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November

Two New Direct Import Champagnes!

I have two very exciting new producers to introduce. Both are direct imports and both are produced only from estate fruit and have the quality and individuality of wines that are not just made, but grown.

Champagne Michel Arnould

Located on the Mountain of Reims, Verzenay is one of the most exciting and unique terroirs in all of Champagne. The furthest north of all of the Grand Crus, it faces north away from the sun and still manages to produce some of the most powerful pinot noir in all of Champagne. Some of the locals say that a mysterious warm air current is the explanation for this ripening anomaly. I love the distinct, hazelnut quality that this special village stamps on its wines, and I feel very lucky to have visited Mr. Patrick Arnould during my day in this sleepy village.

Patrick is the fifth generation of Champagne Michel Arnould. They own 27 acres in the village of Verzenay, a sizable holding in this high-rent area. It is planted to 80% pinot noir and 20% chardonnay, which reflects the average plantation for the village. The Arnould's have quite a few plots of vines that are very old and positioned in the golden band of the mid slope, where the sun exposure is best. They have 40- and 45-year-old vines in the lieux-dits of Corret, Perthos and Coutures and 50+ year vines in Carreaux. All of the wines undergo complete malolactic fermentation in stainless steel and enamel vats. If you have enjoyed the wines of Lallement, Bollinger and Krug in the past, I think you will very much enjoy Michel Arnould. They are bold, masculine Champagnes with plenty of toasty flavor. We offer:

Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve Champagne (\$25.99) This is composed of two thirds pinot noir and one third chardonnay from the 1999 and 1998 harvests. With a very pretty light golden color and the precise bead that comes from time in the bottle, this is a pleasure to look at. The wine has an explosive hazelnut aroma and a flavor that manages to be both rich and clean. It is dry at only 10 grams per liter dosage, and it has a refreshing, long finish.

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Beaulieu Vineyards Dinner/Tasting

at Cetrella

Reserve your spot for December 6 at the excellent Cetrella Restaurant in Half Moon Bay for a Napa Valley Wine Feast featuring the wines of Beaulieu Vineyards including some classic Private Reserve Cabernets. Information is on our website and you can reserve tickets online

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Château Montelena!

Trey Beffa waxes poetic about this great estate. Check out page 13 for a description of five incredible wines, now in stock.

C-L-A-S-S in the Languedoc

On page 17 learn about Limoux's rebel winemaker who fashions fresh and elegant wines from chenin blanc and merlot.

2001 Bordeaux: Superb Well-Priced Wines

With all the hype on 2000 and then 2003 Bordeaux, the excellent 2001 Bordeaux wines have been lost in the shuffle. I know I will put many 2001s in my cellar. They are delicious!

- Cantemerle, Médoc\$19.99**
89-91 points *Wine Spectator*: "A balanced and fruity red, with berry and currant character. Medium- to full-bodied, with well-integrated tannins and a clean, mineral aftertaste. Long finish. Very well-done. Almost 92-94."
- Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac\$31.99**
90 points Robert Parker: "Deep ruby/purple-colored with classic aromas of smoke, earth, black cherries, and creme de cassis, this elegant, layered 2001 possesses outstanding depth and richness as well as impeccable finesse, well-integrated wood, and a long, concentrated finish."
- Calon-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$36.99**
92-94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderful elegance and seductiveness. Silky tannins. Full- to medium-bodied, with licorice, mineral and spice. Very long. A beauty. Almost classic. I'd buy this."
- Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac.....\$39.99**
92 points Robert Parker: "An elegant, stylish, deep ruby/purple-colored effort, it reveals notes of smoke, graphite, and red as well as black fruits in its perfumed, nicely evolved bouquet. With sweet flavors, medium body, outstanding concentration, and impressive purity, this finely etched Pessac-Leognan should hit its peak in 4-5 years."
- Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$79.99**
93+ points Robert Parker: "This quintessentially elegant Las Cases needs another 5-7 years to hit its plateau of maturity. It will be one of the Medoc's longest lived wines of the vintage."
- Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$159.99**
Less than half the price of the 2000 or the 2003. Enough said.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

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A Master Class in Burgundy

Recently I had the opportunity to escort a small group of folks on a week-long trip to Burgundy. It was a five-day intensive seminar on the wines, vineyards and winegrowers. We stayed at a small luxury hotel, just above the Premier Cru vineyards of Beaune Grèves and Beaune Bressandes, with a panoramic vista of downtown Beaune and the Hotel Dieu. For me, it was an opportunity to be there an additional time, and see the vines in leaf, full of grapes and almost ready to harvest. And, of course, it was an opportunity to visit some of my favorite producers and taste their wines once again. Of course, the chance for fine dining is always a side-benefit in Burgundy.

The weather cooperated beautifully for us as well as for the *vignerons*. After a cool, rather damp summer, and some potentially harmful hailstorms, the growers desperately needed some fine weather to finish the season. Well, I guess we brought it with us from California. The entire week was favored by sunny weather, in the 80s, and a fine north wind. In Burgundy, the south wind brings moisture, humidity and storms, while the north wind is dry, concentrating sugars in the grapes as well as drying out moisture and avoiding mildew problems. It is the grower's friend, and its presence in September bodes well for the 2004 harvest.

We visited 18 domaines, and had two more growers visit us at our house in Beaune. The generosity and welcome from the growers was phenomenal, and we had a great trip. All of the 2002 whites and reds we tasted were showing wonderfully well. It is easy to see why this vintage is so popular, as the wines exhibit charm, rich fruit and gentle tannins.

It was particularly interesting to visit J-F Mugnier at **Château de Chambolle Musigny** in Chambolle. His family owns a large and rather well-known Premier Cru vineyard, called Clos de Marechale in Nuits-St-Georges. As was often the case, however, it had been leased out on a long-term contract to Maison Joseph Faiveley, the well-known negociant. This year the lease expired, and Frederic Mugnier had been waiting for years to take control back. His total domaine had been just a touch over 4 hectares in size (about 10 acres), divided between five different cuvees. The Clos de Marechale is 9.55 hectares, so his domaine had to more than triple in size overnight. In more familiar terms, he had to change a winery scaled to make about 1,200 cases (with the largest single vineyard being about 3 acres), to one making 4,200 cases (with the largest single vineyard being 24 acres). Doing so, within the confines of the walled space around his home in Chambolle, was quite an exercise, and one I had watched for the last year and a half on my visits. As harvest neared, when we visited, the workers were putting the finishing touches on the plastering and painting, the elevator was in, and the new cuverie was finished, with tanks waiting for harvest. It was a huge project and exciting to see Frederic's dreams come to fruition. Now we have to wait to see how the wine changes character in the hands of a different proprietor. I can't wait!

The other wonderful chance was to re-taste the 2003 Burgundies. I have to admit that those I tried in March of this year seemed very, very ripe, with lots of alcohol, extract and density, but very little apparent *terroir* or sense of place. At the time, I was a bit disappointed, to be honest, but tried to reserve judgment. It was a good thing I did.

What a change in September! The wines had evolved, and showed an absolutely clear sense of where their origins lay. The Vosne-Romanées were plush and rich, the Chambolle-Musignys elegant and more delicate, and the Volnays aromatic and focused. It was a joy to watch the transformation that a few months had accomplished. It reminds me again why tasting Burgundies is only a single snapshot, and no definitive answer can be had from a single tasting. Each of the *vignerons* I asked told me the same thing: They had been worried about the lack of individuality in the spring, but sometime in July, the wines had shed their baby fat and suddenly transformed, almost overnight, into wines of character and focus. No one knew why it happened when it did, but they were excited about the change. Once again, the mysterious pinot noir in Burgundy does what it chooses, and we can only watch in awe and wonder.

If you are interested in hearing about future trips to Burgundy, or would like to be on the Burgundy email list, just send me an email at Burgundy@klwines.com, and I'll be sure to keep you posted.

