



**WINERY:** E&J Gallo Winery  
**VINTAGE:** Ha!  
**WINE NAME:** "Thunderbird"  
**WINE CATEGORY:** American Classic  
**GRAPE BLEND:** Sour, deadly, poisonous  
**REGION:** Modesto, California  
**ALCOHOL:** 17.5 percent

**REVIEW:** The acetic and warm taste of Thunderbird is astringent in its nature. A cross between paint thinner and stale urine, this austere blend of god-knows-what is a sure way to make sure that you forget about whatever it is that just happened to you. This wine has legs, an unmistakable balance that is beyond words. Though not meaty, one would be incorrect in thinking that such a fine drink lacks brawn.



**WINERY:** Boone's Farm  
**VINTAGE:** 2011 (I guess)  
**WINE NAME:** "Strawberry Hill"  
**WINE CATEGORY:** High-school panty-dropper  
**GRAPE BLEND:** Flavored citrus wine  
**REGION:** Modesto, California  
**ALCOHOL:** 7.5 percent

**REVIEW:** This fruity, vibrant wine has a signature strawberry flavor that is sure to achieve its desired effect — the fumbling beginnings of sexual interaction, most likely taking place in the backseat of a vehicle parked someplace secluded. With an angular taste reminiscent of flavored soda water, this herbaceous blend boasts an aromatic bouquet and an alcohol content that is slightly higher than the other Boone's Farm flavors.



**WINERY:** Night Train Limited  
**VINTAGE:** 2011 A.D.  
**WINE NAME:** Night Train Express  
**WINE CATEGORY:** FML  
**GRAPE BLEND:** NyQuil  
**REGION:** Modesto, CA  
**ALCOHOL:** 17.5 percent

**REVIEW:** The rich, ponderous and tarry taste of Night Train Express is not for everyone. It is a very special breed of beverage, and in fact, one would have to be in a very special place to enjoy this wine — somewhere between divorce and job loss. The Express is a pruney wine, best served very cold so as to help the human body receive its cloying taste. You'd be surprised what the human body can adapt to; this grapey spirit is definitely testament to that. ❖

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