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## December

### Special Holiday Champagnes

Celebrate the holidays and bring in 2005 with these beauties.

**1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc .....\$25.99**

"Racier and cleaner than the 1996 vintage, but it still has great richness. I don't think we offer a better producer to start a little vertical of than Bonville," Gary Westby, K&L.

**De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut.....\$26.99**

This wine comes to us directly from a very small quality conscious negociant in Ay, in the very center of Champagne. The wine is made out of 80% pinot noir from Ay, Mareuil-sur-Ay and Mutigny, 15% chardonnay from Cramant, Avize and Oger and 5% meunier from Cumieres. It is in a big style and has plenty of toasty complexity but also an elegant, small beaded texture.

**1976 Rene Collard Cuvee Reserve .....\$74.99**

Almost all meunier and all from Reuil. This was a very, very hot and early year in Champagne that produced very broad shouldered and powerful wines. Mr. Collard's is still completely fresh and has many years in of life in front of it. Full of white truffle flavor!

**1976 Rene Collard Prestige Roi Rene .....\$89.00**

This is composed of 85% meunier and 15% chardonnay. Both the Reuil and Damery vineyards were utilized. This has all the richness of the regular '76, but with more lift and elegance. The freshness it offers at 28 years makes it seem like a counterfeit. Mind blowing.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

### A Great Bordeaux Dinner/Tasting

Thursday, January 27

Mark the date and reserve your tickets for a fantastic Bordeaux dinner featuring Château Angéus, Château Destieux and Château La Clemence, three of the best properties from the Right Bank. Talk with the owners of these fine properties. We will also feature Gonet Champagne for the reception. All this takes place at the great Cetrella Restaurant in Half Moon Bay. \$125 per person inclusive.

Tickets on our website or in our stores. Limited to 100 people.

### Clyde's Favorite Holiday Bordeaux

*These wines will grace my cellar and should afford years of fabulous drinking. With the 2004 Bordeaux vintage a bit iffy, let's buy 2003 for the future and some of these for mid-term enjoyment*

**1997 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac .....\$39.99**

No favorite list from Clyde is without a Pichon-Lalande on it. This wine drinks perfectly right now. And look at the price! We have sold over 500 cases of this wine. Parker describes it as "hedonistic, luscious, sexy, opulently-textured..."

**1998 Château Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien .....\$78.99**

Here is one to cellar a few years. 93 points Robert Parker: "The 1998 has turned out to be one of the vintage's superb Medocs...."

**1999 Château Poujeaux, Moulis .....\$20.99**

It's a pleasure to drink wines that taste this good for such reasonable prices. Dominated by delicious sweet, toasty dark fruit. Sweet and creamy.

**2000 Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc .....\$28.99**

K&L's notes - One of our favorite "value" châteaux. Plenty of strength on the palate and good, black fruit flavors. This wine should cellar well for ten-plus years. 91 points *Wine Spectator*.

**2001 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien .....\$28.99**

This wine is dazzling and quite approachable with decanting. Elegant and refined. 92 points from the *Wine Spectator*.

**2001 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac .....\$25.99**

According to Robert Parker: "A sweet attack is followed by a ripe, supple effort that should drink well upon release, and last for 10-12 years." Clyde says it is as good as their 2000 Reserve and much better priced. Buy it!

**2003 Château Malescot St-Exupery, Margaux (futures) .....\$34.99**

I love this wine. A property with fabulous terroir and now good U.S. distribution. 92-94 points *Wine Spectator* and 90-93 points Robert Parker.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

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[www.klwines.com](http://www.klwines.com)

### Brrrr! Time for Port!

Winter's here, and we all know what that means...Port!  
Marco DeFreitas writes about a few of his favorites for the holidays. See page 2.

### 2002 Bordeaux

The little vintage that could, 2002s provide wallet-friendly, near term enjoyment for the value-conscious collector.  
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### Spirits in the Material World

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## Port: A Lesson in Greatness

As the weather cools, no wine seems to fit the mood better than port. Whether quietly sipped while curling up with your favorite book or savored at the end of a special meal with family and friends, the luscious, cozy, soul-warming quality of this unique wine is undeniable.

### Cask-Aged Ports

Cask-aged ports spend most of their time in barrel where they slowly lose their deep purple color and become “tawny” in color as they pick up a mellow, nutty, caramel and dried-fruit character. Once bottled, they are ready to drink. No further benefit is derived from bottle aging these wines. There is no need to decant these wines as the sediment is left behind before bottling. Also, since cask-aged ports mature in an oxidizing environment, they are quite stable and can hold for weeks once the bottle is opened. Cask-aged ports might have an age designation denoting the average age of the blend, for example: 10 Year Tawny or 40 Year Tawny. The older the blend, the more elegant, refined and complex the wine. A cask-aged port might also be from a single vintage. These are called colheitas and have the vintage on the label.

I heartily recommend the wines from Krohn. The house style stresses concentration, sweetness and an overt, luscious mouth-feel, similar to the style at Graham. For the budget-conscious port lover, the **1989 Krohn Colheita (\$19.99)** overflows with abundant and persistent waves of dried fruits, brown spices and walnuts, performing well above its meager price.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the cask-aged ports of Quinta do Noval, one of my favorite port houses. For a splurge, the **Quinta do Noval 40 Year Tawny (\$99.99)** is everything you would expect from a mature tawny: layers of flavor that come at you from various directions and linger with impressive length. For a piece of history, try the **1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita (\$84.99)**. I had the immense pleasure of sampling this port at the winery this summer where it easily stole the show. Expansive on the palate with supple dried fruits, fresh tobacco, smoky roasted nuts and silky length... astounding complexity!

K&L's Marco DeFreitas tasting at Noval with Rute Monteiro



### Bottle-Aged Ports

Bottle-aged ports are matured for a relatively short time in wood before they are bottled. They keep their deep color and fresh fruit character well into adulthood. The most famous style of port in this category is vintage port. Vintage port is considered by many to be the finest of all styles and certainly the most “collectible.” They are also the rarest, making up only 2% of total production and are produced only in years that are deemed “great.” A typical port house might “declare a vintage” three times per decade, and it is not uncommon for different houses to disagree on which years to choose. Vintage ports are bottled approximately two years after the vintage, after which they are immediately released to the public. In contrast to cask-aged ports, these wines are normally not ready to drink. A young vintage port can be a dark, impenetrable, powerful and tannic beast that, depending on the vintage, may take 10-30 years to mature. Vintage ports are unfiltered and drop large amounts of sediment in the bottle; always decant. Since vintage ports mature in the absence of oxygen, they are more fragile when opened and should be consumed within a few days.

For a youthful punch of fruit, try the **2000 Quinta do Noval “Silval” (\$34.99)**. This over-achiever garnered 94 points from the *Wine Spectator*: “Superdark and powerful. Shows raisin, spice, coffee and violet aromas. Full-bodied, very chewy, with lots of grip and loads of fruit. Very long in the mouth. Super value.”

Also from the 1970 vintage, we have the great **1970 Fonseca (\$179.00)**, one of the most revered houses in the trade, known for their flesh, concentration, power and longevity. Although fully mature and riveting, this monumental wine can easily hold for a decade or more. The wonderful **1985 Fonseca (\$79.99)** is also available. Wine critic Michael Broadbent, who has probably tried more ports than anyone I can think of, gives this wine his highest recommendation (5 stars), with descriptors like “Deep, intense; malty; powerful, great potential.”

The 1983 vintage is a favorite of mine. Overshadowed by the highly publicized 1985s, the 1983s are wonderful wines that are proving to be quite age-worthy. The **1983 Grahams (\$79.99)** is just now entering its plateau of drinkability. Oozing with freshly mashed ripe plums and raisins sprinkled with Christmas spices, this velvety, throat-coating sweetie is the perfect finish to your holiday feast.

Happy Holidays!

—Marco DeFreitas

## 2003 BORDEAUX FUTURES-STUNNING VINTAGE

2004 won't be nearly as good or collectible. Also check out our 16-page Vintage Report for insight into the vintage and tasting notes. Scores are from the Wine Advocate.

Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux.....	\$34.99
Angélu, St-Emilion (94-96) .....	\$139.00
Bahans de Haut Brion, Pessac .....	\$39.99
Beausejour-Becot, St-Emilion (90-92) .....	\$44.99
Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion (89-91+) .....	\$47.99
Beychevelle, St-Julien (88-90) .....	\$32.99
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (85-88) .....	\$34.99
Canon-La-Gaffelière, St-Emilion (87-89) .....	\$49.99
Cantemerle, Médoc (86-88) .....	\$19.99
Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac-Léognan .....	\$19.99
Carbonnieux Blanc, Pessac-Léognan (90-93) .....	Inquire
Chauvin, St-Emilion (90-92) .....	\$27.99
Chapelle de la Mission, Pessac.....	\$19.99
Chasse-Spleen, Moulis .....	\$23.99
Chasse-Spleen, Moulis (1.5L) .....	\$47.99
Clos de Oratoire, St-Emilion (88-91) .....	\$29.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien.....	\$37.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (95-98) .....	\$139.99
95-98 points Parker: "...a substantial yet extraordinarily elegant claret...It is the most impressive young Cos I have ever tasted."	
Clos Fourtet, St-Emilion .....	\$69.99
Destieux, St-Emilion .....	\$27.99
d'Issan, Margaux (88-90+).....	\$29.99
d'Aiguilhe, Castillon .....	\$19.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-Léognan (88-90) .....	\$29.99
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc, Pessac-Léognan (94-96) .....	\$59.99
du Tertre, Margaux .....	\$26.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (93-95) .....	\$104.99
Ferriere, Margaux .....	\$27.99
Figeac, St-Emilion .....	\$59.99
Fombrauge, St-Emilion (90-92).....	\$24.99
Fontinel, Fronsac .....	\$19.99
Gigault "Cuvee Viva," Blaye (87-89) .....	\$14.99
Goulee, Médoc (87-89) .....	\$26.99
Wine Spectator: "...Medium-bodied, with good tannins and a velvety palate."	
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (91-94) .....	\$43.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (86-88??) .....	\$44.99
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (89-91) .....	\$33.99
Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac.....	\$25.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan (87-89) .....	\$37.99
Haut Brion, Pessac (95-98) .....	\$289.99
Joanin Becot, Cotes du Castillon (90-92) .....	Inquire
La Couspaude, St-Emilion (90-92) .....	\$45.99
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande-de-Pomerol (88-91) .....	\$26.99
La Lagune, Médoc (88-90) .....	Inquire
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe (89-91) .....	\$26.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (98-100) .....	Inquire
Lagrange, St-Julien (89-91) .....	\$29.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (88-90) .....	\$35.99
Larcis Ducasse, St-Emilion (88-91) .....	\$29.99
Lascombes, Margaux (91-93).....	\$36.95
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (94-96+) .....	\$169.99
95-100 points Wine Spectator: "...Very complex. Layers of cashmerelike tannins, turning to leather. Warm and inviting, yet rich and powerful; fantastic purity, yet voluptuous. This is what exciting wine is about."	

Les Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan (88-91) .....	\$39.99
Malartic-Lagravière, Pessac-Léognan (88-91) .....	\$29.99
Malescot St-Exupéry, Margaux (90-93).....	\$34.99
92-94 points Wine Spectator: "Wonderful aromas of blackberries, dark chocolate, meat and other yummy decadent things, changing to dry flowers. Full-bodied, with very well-integrated tannins and a long, fresh finish. Silky backbone of tannins."	
Margaux, Margaux (96-100) .....	Inquire
Monbousquet Rouge, St-Emilion (90-92) .....	\$29.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac (95-98) .....	\$259.99
95-100 points Wine Spectator: "Complex aromas of blackberries, citrus and tobacco. Currants. Subtle nose yet complex..."	
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe .....	\$29.99
Palmer, Margaux (88-91) .....	\$114.99
Pape-Clément Rouge, Pessac (92-94) .....	\$69.99
Pavie, St-Emilion (96-100).....	Inquire
Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe (87-89) .....	\$26.99
Pichon Baron, Pauillac.....	Inquire
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (93-95) .....	\$98.99
95-100 points Spectator: "This tastes like crushed grapes and red fruits. It's big and rich, full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, long finish. Juicy wine. A cross between the 1995 and 1996. In fact, it could be better than 2000."	
Pontet Canet, Pauillac .....	\$51.99
Potensac, Médoc (88-90) .....	\$19.99
Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper) .....	\$22.99
Rausan-Segla, Margaux (88-90).....	Inquire
Reignac, Bordeaux Superior .....	\$23.99
Rouget, Pomerol .....	\$24.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-Léognan (90-92) .....	\$39.99
Sociando-Mallet, Médoc (91-94) .....	\$39.99
St. Pierre, St-Julien (90-92) .....	\$29.99
Talbot, St-Julien (88-90) .....	\$32.99
Valandraud, St-Emilion (93-96) .....	\$249.99

### Sauternes: voluptuous like the 1990s

Climens, Barsac (.375ml) .....	\$37.99
Climens, Barsac .....	\$74.99
Coutet, Sauternes (93-96) (.375ml \$18.49) .....	\$34.95
Doisy-Védrières, Sauternes (89-92) (.375ml \$14.99) .....	\$29.99
Guiraud, Sauternes (90-93) (.375ml \$21.99).....	\$41.99
Lafaurie-Peyraguey, Sauternes (89-93) (.375ml \$19.99).....	\$39.99
Rayne-Vigneau, Sauternes (86-89) (.375ml \$16.99) .....	\$32.99
Sigalas Rabaud, Sauternes (90-93) (.375ml \$16.99) .....	\$33.99
Suduiraut, Sauternes (89-93).....	\$45.99

## 2002 BORDEAUX FUTURES-GREAT VALUES

Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac.....	\$34.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien .....	\$42.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien.....	\$29.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan .....	\$31.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac .....	\$149.99
Malescot St-Exupéry, Margaux .....	\$28.99
90-93 points Robert Parker: "A stunning effort, and one of this year's best buys, this 2002 has one of the vintage's most beautiful bouquets."	
Margaux, Margaux.....	\$119.99
Pape-Clément, Graves .....	\$49.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac .....	\$42.99
Pontet Canet, Pauillac .....	\$29.99

## Give the Gift of the Future this Holiday: 2002 Bordeaux

The 2002 vintage from some of Bordeaux's most famous estates made its debut last week here on the west coast at our two Fete de Bordeaux dinners. The 2002s from Ch. Cos d'Estournel, Ch. Lynch-Bages, Ch. Léoville-Barton and Ch. Langoa-Barton showed very well with the delicious food. These outstanding, sold-out events are very popular and give our customers the opportunity to taste and evaluate the new vintage and to purchase the wines on futures.

Every vintage in Bordeaux is unique and is always crafted by diverse weather conditions. Great, consistent, even weather is very rare. Inconsistent, problematic conditions that lead to a roller-coaster of emotions and actions are the norm. For me, quite frankly, the diversity and the differences of every vintage is the beauty to be found in all Bordeaux wine. Thank goodness for my pocketbook, as well as yours, that every vintage is not the vintage of the century. Pricing in Bordeaux is all about perceived quality, hype and points. In the great vintages you pay high prices; in lesser vintages the prices come down. This concept has not yet been discovered here in California where the price usually goes up every year regardless of the quality.

After tasting more than 1,000 wines, it is clear that 2002 made some very good wines at the top level, 30-40 wines. After that it's dicey. The pricing of 2002 is very good for the American collector, and there are a couple of reasons for this. Prices came down after two very good and consistent vintages, and our currency that purchased these wines was stronger. More importantly, the world's most influential palate, Mr. Robert Parker, did not evaluate the vintage during the "en premier campaign." Without his scores and points to lean on, Bordeaux had to fly solo and price its wine on its own, like the old days. If you or your loved ones own any of these great estates from vintages like '89, '90, '95, '96 and 2000 take a very hard look at these prices, they are not misprints. The same vines and dirt made these wines.

**2002 Ch. Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (\$27.99)** For several years now one of Bordeaux's best buys and a serious wine. Tasted over six times, and it has been brilliant every time. A tightly focused, serious wine of bright red fruits, layers of cassis/raspberry with hints of tobacco and rose petal.

**2002 Ch. Léoville-Barton, St-Julien (\$37.99)** Massive amounts of deep purple fruit (blackberry/blueberry and plum) mouth coating and thick. One of the most masculine wines in Bordeaux and without question Bordeaux's greatest wine for the money. Age this 7-15 years.

**2002 Ch. Lynch-Bages, Pauillac (\$39.99)** This wine shows an elegant side of Lynch-Bages, not a blockbuster. The cabernet is spicy with flavors of wild herbs, ripe grapes and leather.

**2002 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (\$99.99)** Even considering the first growths, this could be the wine of the vintage as it is a spectacular wine. It is just loaded with deep flavors of sweet ripe grapes and spice; very rich and thick and not a hard edge to be found. I gave the wine 3 stars out of barrel, and it was the star of the dinners. A wine not to be missed.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions on the wines of Bordeaux at ex 2723 or [Ralph@klwines.com](mailto:Ralph@klwines.com). Cheers and Go Niners!

—Ralph Sands

## Bearden on VALUE Bordeaux

Just in time for the holidays comes a quartet of fantastic food-friendly Bordeaux at amazingly wallet-friendly prices!

**2001 Delord, Premiere Côtes de Bordeaux (\$9.99)** This surprising find opens with an intriguing damp soil element on the nose then follows with rich cherry syrup flavors on the palate. Soft, tasty and gulpable, this shows the tremendous value you can get from the 2001 vintage in Bordeaux. A Bordeaux lover's must try!

**2000 Birot, Premiere Côtes De Bordeaux (\$10.99)** This bright, refreshing wine starts out with lively cranberry aromas. On the palate there is plenty of slightly roasted cassis fruit and a crisp, clean mouth-watering finish with far more complexity than you would expect at this price.

**2000 du Taillan, Haut-Médoc (\$14.99)** Old-school wine making and vines that average 25 years of age are the key to the astonishing quality/value ratio found here. Ripe, dark fruit aromas fairly leap from the glass in this delicious Cru Bourgeois Supérieur. The merlot shines through the broad, lush, deep mid-palate giving the wine a sense of opulence, yet the lingering mineral finish keeps things in check. Outstanding.

**2000 La Grace Dieu, St-Emilion (\$19.99)** This is a big wine showing the size and structure typical of the 2000 Bordeaux vintage, but rarely ever found in wine of this price. With ripe cherries, herbs, sweet vanilla and toasty oak on a powerful yet lush frame, this will improve with age. Decant now with hearty or rich food or cellar for 5 to 10 years. —Steve Bearden

## BORDEAUX 1995-2002

**1995 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien ..\$129.99**  
95 points Parker.

**1995 Pagodes de Cos .....**Inquire  
**1995 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$145.99**  
Direct from the property. 96 points Parker: "What sumptuous pleasures await those who purchase either the 1996 or 1995 Pichon Lalande...the 1995 is smoother, more immediately accessible..."

**1996 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$109.99**  
Direct from the the château. 95 points *Spectator*.

**1996 Ducru-Beaucaillou (1.5L) .....\$299.99**

**1996 Latour Haut-Brion, Pessac .....\$29.99**  
Superb value-a mini Haut-Brion.

**1996 Mouton-Rothschild (3L) .....\$899.00**

**1996 Palmer, Margaux .....\$99.99**  
91 points *Wine Spectator*.

**1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac .....\$49.99**  
92 points *Spectator* and \$20 less than 2003.

**1996 Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe .....\$29.99**  
Quite forward for the vintage-enjoy now.

**1997 Clos-du-Marquis, St-Julien .....\$26.99**  
Sweet and lovely. Perfect right now.

**1997 Connetable de Talbot.....\$15.99**  
The second wine of Talbot-delicious!

**1997 Hauts de Pontet, Pauillac.....\$14.99**  
American version of Pontet-Canet's second wine

**1997 La Tour Haut-Brion, Pessac.....\$24.99**  
Parker: "An elegant, harmonious, spicy, aromatic offering, without a great deal of body..."

**1997 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe .....\$24.99**  
A substantial wine for the vintage. Great value!

