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1. 2002 Elyse, "Morisoli Vineyard" Zinfandel, Napa Valley (\$35) - Medium-dark purplish ruby color; attractive, intense, briary, peppery, jammy, sweet raspberry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla; full body; big, forward, highly concentrated, rich, jammy, very ripe blackberry fruit flavors with notes of smoky oak and a touch of framboise; medium-full to full tannin; some heat on the slightly harsh finish; lingering aftertaste. Richly flavored and very appealing to drink now, though also has good aging potential.

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3. 2001 Elyse, "Tietjen Vineyard", Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$65) - Medium-dark ruby with purplish tinges; attractive, forward, intense, cedary, toasty, ripe black cherry fruit aroma with notes of chocolate and green olive; full body; big, forward, dense, concentrated, cedary, chalky, highly extracted, ripe blackberry fruit flavors with good depth; full tannin; lingering aftertaste.....