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## Today's Featured Wine

## Amici Cellars, Spring Mountain District (Napa Valley, California) Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 (\$95)

Amici is the new venture of Joel Aiken, the respected and well-liked winemaker who spent
the most recent decades years of his career at Beaulieu Vineyards as the keeper of the flame for the Georges de Latour

## AMICI

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2009 90.026 Cabernet Sauvignon
Reserve. This Amici Cab - one of several that he has just released - is a lean, spicy, minerally mountain Cab with very good concentration of fresh, ripe (but not overripe), dark berry fruit, with accents of fresh herbs and lovely definition. The wine is, of course, full-bodied, and its tannins are assertive; the fruit and tannin strike a good balance considering the young age of the wine. As the tannins further integrate, the wine will show its ultimate quality. It is certainly enjoyable and impressive now, but I would hold it for five years for enhanced development. Only 125 cases produced. 92 Mary Ewing-Mulligan

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