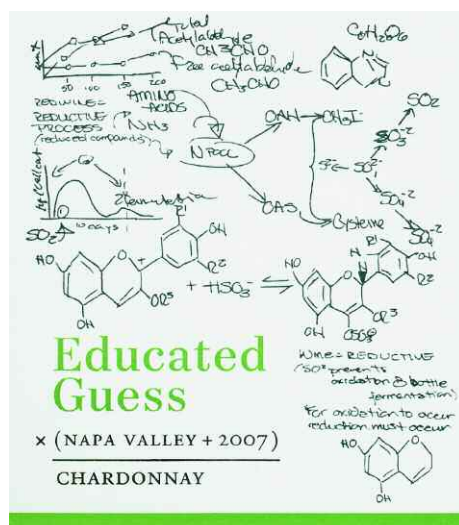


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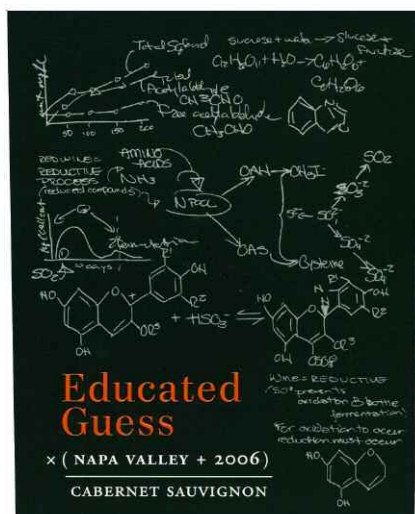
**90** **Educated Guess 2007 Chardonnay (Napa Valley); \$17.** A beautiful Chardonnay and, at this price, a great bargain. Shows Chablis-like dryness and minerality and an elegantly crisp mouthfeel, with flavors of pineapple, vanilla and charred oak. Only 4,000 cases, but worth a search, especially by sommeliers for a by-the-glass program. *Editors' Choice.*

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### **87 Educated Guess 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon** **(Napa Valley); \$20.** Rich, mellow and smooth, like

a fine cognac, except of course it's a Cabernet wine. Shows ripe flavors of mashed blackberries, cherries and currants, sprinkled with cocoa and anise. Drink now.