niagara (\$23.95)**

This baby delivers the goods. A mélange of pear, peach, honey, green apple and mineral flavours. Excellent length, with the 124 grams of residual sugar offset by the brisk acid. Now to 2011. (ES)

**89 2003 Chateau des Charmes Gewurztraminer St Davids Bench 2003, Niagara (\$14.95)**

Jean Pierre Bosc continues his hot streak with Gewurz- consistently the best dry version of this varietal in Ontario. Peach, floral, citrus and spice are served up on the nose with lychee nut and roses appearing on the palate. Great length and refreshing. Drink over the next 3 years. (ES)

**88 Henry of Pelham Riesling Reserve 2003, Niagara (\$13.45)**

Aqua colour with a nose of peach, lime zest and white flowers. Crisp with powdered candies, citrus and minerals on the tongue. Now to 2010. (ES)

**88 Stoney Ridge Kew Vineyard Chardonnay 2003, Niagara (\$24.95)**

Carmel, citrus, green apple, honey and hints of earthiness are found in this medium to full bodied Chard. The palate is a yin yang of creaminess and acid with very good length and a hint of yeastiness at the end. Now to 2008. (ES)

**87 Vineland Estates Chardonnay 2002, Niagara (\$12.95)**

A non-oaked version, which serves up peach, floral, citrus, cream and hints of spice. Light yet refreshing with lime, cream and spice in the mouth. Now to 2007.

**87 Jackson Triggs Proprietors' Riesling 2003, Niagara (\$10.25)**

03 is turning out to be a great year for the Riesling grape. Example; this little wine which packs a serious punch, hitting the palate with loads of candied peach and apricot, white flowers, honey

and lime zest. Zippy acid is there, but is offset by residual sugar. Great value to be drunk over the next 2 to 3 years. (ES)

**84 Jackson Triggs Proprietors' Gewurztraminer 2003, Niagara**

Not as intense as last year's offering, but still well done with moderate aromas of peach, honey and rose. A touch spicy. Drink now (ES)

**89 Magnotta Enotrium 2001, Niagara (\$39)**

Enter Enotrium, Canada's first ever commercial release of an "Amarone-style" wine- the grapes were left to air dry on racks for 3 weeks. The blend is 50% Merlot and the rest equal parts of both Cabs. Full bodied with a terrific nose of plums, blackberries, mint, violets, spice and vanilla and some alcohol. The palate adds coffee, chocolate and dark fruits. Long finish with noticeable heat, which is normal for this style of wine. From 2006 to 2012. (ES)

**87 Jackson Triggs Delaine Vineyard Merlot 2002, Niagara (\$24.95)**

Black cherry with a pink rim and a bouquet of dark cherries, chocolate, blackberry, raspberry and plum. Medium bodied with a lengthy finish and a touch of heat. Now to 2008. (ES)

**87 Jackson Triggs Delaine Vineyard Cabernet Merlot 2002, Niagara (\$24.95)**

Both red offerings from JT's Delaine Vineyard are solid wines made from younger vines, and as I have said before, the quality will only improve as the vineyards mature. The Cab Merlot is all about cassis, earth, plums, vanilla and red currants and bell pepper. Very good length, nice structure and persistency. Now to 2009. (ES)

**87 Stoney Ridge Baco Noir 2003, Niagara (\$14.95)**

By no means was 2003 an easy year for red wine making in Ontario, but by waiting until early November to pick his Baco grapes, Lubermir Popovic has turned in a splendid effort. Medium bodied, the wine is black/purple with a nose of wild raspberries, blueberries, plums, smoke and spice. Even more impressive is the fact that it doesn't display any harshness sometimes associated with hybrids in lesser years. Drink now and a tip of the hat to a job well done. (ES)

**86 Jackson Triggs Proprietors' Cabernet Franc-Cabernet Sauvignon 2002, Niagara (\$11.95)**

Deep ruby with bell pepper, spice, plums, vanilla and cassis flavours. Light to medium bodied and a lingering finish of red currants, plums, vanilla and spice. (ES)

**Chile**

**89 Errazuriz Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Aconagua (\$18.00)**

Loganberry, boysenberry, spice, licorice and notes of vanilla are a part of this medium to full bodied wine. Dry with rich fruit on the palate and chocolate nuances, the wine will go 5 years in the cellar. (ES)

**France**

**91 Chateau Montus 2001, Madiran (\$28.95)**

Great Madiran from the Southwest of France is an excellent alternative to Bordeaux. As it is not as well known as its more famous neighbour, prices are much more affordable. That being said-prepare to bleach your teeth after drinking this young wine. Made from the super phenolic Tanat grape, the wine is a black hole with a vortex of cassis, vanilla, leather and spice. Full bodied it needs to age about 4 years before revisiting. From 2008 to 2017. (ES)