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Eric Asimov, New York Times wine critic, lauds the only American white wine brought to the wine panel.

Here's an excerpt...

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Gathering at the Table, Bottles in Hand

By Eric Asimov, NYT, November 11, 2009

“FOR six consecutive years, the Dining section’s wine panel has gathered for an early Thanksgiving meal. The mission: to taste potential holiday wines, to determine what works and what does not with a representative feast, and to offer coherent answers to the annual question of what to serve with the bird.

This year, I think we really got it right. The wines need to be versatile...And they must be modestly priced.

...Julia Moskin, Florence Fabricant and I were joined by our new restaurant critic, Sam Sifton, and, as always, Bernard Kirsch, our tasting coordinator. We each chose two bottles, one red and one white, maximum price \$25, and we tasted them blind with our Thanksgiving-style meal.

...the real sauvignon blanc in the group, a 2008 Charles Krug from Napa Valley brought by Florence, had an unusual white-pepper element to it that made me think it was grüner veltliner. Not even close! We all really liked the Krug...”

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SAUVIGNON BLANC
NAPA VALLEY