—Keith Wollenberg

Tasting in negociant Alex Gambal's Beaune office



2003 BORDEAUX FUTURES

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
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	Inquire
Carbonnieux Blanc, Pessac-Léognan (90-93)	Inquire
Chauvin, St-Emilion (90-92)	\$27.99
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."	
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
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (93-95)	\$104.99
Fombrauge, St-Emilion (90-92).....	\$24.99
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)	\$32.99
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."	
Potensac, Médoc (88-90)	\$19.99
Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper)	\$22.99
Rausan-Segla, Margaux (88-90)	Inquire
Reignac, Bordeaux Superior	\$23.99
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)	\$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

Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac.....	\$34.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe	\$99.99
92-94+points Parker.	
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien	\$42.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien.....	\$29.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan	\$31.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac	\$149.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L \$53.99)	\$27.99
P'Eglise Clinet, Pomerol (1.5L \$159.99).....	\$89.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien-90-92 points, Parker	\$37.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac	\$49.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac-90-92 points, Parker	\$39.99
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
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux (1.5L \$55.99)	\$27.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac (1.5L \$79.99)	\$42.99
Pichon Lalande, Pauillac	\$58.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac	\$29.99

2003 Bordeaux: Southern Style...Great Value!

The 2003 vintage in Bordeaux draws many comparisons. Our good friend and one of my mentors is negociant Mr. Bill Blatch who is without question one of the world's most knowledgeable men when it comes to Bordeaux. In Bill's opinion the weather in 2003 was more like a hot vintage in Châteauneuf-du-Pape but also resembles the 1947 vintage in Bordeaux. The great wines in both vintages managed to capture the amazing ripe fruit at exactly the right time and control it during vinification. My focus this month (these are also the wines I'm buying for my collection these days) is on these great wines, which offer superb value from each commune.

From the Grave appellation, where it was clear that only a few great wines were made. The newly renovated cellar at **2003 Ch. Haut-Bailly (\$37.99)**, under the direction of Veronique Saunders, has produced a serious and superb wine with a bit more opulent fruit than in the past but it retains its firm/traditional style. The wine has deeply rooted fruit with flavors of blackberry and cassis and the hallmark quality of balance that insures a long cellar life. **Ch. Smith-Haut-Lafitte (\$39.99)** has ripeness and international flair that's very tasty and hard not to like.

From the Margaux appellation, **2003 Ch. Brane-Cantenac (\$34.99)** is making stunning wine of phenomenal elegance and great taste. Perfectly extracted red fruit without a hint of harshness glides across the palate, a textbook Margaux wine that makes you realize why it is a second growth and a wine you can drink at anytime in its life. **2003 Ch. d'Issan's (\$29.99)** vineyards intersect Ch. Palmer's and show many similarities in the last few years. It is dark and deep with ripe fruit that is very floral and regal. The wine has a firm backbone and a long finish.

From southern St-Julien, **2003 Ch. Beychevelle (\$32.99)** is a joy to drink young. Not big and bold, but the estate has undergone many upgrades, and the wine has lovely purity of fresh ripe grapes and minerals from the white pebbles, a clean and refreshing styled wine. At the northern boundary of St-Julien, the second wine of the great Léoville-Las-Cases, **2003 Clos du Marquis (\$37.99)** is my choice for best second wine of the vintage. The deep mulberry is thick and coats all areas of the mouth with a long finish. My notes end: "Wow this is killer for the money!"

The commune of St-Estèphe is all the rage in 2003, and it makes perfect sense with its heavy clay, water-retentive soil. Here at K&L the wines of **2003 Ch. Phélan-Ségur (\$26.99)** have skyrocketed in popularity, and the reason is simple. One of the owners, Mr. Stephane Gardinier, has poured his wines to our customers twice this year in our stores. This traditionally styled Cru Bourgeois has greatly improved. Bright, spicy and elegant, it offers maritime freshness that screams Bordeaux! I bought six bottles of the 2003 on pre-arrival and would urge you to do the same. Please feel free to contact me any time with questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at ex 2723. Cheers and Go Niners!

—Ralph Sands

Bearden on Bordeaux

Great wines from the classic 2001 vintage in Bordeaux keep arriving daily here at K&L.

2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (\$79.99) An elegant but packed wine showing currant and raspberry fruit, licorice and mineral on a long, fresh finish. This refined blend of 65% cabernet sauvignon and 35% merlot clearly shows that Cos is at the top of their game. Enjoy now with decanting or cellar 10-15 years. 93 points from Robert Parker.

2001 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (Inquire) A lovely, flowery and spicy bouquet leads into a plump, fleshy, fruity mid-palate on this very approachable beauty. Though supple and delicious now, there is plenty of structure for ageing on this velvety wine.

2001 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc (\$19.99) This consistent and occasionally over-achieving 5th Growth produced another tasty and approachable bargain in 2001. Dark, sweet and herbal, this stylish and affordable wine is perfect for drinking over the next decade.

2001 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (Inquire) One of our favorite châteaux hit the bull's eye in 2001 getting 93 points from Robert Parker who says: "A distinctive bouquet of violets, soy, pepper, blackberries, cassis and tree bark gives this 2001 a distinctive style." We call it one of the best wines of the vintage. Power mixed with finesse.

2001 du Moulin, Haut-Médoc (\$18.99) Made by the winemaker of Cantenac-Brown. A dark ruby-plum color leads into a coffee scented, lightly cedary nose. Cassis and red berries abound in the mid-palate followed by a lively, fresh finish showing dried cherry. Decant and drink!

—Steve Bearden.

BORDEAUX 1995-2002

1995 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien ..\$139.99

95 points Parker: "...boasts an opaque ruby/purple color, and exceptionally pure, beautifully knit aromas of black fruits, minerals..."

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 sexy and accessible wine."

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*: "Dark-colored, with raspberry, black currant and spices. Full- to medium-bodied, with well-integrated, silky tannins and a spicy, fruity aftertaste."

1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$49.99

92 points *Spectator* and \$20 less than 2003.

1997 Angélu, St-Emilion-Fabulous!\$49.99

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...rsweet black currant and smoky tobacco-like flavors."

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 Angélu, St-Emilion.....\$99.99

1998 Camensac, Médoc\$19.99

1998 Cantemerle, Médoc (3L)\$99.99

1998 Cantemerle, Médoc\$21.99

Two superb values from '98. Decant and enjoy.

1998 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$41.99

Quite fruity for this vintage-lovely wine.

1998 Dame de Montrose\$17.99

Aromas of cassis, cigar box, and ripe currant.

1998 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac..\$39.99

Fabulous earthy aromas and flavors. Real wine.

1998 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac.....\$21.99

Their best in quite a few years.

1998 l'Arossée, St-Emilion\$29.99

This wine is fabulous-sweet and lovely.

1998 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$79.99

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

BORDEAUX 1995-2002

Great property and vintage-cellar it.

1998 Palmer, Margaux\$69.99

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

1999 Ausone, St-Emilion\$149.00

1999 Bellegrave Vander Voort, Pauil \$22.99

Their best to date-quite silky.

1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$29.99

1999 Cantenac-Brown, Margaux\$29.99

Fabulous quality for very good price.

1999 Carillon d'Angélu, St-Emilion \$19.99

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

Second wine of Prieure-Lichine. Tastes great.

1999 Dom de Gartieux, Pauillac\$19.99

Pichon-Lalande wine with toasty aromas and flavors. Very 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) ..\$39.99

Rich and powerful. Great for the cellar.

2000 Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux..\$49.99

2000 Arnaud, Médoc-Superb.....\$14.99

2000 Bellegrave, Pomerol.....\$29.99

2000 Beychevelle, St-Julien\$47.99

2000 Calon-Ségur (1.5L)\$149.00

2000 Camensac, Haut-Médoc\$21.99

An affordable 2000 for the cellar.

2000 Cantemerle, Médoc\$29.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Opulent red. Intense aromas of currants, cigar tobacco and berries. Full-bodied, with a solid core of silky tannins and a long finish. Well-made. Best after 2008."

2000 Carillon d'Angélu, St-Emilion \$39.99

2000 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$52.99

2000 Clerc-Milon, Pauillac.....\$54.99

2000 Clos Dubreuil, St-Emilion.....\$49.99

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*: "Cos puts together serious reds in serious years, and with large production for a reasonable price."