**1997 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac .....\$39.99**  
Parker: "hedonistic, luscious, sexy...with plentiful quantities of roasted herbs, smoky oak, vanillin, and creamy black currant fruit."

**1998 Camensac, Médoc .....\$17.99**  
This property is making very good wines of late.

**1998 Cantemerle, Médoc (3L) .....\$99.99**

**1998 Cantemerle, Médoc .....\$21.99**  
One of our favorite "value" properties.

**1998 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$41.99**  
Quite fruity for this vintage-lovely wine.

**1998 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac..\$39.99**  
Fabulous earthy aromas and flavors. Real wine.

**1998 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac.....\$19.99**  
Their best in quite a few years.

**1998 l'Arossée, St-Emilion .....\$29.99**  
This wine is fabulous-sweet and lovely.

**1998 Latour, Pauillac .....\$149.95**

**1998 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien ....\$78.99**  
93 points Robert Parker: "The 1998 has turned out to be one of the vintage's superb Medocs."

**1998 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac .....\$49.99**

**1998 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac (1.5L) ..\$109.00**  
Great property and vintage-cellar it.

**1998 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux .....\$42.99**  
This could be the best second wine of the vintage and as good as their 1995.

**1998 Potensac, Haut-Médoc.....\$16.95**

## BORDEAUX 1995-2002

- 1998 Rol Valentin, St Emilion .....\$49.00**  
**1999 Bellegrave VanderVoort, Pauil \$19.99**  
 Their best to date-quite silky.
- 1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien .....\$29.99**  
 Absolutely delicious wine-enjoy now with Turkey.
- 1999 Carillon d'Angélu, St-Emilion \$24.99**  
 Sweet and lush-outstanding. 90 points, Clyde.
- 1999 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$32.99**  
 One of the best values in Bordeaux today!
- 1999 Clairefont, Margaux .....\$16.99**
- 1999 Dom de Gartieux, Pauillac .....\$19.99**  
 A Pichon-Lalande wine with toasty aromas and flavors. Small production. Rare in the U.S.
- 1999 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.....\$24.99**  
 Another excellent wine from this property.
- 1999 Poujeaux, Moulis .....\$20.99**  
 The wine is dominated by delicious sweet, toasty dark fruit. Sweet and creamy.
- 1999 Rés de Léoville-Barton (1.5L) ..\$34.99**  
 Rich and powerful. Great for the cellar.
- 2000 Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux..\$49.99**
- 2000 Arnaud, Médoc-Superb.....\$14.99**
- 2000 Bellegrave, Pomerol.....\$27.99**
- 2000 Beychevelle, St-Julien .....\$49.99**
- 2000 Calon-Ségur (1.5L) .....\$149.00**
- 2000 Camensac, Haut-Médoc .....\$19.99**  
 An affordable 2000 for the cellar.
- 2000 Cantemerle, Médoc .....\$28.99**  
 91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Opulent red. Intense aromas of currants, cigar tobacco and berries. Full-bodied, with a solid core of silky tannins..."
- 2000 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$52.99**
- 2000 Clerc-Milon, Pauillac.....\$52.99**
- 2000 Clos Villemaurine, St-Emilion \$19.99**
- 2000 Coucy Maureze, Mont-St-Em ..\$18.99**  
 An everyday drinking 2000 vintage wine. NICE!
- 2000 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$119.99**  
 Number 2 of the *Spectator's* Top 100 wines of 2003! 96 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 2000 de Birot, Cotes de Bordeaux ....\$10.99**
- 2000 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$119.99**
- 2000 du Taillan, Haut-Médoc.....\$14.99**
- 2000 Fiefs de Lagrange, St-Julien.....\$19.99**
- 2000 Fournas de Bernadotte, Pauil ..\$14.99**  
 Toasty, coffee aromas. Smooth on palate.
- 2000 Fourcas Hosten, Lustrac .....\$14.99**
- 2000 Grange-neuve, Pomerol.....\$29.99**
- 2000 Grand Mayne, St-Emilion .....\$49.99**
- 2000 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac....\$65.99**
- 2000 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac....\$39.99**  
 92 points *Spectator*: "Best HBL ever. Lots of currant bush and berry aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with compacted fruit and a silky tannin..."
- 2000 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac.....\$39.99**
- 2000 Haut-Brion, Pessac .....\$379.00**
- 2000 LA Conseillante, Pomerol .....\$199.00**
- 2000 La Grace Dieu, St-Emilion .....\$19.99**
- 2000 La Fleur de Bouard .....\$39.99**
- 2000 La Fleur Maillet, Pom (.375ml) \$13.99**
- 2000 La Mondotte, St-Emilion .....\$279.00**
- 2000 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac ....\$399.99**
- 2000 Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc .....\$15.99**  
 Outstanding value for everyday drinking.
- 2000 La Tour Carnet, Margaux .....\$26.99**
- 2000 Latour, Pauillac .....\$469.00**
- 2000 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien ..\$249.00**
- 2000 Malartic-Lagravière, Pessac.....\$39.99**
- 2000 Margaux, Margaux.....\$469.00**
- 2000 Monbousquet, St-Emilion .....\$129.00**
- 2000 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauil .... \$369.00**
- 2000 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe .....\$29.99**
- 2000 Palmer, Margaux .....\$169.99**
- 2000 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux.....Inquire**
- 2000 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.....\$31.99**
- 2000 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac .....\$99.99**
- 2000 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$149.00**
- 2000 Plaisance "Cuvee Alix" .....\$14.99**  
 Superb wine for short term enjoyment.
- 2000 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac.....\$54.99**  
 93 points *Wine Spectator*: "Extremely pretty aromas of mineral, blackberry and raspberry ... The best Pontet-Canet ever."
- 2000 Poumey, Pessac .....\$21.99**  
 According to Robert Parker: "...delicious plum, anise, and tobacco nose ... possesses soft flavors, and plenty of fruit and glycerin."
- 2000 Puy Arnaud, Côtes Castillion ..\$16.99**  
 Excellent value from 2000 vintage.
- 2000 Réserve de Léoville-Barton .....\$27.99**  
 One of the best second wines of this vintage.
- 2000 Trimboulet, St-Emilion .....\$19.99**  
 Old-school winemaking at its best.
- 2000 Yon Figeac, St Emilion.....\$24.99**
- 2001 Angélu, St-Emilion.....\$99.99**
- 2001 Barde-Haut, St-Emilion.....\$28.99**
- 2001 Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion\$49.95**
- 2001 Beausejour-Duffau (1.5L) .....\$79.99**
- 2001 Bon Pasteur, Pomerol .....\$49.99**  
 Big score, little price! Value!
- 2001 Branon, Pessac .....\$49.99**
- 2001 Branon, Pessac (1.5L) .....\$99.99**
- 2001 Calon-Ségur, St-Estèphe .....\$36.99**  
 Half the price of the 2003! I'll take this one.
- 2001 Canon-La-Gaffeliere (1.5L) .....\$89.99**
- 2001 Cantemerle, Médoc .....\$19.99**  
 An absolute steal and a mid-term ager.
- 2001 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$39.99**
- 2001 Chapelle de La Mission .....\$24.99**
- 2001 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion .....\$219.00**
- 2001 Cheval Blanc (1.5L) .....\$389.00**
- 2001 Clos d'Eglise, Pomerol.....\$99.99**
- 2001 Clos du Marquis (1.5L) .....\$59.99**
- 2001 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien .....\$28.99**  
 A dazzling wine-so much ripe fruit!
- 2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ....\$79.99**  
 One of the best of the vintage. Superb value.
- 2001 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge ..\$31.99**  
 Elegant and refined-this goes in my cellar.
- 2001 du Moulin, Haut-Médoc .....\$18.99**
- 2001 Ferrand-Lartique, St-Emilion ..\$28.99**
- 2001 Grand-Puy-Ducasse, Pauillac ..\$18.99**
- 2001 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac....\$27.99**
- 2001 Haut-Bailly, Pessac (1.5L) .....\$59.99**
- 2001 Haut-Bailly, Pessac.....\$29.99**  
 87-89 points, Parker. Clyde scores it 92 points.
- 2001 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac.....\$19.99**
- 2001 Haut-Brion (1.5L) .....\$269.99**
- 2001 La Croix St Georges, St-Emil...\$34.99**
- 2001 La Couspaude, St Emil (1.5L) ..\$69.99**
- 2001 l'Arrosée, St-Emilion .....\$29.99**
- 2001 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac ....Inquire**
- 2001 Langoa-Barton (1.5L) .....\$57.99**
- 2001 La Mondotte, St-Emilion.....\$159.99**
- 2001 Lascombes, Margaux .....\$39.99**
- 2001 Latour, Pauillac .....Inquire**
- 2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien....\$79.99**
- 2001 Léoville-Las-Cases (1.5L) .....\$159.99**
- 2001 Les Grands Marechaux .....\$9.99**
- 2001 Magrez Fombrage, St-Emilion\$98.99**
- 2001 Meyney, St-Estèphe .....\$19.99**
- 2001 Mondorian, St-Emilion .....\$12.99**
- 2001 Nenin, Pomerol .....\$39.99**
- 2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe .....\$24.99**  
 Fabulous value. Buy this and Reserve Comtesse.
- 2001 Pavie Macquin, St-Emilion .....\$44.99**
- 2001 Peby Faugetes, St-Emilion.....\$69.99**
- 2001 Potensac (1.5L).....\$29.99**
- 2001 Quinault d'Enclos .....\$49.99**
- 2001 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..\$25.99**  
 Just as the 2001 Pichon is better than the 2000, this fabulous wine beats out the Comtesse 2000.
- 2001 Rol Valentin, St-Emilion .....\$39.99**
- 2001 Rol Valentin, St-Emilion(1.5L) \$79.00**
- 2001 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac .....\$39.99**
- 2001 Vieux-Château-Certan.....\$89.99**
- 2001 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc....\$67.99**
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As good as their legendary 1947-Magnificent!
- 1950 Canon, St-Emilion .....\$269.00
- 1961 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac..\$199.99
- 1966 Lafite-Rothschild .....\$249.00
- 1966 Léoville-Las-Cases, .....\$129.99
- 1970 Cos d' Estournel (1.5L) .....\$299.00
- 1970 Margaux, Margaux.....\$169.99
- 1970 Mouton-Rothschild .....\$219.00
- 1970 Mouton-Baronne Paulliac .....\$59.99
- 1970 Palmer, Margaux .....\$299.99  
95 points Parker. Direct from the chateau.
- 1971 Cos d'Estournel .....\$89.99
- 1975 Cos d'Estournel .....\$109.99
- 1975 Haut-Brion, Pessac .....\$279.00
- 1975 Palmer, Margaux .....\$149.00  
90 points Parker: "The 1975 Palmer has consistently been one of the top wines of the vintage."
- 1975 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L) .....\$299.00  
Direct from the property. 92 points Parker: "Big-boned, full-bodied Pichon-Lalande..."
- 1976 Latour, Pauillac .....\$229.00
- 1976 Petrus, Pomerol .....\$499.00
- 1978 Petrus, Pomerol .....\$599.00
- 1979 La Mission-Haut-Brion .....\$159.00
- 1979 Latour, Pauillac .....\$249.00
- 1979 Margaux, Margaux.....\$249.00
- 1979 Petrus, Pomerol .....\$499.00
- 1982 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion .....699.00
- 1982 Giscours, Margaux.....\$79.99
- 1982 Haut-Brion, Pessac .....\$349.00
- 1982 Lafite-Rothschild .....\$699.00
- 1982 Palmer, Margaux .....\$199.00
- 1982 Trotanoy, Pomerol .....\$249.00
- 1983 l'Evangile, Pomerol .....\$119.00
- 1983 Palmer, Margaux .....Inquire
- 1985 Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$229.00
- 1985 Ducru-Beaucaillou .....\$139.00
- 1985 Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac..\$249.00
- 1985 Palmer, Margaux .....\$159.99  
\*\*\*\*\* Broadbent: " combination of classic styling and rich, ripe fruit." Direct from the chateau.
- 1986 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L) .....\$169.99  
Michael Broadbent: "An impressive '86, in fact one of the best if you are prepared to wait for this sinewy wine to mature."
- 1986 Haut-Brion, Pessac .....\$199.00  
93 points from Parker: "...highly concentrated, powerful wine with more noticeable tannin than most top vintages."
- 1986 Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe .....\$59.99  
Robert Parker 88 points: "...one of the estate's best wines made during the eighties."

- 1986 La Mission-Haut-Brion .....\$159.00
- 1986 Mouton-Rothschild .....\$429.00  
100 points from Robert Parker! "An enormously concentrated, massive Mouton-Rothschild..."
- 1988 Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$199.99
- 1988 Latour, Pauillac .....\$249.00  
91 points Parker: "...classic, elegant Latour..."
- 1988 Petrus, Pomerol .....\$699.00
- 1989 Beausejour-Duffau (1.5L) .....\$199.00  
88 points Robert Parker: "This spicy, tannic, medium to full-bodied 1989 is promising ..."
- 1989 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien .....\$64.99  
91 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "Brilliant and youthful raspberry color. Subtle aromas of raspberries and spices. Full-bodied, with firm tannins and long, silky-textured, minty, berry finish ..."
- 1989 Haut-Brion, Pessac .....\$499.00
- 1989 La Louviere, Pessac .....\$59.99
- 1989 Latour, Pauillac (1.5L) .....\$529.00
- 1989 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien .....\$129.00
- 1989 Léoville-Las-Cases .....\$149.99
- 1989 Palmer, Margaux .....\$199.00
- 1989 St-Pierre, St-Julien.....\$39.99
- 1990 Lafite-Rothschild .....\$359.00
- 1990 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien .....\$139.00
- 1990 Palmer, Margaux .....\$179.99  
92 points *Wine Spectator*: "A beauty. Seductive, with currant, berry, tobacco, cedar and flowers..."
- 1993 Léoville-Las-Cases .....\$64.99  
90 points Robert Parker.
- 1993 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien .....\$39.99
- 1993 Margaux, Margaux.....\$179.99
- 1994 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien .....\$29.99  
88 points Parker: "...reveals the sweet, pure cassis fruit of Leoville-Las-Cases, good fatness, medium body, low acidity, and no astringency or harshness in the lush finish."
- 1994 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac .....\$22.99  
Lovely wine-plenty of stuffing. Lingering finish.
- 1994 Mouton-Rothschild .....\$129.00  
91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Full-bodied, with very silky tannins and a chewy, ripe fruit-accented finish. An impressive Mouton..."
- 1994 Ormes de Pez, St-Estephe .....Inquire
- 1994 Palmer, Margaux .....\$79.99
- 1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac .....\$32.99  
Robert Parker: "sweet, smoky, cassis-scented nose, supple, round tannin...excellent richness..."
- 1995 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc....\$69.99

### Sauternes

- 1953 Doisy Daëne, Barsac .....\$199.00
- 1989 Guiraud, Sauternes .....\$49.99
- 1991 d'Yquem, Sauternes .....\$159.00
- 1991 d'Yquem, Sauternes (1.5L).....\$299.00
- 1997 Sigalas Rabaud.....\$37.99
- 1997 d'Yquem, Sauternes (.375ml) \$139.00
- 1998 d'Yquem, Sauternes .....\$174.99
- 1999 d'Yquem, Sauternes (.375ml) ..Inquire
- 1999 d'Yquem, Sauternes .....Inquire

### Champagne

- 1969 Rene Collard Cuvee Reserve ..\$139.00
- 1976 Rene Collard Cuvee Reserve ....\$74.99
- 1976 Rene Collard Prestige Roi Rene\$89.00
- 1985 Rene Collard Cuvee Reserve ....\$59.99
- 1990 Rene Collard Cuvee Reserve ....\$49.99
- 1996 Bollinger Grand Année .....\$64.99
- 1996 Dom Pérignon .....Inquire

### Port

- 1900 Krohn Vintage Reserve .....\$999.00
- 1945 Croft .....\$990.00
- 1958 Krohn Colheita .....\$83.95
- 1960 Krohn Colheita .....\$84.95
- 1963 Cockburn .....\$169.00
- 1963 Taylor .....\$269.00
- 1970 Dow .....\$139.00
- 1970 Fonseca.....\$179.00
- 1970 Graham .....\$159.99
- 1970 Quita do Noval.....\$99.99
- 1977 Graham .....\$129.99
- 1978 Krohn Colheita .....\$43.95
- 1982 Smith Wood Quinta Madalena \$29.99
- 1983 Graham (1.5L \$139.00) .....\$79.99
- 1985 Croft.....\$52.99
- 1985 Fonseca.....\$79.99
- 1985 Taylor .....\$89.00
- 1989 Krohn Colheita .....\$19.99
- 1990 Quinta do Vesuvio .....\$69.95
- 1992 Smith Woodhouse LBV .....\$19.99
- 1995 Fonseca Guimaraens .....\$39.99
- 1995 Taylor "Vargellas" .....\$34.99
- 1998 Churchill Quinta do Agua Alta \$14.99
- 2000 Croft.....\$44.99
- 2000 Dow .....\$49.99
- Dow "trademark" .....\$13.99
- Dow 20-yr-old Tawny .....\$39.95
- Quinta do Tedo Ruby Reserve #31 ....\$16.99

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- Valdespino "Innocente" Fino .....\$6.99
- Hidalgo La Gitana Manzan (.500ml) ..\$8.99
- Antonio Barbadillo Manzanilla .....\$9.99
- Antonio Barbadillo Amontillado .....\$9.99
- Hidalgo Napolean Cream Sherry.....\$11.99
- Tio Pepe Fino .....\$13.99
- Hidalgo Pedro Ximenez Viejo .....\$18.99
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### Alsace/Loire Valley

- 2002 Pinot Noir and 2003 Pinot Blanc, Baur .....Inquire  
 NV Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur .....\$12.99  
 2002 Riesling, Grand Cru, "Eichberg," Baur .....Inquire  
 Nuances of peach, Kaffir lime, and guayaba are absolutely intoxicating. This is a spectacular example of Alsatian Riesling.  
 2002 Gewürztraminer, Grand Cru, "Pfersigberg," Baur .....\$19.99  
 Very racy and so clean! Ruby grapefruit, jasmine blossom and lychee are popular descriptors for the varietal, and this one's got them in spades.  
 2002 Muscadet Sur Lie, Ch La Moriniere .....\$9.99  
 2002 Chinon, Château de Ligre, Pierre Ferrand .....\$10.99  
 Deeply colored and offers exceptional aromas of cassis and cherries.  
 2003 Haut Poitou, Demmoiselles .....\$13.99  
 2003 Sancerre Blanc, Franck Millet.....\$12.99  
 2003 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet .....\$13.99  
 Elegant and refined.  
 2002 Sancerre "Cuvee Insolite" Franck Millet .....\$19.99

### Red Bordeaux/Sweet Wines

- 2002 Château Souvenir, Bordeaux .....\$9.99  
 After decanting, the blackberry aromas and flavors really come through.  
 2001 Château Delord, Premiere Cotes de Bordeaux.....\$9.99  
 2000 Château de Birot, Premiere Cotes de Bordeaux.....\$10.99  
 Two value-packed new arrivals.  
 2000 Château Brondelle, Graves .....\$13.99  
 2000 Château de Viaud, Lalande-de-Pomerol.....\$14.99  
 Spicy, lively wine. Rich and ripe. Enjoy over the next ten years.  
 2000 Fournas de Bernadotte, Pauillac.....\$14.99  
 This special cuvee is delicious. Made by the Pichon-Lalande crew.  
 2001 Château Haut Vigneau, Pessac .....\$15.99  
 2000 Esprit de Cloucher, Pomerol.....\$16.99  
 Nose of black licorice and blackberries. Jammy, lush style.  
 2000 Château Bois Martin, Pessac.....\$17.99  
 From the Perrin family of Carbonnieux fame. Toasty, elegant, good stuffing.  
 2000 Château Haut-Baradieu, St-Estèphe.....\$18.99  
 Very drinkable with decanting. Packed with red fruit flavors.  
 2000 Château Cantelys Rouge, Pessac-Léognan .....\$19.99  
 From the Cathiards of Smith-Haut-Lafitte fame.  
 2000 La Parde de Haut-Bailly, Pessac .....\$19.99  
 Superb value. Second wine of Haut-Bailly.  
 2002 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Rouge, Graves.....\$19.99  
 2002 Petit Vedrines, Sauternes (.375ml) .....\$11.99  
 2001 Petit Vedrines, Sauternes .....\$23.99  
 Second wine of Doisy Vedrines—superb bargain!  
 2001 Grand Enclos du Château Cerons Blanc, Cerons.....\$24.99  
 A lovely sweet wine with great acidity and length.

