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## A BARGAIN-BASEMENT WINE CELLAR

Despite the enormous influence of California's wineries, too few specialize in premium wines at value prices.

One that does is Cartlidge & Browne. Avoiding the extra oak and other types of manipulation used by some vintners, Cartlidge & Browne produces fruity, pure, and vibrant wines that reflect varietals' personalities. Even better, it offers sensational quality at bargain-basement prices.

**87** POINTS

**2006 Pinot Noir**

Cartlidge & Browne's 2006 pinot is better than many that go for five times the price. Its medium ruby color combines with a soft perfume of sweet cherry fruit and a touch of cinnamon. With good size, medium body, excellent purity, and a savory texture, it can be enjoyed over the next one to two years. \$12-\$15



Wines rated from 96-100 are extraordinary; 90-95, excellent; 80-89, above average to very good. **Robert Parker** is the world's most influential wine critic. Visit [eRobertParker.com](http://eRobertParker.com) to see tens of thousands of tasting notes, buy his books, or subscribe to his newsletter, *The Wine Advocate*.

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