2000 de Birot, Cotes de Bordeaux\$10.99

2000 d'Armailhac, Pauillac.....\$39.99

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-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac....\$65.99

2000 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac....\$39.99

92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Best HBL ever. Lots of currant bush and berry aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with compacted fruit and a silky tannin structure. Best after 2009." (01/03)

2000 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac\$44.99

2000 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$379.00

2000 La Grace Dieu, St-Emilion\$19.99

2000 La Fleur de Bouard\$44.99

2000 La Fleur Maillet, Pom (.375ml) \$13.99

2000 La Fleur St Georges, St-Emil\$16.99

2000 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$299.00

2000 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$399.99

2000 Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc\$15.99

Outstanding value for everyday drinking. This wine has softened and drinks great right now.

2000 La Tour Carnet, Margaux\$26.99

2000 Latour, Pauillac\$499.00

2000 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien ..\$249.00

2000 Malartic-Lagravière, Pessac.....\$39.99

2000 Margaux, Margaux.....\$469.00

2000 Martinens, Margaux\$21.99

2000 Meyney, St-Estèphe\$26.99

2000 Monbousquet, St-Emilion\$129.00

2000 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauil \$369.00

2000 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$29.99

2000 Palmer, Margaux\$169.00

2000 Phelan Segur, St-Estephe\$31.99

2000 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$99.99

2000 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$149.00

2000 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac.....\$54.99

93 points *Wine Spectator*: "Extremely pretty aromas of mineral, blackberry and raspberry. Full-bodied, with well-integrated tannins and a medium finish. The best Pontet-Canet ever."

2000 Poumey, Pessac\$24.99

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 fabulous vintage. As good as Pagodes and Comtesse.

2000 Trimboulet, St-Emilion\$19.99

Old-school winemaking at its best.

2000 St-Georges, St Georges St Emil \$22.99

2000 Yon Figeac, St Emilion.....\$27.99

2001 Angélu, St-Emilion.....\$99.99

2001 Barde-Haut, St-Emilion.....\$28.99

2001 Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion\$49.95

2001 Bon Pasteur, Pomerol\$49.99

2001 Branon, Pessac\$59.99

2001 Brane Cantenac, Margaux\$37.95

2001 Calon-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$36.99

2001 Cantemerle, Médoc\$19.99

2001 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$39.99

2001 Chapelle de La Mission\$27.99

2001 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion\$219.00

2001 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$29.99

2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$79.99

One of the best of the vintage. Superb value.

2001 d'Issan, Margaux\$28.99

2001 Delord, Cotes de Bordeaux\$9.99

2001 Domaine de Chevalier\$31.99

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....\$39.99

2001 l'Arrosée, St-Emilion\$29.99

2001 Lafite-Rothschild, PauillacInquire

2001 Lafon-Rochet, St-Estephe\$27.99

2001 Langoa-Barton (1.5L)\$57.99

2001 La Mondotte, St-Emilion.....\$179.99

2001 Latour, PauillacInquire

2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$79.99

2001 Meyney, St-Estèphe\$19.99

2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$24.99

2001 Peby Faugetes, St-Emilion.....\$78.99

2001 Quinault d'Enclos\$49.99

2001 Réserve 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 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$39.99

White Bordeaux/Sauternes

2001 Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac\$25.99

2001 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$42.99

2001 Domaine de Chevalier\$67.99

2002 Lynch-Bages Blanc.....\$27.99

2002 Carbonnieux, Pessac\$23.99

A Great Bordeaux Dinner/Tasting

Thursday, January 27

Mark the date and reserve your tickets in November for a fantastic Bordeaux dinner featuring Château Angélu, Château Destieux and Château La Clemence, three of the best properties from the Right Bank. Also we will feature Gonet Champagne for the reception. All this takes place at the great Cetrella Restaurant in Half Moon Bay.

Tickets on our website or in our stores.
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Red Bordeaux

- 1950 Canon, St-Emilion\$269.00
 1961 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac..\$199.99
 1966 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$269.00
 1966 Lafite-Rothschild\$249.00
 1966 Léoville-Las-Cases,\$129.99
 1970 Cos d' Estournel (1.5L)\$299.00
 1970 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$79.00
 1970 Margaux, Margaux.....\$169.99
 1970 Mouton-Rothschild\$219.00
 1970 Mouton-Baronne Paulliac\$59.99
 1970 Palmer, Margaux\$299.99
 95 points Parker.
 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 with more flesh and vigor than usual."
 1976 Petrus, Pomerol\$599.00
 1978 Petrus, Pomerol\$599.00
 1979 La Mission-Haut-Brion\$159.00
 1979 Latour, Pauillac\$249.00
 1979 Margaux, Margaux.....\$279.00
 1979 Petrus, Pomerol\$599.00
 1982 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion\$699.00
 1982 Giscours, Margaux.....\$79.99
 1982 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$369.00
 1982 Lafite-Rothschild\$699.00
 1982 Palmer, Margaux\$199.00
 92 points from the *Wine Spectator*.
 1982 Trotanoy, Pomerol\$269.00
 1983 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$129.00
 1985 Ducru-Beaucaillou\$139.00
 1985 Palmer, Margaux\$159.99
 ***** Broadbent: Right good stuff, combination of classic styling and rich, ripe fruit.
 1985 Sociando-Mallet, Médoc\$69.95
 1986 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion\$199.00
 1986 Cos d'Estournel\$149.99
 1986 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$179.99
 Michael Broadbent: "An impressive '86, in fact one of the best if you are prepared to wait for this sinewy wine to mature. An exciting wine..."
 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: "...has turned out to be

one of the estate's best wines made during the eighties."

- 1986 La Mission-Haut-Brion\$159.00
 1986 Mouton-Rothschild\$399.00
 100 points from Robert Parker! "An enormously concentrated, massive Mouton-Rothschild, comparable in quality, but not style, to the 1982, 1959, and 1945."
 1988 Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$199.99
 1988 Latour, Pauillac\$249.00
 Robert Parker 91 points: "... It is a classic, elegant Latour ... Anticipated maturity: now-2025."
 1988 Petrus, Pomerol\$799.00
 1989 Beausejour-Duffau (1.5L)\$219.00
 88 points Robert Parker: "This spicy, tannic, medium to full-bodied 1989 is promising ..."
 1989 Ducru-Beaucaillou\$119.99
 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 ... Drink now through 2010."
 1989 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$599.00
 1989 La Louviere, Pessac\$59.99
 1989 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$199.99
 1989 Latour, Pauillac (1.5L)\$529.00
 1989 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$129.00
 1989 Léoville-Las-Cases\$149.99
 1990 Palmer, Margaux\$179.99
 92 points *Wine Spectator*: "A beauty. Seductive, with currant, berry, tobacco, cedar and flowers on the nose. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, caressing finish..."
 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: "...This deep ruby/purple-colored wine 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\$24.99
 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 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$64.99
 91 points from Parker: "One of the stars of the vintage ... possesses a gorgeously perfumed, exotic, smoky, blackcurrant, Asian spice, and sweet vanillin-scented bouquet. It is followed by thick, rich, moderately tannic flavors that exhibit medium to full body, good structure, outstanding purity, and a classically layered, long, pure finish. Anticipated maturity: 2001-2020."
 1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$34.99
 Robert Parker: "sweet, smoky, cassis-scented nose, supple, round tannin...excellent richness..."