### Southern France/Rhône

- 2000 Côtes du Rhône Rosé "Toques," Vignerons Beaume .....\$7.99  
 A delicious wine—dry and crisp with plenty of body and length.

- 2003 Côtes du Ventoux Res Rouge, Beaumont du Ventoux .....\$8.99  
 Just arrived. Fine value.  
 2003 Vacqueyras, Mas Bouquet.....\$9.99  
 Lots of black fruit flavors  
 2001 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Montfaucon .....\$9.99  
 The 2001 is emblematic of the vintage—bold, ripe and rich, with tons of berry fruit and smooth, integrated tannin.  
 2001 Côtes du Rhône "Baron Louis," Domaine Monfaucon ..\$14.99  
 Huge, focused, rich and concentrated with an aroma of violets and a hint of rosemary.  
 2000 Vacqueyras, Cecile Chassagne .....\$11.99  
 2001 Gigondas, Cecile Chassagne .....\$14.99  
 2001 Sablet Reserve "VV," JC Chassagne .....\$14.99  
 2003 Rasteau Rosé, Domaine Girasols .....\$10.99  
 2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols.....\$14.99  
 2000 Côtes du Rhône "VV," Domaine Girasols.....\$15.99  
 From its deep, bright red color to its aroma of currants and blackberries, to its panoply of fruit and more earthy flavors, this is a powerhouse red from a powerhouse vintage to enjoy now and over the next five or so years.  
 2001 Gigondas Tradition, Moulin du Gardette .....\$17.99  
 2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, "Les Amandiers," Chassagne ....\$17.99  
 Good blend of toasty oak and black fruit flavors.  
 2001 Gigondas "Ventabren" Moulin de Gardette (1.5L).....\$49.99  
**White Burgundy**  
 2002 St-Véran, Domaine Nembrets, Denis Barraud.....\$12.99  
 Wonderful richness, bright fruit and an interesting minerality.

## *Big Reds for Your Big Holiday!*

This month, we get hit with a tidal wave of big, flavorful wines from the Rhône that will warm your heart yet keep your wallet cool:

**2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols (\$14.99)** This is another prize from the Rasteau line of Rhône wines. A winning blend of grenache, syrah, cinsault and mourvèdre. A lively, spicy nose of black pepper and dark cherry fruit, additional notes of tobacco and a hint of dust. In the mouth, full and lush dark berry flavors that coat the palate yet lead to a wonderfully long, complex finish alive with spices. This wine will work extremely well with turkey, roast chicken and other lighter meat dishes.

**2001 Gigondas, Cecile Chassagne (\$14.99)** No doubt that you have seen our marvelous line of Spanish wines from this producer from the Southern Rhône. With this Gigondas, Cecile is back to her native France with a more user-friendly, "feminine" style of Gigondas. This wine has gobs of rich, black fruits with generous plummy scents, flavors and textures. Perfumed vanilla undertones set the stage for elegant, balanced fruit. Rich and complex, without the big tannins one usually expects of Gigondas. Hints of anise on the finish. This pleasing blend of grenache, syrah and mourvèdre will pair exceedingly well with pork and meat dishes with a fruit base.

**2001 Sablet Reserve, Vieilles Vignes, JC Chassagne (\$14.99)** This wine has one of the most interesting noses that I have encountered in quite a while. Dried cherries, spice and intense pomegranate scents waft out of the glass after a few moments of aeration. In the mouth, the wine is initially fleshy with red fruits. This tapers off to a tart cherry and cranberry aspect with a dry finish that lingers. The lightest wine of our trio, yet it has great balance and refinement that makes it extremely versatile. An excellent choice with sharp cheeses, smoked poultry and lighter beef dishes.

—Scott Beckerley

## RHONE VALLEY

2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Verquiere .....	\$8.99
2002 Syrah, VdP des Côtes Rhodaniennes, Chante Perdrix .....	\$8.99
2001 Côtes du Rhône, Guigal .....	\$9.49
2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Grand Veneur .....	\$9.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Mordoree .....	\$9.99
2000 Coteaux-du-Tricastin, Dom Grangeneuve "VV" Bour ....	\$9.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Rosé, Domaine de la Mordoree .....	\$9.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône, de Segries-Serious wine .....	\$10.99
2001 Côtes du Rhône "Champauvins" Grand Veneur .....	\$10.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône "Cuvee Romaine" Dom Garrigue .....	\$12.49
2001 Côtes du Rhône Mon Coeur, JL Chave .....	\$14.99
2000 Seguret, Domaine de Cabasse "La Casa Bassa" .....	\$14.99
2003 Viognier, Domaine Grand Veneur .....	\$14.99
2000 Crozes-Hermitage JC Fayolle "Le Grand Seguine" .....	\$17.99
Spicy red and black fruits mix with peppery rustic notes. Eminently drinkable!	
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Maucoil .....	\$19.99
2001 Rasteau Prestige, Domaine Soumade-90 pts Parker .....	\$19.99
2001 Côtes du Rhône "Aphillanthes" VV .....	\$24.99
2000 Crozes-Hermitage "Cuvee Louis Belle" Albert Belle .....	\$25.99
2001 Gigondas "Laurel" Patrick Lessac.....	\$26.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Gardine.....	\$29.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Roger Sabon "Les Olivets" .....	\$29.99
2000 Cornas "VV" Voge-One of the best. 70-year-old vines. ....	\$29.99
1998 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Maucoil "Privilege" .....	\$29.99
90-92 points, Parker. Alain Corcia selection with no fining or filtration.	
2000 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Duclaux .....	\$29.99
Understated with raspberry, currant and red cherry, anise and a whiff of herb.	
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Sabon "Reserve" .....	\$34.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux .....	\$37.99
92 points Stephen Tanzer and 90 points Parker.	
2001 Châteauneuf, Charbonniere "VV" or "Brousquieres" ....	\$39.99
2001 Rasteau "Fleur de Confiance" Domaine Soumade .....	\$39.99
92 points Parker: "...black currant liqueur, melted licorice, and blackberries."	
2000 Cornas "La Louvee," Jean Luc Colombo.....	\$48.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, "Cuvee Arnaud," Cabrières .....	\$49.99
2001 Châteauneuf, Bosquet des Papes "Chante Merle" .....	\$49.99
2001 Châteauneuf, Hommage a Mon Pere, Jean Royer .....	\$49.99
2001 Hermitage Blanc, JL Chave .....	\$79.99
2000 Cote Rotie "Ampuis" Guigal .....	\$99.99

## December Rhônes

**2000 Crozes-Hermitage JC Fayolle "Le Grande Seguine" (\$17.99)**  
This is a wonderful example of what this AOC is capable of producing. With most of the grapes coming from the south and southwest-facing slopes around the town of Gervans, this wine is no push over. Deep and powerfully built, it has ample dark fruits, great spicy earthiness and integrated tannins that make it wonderful to drink now but also a great candidate for medium-term cellaring.

**2000 Cote Rotie Domaine Duclaux (\$29.99)** Seductive is a word that is sometimes used to describe the wines of the "roasted slope," and this wine is a prime example of that. Soft, elegant and bordering on understated, this wine possess beautiful crushed red fruits and exotic spice. The palate is round and plush with excellent length. Most importantly, over the course of the meal it slowly shows you its true depth of fruit and spice. Intrigued, you'll want to try it again and again to see what new aromas and flavors it has to offer!

## SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

### South Africa

2003 Kanu Chenin Blanc .....	\$7.99
2003 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon .....	\$8.99
2003 Mulderbosch Rosé.....	\$10.99
2003 Neil Ellis "Sincerely" Sauvignon Blanc .....	\$10.99
2002 Porcupine Ridge Syrah .....	\$10.99
2003 Glen Carlou Chardonnay .....	\$11.99
2002 Goat-Roti, Fairview .....	\$15.99
2004 Warwick "Professor Black" Sauvignon Blanc, Stellen ....	\$15.99
2002 Diversity Gamma (de Toren) .....	\$17.99
2000 Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch .....	\$21.99
2002 Mulderbosch Chardonnay-92 pts <i>Spectator</i> .....	\$21.99
2001 Rustenberg John X Merriman.....	\$26.99
2001 Kevin Arnold Shiraz, Stellenbosch.....	\$29.99

### New Zealand

2004 Babich Unwooded Chardonnay, Hawkes Bay .....	\$8.99
2003 Lawson's Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc .....	\$12.99
2003 Forefathers Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough .....	\$12.99
2004 Huia Pinot Gris-New arrival .....	\$13.99
2003 Konrad Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough .....	\$14.99
2004 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marl-91 pts <i>Spectator</i> .....	\$14.99
2004 Huia Sauvignon Blanc-New arrival.....	\$14.99
2003 Sherwood Marlborough Pinot Noir .....	\$14.99
2003 Nautilus Pinot Gris, Marlborough .....	\$15.99
2003 Craggy Range Sauvignon Blanc, Martinborough .....	\$16.99
2002 Griffin Estate Pinot Noir .....	\$16.99
2003 Pegasus Bay Riesling, Waipara .....	\$17.99
2003 Mt Difficulty Central Otago Pinot Noir.....	\$25.99
2003 Kumeu River Chardonnay .....	\$27.99

### Australia

2000 Grant Burge Summers Eden Valley Chardonnay .....	\$8.99
2001 Wynn's Coonawara Cabernet .....	Inquire
R.L. Buller Muscat and Tokay (.375ml)-Huge scores .....	\$10.99
2002 Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley .....	\$12.99
2001 d'Arenberg "Footbolt" Shiraz, McLaren Vale.....	\$13.99
2003 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz .....	\$14.99
2002 Mak Shiraz, Clare Valley.....	\$15.99
2002 Connor Park Shiraz .....	\$16.99
2003 Innocent Bystander Shiraz-Viognier .....	\$17.99
2002 Heathvale Eden Valley Shiraz-92 points Robert Parker .....	\$23.99
2002 Craneford Barossa Valley Shiraz-92 points Robert Parker ....	\$26.99
2002 Branson Coach House "Grenock Block" Shiraz.....	\$39.99
2002 d'Arenberg "Coppermine Road" Cabernet-93+ pts, Parker	\$56.99
1999 Penfolds Grange Hermitage .....	\$189.99

**2001 Rasteau "Prestige" Domaine la Soumade (\$19.99)** This robust and heady wine was meant for cool winter evenings. This is no ordinary Village Côtes du Rhône, but you already know that because Domaine la Soumade is no ordinary producer. Mostly grenache with some syrah and mourvèdre, this wine is rich and full with ripe soft tannins and plenty of red and dark fruit. But more important than its power is it elegance, the fruit and tannins are built around a solid core allowing you to enjoy it over the next few years.

—Kirk Walker



## OLD & RARE CALIFORNIA CABERNET

1958 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa ..\$749.00	1988 Grace Family .....\$229.00
1958 Charles Krug Vintage Sel ....\$499.00	1988 Kenwood "Artist Series" (6L) \$599.00
Two classic California Cabs.	1988 Robert Mondavi Reserve .....\$59.00
1974 Robert Mondavi Res (1.5L) ....\$299.00	1988 Spottswode (1.5L \$189.00) ....\$89.00
1977 Beaulieu Vineyard PR .....\$89.95	1988 Spottswode (3L) .....\$449.95
90 points <i>Spectator</i> : "Excellent dark red color, with aromas of plum, cassis and berry..."	1989 Kathryn Kennedy SC (3L) .....\$499.00
1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve .....\$139.95	1989 Philip Togni-(Was \$99.95).....\$79.95
1980 Kenwood "Artist Series" (6L) \$799.00	1989 Robert Mondavi Reserve .....\$59.00
1980 Opus One .....\$249.00	1989 Spottswode (1.5L \$225.00) ....\$99.00
1982 Jordan.....\$69.00	1990 Spottswode .....\$125.00
1982 Silver Oak Alex (3L).....\$449.00	1990 Spottswode (1.5L) .....\$269.00
1983 Dunn Howell Mtn (5L) .....\$999.00	1991 Heitz "Martha's" .....\$149.00
1983 La Jota Howell Mtn (3L) .....\$199.95	1991 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..\$129.00
1984 Beaulieu Vin PR (6L \$899.95) ..\$84.99	1991 Spottswode (1.5L) .....\$249.00
1984 Diamond Creek VH (3L) .....\$549.00	1992 Spottswode (1.5L) .....\$225.00
1984 Kenwood Artist Series (6L) ..\$799.00	1993 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa ....\$79.95
1984 Silver Oak Alex (5L).....\$899.00	90 points <i>Spectator</i> : "...Full-bodied and chewy, with loads of tannins and a long finish ..."
1984 Silver Oak "Bonny's" .....\$169.00	1993 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill \$119.00
1985 Dunn Howell Mountain .....\$179.00	1993 Dunn Howell Mtn (1.5L) .....\$325.00
1985 Heitz "Martha's" (1.5L) .....\$799.00	1993 Kenwood Artist Series (3L) ....\$299.95
1985 Jordan.....\$89.95	1993 Montelena Estate .....\$99.00
1985 Robert Mondavi Reserve (3L) \$549.00	1993 Robert Mondavi Reserve .....\$89.00
1986 Beaulieu Vineyard PR .....\$99.99	1993 Spottswode (1.5L) .....\$249.00
1986 Diamond Creek GM (1.5L) ....\$289.95	1993 Vineyard 29 .....\$129.00
1986 Diamond Creek GM (12L) ..\$1,999.00	1994 Beaulieu Vineyard PR .....\$89.95
1986 Diamond Creek RRT (1.5L) ..\$279.00	1994 Beaulieu Vineyards Ruth ..... \$29.99
1986 Diamond Creek VH (1.5L) ....\$289.95	90 points <i>Spectator</i> : "A very impressive BV Rutherford bottling ...."
1986 Dominus Red-(Was \$ 149.00) \$125.00	1994 Beaulieu Tapestry .....\$49.95
1986 Heitz "Bella Oaks" Napa .....\$79.95	1994 Beringer PR .....\$119.00
1986 Heitz "Martha's" .....\$129.00	1994 Pezzi King .....\$39.99
1987 Cain Five Napa Red (1.5L).....\$225.00	

## Nouvelle Vague: French Regional Wines

This month I would like to introduce you to Château d'Estoublon, one of the true gems of Provence, incorporating history, elegance, olives and, of course, wine. Tucked away in the hills of the southern Alpilles lies a majestic château that validates why just about anyone (including myself!) who discovers Provence never wants to leave. Château d'Estoublon is not only a grand batiment, but also a working estate, complete with 48 hectares of olive trees (which have their own A.O.C. status) and 20 hectares of vineyards planted to varietals such as grenache blanc, ugni blanc, grenache noir, cinsault, syrah and cabernet sauvignon. The estate was originally constructed in the fourteenth century as a maison de retraite for the monks of the nearby abbey of Montmajour. In 1999 the estate was purchased by the Schneider family, who have since undertaken an ambitious renovation. Perhaps most significantly, winemaker Remy Reboul has enlisted the expertise and guidance of the legendary Eloi Durbach of Domaine de Trevallon. The guiding philosophy of both Reboul and Durbach is to craft beautiful wines that reflect the exceptional terroir from which they are grown. This is achieved through low yields, organic farming procedures and the construction of a new cellar. Unlike Trevallon, however, the wines at Château d'Estoublon do conform to A.O.C. for the region. Composed of grenache and syrah, and 20% cabernet sauvignon (allowed for the appellation) the **2001 Château d'Estoublon rouge (\$17.99)** exhibits stunning high-toned aromatics reminiscent of a charming red burgundy. Ripe cherry, wet stone and raspberry come to mind, along with hints of bergamot and hibiscus on the finish. This is not an overripe brute, but rather a wine of beauty, flesh and elegance. A perfect wine to enjoy with roast quail and a mushroom ragout. A bientot!

—Mulan Chan

## FRENCH REGIONAL

2003 Dom Duffour Banc Gascogne ....\$6.99
2000 Ch Haut Lignieres "Romy"
Faugeres .....\$7.99
2002 Maison Angelot Bugey Gamay ..\$7.99
2003 Dom Pellehaut Cuvee Harmonie
Rouge .....\$8.99
2003 Ch Calabre Bergerac Rouge .....\$9.99
2002 Mas Grand Plagniol Tradition ..\$9.99
2003 JP and JF Quenard Chignin ....\$10.99
2003 Dom de l'Hortus Pic st Loup
Rosé .....\$10.99
2002 Mas Guilhem "VV" Syrah .....\$10.99
2002 Dom La Sauvageonne "Les Ruffes"
Cotes de Languedoc .....\$10.99
2003 Dom Triennes Viognier .....\$10.99
2003 Ch Canorgue Rosé, Luberon ....\$11.99
2001 Lapeyre Minervois l'Amourier \$12.99
2001 des Perrieres Cost de Nimes ....\$12.99
2000 Domaine Clavel "La Copa Santa"
Cotes de Languedoc .....\$13.99
2002 Domaine Rimbart "Le Mas au
Schiste" Saint Chinian .....\$13.99
1999 Dom de Gourgazaud La Liviniere
"Reserve" Minervois .....\$13.99
2002 Dom des Persenades Gros Manseng
Moelleux.....\$13.99
2003 Domaine Gavoty Cotes de Provence
Clarendon Blanc .....\$13.99
2001 Corbieres, Grand Cuvee,
Castelmaure-New wave ..... \$14.99
2002 Clos Val Bruyere Cassis .....\$14.99
2002 "La Riviere" Chenin Blanc
JL Denois .....\$15.99
2001 Château d'Estoublon,
Les Baux de Provence.....\$17.99
2002 Clos Lapeyre Jurancon
Moelleux.....\$17.99
2001 Domaine de la Bastide Banche
Bandol .....\$18.99
1996 Domaine Fontanel Rivesaltes
Ambre.....\$18.99
1999 Domaine du Cedre "Le Cedre"
Cahors .....\$19.99
2001 Chloe, Jean Louis Denois .....\$19.99
This guy makes great wines. Rich and round.
2000 Les Clos des Paulilles
Collioure .....\$19.99
2001 Domaine de l'Hortus
Grand Cuvee .....\$20.99
2002 Charles Hours Jurancon
"Clos Uroulet" .....\$22.99
2001 Prieuré de St-Jean de Bebian ....\$25.99
2001 Dom du Mas Blanc "Les
Junquets" .....\$28.99
2000 Château La Rouviere Bandol....\$29.99
2003 Château Simone Rosé .....\$29.99
Fabulous rosé-one of the best in the world.

