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Wine: Sauvignon blanc has subtleties of mint, vanilla

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Ceago Vinegarden 2005 Clear Lake Kathleen's Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, \$17.99

Wine of the future, today! Biodynamically raised fruit makes this wine extra appealing. An almost green-gold color with aromas of citrus, melon and fig, a note of mint and vanilla make this wine complex yet subtle. The creamy, nicely balanced mouth feel is full of tropical fruit flavors and accented with a zesty, spicy clean finish.

Drink with ... any light fish such as basa or sole.

Boxcar 2004 California Syrah, \$19.99

An economical alternative to other Red Car products shows off a dense ruby/purple color. A savory mouthful with layers of aromas and flavors including dried raspberries, black currants, cherries and pepper. With wonderful concentration and tremendous texture, this elegant effort is worth a try.

Drink with ... your favorite marinated, grilled steak.

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