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 Guiraud, Sauternes\$51.99
 1997 Lamothe Guignard (.375ml)\$12.99
 1997 Sigalas Rabaud.....\$37.99
 1997 d'Yquem, Sauternes (.375ml) \$139.00
 1998 d'Yquem, Sauternes\$174.99
 1998 Doisy-Vedrine\$29.99

PORT

- 1960 Krohn Colheita\$84.95
 1963 Taylor\$289.00
 1966 Krohn Colheita\$69.00
 1970 Graham\$159.00
 1977 Dow (1.5L)\$179.00
 1977 Gould Campbell (1.5L)\$149.00
 1977 Graham\$129.99
 1978 Krohn Colheita\$43.95
 1982 Smith Wood Quinta Madalena \$29.99
 1983 Graham\$79.99
 1983 Graham (1.5L)\$149.00
 1985 Croft.....\$52.99
 1985 Fonseca.....\$69.99
 1985 Graham\$89.00
 1985 Quinta Do Noval\$49.99
 1985 Taylor (.375ml \$44.99).....\$89.00
 1990 Quinta do Vesuvio\$69.95
 1989 Krohn Colheita\$19.99
 1992 Smith Woodhouse LBV\$19.99
 1995 Fonseca Guimaraens\$39.99
 1995 Taylor "Vargellas"\$39.00
 1998 Churchill Quinta do Agua Alta\$16.99
 2000 Croft.....\$44.99
 2000 Dow\$54.99
 2000 Taylor\$79.99
 Dow "trademark"\$13.99
 Dow 20-yr-old Tawny\$39.95
 Quinta do Tedo Ruby Reserve #31\$16.99

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K&L buys many imported wines directly from the producers or negociants. The advantages of this direct buying are twofold: first, we can taste the wines at the property and negotiate with the seller, often finding wines that are not available in the U.S. market; second, we can get the wines to our value-conscious customers for less. There are no middlemen taking a percentage profit while passing it on through the channels of distribution. You reap the benefits of direct buying by getting outstanding, hand-picked, best-value wines at less-than-normal market prices.

Alsace/Loire Valley

- 2002 Pinot Noir and 2003 Pinot Blanc, BaurInquire**
NV Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur\$12.99
2002 Riesling, Grand Cru, "Eichberg," Baur.....\$16.99
 Nuances of peach, Kaffir lime, and guyaba 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 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet\$13.99**
 Elegant and refined. The white is sold out until December.

White Bordeaux/Red Bordeaux/Sweeties

- 2002 Château Castres Blanc, Pessac\$14.99**
 St Jean is a quite citric-styled wine, and the Castres is creamy.
- 2002 Château Souvenir, Bordeaux\$9.99**
 After decanting, the blackberry aromas and flavors really come through.
- 2001 Château Delord, Cotes de Bordeaux\$9.99**
2000 Château de Birot, Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux\$10.99
 See Jim Barr's comments on these 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.
- 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-Baradiou, 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\$21.99**
 Superb value. Second wine of Haut-Bailly.
- 2001 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Rouge, Graves.....\$19.99**
2002 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. See Scott's comments on this page.
- 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. A hefty wine that is nonetheless elegant and classic. 56% grenache, 15% cinsault, 10% syrah, etc, etc.
- 2000 Vacqueyras, Cecile Chassagne\$11.99**
2001 Gigondas, Cecile Chassagne\$14.99
2001 Sablet Reserve "VV," JC Chassagne\$14.99
 See Kirk's comments on page 8 on the Sablet and Vacqueyras.
- 2003 Rasteau Rosé, Domaine Girasols\$10.99**
2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols.....\$14.99
 See Kirk's comments on page 8 on the Rasteau.
- 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.

White Burgundy

- 2002 St-Véran, Domaine Nembrets, Denis Barraud.....\$12.99**
 Wonderful richness, bright fruit and an interesting minerality.
- 2002 Pouilly-Fuissé, Domaine Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$17.99**
 Wonderful minerality combined with ripe, toasty oak notes and great length.

Thanks for these Thanksgiving Wines!

I am very pleased to present three hearty red wines and a rosé that are all under \$10. All of these wines are also "Top Picks" on our website for this month.

2003 Côtes du Rhône Rosé, Toques, Vignerons Beaumes-de-Venise (\$7.99) While this region of the southern Rhône is known primarily for its Muscat and red Beaumes-de-Venise, we have the opportunity to bring you a luscious rosé wine. Very floral nose, with gobs and gobs of raspberry fruit. Fresh and powerful, with strawberry flavors and hints of anise. A wonderfully dry style.

2003 Côtes du Ventoux Reserve, Beaumont du Ventoux (\$8.99) An outstanding vintage in southern France, this little wine is a star of quality and affordability. Shows intense boysenberry fruit, peppery spice and fresh cedary oak. Soft and smooth, with ripe tannins, excellent balance and a long finish. A great bargain!

2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de Verquiere (\$8.99) A blend of grenache, cinsault and syrah, this is one of our most consistently popular wines. Cherry and raspberry scents, with an abundance of red fruits on the palate. Lightly spicy, with white pepper and rosemary notes. An excellent wine for barbecued and smoked meats.

2003 Vacqueyras, Domaine Mas Bouquet (\$9.99) 65% grenache and 35% syrah. Like the Domaine de Verquiere, this wine is rich with raspberry fruit and underlying spiciness. This is the more traditionally styled of the two, however, with hints of earth and tobacco. A perfect wine for traditionalists who favor stews, cassoulet and roasted fowl. An excellent wine and a K&L exclusive.

—Scott Beckerley

RHONE VALLEY

2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Verquiere	\$8.99
2002 Syrah, VdP des Côtes Rhodaniennes, Chante Perdrix	\$8.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Grand Veneur	\$9.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Mordoree	\$9.99
2000 Domaine Grangeneuve “VV” Bour	\$9.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône, de Segries-Serious wine	\$10.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Rose, Domaine de la Mordoree	\$10.99
2001 Côtes du Rhône “Champavins” Grand Veneur	\$11.99
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	\$16.99
2000 Crozes-Hermitage JC Fayolle “Le Grand Seguire”	\$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
2000 Crozes-Hermitage “Cuvee Louis Belle” Albert Belle	\$25.99
2000 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, La Gardine.....	\$26.99
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.	
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Guigal	\$30.99
2000 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Duclaux	\$34.99
Understated with raspberry, currant and red cherry, anise and a whiff of herb.	
2000 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, “Cuvee Arnaud,” Cabrières	\$34.99
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	\$46.99
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	\$89.99

November Rhônes

2001 Moulin de Gardette, Gigondas “Tradition” (\$17.99) This is a heady wine with plenty of dark berry fruit, chocolate and spice on the nose. The palate is dense, round and powerful, with the same berries and spice but more intense with a long complex finish. This a bold full-bodied Rhône, ideally suited to a hearty meal.

2001 Domaine Girasols, Rasteau (\$14.99) This domaine’s 17ha are nestled south of Rasteau where they enjoy a terroir reminiscent of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This vintage is a blend of 65% grenache, 10% syrah, 12% cinsault and 13% mourvèdre. This wine gives you everything that you want from a Rhône Valley red: ripe dark fruit, broad rich texture and an intense pepper and garrigue-spiced finish.

2000 Cecile Chassagne, Vacqueyras (\$11.99) This is a seductive and charming Vacqueyras. Elegant is a not a word I have ever used to describe a Vacqueyras, but that was the second word that jumped to my mind after trying this wine, the first was WOW. On the nose it is

SOUTH AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

South Africa

2003 Kanu Chenin Blanc	\$7.99
2003 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.99
2003 Neil Ellis “Sincerely” Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.99
2002 Porcupine Ridge Shiraz	\$10.99
2002 Goats do Roam Villages Red.....	\$11.99
2003 Glen Carlou Chardonnay	\$11.99
2002 Goat-Roti, Fairview	\$15.99
2000 Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch	\$21.99
2002 Mulderbosch Chardonnay	\$21.99
2001 Kevin Arnold Shiraz, Stellenbosch.....	\$29.99
2001 Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon	\$29.99
2002 Fairview Jakkals Fontein Shiraz, Swartland.....	\$29.99
2001 Rust en Verde Estate Red	\$31.99

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
2003 Thornbury Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$13.99
2003 Konrad Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$14.99
2004 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marl-91 pts <i>Spectator</i>	\$14.99
2003 Nautilus Pinot Gris, Marlborough	\$15.99
2003 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$15.99
2003 Craggy Range Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$16.99
2003 Pegasus Bay Riesling, Waipara	\$17.99
2003 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$17.99
2003 Mt Difficulty Central Otago Pinot Noir.....	\$25.99
2003 Kumeu River Chardonnay	\$27.99

Australia

2001 Wynn’s Coonawara Shiraz or Cabernet	Inquire
2000 Grant Burge Summers Eden Valley Chardonnay	\$8.99
2000 Grant Burge Cameron Vale Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
2002 Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley	\$12.99
2002 Jim Barry “The Lodge Hill” Shiraz.....	\$13.99
2001 Ringbolt Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River	\$13.99
2003 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier	\$13.99
2001 d’Arenberg “Footbolt” Shiraz, McLaren Vale.....	\$13.99
2002 Peter Lehmann Clancy’s Red	\$13.99
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	\$23.99
2002 Craneford Barossa Valley Shiraz	\$26.99
2002 Branson Coach House “Grenock Block” Shiraz.....	\$39.99
2002 d’Arenberg “The Dead Arm” Shiraz	\$56.99
2002 d’Arenberg “Coppermine Road” Cabernet.....	\$56.99
1999 Penfolds Grange Hermitage	\$199.99

all red fruits with just a hint of pepper. The medium-bodied palate has density and length with ripe tannins completely interwoven with the fruit. It is easy to get carried away while drinking this.