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2000 Heitz, Napa .....\$29.99  
 2000 Joseph Phelps "Insignia" .....\$84.99  
 2000 Lancaster, Alexander Valley ....\$44.99  
 2000 Roth Alexander Valley Red .....\$19.99  
 2000 Silver Oak, Alexander Valley....\$59.99  
 2001 BR Cohn, California .....\$12.99  
 2001 BV, Rutherford.....\$16.98  
 2001 BV Napa Tapestry .....\$27.99  
 2001 BV Napa Private Res .....\$59.99  
 2001 BV Napa Dulcet .....\$24.99  
 This is the second release of the Dulcet, a cabernet-syrah blend that is incredibly complex.  
 2001 Benziger, Sonoma .....\$12.99  
 2001 Buehler Estate, Napa .....\$24.98  
 2001 Caymus Special Select .....\$129.00  
 2001 Ch Montelena, Napa .....\$36.99  
 2001 Ch St Jean, Sonoma.....\$ 19.98  
 2001 Chimney Rock, "Stag's Leap" ..\$44.99  
 2001 Clark Claudon, Napa .....\$84.99  
 2001 Cliff Ledge, Napa .....\$46.99  
 2001 Clos du Val, Napa.....\$21.99  
 2001 Clos Pegase, Napa .....\$24.98  
 2001 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Valley \$16.99  
 2001 Corison, Napa .....\$54.99  
 2001 Darioush, Napa .....\$59.99  
 2001 Dominus, Napa .....\$99.00  
 Best Dominus in years!  
 2001 Echelon, California .....\$8.99  
 2001 Etude, Napa .....\$79.99  
 2001 Far Niente, Napa .....\$79.99  
 2001 Flora Springs "Trilogy" .....\$44.99  
 92-94 points *Spectator*: "An elegant, stylish wine that succeeds with finesse and grace."  
 2001 Flora Springs, Napa .....\$21.99  
 2001 Forefathers, Alexander Vly .....\$34.99  
 2001 Franciscan, Oakville .....\$18.98  
 2001 Groth, Napa .....\$39.98  
 2001 Hess Estate, Napa.....\$16.99  
 2001 Hess Collection, Napa .....Inquire  
 2001 Honig, Napa.....\$27.99  
 2001 Joseph Phelps, Napa.....\$38.98  
 2001 Joseph Phelps Insignia.....\$99.00  
 2001 Judd's Hill, Napa .....\$34.99  
 2001 Kalinda, Alexander Valley.....\$17.99  
 2001 Kamen, Sonoma.....\$49.99  
 2001 LAventure, Paso Robles .....\$44.99  
 2001 Merryvale "Starmont," Napa ....\$19.99  
 2001 Merryvale Napa "Profile" .....\$79.98  
 2001 Miner Family, Napa .....\$44.99  
 2001 Nickel & Nickel.....Inquire  
 2001 Opus One .....Inquire  
 2001 Peter Franus, Napa.....\$36.99  
 2001 Pine Ridge "Stag's Leap" .....\$59.98  
 2001 Pine Ridge Rutherford.....\$27.99  
 2001 Provenance, Rutherford .....\$27.99  
 2001 Quintessa Rutherford .....\$79.98  
 2001 Silverado, Napa .....\$31.98  
 2001 Spring Mountain "Elivette" .....\$69.98

2001 Spring Mountain Estate.....\$42.99  
 2001 St. Clement "Oropas" .....\$39.99  
 2001 Staglin Family, Napa .....\$99.00  
 94 points from Robert Parker!  
 2001 St Francis, Sonoma .....\$14.99  
 2001 Stag's Leap Cellars "Artemis" ..\$39.99  
 2001 Stag's Leap "Fay," Napa .....\$64.99  
 2001 Sterling Reserve, Napa.....\$54.98  
 2001 Sterling "SVR" .....\$29.99  
 2001 Terra Valentine, Napa .....\$26.99  
 2001 Turnbull, Napa.....\$29.99  
 2001 Vine Cliff, Napa .....\$34.99  
 2001 Versant, Napa.....\$74.99  
 Made by Randy and Debbie Lewis of Lewis Cellars! Intense and lush.  
 2001 Volker Eisele Estate, Napa .....\$34.99  
 2001 Whitehall Lane, Napa .....\$32.98  
 2001 ZD, Napa .....\$29.99  
 2002 A to Z Claret .....\$14.99  
 2002 Avalon, Napa .....\$9.99  
 2002 Avila, Santa Barbara .....\$8.99  
 2002 Bacio Divino "Pazzo" .....\$24.99  
 2002 Blackstone, California .....\$7.99  
 2002 Buehler, Napa.....\$17.98  
 2002 Caymus, Napa .....\$64.99  
 2002 Decoy, Napa .....\$23.99  
 2002 Dynamite, North Coast .....\$10.99  
 2002 Echelon, California .....\$8.99  
 2002 Edge, Napa .....\$17.99  
 2002 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa .....\$26.99  
 2002 Fisher Vineyards "Cameron" ....\$47.99  
 Supple, rich, round and velvety in the palate, the Cameron is a lush, fleshy red blend to enjoy now.  
 2002 Francis Coppola Claret .....\$12.98  
 2002 Hawk Crest, California .....\$9.99  
 2002 Hess Select, California.....\$13.99  
 2002 Hyde de Villaine "HdV" .....Inquire  
 2002 Joel Gott, California .....\$13.99  
 2002 Justin, Paso Robles.....\$18.99  
 "The region's character shines through with its alluring warmth of rich, silky currants and gentle spices," Marin Reyes  
 2002 Justin "Justification" .....\$36.99  
 2002 Justing Reserve Paso Robles ....\$39.99  
 2002 Lewis, Napa .....\$58.99  
 This wine is complex, rich and focused, with a deep core of black fruit and traces of briar and vanilla. Turns chocolaty with ripe tannins.  
 2002 Lewis "Alec's Blend" .....\$42.99  
 2002 Philip Togni "Tanbark Hill" ....\$47.99  
 2002 Purisima Canyon, North Cst.....\$9.99  
 2002 Ramey Napa Claret .....\$29.98  
 2002 Ravenswood Vintners Blend .....\$7.99  
 2002 Salus, Napa.....\$49.99  
 This "second wine" from Cabernet-great Staglin showcases the softer side of their estate fruit and is made from the newest vine plantings.  
 2002 Sebastiani, Alexander .....\$19.98  
 2002 Seven Hills "Ciel du Cheval" ....\$29.99

2002 Simi, Alexander .....\$17.99  
 2002 Stephen Vincent, California .....\$8.99  
 2002 Turnbull Old Bull Red.....\$14.99  
 2002 Twenty Bench, Napa .....\$14.99  
 2003 McManis, California .....\$8.99  
 2003 Waterbrook "Melange" .....\$9.99  
 Cain Napa "NV1" .....\$21.99  
 NV Justin "The Orphan" .....\$12.99

## DOMESTIC REDS

1999 Petroni "Poggio All Pietra" .....\$39.99  
 2001 EXP Dunnigan Hills Syrah .....\$10.99  
 2001 Hess Select Syrah .....\$11.99  
 2001 Martella "Hammer" Syrah .....\$19.99  
 2001 Palmina Nebbiolo .....\$29.99  
 2001 Paraduxx Napa Red .....\$39.99  
 2001 Purisima Cnyndry Crk Syrah ..\$9.99  
 2002 Bonny Doon Big House Red .....\$7.99  
 2002 Cloumbia Crest Shiraz .....\$6.99  
 2002 Edna Valley 'Paragon' Syrah ....\$10.99  
 2002 Four Vines "Anarchy" .....\$21.99  
 2002 J.D. Bryan S.B. Syrah .....\$16.99  
 Huge spice, almost black in color. A monster!  
 2002 JC Cellars Syrah .....Inquire  
 2002 Justin Paso Robles Syrah .....\$19.98  
 This wine shows a firm, jazzy earthiness while showing off the soft, supple fleshy style of Paso!  
 2002 Ojai Santa Barbara Syrah .....\$22.99  
 2002 Palmina Bien Nacido Barbera..\$24.99  
 2002 Rock Rabbit Centr Coast Syrah \$9.99  
 2002 Seven Hills Wash. Syrah .....\$16.99  
 2002 Shooting Star Lemberger.....\$10.99  
 2002 Vinum Cellars Red Dirt Red ....\$27.99  
 2003 Hahn Estates CC Syrah .....\$8.99  
 2003 Pellgrini Sonoma Carignane ....\$12.99

## DOMESTIC WHITES

Sokol Blosser "Evolution No. 9" .....\$13.99  
 2002 Alban Estate Roussane.....\$36.99  
 2002 Brandborg Umpqua Riesling ..\$11.99  
 2002 Ken Wright F.H. Pinot Blanc.....\$19.99  
 2002 King Estate Oreg Pinot Gris ....\$12.99  
 2002 Tablas Crk "Cote de Tablas" ....\$24.99  
 2003 A to Z Willamette Pinot Gris....\$10.99  
 2003 Alban Estate Viognier .....\$32.99  
 2003 Di Bruno Pinot Grigio.....\$13.99  
 2003 Elk Cove Pinot Gris .....\$12.99  
 2003 Poet's Leap Riesling .....\$20.99  
 From Long Shadows Vintners! Great balance, acidity and length.  
 2003 O'Reilly, Oregon Pinot Gris ....\$11.99  
 2003 Palmina Santa Barb Bianca.....\$23.99  
 As if you were in Italy!  
 2003 Ponzi Willamette Arneis .....\$19.99  
 2003 Ponzi Oregon Pinot Gris .....\$11.99  
 2003 Viento Washington Viognier ....\$19.99  
 2003 Vinum Cellars Chenin Blanc.....\$8.99

## CHARDONNAY

2000 Talbott "Cuvee Cynthia" .....	\$41.99
2001 Anderson's Conn Valley, .....	\$29.99
91 points Robert Parker! From the Fournier Vineyard.	
2001 Artesa, Carneros .....	\$10.99
2001 Beringer, Napa .....	\$9.98
2001 Beringer "Sbragia" .....	\$42.99
2001 Bernardus .....	\$14.99
2001 Byron, Santa Maria .....	\$16.98
2001 Grgich Hills, Napa .....	\$26.99
2001 James Henry "Woolsey Road" ..	\$39.99
Made by Helen Turley!	
2001 Jordan, Russian River .....	\$19.98
2001 Logan, Sleepy Hollow .....	\$12.98
2001 Mayacama, Napa .....	\$29.99
2001 Mer Soleil, Central Coast .....	\$34.99
2001 Mount Eden MacGregor, Edna ..	\$12.99
Hot new price! This is your holiday Chardonnay!	
2001 Perbacco, Edna Valley .....	\$17.99
2001 Ramey "Hyde" .....	\$49.99
2001 Sonoma Cutrer "Les Pierre" ....	\$36.99
2002 Amici, Napa .....	\$23.99
2002 Ancien, Carneros .....	\$28.99
2002 Arrowood, Sonoma .....	\$21.98
2002 Beringer "Private Reserve" .....	\$19.99
2002 Beringer "Founders' Estate" .....	\$6.99
2002 Benziger, Carneros .....	\$9.99
2002 Buehler, Russian River.....	\$9.99
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa.....	Inquire
2002 Cartlidge and Browne .....	\$8.99
2002 Chalone Estate .....	\$19.99
2002 Chasseur "Lorenzo Vineyard" ..	\$47.99
From a block planted with the Wente selection in the Russian River Valley back in 1975. The vineyard is located near Sebastopol	
2002 Ch St Jean, Sonoma .....	\$9.99
2002 Echelon, California .....	\$8.99
2002 Far Niente, Napa .....	\$36.99
2002 Ferrari Carano, Alex Valley.....	\$24.99
2002 Fisher "Whitney's" .....	\$39.99
2002 Gainey, Santa Barbara .....	\$12.99
2002 Handley, Dry Creek .....	\$14.99
2002 Hartford, Sonoma Coast .....	\$16.99
Flavors of honeydew melon, peach, citrus and butterscotch along with a supple, layered texture and a lasting finish.	
2002 Hawkcrest, California .....	\$9.99
2002 Hyde de Villaine "HdV" .....	\$44.98
2002 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco .....	\$10.99
2002 Joseph Phelps "Ovation" .....	Inquire
2002 LaTour, Napa .....	\$21.99
Made by Randy and Debbie Lewis of Lewis Cellars! As always a full-throttle style Chardonnay.	
2002 Landmark "Overlook" .....	\$19.99
2002 Lockwood, Monterey .....	\$9.99
2002 Maldonado "Los Olivos" .....	\$44.99
2002 Martinelli "Martinelli Road" ....	\$42.99
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma .....	\$19.99

2002 Merryvale "Starmont," Napa ..	\$13.99
2002 Miner Family, Napa .....	\$21.99
"Decadent, richly woven Chardonnay that is loaded with white peach to pear-like fruit which is rounded nicely by a hint of toasty oak and vanilla bean characteristics." Jim Barr	
2002 Morgan, Monterey .....	\$15.99
2002 Neyers, Napa .....	\$21.98
2002 Olivet Lane, Russian River .....	\$14.99
2002 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones" .....	\$21.99
2002 Ramey, Carneros .....	\$29.98
2002 Ramey, Russian River .....	\$29.98
2002 Solitude, Carneros .....	\$23.99
2002 St Francis, Sonoma .....	\$8.98
2002 Testarossa "Castello" .....	\$21.99
2002 Toasted Head Dunnigan Hills ..	\$10.99
2002 Tor "2 Rivers Ranch," Napa .....	\$39.99
2002 Trefethen, Napa .....	\$18.99
2002 Villa Mnt Eden, Bien Nacido ....	\$12.99
2002 Walter Hansel, RR .....	\$26.99
2002 Wente "Riva Ranch," Montry ..	\$12.99
2002 West Slope, Edna Valley .....	\$9.99
2002 Wild Horse, Central Coast .....	\$11.99
2002 ZD, California .....	\$21.99
2003 Acacia, Carneros .....	\$15.99
2003 Bogle, California .....	\$7.99
2003 Cambria Katherine's Vineyard ..	\$12.99
2003 Château Soverain, Sonoma .....	\$10.98
2003 Chehalem "Inox," Oregon .....	\$14.99
Fermented exclusively in stainless steel tanks, INOX screams of the hallmarks of a cool climate-brightness, pinpoint fruit, and explosive aromas and flavors	
2003 Cinnabar, Monterey.....	\$13.99
2003 Edna Valley Vineyards.....	\$10.99
2003 Elizabeth Spencer, Sonoma .....	\$18.99
2003 Forman, Napa .....	\$31.99
2003 Foxglove, Edna Valley .....	\$9.99
2003 Groth, Napa .....	\$19.98
2003 Hahn, Monterey.....	\$8.99
2003 Heron, California .....	\$8.99
2003 Hess Collection, Napa .....	\$16.99
2003 Hess Select, California.....	\$8.99
2003 Justin, Paso Robles.....	\$14.99
2003 Kalinda, Anderson Valley .....	\$9.99
"Unctuous tropical, peach, and pear fruit on the nose and in the mouth, with exceptional acid structure, firmness and viscosity," Jim Barr	
2003 Keller 'La Cruz' .....	\$23.99
2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast .....	\$12.98
2003 Lewis, Sonoma .....	\$36.99
2003 Lewis, Napa .....	\$34.99
2003 MacRostie, Carneros .....	\$15.99
2003 Morgan "Metallico" .....	\$15.99
2003 Patz & Hall .....	Inquire
2003 Rombauer, Carneros .....	\$24.99
2003 Salus, Napa.....	\$34.99
Made by Staglin Vineyard!	
2003 Stuhlmuller, Alexander .....	\$21.99

## FUME/SAUVIGNON BLANC

2002 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly ....	\$11.99
Leans toward the fruity (and non-grassy) style.	
2002 Ch St Jean, Sonoma .....	\$9.99
2002 Flora Springs "Soliloquoy" .....	\$17.99
100% sauv blanc aged on lees in neutral wood.	
2002 Husch, Mendocino.....	\$8.99
2002 Mason, Napa .....	\$12.99
2002 Mayacamas, Napa .....	\$18.99
Rich and deep with great acidity!	
2002 Morgan, Monterey .....	\$9.99
2002 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$11.99
2002 Wattle Creek, Mendocino .....	\$17.99
Aromas of exotic lime and lemon citrus!	
2003 Cakebread, Napa .....	\$19.99
2003 Clos du Bois, Sonoma .....	\$7.99
2003 Crocker Starr, Napa .....	\$22.99
2003 DeSante, Napa .....	\$16.99
2003 Duckhorn, Napa .....	\$19.99
2003 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma .....	\$11.99
2003 Frog's Leap, Napa.....	\$12.98
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa .....	\$16.99
2003 Groth, Napa .....	\$12.98
2003 Honig, Napa .....	\$11.99
2003 Kalinda, Lake County .....	\$9.99
Lip-smacking tropical fruit, crisp acidity!	
2003 Martinelli, Sonoma .....	\$18.99
2003 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof" .....	\$6.98
2003 Napa Wine Company.....	\$11.99
2003 Dancing Bull, California .....	\$6.99
2003 L'Ete Saisons des Vins, Mend. ..	\$12.99
From Copain Wine Cellars-fresh, crisp and lively!	
2003 Selene "Hyde Vineyard" .....	\$23.99
Comes from one of the coolest parts of Carneros.	
2003 Sterling, Napa .....	\$9.99
2003 St Supéry, Napa .....	\$13.99
2003 Voss, Napa .....	\$14.98

## DOMESTIC SPARKLERS

NV Argyle Willamette Valley Brut....	\$16.99
Delicious sparkling wine from Oregon!	
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc Noir....	\$12.99
NV Sofia Coppola Blanc de Blanc ....	\$16.99
NV Mumm, Napa Brut.....	\$13.99
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Noir ..	\$14.99
NV Roederer Estate .....	\$16.99
NV Sharffenberger Brut .....	Inquire
1997 Domaine Carneros "Le Reve" ..	\$39.99
1998 Domaine Chandon "Etoile".....	\$26.99
1998 Roederer "l'Ermitage" .....	\$31.99
A favorite from the staff! Rich, deep and complex.	
1999 Iron Horse Classic Brut .....	\$24.99
1999 J Wine Company .....	\$22.99
2001 Domaine Carneros Brut .....	\$18.99
2000 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvee" ..	\$21.99
2001 Schramsberg B de B/B de N.....	\$23.99
2001 Schramsberg Brut Rosé .....	\$26.99

**MERLOT**

2000 Reininger, Walla Walla .....	\$31.99
90 points from the <i>Wine Spectator!</i>	
2001 Atalon, Napa .....	\$24.99
2001 Benziger, Sonoma .....	\$12.99
2001 Chappellet, Napa .....	\$26.99
2001 Ch Souverain, Sonoma .....	\$12.98
2001 Ch St Jean, Sonoma .....	\$17.98
2001 Clos du Bois, Sonoma .....	\$11.99
2001 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex .....	\$16.99
Loads and loads of plum and currant fruit, well-integrated oak flavors with subtle vanilla and cinnamon spice. Wonderful!	
2001 Dynamite, North Coast .....	\$11.99
2001 Echelon, California .....	\$8.98
A great value in Merlot! Packed with ripe, juicy berry fruit and a smooth, round and silky finish.	
2001 Estancia, California .....	\$9.98
2001 Etude, Napa .....	\$44.99
2001 Franciscan, Napa .....	\$16.99
2001 Gainey, Santa Ynez.....	\$13.99
Sourced from the Gainey Home Ranch vineyard in the Santa Inez Valley, this classic Merlot exhibits all the things that make Merlot lovers go gaga!	
2001 Groth, Napa .....	\$26.99
2001 Hall Vineyards .....	\$24.99
2001 Markham, Napa .....	\$14.98
2001 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma .....	\$21.99
2001 Nickel & Nickel "Harris" .....	\$34.99
2001 Paradigm, Napa .....	\$38.99
2001 Rutherford Hill, Napa .....	\$16.99
2001 Provenance, Carneros .....	\$19.99
2001 Rombauer, Napa .....	\$26.99
New vintage and better than ever!	
2001 Sandhill, Red Mnts Wash .....	\$21.99
2001 Selene, Napa .....	\$47.99
2001 Simi, Alexander Valley .....	\$14.99
2001 Sterling, Napa .....	\$18.98
2001 Storrs, San Ysidro .....	\$19.99
2001 Swanson, Napa .....	\$24.99
2001 T Vine, Napa .....	\$27.99
What fruit! What softness!	
2001 Twomey, Napa .....	\$59.99
2001 Whitehall Lane, Napa .....	\$21.98
2002 Blackstone, California .....	\$8.99
2002 Bogle, California .....	\$7.99
2002 Cinnabar, Paso Robles .....	\$14.99
2002 Duckhorn, Napa .....	\$43.99
2002 Francis Coppola Diamond .....	\$12.98
2002 Hacienda, California .....	\$4.99
2002 L'Ecole No.41 Columbia Vly ....	\$29.99
Rich with spicy, aromatic notes of nutmeg, clove and cinnamon, this Merlot shows ripe black plum, huckleberry and cranberry fruit!	
2002 Praxis, Dry Creek .....	\$12.99
2003 McManis California.....	\$8.99
2002 Seven Hills, Columbia Vly.....	\$18.99
2002 Shafer, Napa .....	\$36.99
2002 Tamarack, Columbia Valley ....	\$17.99
2002 Walla Walla Vintners .....	\$25.99

