



**“A wine for... keeping the peace when the relatives visit**

Aunt Mildred tells you she loves wine. “Oh honey, I just adore it. Only, please make sure it’s chardonnay. From California. And throw in a couple of ice cubes, mmmkay?” And thus begins The Season Of Family Gatherings. But it’s nothing a bottle of the **2005 Jezebel Blanc** won’t help. It’s not chardonnay, but this blend of pinot gris, pinot blanc, Gewürztraminer and Riesling is tart with a hint of sweetness, medium-bodied with a dose of acidity—in other words, a wine to please both you and your clueless folks without wasting cash. Before you know it, Mildred will be far too buzzed to start in on the “So when are you gonna get married?” conversation.—*David Tamarkin* “