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**The Gibbons Lane Winery.** 1999 Donedei Merlot, Washington State: Medium ruby. Currant, black cherry, cinnamon, and smoky oak on the nose, plus a suggestion of iron. Sweet, dense, and nicely balanced, with classic merlot flavors of ripe berries and chocolate. Quite suave in the middle palate. Finishes with soft, smooth tannins, building oak and a hint of heat. 89.