**PINOT NOIR**

2001 Anapamu, Monterey .....	\$10.99
2001 Benton Lane, Oregon.....	\$13.98
2001 Chehalem Rion Reserve .....	\$44.99
2001 Domaine Drouhin, Oregon .....	\$36.99
2001 Domaine Drouhin "Laurene" ..	\$49.99
2001 Domaine Serene "Evanstad" ....	\$39.99
2001 Iron Horse, Russian River .....	\$24.99
2001 Robert Sinskey, Carneros .....	\$26.99
2001 Roessler Cellars "Dutton" .....	\$32.99
2001 Walter Hansel "Cahill Lane" ....	\$27.99
2002 Acacia, Carneros .....	\$19.99
2002 Amici, Mendocino .....	\$31.99
2002 Andrew Rich, Willamette .....	\$24.99
2002 Belle Glos Single Vineyards ....	Inquire
2002 Brandborg, Umpqua Valley.....	\$19.99
This wine shows very pretty floral rose aromas with raspberry, cherry and warm honeyed oak.	
2002 Cambria "Julia's" .....	\$14.99
2002 Chalone Estate, Monterey .....	\$19.99
2002 Chehalem "3 Vineyards" .....	\$19.99
2002 Domaine Serene "Yamhill" .....	\$29.99
New vintage! A bit richer and darker than the '01. Very tasty!	
2002 Echelon, Central Coast .....	\$8.99
2002 Elk Cove, Willamette .....	\$18.99
2002 Erath, Oregon .....	\$12.99
2002 Etude, Carneros .....	\$36.99
92 points Stephen Tanzer!	
2002 Handley, Anderson Valley .....	\$17.99
2002 Hatcher, Willamette Valley .....	\$32.99
2002 Joseph Swan "Cuv de Trois" ....	\$19.99
A balanced, fragrant and generous wine with hints of lavender and spice.	
2002 Kalinda, "Floodgate Vineyd"....	\$17.99
2002 Keller Estate, Sonoma .....	\$26.99
2002 Londer "Paraboll," Ander V ....	\$39.99
2002 Lucia Santa Lucia .....	\$34.99
2002 Migration, Anderson Valley ....	\$24.99
A second label for Goldeneye, which is owned by Duckhorn Winery.	
2002 Miner Family "Gary's" .....	\$44.99
2002 Orogeny, Green Valley.....	\$24.99
2002 Patz & Hall "Alder Springs" ....	Inquire
2002 Penner Ash, Willamette .....	\$36.99
2002 Rex Hill "King's Ridge" .....	\$13.99
2002 Saintsbury, Carneros .....	\$19.99
2002 Testarossa "Palazzio" .....	\$29.99
2002 Willakenzie, Oregon .....	\$16.99
2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley.....	\$15.99
2003 Avila, San Luis Obispo.....	\$9.99
2003 Echelon, California .....	\$8.99
2003 Edna Valley "Paragon".....	\$12.98
2003 Ken Wright Pinots .....	Inquire
We currently have Shea, Freedom Hill and Canary Hill. Please call for price and availability.	
2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast .....	\$12.98
2003 O'Reilly, Oregon .....	\$14.99
2003 Parker Station, Santa Barbara....	\$9.99
2003 Saintsbury "Garnet" .....	\$12.98

**ZINFANDEL**

NV Rosenblum Cuvée XXVI .....	\$7.98
2001 Clos La Chance, El Dorado .....	\$11.99
2001 D Cubed, Napa.....	\$21.99
2001 Green & Red "Chiles Mill" .....	\$22.99
2001 Howell Mnt "Old Vines" .....	\$19.99
2001 Justin, Paso Robles.....	\$18.99
2001 JC Cellars "Cuvee Isabel" .....	\$31.99
Super rich, intense and concentrated while still showing a silky smooth texture and finish!	
2001 J Runquist "Z" .....	\$18.99
2001 Klinker Brick "OV," Lodi.....	\$14.99
2001 Kuleto Estate, Napa .....	\$24.99
2001 Limerick Lane, Russian River ..	\$21.99
2001 Little 8 Ottimino, RR.....	\$29.99
Vines are organic (though not certified so) and dry-farmed to create a rich, dense and lush Zin!	
2001 Ravenswood Vintners Blend .....	\$7.98
2001 Renwood "Old Vines" .....	\$12.99
2001 Ridge Sonoma Station .....	\$18.99
2001 Rombauer, El Dorado .....	\$23.99
2001 Roshambo, Dry Creek .....	\$18.99
2001 Rusina, Alexander Valley.....	\$19.99
2001 St Francis Old Vine Sonoma ....	\$14.99
2001 Storybook Estate Reserve .....	\$41.99
92 points from the <i>Wine Spectator!</i>	
2001 T Vine "Brown Vineyrd" .....	\$27.99
2001 Terraces, Napa .....	\$26.99
2002 Amici "Old Vine," Napa .....	\$29.99
2002 Bogle Old Vine.....	\$8.98
2002 Buehler, Napa.....	\$10.99
2002 Cline, California .....	\$7.98
2002 Cosentino "CigarZin" .....	\$16.99
2002 Dashe Cellars, Dry Creek .....	\$18.99
2002 Five Vintners, California .....	\$14.99
2002 Folie à Deux Menage à Trois .....	\$9.99
2002 Four Vines "Old Vine" .....	\$9.99
2002 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch" .....	\$21.99
2002 Terra d'Oro "Deaver".....	\$18.99
2002 Norman "The Monster".....	\$18.99
2002 Paradise Ridge "Hoenselaars" ..	\$23.99
2002 Quivira, Dry Creek .....	\$16.99
2002 Rancho Zabaco "Heritage" .....	\$9.98
2002 Rancho Zabaco "Dancing Bull" ..	\$6.98
2002 Renwood "Sierra Series" .....	\$9.99
2002 Ridge Zin's .....	Inquire
Currently we have in stock Geyserville, Ponzo, 3 Valleys, Lytton, Pagani Lt Picked, Paso Robles and Spring Mnt. Please Call for pricing.	
2002 Rosenblum Zinfandels .....	Inquire
2002 Seven Deadly Zins .....	\$12.99
2002 Seghesio "Old Vines" .....	\$26.99
2002 Shenandoah Spec Reserve .....	\$7.99
2002 Stonbon "Rocky Top," Amador....	\$12.99
2002 Storybook Mnt "Mayacamus" ..	\$25.99
2002 Tin Barn, Russian River.....	\$24.99
2002 Titus, Mendocino .....	\$23.99
2003 Joel Gott, California .....	\$15.99
2003 Pellegrini, Russian River .....	\$21.99
2003 Seghesio, Sonoma .....	\$13.98

## Hot California Wines for a Cold Month

It is impossible for me to discuss wines this month without mentioning something about the recent write-ups in the *Wine Spectator*, especially since two of the wines they scored 69 points I wrote up in our November newsletter. I believe one of the major problems is the 100-point scale. What is the difference between a wine that scores 69 and 67? Why didn't he give the wines a 10-point rating if he disliked them so much? What would a wine that scored 6 points taste like? Why have a 100-point scale if you only use 80-100, and when you go below 80 people freak out? Actually an 84-point wine should be pretty darn good. After all, that is a solid B in school. I think a 10- or 20-point scale (Clive Coats) would make more sense. I have no idea what provoked the recent low scores from the *Wine Spectator*. We did, however, revisit some of the wines that scored below 70, and we did come to a conclusion. There is more here than meets the eye. The wines, although young and tannic, showed very well. Most of the staff thought it was the best BV Reserve in years and the Château Montelena was backward but will develop into a great Montelena.

Moving on...California wines are hotter than ever! The 2001 Cabs are still on fire, as well as the 2002 Chardonnays. Here are some hot wines and hot prices to warm you up this December:

### 2002 Beringer Private Reserve Napa Chardonnay (\$19.99)

Hard to believe you can get this wine for under \$20. The 2002 is rich and deep with a bit more balance and freshness than in years past. Very enjoyable!

**2001 Château St Jean "Cinq Cepages" (\$59.98)** This Bordeaux-style blend shows flavors of blackberry and cassis which are balanced by soft tannins and vanillin oak nuances. Should age well over the next 5-7 years!

**2001 Dominus Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$99.00)** Last call! And **2001 St. Clement Napa Oroppas (\$39.99)** Just released!

—Trey Beffa

## Wines to Make You Look Good!

Over the past year, there've been several affordable wines that fall into the "by the case" category. Here are four wines that are absolute slams to make the holidays perfect.

### 2001 Mount Eden "MacGregor," Edna Valley Chardonnay (\$12.99)

This is one killer Chardonnay! Mount Eden is one of the best Chardonnay producers in the state. From Edna Valley, a cool-climate coastal appellation, this is a remarkably priced wine with enough friendly roundness to appeal to the masses while remaining elegant and true to its Chardonnay soul.

**2002 Erath Oregon Pinot Noir (\$12.99)** Wow, an Oregon Pinot Noir with a delicious, inviting character for 13 bucks? For a charming, drinking pinot that pairs well with many courses (even a few white wine courses) this one as a must try.

**2002 Twenty Bench Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$14.99)** Two friends bought 20 tons of "benchland" fruit from a prominent winemaker, and the name stuck, as did the wine's popularity. Think you can't get a foolproof, delicious cab for under 15 bucks? Think again!

**2001 Klinker Brick "Old Vine" Lodi Zinfandel (\$14.99)** The hefty expression of rich aromas, powerful ripe fruit, and flowing texture will warm you up on these cold nights and leave you with that warm fuzzy feeling... you know which one. Drink it by the fireplace with friends!

—Martin Reyes

## San Francisco Focus

Time sure flies when I'm having fun. All this big beautiful 2001 California cabernet flowing in and out of the shop all year long, some going so fast that I didn't even get a chance to buy it myself. Most of the 2001 vintage will be gone by the end of this year, so here are a few wines that I love that are still in stock. May 2005 bring you all many great moments and many great wines!

**2001 Darioush Napa Cabernet (\$59.99)** A winery owned by an Iranian born immigrant, Darioush Khaledi, who was raised in Iran's Shiraz region until the revolution. In my humble opinion, the best 2001 wine released from the Napa Valley. A big, ripe wine with tons of finesse, balance and structure. A must have for the California collector, this wine can drink today or sit in your cellar for another five years.

**2001 Anderson's Conn Valley "Eloge" (\$54.99)** Rich, full and intense, the 2001 Eloge (65% cabernet sauvignon, 25% cabernet franc, 7% merlot, and 3% petit verdot) has loads of big fruit and a lot of wood and tobacco. This is one that could use a couple years in the cellar or at least a couple hours in a decanter. 92 points Robert Parker.

**2001 Caymus Special Select (\$129.00)** This wine is rich, spicy and full of blackberry and tobacco, extracted and dense with very lush tannins and a finish that goes on and on. This could be the best Special Select ever made. A must have for the cellar. Don't touch for at least five years. 95 points *Wine Spectator*.

**2001 Dominus (\$99.00)** Rich and full bodied, with sweet but noticeable tannin, a layered mid-palate and a long finish. Fragrance of cedar, coffee and black fruits with impeccable balance. 81% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc, 4% merlot, and 5% petit verdot. It will need three top four years of cellaring at least. 95 points Robert Parker.

See you in the City...

—Mike Jordan

## Washington State Jewels

One of the most intriguing wines to come out of Washington lately is the **2003 Longshadows Poet's Leap Riesling (\$20.99)**. Absolutely German in style, off dry and spectacular in its nose of lychee, grapefruit and jasmine blossom and super delicate white pepper sprinkles. Following is a bright palate of juicy grapefruit, notes of apricot, crisp acidity and a dazzling clarity to its long finish. Super with Thai, just like the **2003 Viento "Lonesome Spring Ranch" Viognier (\$19.99)** from a tiny planting of viognier in the Columbia Valley. Its gorgeous and exotic nose typifies viognier plus an extraordinarily pure and enticing palate, quite dry with white peach, blossoms and a wonderfully rich texture. Here is a deep and complex wine with body and texture that doesn't rely on oak to fill the palate. This is truly exciting viognier, and among the best I've had.

Eastern Washington State just may be the best place in the U.S. for growing merlot, and it's fast becoming hard to get. The **2002 Seven Hills Winery Columbia Valley Merlot (\$18.99)** is a surprisingly affordable (and ready-to-drink) offering. Rich and mouthfilling ripe blackberries and black plum, highlighted by touches of vanillin oak and black spices. Luxuriously textured and very seductive. A very affordable Bordeaux blend can be found in the **2002 Seven Hills "Ciel du Cheval" Red (\$25.99)**. Dense and powerful but balanced, gorgeous black fruits, French oak, a luring you into drinking the wine young, but put this beauty down 5-10 years for a spectacular treat. Of course we've all heard of L'Ecole 41, and the **2002 L'Ecole 41 Columbia Valley Merlot (\$29.99)** continues their tradition of greatness. Big, rich, spicy, unctuous black plum and berried fruit laced with leathery and complex sweet herb notes. Who needs garage wines when we have these beauties to turn to at such good prices?

—Shaun Green

## ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

### Chile, Argentina

2003 Elsa Malbec (Argentina) .....	\$7.99
2002 Two Brothers Tattoo Red (Chile) .....	\$7.99
2003 Casa Lapostolle Merlot (Chile).....	\$9.99
2002 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina) .....	\$10.99
2002 Bodega Cicchitti Cabernet/Malbec (Argentina) .....	\$10.99
2002 El Crocodrilo Cabernet (Argentina) .....	\$10.99
2003 El Felino Malbec (Argentina) .....	\$10.99
2003 Bianchi Familia Sauvignon Blanc (Argentina) .....	\$11.99
2002 Felipe Rutini Malbec (Argentina).....	\$11.99
2002 Luis Correas "Malbec Oak" (Argentina) .....	\$11.99
2001 Apaltagua Envero, Colchagua Valley (Chile) .....	\$12.99
1999 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Cabernet (Chile).....	\$13.99
2002 Concha y Toro Marq de Casa Concha Cabernet (Chile) .....	\$14.99
2002 Las Terrazas Malbec Reserve (Argentina) .....	\$14.99
2001 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Merlot (Chile) .....	\$16.99
2002 BenMarco Malbec (Argentina) .....	\$17.99
2001 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Reserve (Argentina) .....	\$21.99
2001 Concha y Toro "Terrunyo" Carmenere (Chile) .....	\$24.99
2002 Bramare Malbec (Argentina) .....	\$27.99
2002 Apaltagua Grial Carmenere (Chile) .....	\$29.99
2001 Catena Alta Malbec (Argentina).....	\$36.99
2002 Antiyal (Chile) .....	\$41.99
2001 Cheval des Andes (Argentina)-From Cheval Blanc .....	\$59.99

### Portugal/Spain

2002 Cecile Chassagne Tempranillo, Navarra .....	\$6.99
2003 Bodegas Castano Monastrell, Yecla .....	\$6.99
2001 Sierra Cantabria Tinto, Rioja .....	\$6.99
2003 Wrongo Dongo, Jumilla .....	\$6.99
2002 Viña Alarba Old Vine Grenache, Catatayud.....	\$7.99
2002 Atazuri, Artazu, Navarra .....	\$8.99
2003 Muga Rosado.....	\$8.99
2002 Capcanes Mas Donis Barrica-90 points, Parker .....	\$9.99
2001 Olivares Altos de la Hoya, Jumilla .....	\$9.99
2001 Castell del Remei Gotim Bru .....	\$9.99
2002 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla-90 points, Parker .....	\$10.99
2003 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas .....	\$10.99
2001 Finca Sobreno Tinto Crianza, Toro-90 points, Parker.....	\$11.99
2000 Artadi Vinas De Gain Crianza .....	\$12.99
2000 Sierra Cantabria Crianza Rioja .....	\$13.99
2001 Bodegas del Muni, Corpus del Muni Vina Lucia .....	\$14.99
2001 Martinez La Orden, La Orbe, Rioja .....	\$14.99
2000 Bodegas Muga Reserva Rioja .....	\$16.99
2001 Alejandro Fernandez Condado de Haza-91 points, Parker..	\$19.99
2000 Bodegas Castano Casa Cisca .....	\$19.99
2002 Vega de Toro, Termes, Toro .....	\$19.99
2001 Pesquera Crianza, Ribera del Duero .....	\$19.99
2001 Mas Doix, Solanque, Priorat.....	\$23.99
2001 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto .....	\$24.95
1998 Muga Seleccion Especial Rioja .....	\$24.99
2001 Pago de Carraovejas Crianza, Ribera del Duero .....	\$27.99
2001 Venus la Universal, Monstant .....	\$29.99
2001 Mauro, Castilla y Leon .....	\$31.99
2001 Domingo de Pingus, Flor de Pingus .....	\$34.99
1995 Muga Rioja Prado Enea Grand Reserva .....	\$35.99
1998 Roda I, Rioja .....	\$45.99
2002 Vall Llach, Priorat .....	\$74.99

## End of Year Round Up

**2003 Bodegas Castano Monastrell, Yecla (\$6.99)** From its splashy debut with the 2001 vintage to this new '03 offering, the Castano Monastrell is one of my all-time favorite value reds. Don't wait for Robert Parker to give it a 90-point score like last vintage!

**2002 Capcanes Mas Donis Barrica (\$9.99)** 90 points from Robert Parker! Full and rich, this blend of 80% grenache and 20% syrah is perfect with hearty braised dishes like beef ribs.

**2002 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla (\$10.99)** 90 points Robert Parker: "...a formidably endowed, chunky, rich, chocolatey, melted licorice, blackberry and black currant-scented wine." Wow! That's high praise for this Monastrell and Cabernet blend. Enjoy this red with grilled leg of lamb and roasted potatoes.

**2001 Finca Sobreno Tinto Crianza, Toro (\$11.99)** 90 points from Robert Parker! This red from Toro packs a wallop! The big, ripe fruit, smattering of oak, and long, focused finish make the Finca Sobreno the top bargain from wines of this region.

**2000 Finca Villacreces, Ribera del Duero (\$17.99)** 91 points Parker: "One of the best kept secrets of Ribera del Duero, Finca Villacreces produces a sexy red from 75% Tempranillo and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot." I think this would make a fine accompaniment to a dish like crown roast of pork...yum, yum!

**2001 Finca Allende, Calvario, Rioja (\$64.95)** 95 points Parker: "This full-throttle, seriously endowed effort coats the palate and nearly stains the teeth ... impeccably balanced, even elegant given its total symmetry/harmony, it should hit its prime in 2-4 years, and age gracefully for the following 12-15." Feliz Navidad! —Anne Pickett

### *Jim C's: "South of the Mistletoe"*

"Old Saint Nick" has brought us a bounty of fine wines. From Australia, more of the superb 2002 vintage arrive with some the best of the new 2003s. From New Zealand more of the 2004 vintage whites with an abundant crop of racy, focused and linear wines.

**2004 Huia Pinot Gris, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$14.99)** Shows great focus and soaring aromatics. Notes of snap pea, pear, nectarine, spice and white flowers come together with great balancing acidity and length. The Sauvignon Blanc is in as well, and it's a winner... but that's for another time.

**2003 Sherwood Estate Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$14.99)** Sexy, supple and luscious! Sourced mainly from Marlborough, there is also fruit from Waipara, Otago and Nelson adding complexity. With ripe strawberry and cherry fruit that is framed by toasty oak, the wine has fine balance with a hint of earth and creamy texture. A GREAT BARGAIN as well.

**2002 Ross Estate "North Ridge" Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia (\$15.99)** The nose is full of ripe black cherry, licorice, blackberry, mocha and pepper notes that follow on the palate with good balance and length.

**2003 Tait "The Ballbuster," Barossa Valley, Australia (Inquire)** The "Ball Buster" is back. Bruno Tait's blend of 60% shiraz and 20% each cabernet sauvignon and merlot, is brimming with black cherry and berry fruits with licorice notes and a hint of smoked meats.