2001 JC Chassagne, Côtes du Rhône-Villages, Sablet, Reserve Vieilles Vignes (\$14.99) The nose shows high-toned red and dark fruit. The fruit is juicy and vibrant with moderate tannins to add balance. But it is the secondary qualities that really spoke to me: the underlying earthiness, minerality and spice unfold with about 30 minutes of breathing.

—Kirk Walker

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC

1958 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa ..\$749.00
 1958 Charles Krug Vintage Sel\$499.00
 1973 Beaulieu Vineyard PR\$79.95
 1975 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$79.95
 1977 Beaulieu Vineyard PR\$89.95
 90 points *Spectator*: "Excellent dark red color, with aromas of plum, cassis and berry..."
 1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve (3L) \$650.00
 1980 Beaulieu Vineyard PR\$89.00
 1980 Kenwood "Artist Series" (6L) \$799.00
 1981 Caymus SS (1.5L)\$469.95
 1981 Kenwood "Artist Serie's" (6L) ..\$799.00
 1982 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (3L)\$349.00
 1982 Caymus SS (1.5L)\$449.00
 1982 Diamond Creek VH (1.5L)\$225.00
 1982 Ch Montelena (3L)\$499.00
 1982 Silver Oak Alex (3L)\$499.95
 1983 Caymus Estate (1.5L)\$229.00
 1983 Dunn Howell Mtn (1.5L)\$299.00
 1983 Dunn Howell Mtn (5L)\$1,199.00
 1983 Kenwood "Artist Series" (6L) \$499.00
 1983 La Jota Howell Mtn (3L)\$199.95
 1983 Silver Oak Alex (3L)\$499.00
 1984 Beaulieu Vin PR (6L \$899.95) \$84.99
 1984 Diamond Creek VH (3L)\$599.95
 1984 Kenwood Artist Series (6L) ..\$999.00
 1984 Mondavi Reserve (1.5L)\$225.00
 1984 Silver Oak Alex (5L)\$899.00
 1984 Silver Oak "Bonny's"\$169.00
 1985 Diamond Creek GM\$125.00
 1985 Diamond Creek RRT\$129.00
 1985 Diamond Creek VH\$129.00
 1985 Dunn Howell Mountain\$179.00
 1985 Heitz "Martha's" (1.5L)\$799.00
 1985 Laurel Glen Mountain\$69.00
 1985 Robert Mondavi Reserve (3L) \$599.00
 1985 Silver Oak\$149.00
 1986 Beaulieu Vineyard PR\$99.99
 1986 Diamond Creek GM (1.5L)....\$289.95
 1986 Diamond Creek GM (12L) ..\$1,999.00
 1986 Diamond Creek RRT (1.5L) ..\$279.00
 1986 Diam Ck VH (1.5L \$289.95) ..\$129.00
 1986 Dominus Red-(Was \$ 149.00)\$125.00
 1986 Dunn Howell Mountain\$149.00
 1986 Groth Reserve (1.5L)\$399.00
 1987 Spottswoode\$129.00
 1988 Dunn Howell Mtn (1.5L)\$199.00
 1988 Grace Family\$249.00
 1988 Kenwood "Artist Series" (6L) \$599.00
 1988 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$69.00
 1988 Spottswoode (1.5L \$189.00)\$89.00
 1988 Spottswoode (3L)\$449.95
 1989 Diamond Creek VH (3L)\$379.95
 1989 Dunn Howell Mtn (1.5L)\$199.00
 1989 Kathryn Kennedy SC (3L)\$499.00
 1989 Philip Togni-(Was \$99.95).....\$89.95
 1989 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$69.00
 1989 Spottswoode (1.5L \$225.00)\$99.00

1989 Spottswoode (3L)\$499.95
 1990 Diamond Creek GM\$125.00
 1990 Diamond Creek Lake\$299.00
 1990 Spottswoode\$125.00
 1990 Spottswoode (1.5L)\$289.00
 1991 Heitz Martha's Vineyard\$149.00
 1991 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..\$129.00
 1991 Silver Oak Alex (1.5L)\$325.00
 1991 Spottswoode (1.5L)\$269.00
 1992 Silver Oak Alex (1.5L)\$299.00
 1992 Spottswoode (1.5L)\$225.00
 1993 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa\$79.95
 90 points *Spectator*: "...overflowing with plum and green olive character. Full-bodied and chewy, with loads of tannins and a long finish ..."
 1993 Bryant Family\$399.00
 1993 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill \$119.00
 1993 Dunn Howell Mtn (1.5L)\$325.00
 1993 Kenwood Artist Series (3L)\$299.95
 1993 Montelena Estate\$99.00
 1993 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$89.00
 1993 Spottswoode (1.5L)\$249.00
 1993 Vineyard 29 (1.5L)\$279.95
 1994 Beaulieu Vineyard PR\$89.95
 1994 Beaulieu Vineyards Ruth \$29.99
 90 points *Spectator*: "A very impressive BV Rutherford bottling"
 1994 Beringer PR\$120.00
 1994 Dominus Proprietary Red\$169.00
 1994 Groth Reserve\$199.00
 1994 Montelena Estate\$149.00
 1994 Opus One Proprietary Red....\$225.00
 1994 Pezzi King\$39.99
 1994 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$109.95
 1994 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..\$119.00

SHERRY/MADEIRA

Barbeito 5 yr Verdelho Rainwater\$16.99
 Henriques & Henriques 10 yr Sercial\$33.99
 Barbeito "Colombo" 10 yr Malmsey \$38.99
 Hidalgo La Gitana Manzan (.500ml) ..\$8.99
 Antonio Barbadillo Manzanilla\$9.99
 Antonio Barbadillo Amontillado\$9.99
 Garvey "San Patricio" Fino\$10.99
 Hidalgo Napoleon Cream Sherry.....\$11.99
 Hidalgo Pedro Ximenez Viejo\$18.99
 A Barbadillo "Rafael" Olor Dulce\$22.99
 A Barbadillo "Laura" Mosc Muscat \$22.99
 G Byass Apostles Muy Palo (.375ml) \$24.99
 Lustau "Pata de Gallina" Oloroso\$27.95
 Hidalgo Jerez Cortado Palo Cortado\$28.99
 Hidalgo "Pastrana" Amont Viejo.....\$29.99
 A Barbadillo "Principie" Amont\$30.99
 A Barbadillo "Obispo" Palo Cortado\$39.99
 Sacristia de Garvey Onana Amont....\$59.99
 Sacristia de Garvey "Museo" Cream \$59.99
 Sacristia de Garvey Grd Orden Pedro Ximenez\$59.99

FRENCH REGIONAL

2003 Dom Duffour Banc Gascogne\$6.99
 2000 Ch Haut Lignieres "Romy"
 Faugeres.....\$7.99
 2003 Picpoul de Pinet, H Beaulieu\$7.99
 2002 Maison Angelot Bugey Gamay ..\$7.99
 2003 Dom Pellehaut Cuvee Harmonie
 RougeInquire
 2003 Ch Calabre Bergerac Rouge\$9.99
 2003 Château de Nages "Reserve" Bl ..\$9.99
 2002 Mas Grand Plagniol Tradition ..\$9.99
 2002 Clos Paulilles, Collioure Rosé\$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
 2001 Jurancon "Marie" C. Hours\$14.99
 2001 Corbieres, Grand Cuvee,
 Castelmaure-New wave \$14.99
 2002 Clos Val Bruyere Cassis\$15.99
 2001 Domaine Laffont Madiran\$15.99
 2002 "La Riviere" Chenin Bl,
 JL Denois\$15.99
 2001 Château d'Estoublon, Les Baux\$17.99
 2002 Cl Lapeyre Jurancon Moelleux \$17.99
 2001 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 Prieure 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.
 2000 Domaine de Trevallon Rouge ..\$37.95

