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## ***Food & Wine's Wine Guide 2009* Highlights Hundreds of Star Selections Starting at \$7 in a Handy-Sized Book**

New York, NY (October 22, 2008) – Looking for a bargain wine suggestion? Need to know what to pair with crab cakes? Whether you're an oenophile or a wine novice, *Food & Wine* magazine's *Wine Guide 2009* is the perfect pocket guide to the complex world of wine. The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of this essential, written by wine expert Anthony Giglio, has over 1,000 delicious and easy-to-find wines suggestions, starting at \$7. It is available at [www.foodandwine.com](http://www.foodandwine.com) and on sale at bookstores nationwide for \$11.95.

In addition to hundreds of wine rankings and descriptions organized by region and varietals, *Food & Wine's Wine Guide 2009* has a complete buying guide with tips on picking the perfect bottle at restaurants, shops and online. There is also a comprehensive food pairing chart and grape-by-grape suggestions for popular foods. Highlights include:

- **1,000 Wine Picks:** 1,000 bottles starting at \$7, categorized by region and type, with expanded tasting notes on each bottle.
- **Easy Rules for Pairing:** A handy pairing chart organized by popular dishes, e.g., grilled salmon with Pinot Gris, hamburgers with Zinfandel and roast chicken with Pinot Noir.
- **Simple Tips for Buying Wine:** How to buy wine in restaurants (always ask to speak to the sommelier), online (check out [wine-searcher.com](http://wine-searcher.com)) and in shops (ask for a 10 percent discount).
- **Trend Reports:** South American wine booms, the weak dollar impacts European imports, and Merlot makes a comeback.
- **Wine Tasting Guide:** Simple tips from swirling and sniffing the wine, to swishing it around to maximize the tasting experience.
- **Top Wine Websites:** Great outlets to learn more and find prized bottles.

To schedule an interview about *Food & Wine's Wine Guide 2009*, or to request a review copy, contact Lori Lefevre at 212-827-6403 or [lori.a.lefevre@aexp.com](mailto:lori.a.lefevre@aexp.com).

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### **About Food & Wine Books**

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### **About Food & Wine Magazine**

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