**2003 Craneford "Alysson Parsons" Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia (Inquire)** Aged in used French and American oak that gives a seamless texture. On the palate, the wine is soft and lush with notes of blue and black berry fruits along with a sweet mid-palate of dark chocolate and licorice. Merry Christmas!  
—Jimmy "C"

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- 2003 **Günderloch Jean Baptiste Kabinett** .....\$14.99  
Explosive yellow plums, singing mineral.
- 2003 **Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Kabinett** .....\$16.99
- 2002 **Freiherr Langwerth von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Kabinett** .....\$16.99  
Regal, filled with apricot, dried flowers sweet plum and waxy honeyed richness.
- 2003 **Carl Schmitt Wagner Longuicher Maximiner Herrenberg Spätlese** .....\$18.99
- 2002 **Florian Weingart Bopparder Hamm Feuerlay Spätlese** ..\$23.99  
One of the top wines of the vintage from this rising star in the Mittelrhein.
- 2003 **Schloss Lieser Niederberg Helden Spätlese** .....\$21.99
- 2003 **Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" Riesling**.....\$14.99  
Rippling with zingy grapefruit and currant aromas with a haunting whiff of spice.
- 2003 **Helmut Mathern Niederhäuser Kertz Spätlese** .....\$27.99
- 2003 **Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Pittermännchen Spätlese** ..\$39.99

## Loire, Alsace and Beyond: Crab Season!!

We are now in the heart of Dungeness crab season on the West Coast, and for lovers of bright, racy unoaked whites there is no better match. Some of the freshest and most succulent crabs I have found come from an unlikely spot up in the Anderson Valley, a small family owned market in the heart of Philo called Lemmon's. Careful now, if you don't slow down you could blow right past it. Philo is not the bustling metropolis you might think. But Lemmon's puts it squarely on the gourmet map. The folks at Lemmon's have their own boat, and each morning during the season it powers out from the Mendocino coast to gather what the sea will give then brings their catch back to the market where they hang the sign signaling "Fresh Crab" to all that pass by.

Although crab meat can be incorporated into a variety of complex dishes, the simpler preparations are best to highlight both the sweetness of the crab meat and the character of the wine. With fresh cracked crab try the **2002 Château La Morinière Muscadet Sur Lie (\$9.99)** made by our friends the Brothers Couillaud. This single-property Muscadet is redolent with fresh citrus notes, bright cool mineral tones and a lively mouthfeel that refreshes the palate and enlivens the spirit. This is a match that shows the purity of each element.

If you are in the mood for sauvignon blanc, try the **2001 Cherrier, Domaine de la Rossignol Sancerre "Grand Picot" (\$15.99)** with a salad of fresh crab dressed ever so slightly with mayonnaise, pepper, lime juice and zest. This is a big racy style of Sancerre, their "reserve," named for the family's great grandfather, and it comes from their oldest plots on chalk. It is crisp, bright with great texture from aging in neutral oak, and echoes the lime in the dish adding hints of grapefruit and mineral.

For the adventurous, open a bottle of the **2002 Charles Baur Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg (\$16.99)**, and put together a salad of curried crab with watermelon and arugula to highlight the spicy character found in this Alsatian Riesling. The Eichberg is a vineyard that produces wines of great depth and intensity with wonderful floral aromas and a broad mid palate, and fruit that hints at the exotic. Perfect to match the mild fragrant curry and to counterpoint the peppery arugula. Please enjoy! Happy to be here...  
—Jeff Vierra

## AUSTRIA

We have an extensive selection of outstanding Austrian wines, the following is a sampling of our complete inventory which you can view at [www.klwines.com](http://www.klwines.com).

- 1990 **Nikolaihof Riesling "Vinothek"** .....\$79.99  
14 years in large wood, bottled April 2004. Are you kidding?
- 2003 **Hirsch Grüner Veltliner # 1**-(silly deer label) .....\$13.99
- 1999 **Alzinger Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Mühlpoint**.....\$31.99  
One of the great wines of Austria. No one should miss this.
- 2001 **Schmelz Riesling Smaragd Durnsteiner Freiheit** .....\$14.99  
Bracing and stony, very clear and detailed, deep and powerful.
- 2002 **Emmerich Knoll Riesling Smaragd Loibenberg** .....\$51.99
- 2003 **Iby Zweigelt Classic**.....\$12.99
- 2003 **Hiedler Grüner Veltliner "Loess"** .....\$13.99
- 2003 **Hirsch Grüner Veltliner "Heiligenstein"** .....\$19.99
- 2002 **Hirsch Grüner Veltliner Lamm "September"** .....\$34.99
- 2002 **Hirsch Riesling Gaisberg "April"** .....\$34.99  
These are late-bottled masterpieces that should not be missed!!
- 2002 **Türk Grüner Veltliner "Vom Urgentein"** .....\$12.99  
Old vines in primary rock give this wine an intense, clean and vibrant persona.
- 2003 **Felsner Grüner Veltliner Moosburgerin**.....\$13.99
- 2001 **Prager Riesling Smaragd Wachstum Bodenstern**.....\$39.99
- 2001 **Weninger Blaufränkisch Reserve "Barrique"** .....\$19.99
- 2003 **Walter Glatzer Zweigelt "Rubin Carnuntum"** .....\$19.99
- 2002 **Nigl Grüner Veltliner "Privat"** .....\$34.99  
Privat denotes the best wines of each vintage. 92 points *Spectator*.
- 2003 **Walter Glatzer Zweigelt "Dornenvogel"** .....\$26.99  
Dornenvogel (thorn-bird) is Glatzer's term for his best lots because these thieving birds like to eat the ripest grapes. Sexy Red!

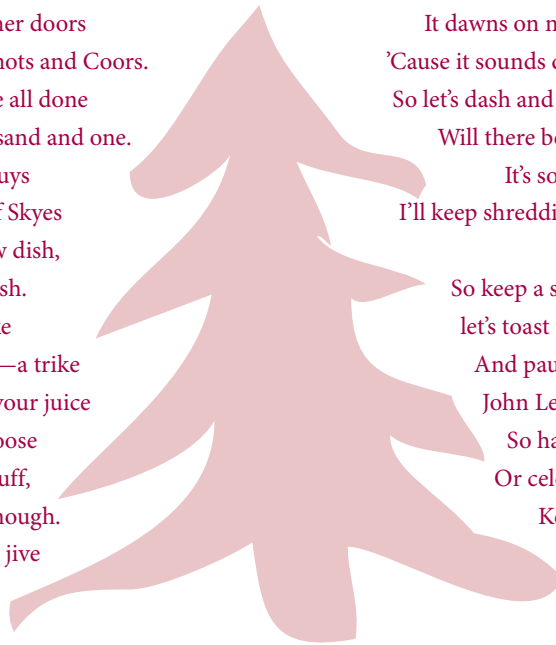
## Teutonic Bliss

What could come in handy more during the holidays than some good cheap vino? All the stress of shopping, the family, the friends, the days and days and days of "holiday cheer," countless obligatory visits to long lost cousins, sweaters with crocheted Reindeer.... Oh boy! Honestly now, in this world of rising prices and falling dollars it's nice to see some wineries that are willing to suck it up a little and get some great wine in here for a great price. We have a very good relationship with the Von Simmern estate, and are able to offer the **2002 Langwerth Von Simmern Riesling, Qba for \$9.99**, the unmistakable earthy flavors of riverfront Rheingau predominate with a spicy overtone and long finish, confirming the pedigree of the vineyards. The combination of top sites in a ripe, rich vintage, yet with bright, racy acidity and the skilled craftsmanship of one of the Rheingau's leading family-owned estates add up to a big winner for Riesling fans. This wine is bright and elegant, full of warm-soil character and that lovely silkiness typical of the area. The palate bursts with spiced apricot and hints of citrus, and the long mineral finish carries this on endlessly. Drink now and over the next 8-10 years.

Now on to Austria...we have just received a ton of new wines from recent vintages (plus some older wines). One of our new favorites is the **2002 Peter Schandl Blaufränkisch Ried Kreften (\$18.99)**. This is a red with class, just begging for you to forgo convention and pull the cork on this Austrian beauty. Peter Schandl is located in the idyllically green bucolic wonder that is Burgenland. This winery's flagship red is the Ried Kreften Blaufränkisch, which makes use of the estate's finest fruit from its Blaufränkisch vines. Very aromatic, spicy and elegant, with rich red cherry fruit, considerable finesse and a long finish. Enjoy with friends! Happy to be here...  
—Jeff Vierra

## The Night Before the Tree and Presents Thing...

'Twas the night before presents, and dinner, and wine  
And for all non believers, a beer and a stein  
The old K&L, she was closing her doors  
While the lights flickered out on the Pinots and Coors.  
The mad rush was over, and we were all done  
But for Ralph, on the phone since two thousand and one.  
Susan was ready to taste what she buys  
A tall single malt from the Isle of Skyes  
Greg plans to experiment with a new dish,  
And open Barolo and serve it with fish.  
Steve in the City, and Mulan and Mike  
Were helping Scott open his present—a trike  
And deep in the building that ships you your juice  
Kit, Brian and Rick were still hanging loose  
And Peter and Matt, who receive all our stuff,  
Receive a day off, and that can't be enough.  
So what about wine, I must shuck and I'll jive  
And offer '70 Fonseca and also '85  
The '70 has elegance, and balance and breed  
It is perfect right now and is all that you need.  
The '85's fat and bursting with fruit  
Sweet, ripe and rich and a value to boot.



Supplies of Fonseca are running quite short  
It's cold out and wet and that's perfect for port.  
It dawns on me now that this poem's a sham  
'Cause it sounds quite a bit like green eggs and ham.  
So let's dash and let's dance and let's don and let's blitz  
Will there be celebrations the day Jim Barr quits?  
It's so hard to say and it's so hard to know  
I'll keep shredding his image—he lets me, you know.  
So keep a spring in your step and raise up your glass  
let's toast to the day and the future and past  
And pause to remember the fallen and gone.  
John Lennon was right, and we all must shine on.  
So have Hanukkah bliss and Christmas elation  
Or celebrate Kwanzaa if that's your vocation  
Keep it all simple, and festive, and light  
Happy winter to all, and to all a good night.

Farewell Joe Jabaily, you are irreplaceable. And to all those who have touched, and gone: I remember.

—Joe Zugelder

## Jim's Holiday Gems

Within the last two weeks, we have gone from the mid-ninety-plus Summer-like temperatures in the North Coast to mid-winter cold. In fact, we have in some areas of the Sierra up over five feet of snow!

Fortunately, we were able to get all of the settling wine we crushed, fermented, pressed and racked to tanks and racked to oak before the first storms hit. I have never finished a harvest before October 1, and this coming winter promises to be a long, cold, wet one. The wines we have look really good, offering tons of correct varietal aromas and deep, dark color. I am hearing mixed reviews, however, from the North Coast that range from absolute enthusiasm to lukewarm evaluations. This will be an interesting vintage. As far as my vineyard is concerned, we did not allow it to produce, dropping the entire crop last April and May. We will make a decision this next spring as to whether we will allow it to produce crop for the next harvest.

With the holidays upon us, some of my favorite French producers have arrived with their newly released productions in our most recent container. As I mentioned two newsletters ago, we have been importing the wines from Franck Millet from the Loire Valley for ten years, and many of you have become enthralled with his Sancerre Blanc (sauvignon blanc). A few of you know he also makes a wonderful Sancerre Rouge (pinot noir) and had hoped that I would not mention this gem. Well, the secret is out! The **2003 Millet Sancerre Rouge (\$13.99)** is a stunning wine that rivals many, many Burgundies (Sorry, Keith!). Loaded with ripe red fruit and spice aromas with a hint of bacon and game, the fruit on the palate is lively and full, with excellent structure and viscosity, soft tannins, and a long, warm finish. Anderson says you will need to stockpile this puppy. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

Other old-time favorites that we have been importing for some time are the Southern Rhône Valley wines of Château de Montfaucon, which should be considered a Châteauneuf-Du-Pape. This 88-acre estate (named after the ruins of an 11th century castle) is owned and operated by former U.C. Davis graduate and member of the winemaking staff of Domaine Du Vieux Telegraph, Rodolphe de Pins. He produces two delicious wines. The regular **2001 Château de Montfaucon Côtes du Rhône (\$9.99)** is a blend of grenache (60%), cinsault (15%), carignan (15%) and syrah (10%), offering full, ripe, rich flavors with aromatics that are opulent and distinctive. The tannins are soft and integrated, and vinified to consume near term. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

The **2001 Château de Montfaucon Côtes du Rhône, "Cuvee Baron" (\$14.99)** is loaded with tons of spicy fruit. It is huge, focused, rich and concentrated with aromas of violets and white pepper. This is a blend of grenache (56%), cinsault (15%), syrah (10%) etc., and provides tons of red berry fruit, soft tannins and incredible integration. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

From a small family vineyard specializing in concentrated field blends, the **2003 Domaine de Verquiere Côtes du Rhône (\$8.99)** is an intense wine, with well-focused, deeply flavored cranberry- to plum-like spicy white pepper fruit notes, with soft tannins, excellent balance and structure and a long finish that seems to continue for several minutes. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

Try any one of these gems with your holiday meals, and you will be a superstar with family and friends. If you have any questions about these gems, you can contact me at [jimbarr@klwines.com](mailto:jimbarr@klwines.com). Happy Holidays and Enjoy!  
—Jim, Anderson, & Ebby



## CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

J Laurens Brut (Cremant de Limoux)-Great and less than \$10! .....	\$9.99
Eart Robert Plageoles Mauzac Nature Sparkling Wine .....	\$13.99
Ariston Carte Blanche Brut .....	\$22.99
Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs-What richness! .....	\$23.99
Marguet-Bonnerave "Cuvee Reserve" .....	\$23.99
Michel Dervin Brut.....	\$24.99
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé- It's finally back! .....	\$24.99
Ariston Aspasia Blanc de Blanc.....	\$24.99
Launois "Sable" Brut Blanc de Blanc .....	\$24.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc .....	\$24.99
Laurent Perrier Brut .....	\$24.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve Champagne.....	\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!.....	\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Zero-Gary's desert island Champagne .....	\$25.99
1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc .....	\$25.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut- Delicious .....	\$26.99
Michel Arnould Grand Cuvee Brut Champagne .....	\$29.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites .....	\$29.99
A Margaine Demi-Sec .....	\$29.99
1998 Michel Dervin Brut.....	\$29.99
1997 Launois Brut Blanc de Blanc.....	\$29.99
1996 Ariston Vintage Brut.....	\$29.99
1996 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc .....	\$29.99
Veuve-Cluquot Brut-One of the nation's best prices! .....	<b>Inquire</b>
Lallement Brut.....	\$31.99
1995 Laurent Perrier Brut .....	\$34.99
Fleury "Carte Rouge" Brut-Biodynamic. Beyond organic! .....	\$34.99
René Geoffroy Brut Rosé .....	\$37.99
Fleury Brut Rosé .....	\$39.99
Laurent Perrier Ultra Brut .....	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-One of our best .....	\$39.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé (1.5L \$99.00) .....	\$43.99
Lallement Brut Réserve .....	\$42.99
1998 Philippe Gonet Special Club Blanc de Blanc .....	\$42.99
1996 Pol Roger Vintage Brut Champagne .....	\$49.99
De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut (1.5L) .....	\$54.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Les Belles Voyes .....	\$59.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle" (1.5L \$129.00) .....	\$63.99
Cattier Clos du Moulin 1er Cru Brut .....	\$77.99
1996 Cuvee William Deutz Brut .....	\$89.99
Krug Grand Cuvee.....	\$104.99
1995 Salon Blanc de Blancs .....	\$128.99

## Grand Siecle: The Sun King

Laurent Perrier is a big Champagne house; they produce about 7,000,000 bottles a year. Unlike most big houses, however, they produce very little of their prestige cuvee. While Moët & Chandon is synonymous with Dom Pérignon and Roederer with Cristal only a few Champagne fanatics know about Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle.

Grand Siecle has been difficult to sell for Laurent Perrier in the U.S. because unlike Dom or Cristal, it does not carry a vintage date, a feature that U.S. consumers associate with quality. The current cuvee of **Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle (\$63.99)** on offer is a blend of three very good vintages: 1988, 1990 and 1993. This is the 15th Grand Siecle that LP has released, the first came out in 1960 with a blend of 1952, 1953 and 1955. Usually the wine spends at least seven years ageing on the yeast (the current release has had 10!). Dom and Cristal are usually only aged for five or six years. Unfortunately, the bottles are not labeled with the years blended, making it a difficult wine to collect and compare over the years. The folks at LP say that since two of the vintages always stay the same (the last cuvee was 1985, 1988 and 1990 and the next will be 1990, 1993 and 1995), it is a consistent product. I agree that it is a consistently excellent product, but totally disagree that it tastes the same each time. On the contrary, the joy is in the differences! At home I put a sticker on the bottles to tell them apart.

Another hurdle the Grand Siecle faces in the U.S. is the name; it is very hard to pronounce. It sounds to me like Gran See Eck as the L is almost silent. We sometimes call it the Sun King here at K&L, since the name is inspired by the prosperous period of time when Louis XIV ruled France. Name aside, it is what's inside that counts, and this Champagne is made entirely out of Grand Cru fruit, the best that they can purchase and less than 10% of their entire production. It is half chardonnay and half pinot noir. The Grand Siecle has glorious detail and complexity on the bouquet. In the mouth, the bead is ultra fine. It is hard to imagine smaller bubbles. The flavors are polished and fresh but still fully developed, a testament to the precise blending.

We also have a limited quantity of the tiny production **1997 Grand Siecle Cuvee Alexandra Brut Rosé (\$89.99)**. From the masters of rosé, this Alexandra Grand Siecle is incomparable! Not a fake tete de cuvee like those you'll find floor stacked at Cost Co, this tiny production Champagne is composed exclusively from Grand Cru fruit, 80% pinot noir and 20% chardonnay. It has a gorgeous pink hue and fine, delicate pinot noir fruit. It is very long and refined on the finish, and I prefer this 1997 to the 1990, which was the last vintage released.

Please drop me a line at garywestby@klwines.com so that you can be the first to know about any new offerings. And feel free to contact me at 1-800-247-5987 ex 2728. A toast to you! —Gary Westby

## Tasting Bar Schedule for December, 2004

All tastings are from Noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. Please see our website, [www.klwines.com](http://www.klwines.com), for additional information about tastings, dinners and special events.

**Saturday, December 4: Bordeaux!** Clyde, Ralph and Steve bring us our final Bordeaux tasting of 2004. We will finish with our final favorite picks from the 2000 and 2001 vintages with one older red Bordeaux pick. A total of nine wines to be poured with seven red, one white and one Sauternes. Tasting price TBA.

**Saturday, December 11: Burgundy.** Keith and Mulan will show their favorites from our inventory. A mix of red and white with picks for the cellar and best buys, too. A perfect opportunity to choose wines for your holiday feasts! Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

**Saturday, December 18: Champagne from Laurent-Perrier.** In San Francisco only, one of our favorite Champagne producers, Laurent-Perrier, will pour vintage and non-vintage Brut and Rosé. \$5 to taste. Tasting bar will be closed in Redwood City.

**Saturday, December 25 and January 1: Tasting Bars Closed.**

Also, plan to attend **K&L's Grand Italian Tasting** Saturday, January 15 from Noon to 3 p.m., featuring more than 50 wines from all over Italy held at Chantilly Restaurant next door to K&L Redwood City. Special one-day pricing will be available on some wines. The wine industry's most knowledgeable Italian wine lovers will pour their favorite wines, and light appetizers will be served. \$65.00 per person (sorry but no shared tastings for this event). Space is limited.

