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Outstanding

Benton-Lane Winery 2005 Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley, \$16. This wine gets our stamp of approval, both for what's inside and on top of the bottle. Tim Wilson crafted a Germanic-style Pinot Gris that's also filled with fruit and accented by just a passing whiff of oak spice. Aromatics of wonderful orchard blossoms and fruit, dried pineapple and lemon guide into a nice entry of ripe Granny Smith apples and honey. Good acidity and a nice minerally note from start to finish conjured up images of grilled halibut. - 2,500 cases