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

1999 Dunnewoode, Napa	\$8.99
1999 Lancaster, Alexander Valley	\$44.99
2000 Dominus, Napa-Drinks well now...	\$64.98
2000 Heitz, Napa	\$29.99
2000 Jordan, Alexander	\$39.99
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 Bennett Lane, Napa	\$32.99
2001 Benziger, Sonoma	\$12.99
2001 Buehler Estate, Napa	\$24.98
2001 Cain "NV1 Cuvee"	\$21.99
2001 Cakebread, Napa	Inquire
2001 Caymus Special Select	\$129.00
2001 Chappellet "Signature"	\$36.99
2001 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$36.99
2001 Charles Krug, Napa	\$15.99
2001 Ch St Jean, Sonoma.....	\$ 19.98
2001 Chimney Rock, "Stag's Leap" ..	\$44.99
2001 Clark Claudon, Napa.....	\$84.99
2001 Clos du Val, Napa.....	\$21.99
2001 Clos Pegase, Napa	\$24.98
2001 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Valley	\$16.99
2001 Columbia Crest Res.	\$29.98
2001 Corison, Napa	\$54.99
2001 Darioush, Napa	\$59.99
2001 Dynamite, California.....	\$11.98
2001 Dominus, Napa	\$99.00

Best Dominus in years!

2001 Echelon, California	\$8.99
2001 Far Niente, Napa	\$79.99
2001 Fisher Coach, Napa	Inquire
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 Hanna, Alexander Valley.....	\$21.98
2001 Hess Estate, Napa.....	\$16.99
2001 Hess Collection, Napa	Inquire
2001 Hewitt, Rutherford	\$69.99
2001 Honig, Napa	\$27.99
2001 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"	\$12.99
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

WOW! Remember the '97 Kalinda Rutherford?

2001 Kamen, Napa	\$49.99
2001 Lail "Blueprint," Meritage	\$37.99
2001 LAventure, Paso Robles	\$44.99

"The Optimus is a robust blend of cabernet, syrah, zinfandel and petite verdot. It shows the height of expressive opulence that is Paso Robles tempered by a graceful and elegant French hand," Martin Reyes

2001 Merryvale "Starmont," Napa	\$19.99
2001 Merryvale Napa "Profile"	\$79.98
2001 Nickel & Nickel.....	Inquire
2001 Opus One	Inquire
2001 Pine Ridge "Stag's Leap"	\$59.98
2001 Pine Ridge Rutherford.....	\$31.98
2001 Provenance, Rutherford	\$27.99
2001 Quintessa Rutherford	\$79.98

Ripe, juicy Cabernet with classic Rutherford dust!

2001 Rodney Strong, Sonoma	\$11.99
2001 Silverado, Napa	\$31.98
2001 Simi, Alexander Valley	\$17.99
2001 Spring Mountain "Elivette"	\$69.98
2001 Spring Mountain Estate.....	\$42.99
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

"New from Sterling, the SVR is a meritage blend using all five Bordeaux varietals,-supple texture, pretty deep red cherry, highlighted by cranberry and ripe plum," Shaun Green

2001 Terra Valentine, Napa	\$26.99
2001 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$29.99
2001 Vine Cliff, Napa	\$34.99
2001 Volker Eisele Estate, Napa	\$34.99
2001 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$32.98
2001 York Creek Meritage	\$39.99
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 Edge, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa	\$26.99
2002 Francis Coppola Claret	\$12.98
2002 Hawk Crest, California	\$9.99
2002 Hess Select, California.....	\$13.99
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 Lewis, Napa	\$58.99
2002 Lewis "Alec's Blend"	\$42.99

2002 Purisima Canyon, North Cst.....	\$9.99
2002 Ramey Napa Claret	\$29.98
2002 Seven Hills "Ciel du Cheval"	\$29.99
2002 Stephen Vincent, California	\$8.99
2002 Turnbull Old Bull Red.....	\$14.99
2002 Twenty Bench, Napa	\$14.99
2002 Viader, Napa	Inquire
2003 McManis California.....	\$8.99

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 Melville Santa Rita Syrah	\$19.99
2001 Palmina Nebbiolo	\$29.99
2001 Paraduxx Napa Red	\$39.99
2001 Purisima Cnyn Dry Crk Syrah ..	\$9.99
2002 Bonny Doon Big House Red	\$7.99
2002 Cloumbia Crest Shiraz	\$6.99
2002 Four Vines "Anarchy"	\$21.99
2002 Jaffurs "Stolpman" Grenache ..	\$23.99
2002 J.D. Bryan S.B. Syrah	\$16.99
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 McManis California Syrah	\$8.99
2002 Ojai Santa Barbara Syrah	\$22.99
2002 Palmina Bien Nacido Barbera ..	\$24.99
2002 Rock Rabbit Centr Coast Syrah	\$9.99
2002 Shooting Star Lemberger.....	\$10.99
2003 Vinum Cellars Red Dirt Red	\$27.99
2003 Pellgrini Sonoma Carignane	\$12.99
2003 Holus-Bolus Santa Ynez Syrah	\$24.99

DOMESTIC WHITES

2001 Au Bon Climat "Hildegard" ..	\$27.99
2001 Signorello "Seta"-91 pts, Parker!	\$22.99
2002 Brandborg Umpqua Riesling ..	\$11.99
2002 Conundrum	\$21.99
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

Possesses loads of pineapple, honeysuckle and candied lemons with good vibrant acidity.

2002 Tablas Crk Roussanne	\$24.99
2003 A to Z Willamette Pinot Gris....	\$10.99
2003 Long Shadows Poet's Riesling ..	\$20.99
2003 O'Reilly, Oregon Pinot Gris	\$11.99
2003 Palmina Santa Barb. Bianca	\$23.99
2003 Ponzi Willamette Arneis	\$19.99
2003 Ponzi Oregon Pinot Gris	\$11.99
2003 Smith Madrone Riesling	\$15.99
2003 Viento Washington Viognier	\$19.99
2003 Vinum Cellars Chenin Blanc.....	\$8.99
2003 Willakenzie Ore Pinot Gris	\$15.99

CHARDONNAY

2000 Talbott "Cuvee Cynthia"	\$41.99
2001 Beringer, Napa	\$9.98
2001 Bernardus	\$14.99
2001 Byron, Santa Maria	\$16.98
2001 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$27.98
2001 Dehlinger Estate, Russian Rr....	\$24.99
2001 DuNah "Sapphire Hill"	\$32.99
2001 Ferrari Carano "Tre Terre"	\$21.99
2001 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$26.99
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	\$14.99
2001 Newton Unfiltered, Napa	\$34.98
2001 Newton Red Label	\$18.99
2001 Perbacco, Edna Valley	\$17.99
2001 Ramey "Hyde"	\$49.99
2001 Smith Madrone, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Amici, Napa	\$23.99
The fruit comes from a two acre vineyard, located a stones throw south of the Stags Leap District on the Silverado Trail. Great food wine!	
2002 Amusant, Napa	\$14.99
2002 Amici, Napa	\$23.99
2002 Ancien, Carneros	\$28.99
2002 Arrowood, Sonoma	\$21.98
2002 Benziger, Carneros	\$9.99
2002 Buehler, Russian River.....	\$9.99
2002 Cakebread, Napa	Inquire
2002 Chalone Estate	Inquire
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa.....	Inquire
2002 Cambria Katherine's Vineyard	\$12.99
2002 Cartlidge and Browne	\$8.99
2002 Chasseur "Lorenzo Vineyard" ..	\$47.99
2002 Ch. St Jean, Sonoma	\$9.99
2002 Clos Pegase Mitsuko's	\$15.99
2002 Echelon, California	\$7.99
2002 Far Niente, Napa.....	Inquire
2002 Ferrari Carano, Alex Valley.....	\$24.99
2002 Fisher "Whitney's"	\$39.99
2002 Flora Springs "Select Cuvee"	\$28.99
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 Heitz, Napa	\$13.99
2002 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco	\$10.99
2002 Joseph Phelps "Ovation"	Inquire
2002 Kendall Jackson Vintners Res	\$9.98
2002 LaTour, Napa	\$21.99
2002 Landmark "Overlook"	\$19.99
2002 Maldonado "Los Olivos"	\$44.99
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.99
2002 Meridian, Santa Barbara	\$6.98