## WHITE BURGUNDY

2002 St Bris (Sauvignon), Moreau & Fils-Chablis minerality .....	\$9.99
2003 Mâcon Solutr�, Domaine Renaud-Bright, mineral driven .....	\$10.99
2002 Petit Chablis, Moreau & Fils .....	\$11.99
2002 St-V�ran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet .....	\$13.99
Perennial favorite. Forward and rich with minerality and charm.	
2001 M�con-Villages, "Les Bruyeres," Lapalus-Extremely rich .....	\$13.99
2002 Chablis, Domaine Barat-Mineral driven and classic.....	\$14.99
2001 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty .....	\$14.99
2003 Pouilly Fuiss�, Domaine Renaud .....	\$15.99
2003 Macon-Villages, Domaine Heritiers Comte Lafon.....	\$17.99
2002 Pouilly-Fuiss�, Domaine Nembrets, Denis Barraud .....	\$17.99
Wonderful minerality combined with ripe, toasty oak notes and great length.	
2002 Chablis, Domaine Long Depaquit .....	\$18.99
2001 Bourgogne Aligot�, Domaine Ramonet .....	\$19.99
2002 Pouilly-Fuiss�, Domaine Michel Delorme .....	\$19.99
2001 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Henri Gouges .....	\$19.99
Made from his albino pinot noir grapes! Floral and concentrated, fascinating.	
2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Fran�ois Mikulski .....	\$20.99
Bright and focused, with Meursault minerality. Very poised rather than rich and fat.	
2001 Nuits-St-Geo, "Clos de L'Arlet Blanc," 1er Cru (.375ml) \$31.99	
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, Bouchard P�re & Fils-Spicy, rich .....	\$32.99
2002 St-Aubin, "En Remilly," 1er, Ch. de Pul. Montrachet.....	\$32.99
2002 St-Aubin, "Charmois," 1er, Dom Jean-Marc Morey .....	\$33.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Jean-Marc Morey.....	\$33.99
2002 Meursault, Ch�teau de Puligny Montrachet .....	\$36.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, Ch. de Puligny Montrachet .....	\$43.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Champs Gain," 1er, Dom J-M Morey .....	\$46.99
2002 Meursault, "Grands Charron," Vincent Dancer .....	\$46.99
2002 Meursault, Domaine Fran�ois Mikulski.....	\$47.99
2002 Meursault, "Poruzots," 1er Cru, Ch de Pul Montrachet \$48.99	
2002 Chablis, "Vaudesirs," Grand Cru, Dom Long Depaquit \$49.95	
2001 Meursault, Domaine Pierre Morey.....	\$49.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Morgeot," Chapelle, 1er, Magenta (Jadot)\$52.99	
2002 Chass-Mont, "Morgeot," Marquis Laguiche (Drouhin)..	\$52.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Cailleret," 1er, Domaine J-M Morey .....	\$52.99
2001 Meursault, "Tessons," Domaine Pierre Morey .....	\$56.99
Precise, focused and extremely beautiful wines from Leflaive's winemaker.	
2001 Chassagne-Mont, "La Boudriotte," 1er Cru, Ramonet ..	\$57.99
2002 Chablis, "Moutonne," Grand Cru, Long Depaquit .....	\$60.99
2002 Puligny-Mont, "Referts," 1er Cru, Dom Louis Jadot .....	\$61.99
2002 Puligny-Mont, "Folaties," 1er Cru, Ch de Pul Mont....	\$63.99
2001 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Maltroie," 1er Cru, Niellon ....	\$66.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Roman�e," 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer .....	\$67.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "T�te du Clos,"(Morgeot) V. Dancer .....	\$68.99
2002 Meursault, "Poruzots," 1er Cru, F. Mikulski .....	\$69.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Maltroye," 1er Cru, Gagnard..	\$69.99
2001 Puligny-Montrachet, "Combettes," 1er Cru, Sauzet .....	\$69.99
2001 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Ruchottes," 1er Cru, Domaine Ramonet .....	\$73.99
2002 Puligny-Mont, "Pucelles," 1er Cru, Dom P Pernot .....	\$73.99
Concentrated, mineral-laden, focused and intense.	
2002 Meursault, "Charmes," 1er Cru, F. Mikulski .....	\$78.99
2002 Meursault, "Perri�res," 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer.....	\$78.99
2002 Meursault, "Perri�res," 1er Cru, Pierre Morey.....	\$82.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, Gagnard .....	\$104.99
2000 Criots-B�tard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot ....	\$119.99

## ALSACE/LOIRE

We have an extensive selection of outstanding Alsace and Loire wines, the following is a sampling of our complete inventory which you can view at [www.klwines.com](http://www.klwines.com).

### Alsace

2002 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur .....	\$10.99
2002 Tokay-Pinot Gris, Domaine Roland Schmitt .....	\$12.99
VN Cremant d Alsace, Charles Baur .....	\$12.99
An elegant and rich sparkler with a fine bead and fruity nose. Perfect for parties and holiday gatherings!!	
2000 Riesling, Domaines Schlumberger, Saering, Grand Cru \$14.99	
2002 Gew�rztraminer, Domaine Roland Schmitt Glintzberg Cuv�e Lucille .....	\$17.99
2002 Gew�rztraminer, GC Pfersigberg, Charles Baur .....	\$19.99
Very classy, lots of soil character. Properly dry, full of vibrant, refreshing acidity, never cloying, yet still pungently spicy.	
2002 Riesling, Domaine Weinbach Grand Cru Schlossberg Cuv�e St. Catherine (.375ml).....	\$24.99
2002 Riesling, Domaine Weinbach Cuv�e St. Catherine .....	\$35.99
2000 Gruenspiel de Bergheim, Marcel Deiss .....	\$55.99

### Loire

2002 Chinon, Ch�teau de Ligre Pierre Ferrand .....	\$9.99
2002 Muscadet S�vre Maine Sur Lie, Domaine de la Pepiere....	\$9.99
2002 Saumur Blanc "Julian Fouet," Domaine Fouet .....	\$10.99
2003 Touraine Gamay, Clos Roche Blanche .....	\$12.99
2002 Saumur Champigny, Rene Noel Legrand La Chaintre....	\$13.99
Pure ripe expression of franc, showing chocolate and mineral	
2003 Coteaux du Layon, Chateau Soucherie Y. Tijou .....	\$16.99
2002 Sancerre, Domiane Daulny, Clos de Chaudenay VV .....	\$16.99
2002 Saumur Champigny, Domaine Fouet .....	\$17.99
Explosive nose of dried cherry, lavender, sweet red plums and mineral, very juicy and bright, perfect cabernet franc.	
2002 Vouvray, Le Bouchet Demi-Sec, Fran�ois Chidaine .....	\$17.99
2002 Montlouis "Les Choisilles," Fran�ois Chidaine .....	\$18.99
Dry long and intensely mineral, from distinct plots all left to ripen late and vinified in a bold rich dry style. Chidaine is the top!	
1999 Savennieres "Clos des Perrieres," Pierre Yves Tijou .....	\$19.99
2000 Chinon, Couly Dutheil, Clos de l'Echo .....	\$21.99
The domaine's masterpiece, the Clos de l'Echo is a wine of grand proportion, complex, structured, and very age worthy.	
2002 Sancerre Rouge, Lucien Crochet "Croix du Roy" .....	\$25.99
2002 Vouvray Sec "Clos Naudin," Philippe Foreau.....	\$29.99
1996 Vouvray Moelleux "Clos Naudin," Philippe Foreau.....	\$34.99
2002 Vouvray Moelleux "Clos Naudin," Philippe Foreau.....	\$43.99
95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	

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- 2001 Bourgogne, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand.....\$13.99  
 2002 Marsannay, Maison Louis Latour .....\$14.99  
 2001 Bourgogne, Domaine Camus-Brochon .....\$15.99  
 2000 Côte-de-Nuits-Villages, V.V., Desertaux-Ferrand .....\$18.99  
 2002 Bourgogne, Domaine Heresztyn .....\$18.99  
 2002 Côtes-de-Nuits-Villages, "Le Vaucrain," Louis Jadot .....\$20.99  
 From a vineyard next to Clos de Marechal. Lovely bright fruit and length.
- 2001 Monthelie, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils.....\$21.99  
 2002 Santenay, Clos de Malte, Domaine Louis Jadot .....\$23.99  
 "Juicy, pure and medium-bodied, [with] black pepper-laced blackberries," *Wine Advocate*
- 2001 Marsannay, Domaine Joseph Roty .....\$24.99  
 2002 Monthelie, "Les Duresses," 1er, Dom Bouchard P&F ....\$25.99  
 2001 Marsannay, "Quartiers," Domaine Roty.....\$25.99  
 2002 Savigny-Beaunes, "Clos Guettes," 1er, Domaine Jadot ..\$26.99  
 "A balanced, delicious, intense and persistent wine of notable distinction," *Burghound*
- 2001 Savigny-Beaunes, "Narbanton," 1er, Camus Brochon ....\$26.99  
 2000 Morey-St-Denis, Domaine Regis Forey .....\$29.99  
 2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, "VV," Domaine Heresztyn .....\$29.99  
 2002 Nuits-St-Georges, "Clos Fôrets," 1er,  
 Domaine l'Arlot (.375ml) .....\$31.99  
 2000 Nuits-St-Georges, "Perrieres," 1er, Dom Regis Forey ....\$36.99  
 2001 Morey-St-Denis, "En la Rue de Vergy," Michel Gros .....\$36.99  
 Fine and beautiful fruit from the vineyard next to Clos de Tart and Clos des Lambrays. This is an up-and-coming vineyard, and not to be missed!
- 2001 Nuits-St-Georges, "Aus Bas de Combes," Jean Tardy .....\$39.99  
 Rich, juicy, oaky and concentrated, due to low yields.
- 2001 Vosne-Romanée, "Vigneux," Jean Tardy.....\$39.99  
 Pretty and charming fruit with a long finish. Nice Vosne-Romanée plushness.
- 2001 Chambolle-Musigny, "Les Athets," Jean Tardy.....\$39.99  
 Gentle oak, Chambolle elegance and lovely fruit. Elegant and understated.
- 2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er, Dom Lambrays-(\$69 elsewhere).....\$39.99  
 2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, Champs Chenys, Joseph Roty .....\$42.99  
 2001 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Georges Roumier .....\$43.99  
 2001 Morey-St-Denis, "Clos Bussiere," 1er Cru, Roumier .....\$43.99  
 2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, "Corbeaux," 1er Cru, Heresztyn ..\$43.99  
 The Corbeaux is dark, rich, spicy.
- 2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, "Champs Chenys," Joseph Roty ....\$43.99  
 2001 Nuits-St-Georges, "Boudots," 1er Cru, Jean Tardy .....\$44.99  
 From grapes Jean Tardy grows for Meo-Camuzet, at a much lower price.
- 2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn .....\$44.99  
 2001 Volnay, "Taillepieds," 1er Cru, Angerville .....\$44.99  
 2002 Volnay, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, Dom Bouchard .....\$46.99  
 2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, "Clos Prieur," Joseph Roty .....\$48.99  
 1999 Pommard, "Clos des Arvelets," 1er Cru,  
 Virely-Rougeot .....\$49.99  
 Cherries on the nose, red and black fruits on the palate. Classic Pommard.
- 2002 Chambolle-Musigny, "Les Cras," Dom Patrice Rion .....\$49.99  
 2001 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Chaumes," 1er Cru, Jean Tardy ..\$49.99  
 2002 Vosne-Romanée, 1er Cru, Dom Gros Frere & Soeur .....\$49.99  
 2001 Nuits-St-Georges, "Boudots," 1er Cru, Jean Grivot .....\$53.99  
 2002 Nuits-St-Georges, "Murgers," 1er Cru, Hudelot-Noellat \$54.99  
 2001 Vosne-Romanée, "Beaux Monts," 1er, Jean Grivot.....\$54.99  
 2001 Morey-St-Denis, "Les Millandes," 1er, Dom Heresztyn ..\$56.99  
 2000 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Drouhin-Laroze.....\$57.99  
 2000 Volnay, "Fremiets," 1er Cru, Comte Armand.....\$57.99  
 Beautiful black fruit with rich, extremely ripe, supple flavors yet good focus.
- 2001 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Chandon de Brialles ..\$58.99  
 2002 Nuits-St-George, "Clos Fôrets," 1er Cru,  
 Domaine l'Arlot .....\$62.99  
 2002 Vosne-Romanée, "Chaumes," 1er, Gros Frère & Soeur ..\$66.99  
 2000 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine E. Rouget.....\$69.99  
 2000 Clos des Lambrays, Grand Cru.....\$69.99  
 Lovely, aromatic, supple and showing elegantly well.
- 2002 Nuits-St-George "Clos Argillieres," 1er,  
 Domaine Patrice Rion .....\$71.99  
 2001 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Dom Gros Frère & Soeur .....\$74.99  
 2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Dugat-Py .....\$79.99  
 2001 Clos des Lambrays, Grand Cru.....\$89.99  
 92 points Steve Tanzer: "Complex...Rich, dense...spicy and long."
- 2002 Clos de Vougeot, Hudelot Noellat .....\$99.95  
 2000 Mazy-Chamb, Grand Cru, P. Charlopin-(was \$145).....\$125.00  
 Powerful and concentrated, with a lingering finish and excellent balance.
- 2002 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Domaine Groffier.....\$159.99  
 2000 Romanée-St-Vivant, Domaine de la Romanée Conti....\$320.00

### Pour Votre Plaisir

#### Princely Wines

It's time to welcome in the New Year with some more of the wonderful 2002 red Burgundy vintage. The wines from **Domaine Prince de Mèrôde** have improved so much in the last few vintages. I am excited about the wines, as well as the quality involved. By starting five years ago with work in the vineyards and reduction of yields, then following it by building a new cuverie with temperature-controlled fermenters, the domaine has achieved an astonishing rise in quality. **Domaine Prince de Merode** has really become the star of Corton, in an astonishingly short time for such a turnaround. I am excited about their wines, which really fit the definition of princely: rich and superior in quality.

The **2002 Ladoix, "Les Chaillots"** (\$21.99) has cherry fruit notes, fine tannins and a bit of anise. The **2002 Pommard, "Les Platieres"** (\$36.99) comes from the lower portion of the vineyard, so it is not Premier Cru, but offers a richer mid-palate and dark, supple balanced fruit. The **2002 Corton Marechaudes, Grand Cru** (\$49.99) is much meatier than the Pommard, with anise notes, dense fruit and a long finish. The **2002 Corton Renardes, Grand Cru** (\$59.99) is finer and brighter than the Marechaudes, with more charming fruit and lovely cherry notes on the finish. The **2002 Corton Bressandes, Grand Cru** (\$66.99) presents lots of spice and more structure than the Marechaudes, with supple fruit, great intensity and an interesting cocoa note. There is clearly lots of aging potential here. Finally, the **2002 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru** (\$69.99) is a more focused wine, showing both structure and power. It is showy on the entry, but then tightens up mid-palate. The finish is long and focused, and this is a wine that needs some of time in the cellar. It most certainly will be worth waiting for. À Santé.

—Keith Wollenberg

## ITALIAN WINES

For questions about Italian wines email Greg at [greg@klwines.com](mailto:greg@klwines.com) or call at ex 2713. If you can't get me directly I put tremendous faith in these Italian wine colleagues' opinions. You should too! In San Francisco the one and only Mike Parres [mikep@klwines.com](mailto:mikep@klwines.com) In Redwood City Jeff Vierra [jeffv@klwines.com](mailto:jeffv@klwines.com) at ex 2736 or Kirk Walker [kirkw@klwines.com](mailto:kirkw@klwines.com). Or visit [www.klwines.com](http://www.klwines.com).

### Tuscany

2003 Maritima Sangiovese "4 Old Guys" .....	\$6.99
2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano .....	\$9.99
2002 San Felice Chianti Classico .....	\$11.99
2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti Classico.....	\$13.99
2000 Castello di Monastero Chianti Classico .....	\$13.99
2001 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico .....	\$13.99
2000 Castello di Meleto Chianti Classico .....	\$13.99
2002 Aia Vecchia Lagone .....	\$14.99
2001 Felsina Chianti Classico-Best in a decade! .....	\$15.95
2000 Castello di Monsanto Chianti Classico Riserva .....	\$16.99
2001 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico .....	\$16.99
2001 Carobbio Chianti Classico-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .....	\$16.99
2002 Teruzzi & Puthod Terre di Tufi.....	\$16.99
2001 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli" .....	\$17.95
1999 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva .....	\$18.95
2001 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano .....	\$20.99
2001 San Vincenti Chianti Classico.....	\$21.99
2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano .....	\$21.99
Truly wonderful Vino Nobile and drinking perfectly now! Spectacular vintage.	
1999 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Riserva .....	\$22.99
1999 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia" .....	\$23.99
2001 Fonterutoli Chianti Classico.....	\$23.99
2001 Fontodi Chianti Classico .....	\$23.99
2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti "Torre a Destra" .....	\$24.99

### Sotto la Pergola Inclinata

The seeds of many months of work on our direct import portfolio have finally come to fruition! This year we've added three new wineries to our two fabulous Friulian producers Ermacora and Blason, from Montalcino, Sesta di Sopra, Baricci and Pian dell'Orino as well as a Piemontese producer, Ruggeri Corsini.

2003 was a sensational vintage in Friuli! The very long and warm growing season produced exceptional wines from the brothers Ermacora (read about the Pinot Bianco and Pinot Grigio in Mike's column), full-bodied, very ripe but still with a concentrated core of minerality and fruit. The **2003 Ermacora Tocai Friulano (\$13.99)** has the typical minerality and hints of anise, but the power, ripeness and depth of this vintage is incredible! Try it with baked halibut. In Italy Ermacora's most sought after wine is the **2003 Ermacora Sauvignon (\$14.99)**, full-bodied, complex, layers of fruit and mineral, one of the best expressions of Italian Sauvignon you'll find!

Giovanni Blason and his wife Valentina are nascent producers who shocked us with their price-to-quality ratio, even earning 2 glasses in *Gambero Rosso*. They come from the Isonzo region, right up against the Slovenian border. The **2003 Blason Pinot Grigio (\$8.99)** is really sensational, full in the mouth, rich on the palate and extraordinarily drinkable at this price! This incredibly warm growing season was spectacular for Friulian reds, and the **2003 Blason Merlot (\$8.99)** is

Superb Chianti, great drinkability. 94 points *Wine Spectator*.

<b>1999 Tenute Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva .....</b>	<b>\$27.99</b>
<b>1999 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Ris "Coltassala" ....</b>	<b>\$33.99</b>
<b>1999 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Ris "San Marcellino" .....</b>	<b>\$34.99</b>
The power of Brunello, the subtle elegance of Chianti, a sublime experience! 3 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
<b>1999 Castello di Monsanto Chianti Riserva "Il Poggio" .....</b>	<b>\$47.99</b>

### Montalcino

<b>2002 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino .....</b>	<b>\$18.99</b>
<b>1999 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino" Super Tuscan .....</b>	<b>\$18.99</b>
<b>1999 Pian dell'Orino-K&amp;L Direct Import bargain! .....</b>	<b>\$36.99</b>

Jan Erbach and Caroline Probitzer's small vineyard with its tiny 500-case production overlooks the historic vineyards of Biondi Santi a bit to the southeast of the town of Montalcino. The wine has a nose full of blackberry and plum aromas intertwined with a subtle touch of toasted oak. This classic full-bodied Brunello flows across the palate with satiny tannins, coupling the rich plummy flavors of this sangiovese with traces of spice, raw meat and a subtle yet captivating smokiness that leads to a long, clean and focused finish. A superb balance of ripe fruit, yet with structure, so well balanced that it is easy to drink now but ideally will be best with some cellar time.

<b>1999 Verbena-91 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i> .....</b>	<b>\$39.99</b>
<b>1999 Cinelli-Colombini -90 points, <i>Spectator</i>, 2 Glasses <i>G Rosso</i>.....</b>	<b>\$39.99</b>
<b>1999 Coldisole Brunello .....</b>	<b>\$39.99</b>
<b>1999 Piancornello-3 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .....</b>	<b>\$42.99</b>
<b>1999 Val di Suga-90 points, <i>Spectator</i>, 2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .....</b>	<b>\$44.99</b>
<b>1999 Poggio San Polo-93 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i>.....</b>	<b>\$46.99</b>
<b>1999 La Togata-91 points, <i>Spectator</i>, 2 Red Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> ....</b>	<b>\$47.99</b>
<b>1999 Antinori Pian delle Vigne-92 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i> .....</b>	<b>\$54.99</b>
<b>1999 Le Macioche.....</b>	<b>\$54.99</b>
<b>1999 Casanuova delle Cerbaie-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .....</b>	<b>\$57.99</b>
Dense, powerful, needs a decanting now or 3-5 yrs cellaring a powerhouse!	
<b>1997 Casisano-Colombaio Brunello Ris-92 points, <i>Spectator</i> .....</b>	<b>\$78.99</b>

chocolaty, ripe, super drinkable with considerable depth for a wine of this price range. The **2002 Blason Chardonnay (\$9.99)** was so good last year when we bought it we opted for the rest of this vintage and let the 2003 age a little! All stainless, pure chardonnay fruit, mineral, body, balance, length and finish. Superb for the price!

