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Turkey chasers

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Warmer New World growing conditions make vivid wines with big flavors. Here are some we like. Your local wine shop will have its own favorites.

Whites

Gimenez Riili Mendoza Torrontes, 2004 (Argentina). Moderately aromatic with fresh, zingy, grapefruity profile. Great little pre-feast sipper and an interesting sauvignon blanc alternative. About \$12. (Distributed by Berkshire Wine Inc., 888-446-6626)

Elk Cove Willamette Valley Pinot Gris, 2004 (Oregon). A tender, plump mouthful of ripe orchard fruits, some easygoing acidity, and a warm, spicy finish. Don't be surprised if when the pie comes around, your guests are looking for more of this. About \$16. (Distributed by the Martignetti Companies, 781-278-2000)

Chateau Ste. Michelle Cold Creek Vineyard Columbia Valley Riesling, 2003 (Washington State). Just off-dry with curvaceous, apple-y fruit and some pleasing citrus notes. Lively, fresh, and fruity. Will show versatility and charm as an aperitif or first course wine. About \$18. (Distributed by MS Walker Inc., 800-962-3522)

Tablas Creek Vineyard Paso Robles "Cotes de Tablas" Blanc, 2003 (California). We think of Tablas Creek as an outpost of the Old World in the New. Sure, there's plenty of fragrant, ripe, New World fruit here, but it's those assertive mineral and soil flavors that make this wine distinctive and appealing. About \$20. (Distributed by the Martignetti Companies, 781-278-2000)

Reds

Morande Casablanca Valley "Terrarum" Pinot Noir 2004 (Chile). Sweet little under-the-radar number that scores near the top of the value scale -- not just because it sports lovely New World pinot fruit, but because it comes wrapped in a comely bundle of earth. A find at about \$10. (Distributed by the Martignetti Companies, 781-278-2000)

Gouguenheim Winery Mendoza Malbec 2003 (Argentina). Lovely mid-weight red with lots of juicy fruit, earth, and great zip. A flash of real malbec character, too. A lot for the money here. About \$12. (Distributed by Charles River Wine Co., 866-889-2792)

Marietta Cellars Old Vine Red, Lot Number 38 (California). Fruit, fruit, and more fruit. You'll wonder how they pack it all into this reliable, spicy, multi-vintage blend. It's big, super-ripe, and straight ahead. Oh, and did I mention the fruit? About \$14. (Distributed by Ideal Wines and Spirits, 781-395-3300)

Cousino-Macul Maipo Valley "Antiguas Reservas" Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 (Chile). A wine that never seems to stray far from its roots and remains identifiable from vintage to vintage. Not for the fruit shy, there's plenty of good, solid cabernet character here and some real texture. About \$15. (Distributed by MS Walker Inc., 800-962-3522)

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