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## TOP 100 WINES 2009

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### **Cabernet and Merlot**

TOR Kenward Family Wines was honored as one of the top 22 Cabernet and Merlot wines of 2009.

#### **2006 Tor Kenward Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard, Howell Mountain**

(\$75) A happy match between winemaker Jeff Ames and Dino Dina's mountainside vineyard. Ames has found a balance of remarkable power and nuance here. Cimarossa's signature cinnamon aroma steps forward on a complex violet-tinged nose. Racy black fruit and cassis coat the palate. Strong and yet precise, it's an outstanding example of how complexity can thrive in the modern Napa profile.