

100 best buys of the year

At *Wine & Spirits*, our panels tasted more than 10,200 wines between December 2008 and October 2009. These 100 wines offer the best ratio of quality to price.



92 Ajello 2006 Sicilia Majus Nero d'Avola \$12

Grown in calcareous-clay soils in Southwestern Sicily, this balances flavors of strawberry and cherry with cool, fresh mint and mildly earthy tannins. While it grows more muscular and firm with air, the flavors remain light and expressive, shifting from red berries to fig. This offers a lot of complexity at an exceptionally fair price, and it would be perfect with wild mushroom pizza.