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now and for the next six years. **Editors' Choice.**
—S.H.

92 Ottimino Vineyards 2006 Von Weidlich Vineyard Zinfandel

(Russian River Valley); \$36. This is the driest, most elegant and balanced of Ottimino's new single-vineyard Zinfandels. It has a Cabernet-like structure, although the wild blackberry, mulberry, plum and exotic spice flavors are all Zin, as are the dense, sandpapery tannins. Good now with upscale rich beef and cheese dishes, and should develop gradually in the bottle for many years. —S.H.

90 Ottimino Vineyards 2006 Rancho Bello Vineyard Zinfandel (Russian River Valley); \$26.

A wildly flavored, tannic and exuberant Zinfandel that showcases the variety's exotic personality. Dry and full-bodied, it has brambly flavors of blackberries, black currants, licorice, mocha and smoky cedar, liberally sprinkled with dusty Asian spices. Drink now–2013. —S.H.

89 Ottimino Vineyards 2006 Ottomino Vineyard Zinfandel (Russian River Valley); \$32.

This is a big, powerful Zinfandel. It's very strong in blackberry, blueberry, cocoa and peppery spice flavors, and also very tannic and dry. A dramatic wine, it will do well with barbecue and heavily spiced beef dishes. Should develop bottle age through 2013 or so. —S.H.