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Brookdale Vineyards

The **2002 Pinot Noir**, Carneros, Napa Valley, \$39, 75 cases, was matured in French oak, 65% new, and has a sweet, Port-like nose of raisin, molasses, and apricot syrup. Ripe flavors of black cherry, molasses, and coffee liqueur finish at the back and are broad and lingering. Unique and it should be very popular.

The **2002 Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, \$52, 558 cases, contains 6% merlot, was aged in 60% new French oak, and has aromas of bright raspberry syrup, bright cherry, and smoke before smooth, round, medium-weight, mouth filling flavors of raspberry, cherry, spice, and sweet, smoky oak. Everything carries through the long, broad finish. Well balanced, structured, and integrated. Good.