



Relax, go with "Educated Guess" this Thanksgiving



"Educated Guess" varietals, from Roots Run Deep Winery, produces Napa Valley wines at affordable prices.

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Rating for "Educated Guess" 2009 chardonnay and 2009 cabernet sauvignon:



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The label makes wine selection simple – “Educated Guess” two new releases take the guesswork out of choosing.

“The name --“Educated Guess” -- comes from the way most of us maneuver through the wine industry, if not life itself,” said Mark Albrecht, proprietor of [Roots Run Deep Winery](#).

“Knowledge, wisdom and instinct come together to guide our decisions in the vineyard and in the cellar.”

The winemaker admits the 100 percent 2009 Napa Valley chardonnay (\$17) is not your typical chardonnay from this iconic region. The secret is in the fermentation style. This technique combines both traditional barrel fermentation and the stainless steel process. The result is a wine with both tropical fruit flavors and traditional cream, vanilla and toast, without the slab of butter.

The wine in the bottle will be a crowd pleaser for Thanksgiving get-togethers next week. This chardonnay can gracefully share the menu with pear and walnut salad, garlicky mashed potatoes or crisp apple torte with whipped cream.

For a red selection, checkout “Educated Guess” 2009 Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon priced at \$20. It is big and robust with flavors of ripe, juicy blackberry and cherry fruit melding with a vanilla middle and a finish that begs for another glass.

This varietal is 89 percent cabernet sauvignon plus an fascinating composition of merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot.

It is a perfect wine for serious cabernet lovers who want a substantial match for their turkey and cornbread dressing. A slice of warm [pumpkin pie](#) and a glass of this wine would be a monumental way to end the feast.