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wine

**2002 Peter Michael  
Chardonnay "La  
Carrière" (\$65)**

For Chardonnay aficionados. Sir Peter Michael, this Sonoma winery's urbane British owner, calls this the estate's "Baryshnikov" (versus, say, its "Schwarzenegger," Belle Côte Chardonnay). You'll rarely taste a more graceful 14.7 percent alcohol wine.

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