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Vinography Unboxed: Week of June 1, 2014

Hello, and welcome to my periodic dig through the samples pile. I'm pleased to bring you the latest installment of Vinography Unboxed, where I highlight some of the better bottles that have crossed my doorstep recently.

This week included the latest release from Tim Mondavi's Continuum project which is a real stunner. I thought the 2010 might have been the winery's best effort to date, but the 2011 may have topped it, yet again. Only time will tell, but if you're into high-end Napa reds, this one is definitely a keeper.

2011 Continuum Proprietary Red Wine, Napa Valley, Napa, California

Very dark garnet in color, this wine smells of black cherry and tobacco with a hint of floral overtone. In the mouth the wine has an incredible seamlessness to it, with rich black cherry and cherry flavors shot through with dark chocolate, tobacco, and a hint of espresso. Very well integrated oak adds a high note of vanilla to the mix, but stays quite subdued in the wine. Regal and poised and quite remarkably ready to drink, thanks to incredibly supple, powdery tannins. A stunner. A blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot and 2% Merlot. 14.7% alcohol. Score: around 9.5. Cost: \$175

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