



Sooth the Sizzle



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“...Napa's Three Thieves winery, an offshoot of Trinchero Family Estates, has come out with these two wines under the Firehose label. The packaging - a clear bottle with the label info painted on -- is simple and clearly conveys the idea that the wines are designed to put out the fire spicy foods. And that they will. The Riesling is simple and faintly sweet, so you'll need to put on an extra chill, but the pleasant ripe peach and citrus flavors still will shine through. The Gewurztraminer has a similar profile. The expressive floral aromas are followed by sweet, citrus and litchi nut flavors and carried on a medium-weight body. The wine just calls out for take-out Chinese. It's this simple, direct approach to these baggage-carrying grapes that will finally help them break into the mainstream.



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