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Today's bargain wine buys



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Commendable

2005 Ca' Tullio Pinot Grigio

Grave del Friuli, Italy, about \$12. The telegraphic notes I made immediately upon tasting this gem don't say anything about pear or pineapple flavors, though they're there in the background (which is where they belong). Instead, I jotted down "gentle, balanced, round, decent body, no shrill acid or thinness, maybe shrimp." That's because this wine is primarily about mouthfeel, which is a wine geek term referring simply to how the juice treats the inside of your mouth, which in this case is pretty darn fine. The shrimp reference refers to how this wine would treat my favorite seafood, which is also fine. Doesn't do much for my grammar, however.

