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# Wine Reviews: Weekly Mini Round-Up For September 11, 2017

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## So, like, what is this stuff, anyway?

I taste a bunch-o-wine (technical term for *more than most people*). So each week, I share some of my wine reviews (mostly from samples) and tasting notes with you via twitter (limited to 140 characters). They are meant to be quirky, fun, and easily-digestible reviews of currently available wines. Below is a wrap-up of those twitter wine reviews from the past week ([click here for the skinny on how to read them](#)), along with links to help you find these wines, so that you can try them for yourself. Cheers!

- **14 Donnafugata Ben Rye (Passito di Pantelleria):** A 1/2-bottle of honeyed, fig-tinged magic, with fingertip lighting special effects. **\$40 A-** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **14 Lobo da Silveira Solar dos Lobos Grande Escolha Tinto (Alentejo):** Textural and gripping, once you get past the initial shyness. **\$NA B+** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **12 Herdade do Esporao AB Alicante Bouschet (Alentejo):** The pointy edges have been rounded out, much to the benefit of red wine lovers **\$39 B+** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **14 Quinta do Zambujeiro Monte do Zambujeiro (Alentejo):** All around the mulberry bush... we'll be doing some sultry dancing... **\$NA B+** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **11 Henrique Uva Herdade da Mingorra Vinha da Ira (Alentejo):** Doing its best to make ripe plums seem sexy... and largely succeeding. **\$NA A-** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **14 Jose Maria da Fonseca Jose de Sousa Red (Alentejo):** The red and the black (fruits, that is) engage on a stone-laden battlefield... **\$17 B+** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **12 Monte Branco Tinto (Alentejo):** Sporting an intensity that would likely put many athletes in the NFL combine to total shame. **\$NA A-** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **15 Windvane Carneros Pinot Noir (Carneros):** Smoked meat this inherently good probably doesn't need quite so much wood on the fire. **\$45 B+** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **15 Windvane Carneros Chardonnay (Carneros):** The weather is a little steamy, but there's a crisp breeze blowing in this direction. **\$40 A-** >>[find this wine](#)<<
- **13 Lasseter Family Winery Reminiscence (Sonoma Valley):** Big, brash, bold, brambly, bombastic, and, at turns, kind of beautiful. **\$125 A-** >>[find this wine](#)<<