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 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$14.99
2002 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"	\$21.99
2002 Ramey, Carneros	\$29.98
2002 Rodney Strong "Chalk Hill"	\$11.99
2002 Round Hill, California.....	\$5.99
2002 Shooting Star, Santa Barbara	\$9.99
2002 Simi, Sonoma	\$11.99
2002 Solitude, Carneros	\$23.99
2002 St Francis, Sonoma	\$8.98
2002 Taylor Family, Stags Leap	\$16.99
2002 Testarossa "Castello"	\$21.99
2002 Toasted Head Dunnigan Hills	\$10.99
2002 Trefethen, Napa	\$18.99
2002 Villa Mnt Eden, Bien Nacido	\$13.99
2002 Vine Cliff, Napa	\$16.99
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 Château Souverain, 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.....	\$9.98
2003 Foxglove, Edna Valley	\$9.99
2003 Groth, Napa	\$19.98
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 "Oro de Plata"	\$17.99
2003 Keller 'La Cruz'	\$23.99
2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast	\$12.98
2003 Lewis, Sonoma	\$36.99
2003 Lewis, Napa	\$34.99
As always, these two limited production Chardonnays are super rich, creamy, toasty and full-bodied.	
2003 MacRostie, Carneros	\$15.99
2003 Morgan "Metallico"	\$15.99
2003 Rombauer, Carneros	\$24.99

FUME/SAUVIGNON BLANC

2002 Block K, Napa	\$14.99
2002 Buena Vista, Lake County	\$5.99
2002 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly....	\$11.99
Delicious wine that leans more toward the fruity (and non-grassy) style of Sauvignon Blanc!	
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
2002 Morgan, Monterey	\$9.99
2002 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$11.99
2002 Voss, Napa.....	\$14.98
2003 Cakebread, Napa	Inquire
2003 Charles Krug, Napa	\$12.99
2003 Clos du Bois, Sonoma.....	\$7.99
2003 Crocker Starr, Napa	\$22.99
2003 DeSante, Napa.....	\$16.99
Aromas of ripe fig and zippy citrus and flavors.	
2003 Duckhorn, Napa	Inquire
2003 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$11.99
2003 Frog's Leap, Napa.....	\$12.98
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Groth, Napa	\$12.98
2003 Honig, Napa	\$11.99
2003 Martinelli, Sonoma.....	\$18.99
Aromas of lemongrass lead toward ripe fruit flavors of honeydew melon and grapefruit.	
2003 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"	\$6.98
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. Rich, round and complex!	
2003 Sterling, Napa	\$9.99
2003 St Supéry, Napa	\$13.99
2003 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$13.99

DOMESTIC SPARKLERS

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
It's back! Just released onto the market, this wine is fresh, clean and lively!	
1997 Domaine Carneros "Le Reve" ..	\$39.99
1998 Domaine Chandon "Etoile".....	\$26.99
1998 J Wine Company	\$22.99
1998 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	\$31.99
A favorite from the staff! Rich, deep and complex.	
1999 Iron Horse Classic Brut	\$24.99
2000 Domaine Carneros Brut	\$16.99
2000 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvee" ..	\$21.99
2001 Schramsberg B de B/B de N.....	\$23.99
2001 Schramsberg Brut Rosé	\$26.99

MERLOT

2000/01 Verite "La Muse"	Inquire
2001 Atalon, Napa	\$24.99
2001 Benziger, Sonoma	\$12.99
2001 Cakebread, Napa	Inquire
2001 Chappellet, Napa	\$26.99
2001 Chateau 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 Flora Springs, Napa	\$17.99
2001 Franciscan, Napa	\$16.99
2001 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$27.99
2001 Gainey, Santa Ynez.....	\$13.99
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 O'Brien Family, Napa	\$34.99
2001 Paradigm, Napa	\$38.99
2001 Rutherford Hill, Napa	\$16.99
2001 Provenance, Carneros	\$19.99
2001 Selene, Napa.....	\$47.99
2001 Simi, Alexander Valley	\$14.99
2001 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars	\$34.99
2001 Sterling, Napa	\$18.98
"Shows ripe, brambly fruit up front and delivers a softly textured smooth and long mouthful of deep red and black fruits laced with chocolate," Shaun Green	
2001 Storrs, San Ysidro	\$19.99
2001 Swanson, Napa.....	\$24.99
2001 T Vine, Napa	\$27.99
2001 Twomey, Napa	\$59.99
New vintage! Owned by Silver Oak.	
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 Praxis, Dry Creek	\$12.99
2003 McManis California.....	\$8.99
<u>Washington Merlot</u>	
2000 Reininger, Walla Walla	\$31.99
90 points from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> !	
2001 L'Ecole No.41 Columbia Vly	\$29.99
2002 Tamarack, Columbia Valley	\$17.99
2002 Tamarack Columbia Valley	\$17.99

PINOT NOIR

2000 Domaine Drouhin "Laurene" ..	\$44.99
2001 Anapamu, Monterey	\$10.99
2001 Archery Summit Premier Cuv.....	\$29.99
2001 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"	\$19.99
2001 Chehalem Rion Reserve	\$44.99
2001 Domaine Drouhin, Oregon	\$36.99
2001 Dom Serene "Evenstad Res"	\$39.99
2001 Iron Horse, Russian River	\$24.99
2001 Morgan, Santa Lucia	\$17.99
2001/2 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$19.99
2001 Steele, Anderson Valley	\$15.99
2001 Walter Hansel "Cahill Lane"	\$27.99
2001 Willakenzie, Oregon	\$17.98
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 David Bruce, Central Coast.....	\$16.99
2002 Domaine Serene "Yamhill"	\$29.99
New vintage! A bit richer and darker than the '01. Very tasty!	
2002 Echelon, Central Coast	\$7.98
2002 Edna Valley "Paragon".....	\$12.98
2002 Elk Cove, Willamette	\$18.99
2002 Erath, Oregon	\$12.99
2002 Etude, Carneros	\$36.99
2002 Handley, Anderson Valley	\$17.99
2002 Hatcher, Willamette Valley	\$32.99
2002 Joseph Swan "Cuv de Trois"	\$19.99
2002 Kalinda, "Floodgate Vineyd"....	\$17.99
From a well known vineyard in the Anderson Valley, this Pinot shows dark, complex aromas of roasted coffee, spice and minerals, which are followed by black cherry and chocolate flavors.	
2002 Keller Estate, Sonoma	\$26.99
2002 Ken Wright	Inquire
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 Penner Ash, Willamette	\$36.99
2002 Ponzi, Willamette.....	\$25.99
2002 Rex Hill "King's Ridge"	\$13.99
2002 Saintsbury, Carneros	\$19.99
2002 Testarossa "Palazzo"	\$29.99
2003 Willakenzie, Oregon	\$16.99
2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley.....	\$15.99
2003 Avila, San Luis Obispo.....	\$9.99
2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast	\$12.98
2003 O'Reilly, Oregon	\$14.99
2003 Parker Station, Santa Barbara....	\$9.99

