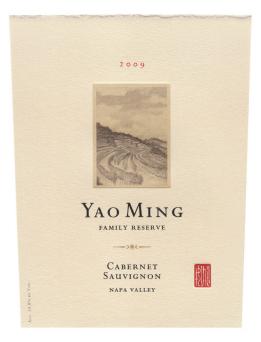
## **AS SEEN IN JUNE 2012**



## **BUYING GUIDE**



**97** Yao Ming 2009 Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). The former basketball star's initial release immediately establishes itself among the elite Cabernets of Napa Valley. Made from mountain vineyards on Atlas Peak and benches in the Rutherford appellation, it combines intensity with elegance. Bursts with upfront, delicious blackberry, crème de cassis and dark chocolate flavors that are wildly sweet on the midpalate, but then finish thoroughly dry. Structure comes by way of a tangy minerality and finely laced tannins. This is one of those wines that is softly decadent from start to finish, although it's probably not one to hold much beyond six years. —S.H. **aby:** 14.8% Price: \$625