Nello Baricci is one of Montalcino's oldest producers. His property "Il Colombaio" sits on Montalcino's most famous vineyard site, Montosoli. For years his wines were unavailable for the U.S. marketplace due to demand in Italy and Germany. Fortunately, we were able to secure a small amount. The **2002 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino (\$18.99)** is 100% pure sangiovese, and I mean pure. The elegant Montosoli fruit shows why this vineyard is so famous.

Jan Erbach and Caroline Probitzer, whose vineyards overlook Biondi Santi, are new to Montalcino. Their **1999 Pian dell'Orino Brunello (\$36.99)** is powerful, with a nose full of blackberry and plum aromas intertwined with a subtle touch of toasted oak. This classic full-bodied Brunello flows across the palate with satiny tannins, coupling the rich plummy flavors of sangiovese with traces of spice, raw meat and a subtle yet captivating smokiness that leads to a long, clean and focused finish. The **1997 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino" (\$18.99)** is a Super Tuscan blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. 90 points from the *Spectator* and a steal at the price!

—Greg St. Clair

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1999 Valdicava-94 points, *Wine Spectator* .....\$79.99  
 1997 Pertimali Livio Sassetti Riserva-92 points, Parker .....\$99.99

The wine is distinct, dramatically unique, and seat belts are generally required. The nose is full of ripe, chocolaty aromas, sweet plums, dates, dried figs, lavender, violets and raspberry preserves, which flow onto the palate where the fruit goes through a metamorphosis, and more earthy, meaty, spicy aromas come forward like fresh cut leather, Asian spices and braised meats. This 1997 Riserva has tremendous power, a combination of structure, density and richness along with a smooth, polished feeling make this one of the stars of this vintage!!

### Piedmont

2002 Bera Dolcetto d'Alba .....\$9.99  
 2002 Agostino Pavia Barbera d'Asti Bricco Blina .....\$10.99  
 2003 Bera Moscato d'Asti.....\$10.99  
 2002 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto d'Alba-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* ....\$11.99  
 2003 Boroli Moscato d'Asti .....\$11.99

Richly textured, bursting with flavor, Mike and I found this on our last trip!

2001 Anna Maria Abbona Dolcetto Dogliani, Sori dij But ....\$12.99  
 2003 Saracco Moscato d'Asti-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.....\$13.99  
 2002 Vietti Arneis .....\$15.99  
 2002 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo d'Alba-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* ....\$15.99  
 2003 Cascina Val de Prete Barbera d'Alba Serra de Gatti.....\$15.99

Super rich 2003 vintage! Mario Roagna's new vineyard source is fabulous!

2003 Cascina Val de Prete Arneis "Luet" .....\$15.99  
 2003 Monchiero Carbone Arneis "Recit"-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$15.99

This is so good it doesn't seem possible to be Arneis!

2002 Barone Riccati Dolcetto, Il Colombo .....\$15.99  
 2002 G.D. Vajra Dolcetto d'Alba Coste & Fossati .....\$16.99  
 2003 Villa Sparina Gavi di Gavi "La Villa" .....\$17.99

### Barolo/Barbaresco

2000 Barolo & Barbaresco: *Wine Spectator's* 100-point vintage!

2000 Massolino Barolo-92 points, *Wine Spectator*.....\$33.99  
 2000 Marchese di Gresy Barbaresco "Martinenga" .....\$34.99  
 1993 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-(Yes, 1993!) .....\$47.99

Complex, balanced, drinkable Barolo at an excellent price, what a concept!

1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo .....\$47.99  
 1998 Famiglia Anselma Barolo .....\$47.99  
 1995 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi" .....\$53.99  
 2001 Albino Rocca Barbaresco "Loreto".....\$53.99

2 Red Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

2001 Albino Rocca Barbaresco "Bric Ronchi" .....\$53.99  
 2 Red Glasses *Gambero Rosso*. If you thought that 2000 was a 100-point vintage then 2001 has to be a 101-point vintage!

1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi" .....\$55.99  
 1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi" .....\$59.99

### Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

2003 Blason Pinot Grigio-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* .....\$8.99  
 2003 Blason Merlot .....\$8.99  
 2003 Blason Chardonnay.....\$9.99  
 2000 Convento Muri-Gries Lagrein Scuro-1 Glass *Gamb Rosso* ..\$11.99  
 2003 Ermacora Tocai Friulano-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* .....\$13.99  
 2003 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$14.99  
 2003 Ermacora Sauvignon-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* .....\$14.99  
 2001 Blason "Venc" Chardonnay/Pinot Bianco .....\$14.99  
 2003 Ermacora Pinot Bianco-2 Red Glasses *Gambero Rosso* .....\$14.99  
 2003 Ermacora Pinot Grigio-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* .....\$14.99  
 2003 Cantina Terlan Pinot Grigio dell Alto Adige .....\$15.99  
 2003 Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos"-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* .....\$17.99

You won't believe the quality, power and body of this un-oaked masterpiece!

2003 Valle Isarco Veltliner "Aristos"-3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* ....\$17.99  
 2003 Abbazia di Novacella Gewürztraminer .....\$24.99

2 Red Glasses *Gambero Rosso*. "Spectacular! The nose has incredible floralness, and in the glass you'll find rose petals as well minerality, very pretty melon fruit and acidity so crisp it almost slaps you in the face," Mike Parres

1999 Muri-Gries Lagrein "Abtei Riserva" - 3 Glasses *Gamb Rosso* \$28.99  
 2000 Muri-Gries Lagrein "Abtei Riserva"-3 Glasses *Gamb Rosso*..\$28.99  
 1999 Abbazia di Novacella "Praepositus" Lagrein .....\$29.99  
 2002 Blason "Vencjar" (1.5L) .....\$39.99  
 2000 Lageder Pinot Nero "Krafuss" .....\$31.99

### Lombardia, Sicily, Umbria, Veneto and Other

2002 Arancio Grillo Bianco .....\$5.99  
 2001 Arancio Nero d'Avola .....\$5.99  
 2001 Arancio Syrah .....\$5.99  
 2002 Zandotti Frascati.....\$6.99  
 2003 Colosi Bianco .....\$7.99  
 2002 Colosi Rosso .....\$7.99  
 2001 Trullari Primitivo del Tarantino .....\$8.99  
 2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* .....\$8.99  
 Ca de Medici "Terra Calda" .....\$9.99

Join the throngs who adore this dry, purple, frothy wonder. Staff favorite!

2000 Dama Montepulciano d'Abruzzo-Complexity, balance, fruit ....\$9.99  
 NV Col Sandago Prosecco Extra Dry Valdobbiadene .....\$13.99

Excellent quality! Clean, bright, crisp, it should be on your table tonight!

2003 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Rossojbleo .....\$14.99  
 2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Ripasso-2 Glasses *Gamb Rosso* ..\$16.99  
 2001 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Nerojbleo-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* .....\$17.99  
 2000 Luigi Righetti Amarone .....\$19.99  
 2000 Scacciadiavoli Sagrantino di Montefalco-91 points, Parker \$34.99  
 1999 Bruno Coati Amarone .....\$29.99  
 2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "M Danieli"-2 Glasses *G Rosso* ....\$39.99  
 1999 Allegrini Amarone-95 points, Parker.....\$58.99

## *December Favorites!*

2003 Ermacora Pinot Grigio (\$14.99) As always the brothers Ermacora (Dario and Luciano) do an outstanding job with their wines and 2003 is no exception. This Pinot Grigio has wonderful fruit and minerals on the nose. The palate has melon, pear and citrus fruit with a touch of grassiness a dry finish and great length. I gave this wine three stars! (That's as high as I go, in my ratings.)

2003 Ermacora Pinot Bianco (\$14.99) is perfectly balanced, a little creamier than the Pinot Grigio though just as complex. Think custard-like flavors with a hint of green apples and good acidity. This wine will work well for your holiday parties, too.

2003 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto d'Alba (\$11.99) One of our GREAT finds this year was from the husband and wife team of Nicola Argamante and Loredana Addari. Small production and super values! This wine is all stainless steel. I love the floralness and blackberries on the nose. Medium-bodied, with berries and spice mingling with minerality and soft tannins. A very user-friendly wine.

2002 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo d'Alba (\$15.99) For those of you who are unfamiliar with the main grape of Barolo and Barbaresco, here is a way to experiment with the varietal at a quarter of the price. This wine undergoes 10 days maceration (nebbiolo is very light skinned like pinot noir). As is typical of this grape, you will find blackberries, tar, tobacco and spice with a good tannin structure. This is a winter red to warm your cold bones. Salute!  
 —Mike Parres

## SPECIALTY SPIRITS

*The holidays are here, and our selection of high quality, unique spirits will be just what you need for that special gift! If we don't have what you are looking for, we are always willing to special order! For a more complete listing with descriptions and tasting notes, check out our website at [klwines.com](http://klwines.com).* —Susan Purnell

### Armagnac

**1973 Baron de Lustrac Folle Blanche de Courros Bas-Arm ....\$89.99**

**1970 Baron de Lustrac Folle Blanche de Courros Bas-Arm ....\$99.99**

**1984 Boingeres Folle Blanche Bas-Armagnac .....\$139.99**

The House of Castarède, founded in 1832, is the oldest of all Armagnac trading houses. Its prestige is based on its exceptional collection of vintage Armagnacs, with more than forty authenticated vintages, the oldest dating from 1881, crafted from the best products of the Bas Armagnac region and matured in cellars more than a hundred years old. In-cask ageing and traditional distillation allow these spirits to express the unique soil and Gascony vine stocks.

**Castarede Bas-Armagnac VSOP .....\$36.99**

**Castarede Bas-Armagnac XO .....\$55.99**

Our staff recently met with Lionel Osmin who is the Export Director for Darroze. What a leaning experience! With Darroze it is all about terroir and quality. Darroze works regularly with no less than twelve different estates to insure the quality of the grapes that are grown to produce their Armagnac.

**1975 Darroze Bas-Armagnac, Domaine de Rieston .....Inquire**

**1965 Darroze Bas-Armagnac, Domaine de Peyrot .....Inquire**

### Calvados

**1975 Coeur de Lion Pay D'Age Calvados.....Inquire**

For vintage Coeur de Lion Calvados the date on the bottle is the year it was distilled. The 1975 was doubled distilled and aged in cider casks. The color is gold to amber. The nose is very full and powerful with lush, deep baked apples. On the palate it is very rich, with many layers of flavors blending on the palate. Wonderful maturity yet very fresh and lively!

### Liqueur

**Intrigue Liqueur .....\$23.99**

What do you get when you blend of French vodka, fine Cognac and exotic passion fruits? You get beautiful true tropical flavors that are just what you need to make a Saketini for your holiday and New Years parties! What is a Saketini? 2 oz of your favorite cold Sake with 1 oz of Intrigue, shaken over ice with an orange twist!

### Single Malt Whisky

**Ardbeg 1994, 9-year-old, Gordon & MacPhail Bottling ..... \$55.99**

It is very difficult to find bottles of Ardbeg. So we could not pass up this lovely nine year from the great house of Gordon & MacPhail. Don't miss out!

**Aultmore 1989, 14-year-old, Whisky Galore .....\$29.99**

Tasting Notes: Color: Deep amber. Nose: Sherry - sweet, smooth honey. Fruit-cake. Flavor: Fresh cut hay. Lightly oaky. Finish: Sweet, light dry finish. Comments: A very drinkable malt.

**Bruichladdich 20-year-old "Flirtation" .....\$179.99**

K&L is one of the few stores to get the "Flirtation" in before the holidays. It is limited, so don't let it pass you by. A risqué development in the continuing adventures of the Laddie, this is the provocative second edition of Bruichladdich Twenty. After twenty years maturing in Bourbon barrels, the Laddie was coyly introduced to spicy mourvèdre wine casks from Rivesaltes on France's Mediterranean coast. It was a flirtation, a holiday romance that was almost over before it had begun. The result of this dalliance is that the expected profound spirit shows the gentle nuances of alluring fruit flavors, with just a hint of subtle spice aromas adding to the overall multi-layered experience.

**Glen Elgin 1991, 12-year-old, Whisky Galore.....\$32.99**

Tasting Notes: Color: Pale straw with gold highlights. Nose: Malt and fruit notes. Flavor: Lightly smoky with chocolate and honey cream. Finish: Long and grassy with light sweetness. Comments: A whisky for a winter's night!

**Glenarioch 1988, 15-year-old, Whisky Galore .....\$49.99**

Glenarioch (Pronounced Glengerrie) is one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland. The 15 year old underwent no chill filtering or coloring of any kind.

**Longmorn 1987, 16-year-old, Whisky Galore.....\$52.99**

The Longmorn Distillery is located in the Speyside region near Elgin, Moray and has been established since 1894. The 16-year-old, has been aged in oak casks that are hand picked for quality of spirit, age and are bottled at 46% and remain in their natural form with no chill filtering or colorings of any kind.

**Glenlossie 1978, 25-year-old, Duncan Taylor .....\$99.99**

Tasting Notes: Glenlossie Single Malt 1978. Color: Amber with gold highlights. Nose: Rich toffee sweetness with sherry tones. Flavor: Smoky and grassy with fruit tones. Finish: Fresh and long. Comments: Delightful.

**Strathmill 1975, 28-year-old, Duncan Taylor .....\$119.99**

Tasting Notes: Strathmill Single Malt 1975. Color: Straw with gold highlights. Nose: Lemon with perfumed floweriness. Flavor: Sweet, fruity and incredibly smooth. Finish: Very delicate and smooth – quite dry. Got someone who is celebrating their 30th birthday or anniversary, this would make a wonderful gift!

**Tomatin 1965, 37-year-old, Duncan Taylor .....\$114.99**

This would make a beautiful gift for a 40th birthday or anniversary! This 37 year old has a rich, med. amber color. The nose is fruity with sherry and caramel notes. On the palate it has a nice nuttiness and only lightly peated. Very warm and spicy on the finish. Cask #20945, 51.5% alc./vol.

### Very Rare Bottles For Special Order Only!

**Balvenie 25-year-old Single Malt.....\$245.99**

**Bowmore 25-year-old Singel Malt .....\$209.99**

**Bushmills 16 year Irish Whiskey .....\$69.99**

**Bushmills 21 year Irish Whiskey .....\$119.99**

**Cragganmore 29-year-old Single Malt .....\$329.99**

**Dalwhinnie 29-year-old Single Malt .....\$329.99**

**Ferrand Selection Des Anes 30-year-old Cognac .....\$109.99**

**Glenlivet French Oak Single Malt .....\$199.99**

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**Laphroaig 30-year-old, Distillery Bottling .....\$229.99**

**Macallan 25-year-old, Distillery Bottling .....\$369.99**

**Macallan 30-year-old, Distillery Bottling .....\$629.99**

**Oban 32-year-old Single Malt .....\$399.99**

**Stolichnaya Elite Vodka .....\$55.99**

## *K&L Hours and Information*

**Mailing list:** If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be, please call one of our stores. If you are receiving multiple newsletters, please let us know. Please note: some wines may be available in only one of the stores. We do not sell our mailing list nor our email list.

**San Francisco hours:** Monday-Friday 9 to 7. Saturday 9 to 6. Sunday 11 to 6. The store is located at 638-4th Street, between Brannan and Bluxome. A private parking lot is south of the store on 4th Street.

**Redwood City hours:** Monday-Saturday 9 to 7. Sunday 10 to 6. Wine locker area open Monday-Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 11 to 5.

**Availability:** Certain wines are in short supply and may sell out before you receive this newsletter. It takes three weeks or more from the time the newsletter is written to the time you receive it.

**Sale Dates:** Ends December 31, 2004. Prices are subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to correct typographical errors in pricing.

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Bordeaux glass (6 per case)	\$6.99
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White wine glass (6 per case)	\$6.99

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## Marvel Grotto Mini Wine Cooler

Call Tom M in our Redwood City store at (650) 364-8544, ex 2721.

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## Whisperkool Cooling Units Sale Prices!

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Models	BOTTLES	RETAIL	K&L
Vinotheque 320	264	\$3650	\$2179
Vinotheque 500	368	\$3975	\$2489
Vinotheque 550	428	\$4325	\$2689
Vinotheque 700	528	\$4675	\$2789
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Vinotheque 320	264	\$4750	\$2689
Vinotheque 500	368	\$5295	\$3189
Vinotheque 550	428	\$6225	\$3489
Vinotheque 700	528	\$6850	\$3789

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10-case locker, \$13.50 per month
16-case locker, \$18.00 per month
20-case locker, \$24.50 per month
32-case locker, \$35.00 per month
40-case locker, \$43.50 per month
60-case locker, \$52.50 per month
70-case locker, \$75.00 per month
80-case locker, \$86.00 per month

The minimum rental period is six months.

Our lockers are temporarily full. To get on the waiting list, please call Sharon at (650) 364-8544, ex 2733. For billing, call Sharon at ex 2733.

## Wine Storage Lockers in San Francisco

We now have wine storage lockers in our San Francisco store. These lockers have a capacity of between 24-30 cases. Cost is \$180 for six-months rental. Call Sharon at (650) 364-8544 ex 2733.

## Shipping Information

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## Join One of Our "Wine of the Month" Clubs

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Our Wine Clubs are now better than ever with our new integrated database. Here are some of the new features:

1. All K&L activity, whether it is a Wine Club or retail/website purchase, will be reflected in your online account.
2. Wine Club wines are available on our website in real-time inventory.
3. Wine Club members may combine retail wines with Wine Club wines for shipping. And those who wish to pick up their monthly packages at the stores can do so with no added shipping charge, a savings of \$7.48 per month.
4. Members of one of our Wine Clubs may purchase wine from either of the other Clubs. We will limit the current monthly selections to that Club's members only for the first month, and then any wine in any Club will be available to all Club members.
5. Additional Wine Club member-only specials will be available, providing unbelievable value on these wines. These specials will only be offered to Wine Club members. There are Champagnes, sparkling wine and dessert wines at very special prices. Though I can't indicate the prices, they are spectacular values!

Recent selections have included Viognier from the Rhône, Cabernet from Argentina, Brunello di Montalcino, Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand, as well as a variety of wine from California, including Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, but also Semillon and Syrah. We do everything possible to insure that any wine sent out as part of our Wine Clubs will be less expensive than anywhere else in the U.S. Join our new and improved Wine Clubs. —*Dave Rosenzweig*

### SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

This is a Club for the connoisseur and the passionate wine lover. Two magnificent bottles of red will arrive each month. Though drinkable now, they would benefit from cellaring. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$30 and \$50 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$49.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). Reorder price: \$144 for 6 bottles or \$280 for 12 bottles. Previous Signature selections (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices): 2000 Dominus Napanook (\$40), 2000 Snowden Cabernet Sauvignon (\$38) and 2000 Flora Springs "Trilogy" (\$48).

### PREMIUM WINE CLUB

This Club features a tremendous selection of wines from around the world. These wines show complexity and true varietal character and are a step up from the everyday table wine. See below for two of our past selections. Usually, but not always, we include a white and a red. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$18 and \$30 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$29.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). Reorder price: \$82 for 6 bottles or \$162 for 12 bottles. Previous Premium selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices) 1999 Buehler Estate Cabernet (\$28) and 2000 Pine Ridge Merlot "Crimson Creek" (\$30)

### BEST BUY WINE CLUB

A great way to learn about wines from around the world with a very high quality-to-price ratio. Usually we include a white and a red. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$10 and \$15 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$17.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). Reorder price: \$52 for 6 bottles or \$100 for 12 bottles. Previous Best Buy selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices) 2000 Davis Bynum "Boar-doe" (\$18) and 2003 Renwood Viognier "Select Series." (\$15)



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