ZINFANDEL

NV Rosenblum Cuvée XXVI	\$7.98
2001 Buehler, Napa.....	\$10.99
2001 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$21.99
2001 Clos La Chance, El Dorado	\$11.99
2001 D Cubed, Napa.....	\$21.99
2001 Downing Fam "Fly by Night" ..	\$21.99
2001 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"	\$22.99
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 Kuleto Estate, Napa	\$24.99
2001 Little 8 Ottimino, RR.....	\$29.99
2001 Ravenswood "OV" Sonoma.....	\$11.99
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 Saddleback, Napa.....	\$27.99
2001 St Francis Old Vine Sonoma	\$14.99
2001 Terraces, Napa	\$26.99
2001 Wild Hog, Sonoma.....	\$21.99
2002 Amici "Old Vine," Napa	\$29.99
This fruit comes from vineyard located three miles north of St. Helena. These gnarled 35-year-old, dry-farmed zinfandel vines produce wines with incredible complexity and depth of character.	
2002 Bogle Old Vine.....	\$8.98
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, Sonoma.....	\$17.99
2002 Four Vines "Old Vine"	\$9.99
2002 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"	\$21.99
Exhibits ripe berry and plum jammy aromas, with integrated pepper and spice.	
2002 Norman "The Monster".....	\$18.99
2002 Paradise Ridge "Hoenselaars" ..	\$23.99
2002 Rancho Zabaco "Heritage"	\$9.98
2002 Rancho Zabaco "Dancing Bull" ..	\$6.98
2002 Renwood "Sierra Series"	\$9.99
2002 Ridge, Three Valleys	\$18.99
2002 Rosenblum Zinfandels	Inquire
2002 Seghesio "Cortina," HR	Inquire
2002 Shenandoah Spec Reserve	\$7.99
2002 Sobon "Rocky Top," Amador....	\$12.99
This wine comes from a very small plot of 70- to 80-year-old vines planted on volcanic soil in Amador. Staff Pick!	
2002 Storybook Mnt "Mayacamus" ..	\$25.99
2002 Tin Barn, Russian River.....	\$24.99
2003 Joel Gott, California	\$15.99
2003 Pellegrini, Russian River	\$21.99
2003 Seghesio, Sonoma	\$13.98
2003 Storybook Mnt "Mayacamus" ..	\$25.99

Château Montelena!

One of our favorite estates, Montelena is located north of Calistoga. The temperature is always on the warm side (It can be up to 10 degrees warmer than downtown Napa). Curiously, the wines of Montelena don't have that super-ripe quality. This is because very cool nights keep the grapes in balance and the acidity up.

2002 Chardonnay (\$29.99) As always, made using no malolactic fermentation and only 10% new oak, the 2002 Chardonnay shows amazing richness and texture for a wine that goes through no ML. Great balance, fruit and length!

2001 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$36.99) This used to be called the "Calistoga Cuvee." The 2001 shows pure Napa fruit. Spicy berry flavors, round supple texture and ripe, fine tannins.

2001 Estate Zinfandel (\$21.99) Only 3000 cases produced of this bright, balanced and focused Zinfandel. Not for someone looking for a ripe Paso Robles style. The Montelena is classic Zin!

2000 Estate Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$99.00) This wine is delicious right now. One of the highest rated 2000 Cabernets, and rightfully so! It shows flavors of coffee, cedar and black cherry fruit that are fresh and clean in the palate. This wine can be enjoyed now and should be great over the next 10 years.

2001 Estate Napa Cabernet Sauvignon A bit closed in the nose, the 2001 Estate Cabernet is one for the cellar. The wine is dense and loaded with cassis, chocolate, spice and black fruits. Patience! Look for another release in March of this wine.

—Trey Beffa

Napa Flights: Four 2001 Appellations

On a recent visit to Napa I discovered that contrary to what many euro-philés believe, *terroir* does matter here. Napa's dominant variety, cabernet sauvignon, can take on many forms. For starters, there is a world of difference between mountain and valley floor fruit.

Valley floor fruit: These vineyards get plenty of sun and temperate nights. Hailing from one of the more famous appellations, the **2001 Provenance Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon (\$27.99)** displays the oh-so-classic aromatic descriptor, "Rutherford Dust" to perfection. Take a sip, recognize the persistent, firm body and let the fine tannins give way to the dusty, earthy finish. Phew! Just across the valley, Stags Leap District shows itself well with the **2001 Silverado Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$32.99)**. The wine displays the famed velvety "rock soft" power of Stags Leap. It never bullies the taste buds with harsh tannins or hot fruit. An extremely delicious wine!

Mountain fruit: Vineyards on the slopes above Napa produce wines displaying elegance and structure. East-facing appellations protect vineyards from afternoon heat, allowing longer ripening periods with greater acidity levels. One example, the **2001 Hess Collection Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$32.99)** from the Mt. Veeder appellation, renders an attractive balance and quiet intensity. It has a smokier, darker profile, hinting at delicious roasted peppers. Hess' powerful flagship easily hangs with cabs twice the price! Higher up on the eastern slopes of the Mayacamas Range lies Spring Mountain. The winery that shares its name has a stellar yet unpretentious track record of making no-nonsense Cab prototypes with confident attitudes. The **2001 Spring Mountain Estate Red (\$42.99)** is a terrific food wine, even in its boisterous youth. Delicate aromas of bright raspberry invite the first sip of glorious, potent, earthy fruit. Even after 30 years, this wine should still shine—the '74 next to it was still kicking. Napa Rules! —Martin Reyes

San Francisco Focus

Cain Vineyards is a California winery dedicated to Bordeaux varietals. Located on Spring Mountain, the winery was started in 1980 with the first vintage (1985) released in 1989. The winery currently produces four wines. Its signature blend, Cain Five as well as Cain Concept, Cain Cuvee and Cain Musqué. We currently have the three wines available. The 2001 Cain Five will be released early in 2005.

2002 Cain Arroyo Seco Musqué (\$19.99) This has always been one of my favorite domestic Sauvignon Blancs. A strong citrus and mineral flavor with good balance and ripeness. No new oak or malolactic fermentation. This is the best and last of the Musqué. Cain will no longer release this wine after the 2002 vintage. Stock up now!

NV1 Cain Cuvee (\$21.99) This blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc is likewise a blend of two different vintages: 76% 2001 and 24% 2000. This is a very accessible and easy to drink wine with medium body and lush ripe fruit. Perfect with a quick meal at your favorite local bistro.

2001 Cain Concept (\$41.99) My personal favorite of the red wines from Cain. This wine is lush with a touch more ripeness than the other two reds. Made from cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc sourced from the Napa Valley proper. Cain used syrah in previous vintages but decided to concentrate on Bordeaux varietals. I miss the added spice of the past years but the wine has remained superb. Cellar for 2-3 years or decant for an hour. A real pleasure.

See you in the City...

—Mike Jordan

Pinots for the Holidays!

A fanatic love of Pinot Noir is not such a terrible vice to have. Especially this time of year (what could possibly go better with Thanksgiving dinner?), you should never be caught without a proper supply in your wine collection however large or small.

Start all of your holiday occasions with **2000 Iron Horse Wedding Cuvee (\$23.99)** from California's master pinot noir producer Forrest Tancer. The blend is dominated by pinot noir in this spectacular sparkler with joyous, stunning strawberry fruit. Rich and creamy, this is the perfect complement to your festivities. This is serious bubbly, and can easily follow through to pair with a herb-coated roast chicken dinner. (To carry a theme, don't miss their stunning still pinot noir from Green Valley as well.)

On the budget end, try the lovely **2002 Edna Valley Vineyards Pinot Noir (\$12.98)**. This is a serious pinot noir that has ripe cherry fruit, complexity, silkiness, a long finish, and will stand up to most fowl and salmon dishes. A touch more elegant and softer than those below, and it won't break the bank.

Oregon has been producing some extraordinary pinots lately, and the 2002s are getting tons of (deserved) press. Try the **2002 Willakenzie Estate Oregon Pinot Noir (\$16.99)** to get your feet wet. Loads of beautiful and pure pinot character, wonderful mouthfeel here, smooth silky tannins, sumptuous dark cherry fruit, notes of spice and ash, finishing long and sweet. And 90 points from the *Spectator*!

One of my favorite and consistent producers is Domaine Serene, and the **2002 Domaine Serene Yamhill Cuvee (\$29.99)** is destined to be an award winner. This little baby will make you the talk of the party season! Full, rich, lush with wonderful density of fruit, plenty of power, silky oaky vanilla, intricately woven spice, chocolate notes, big black cherry, cassis, blueberry, and maybe a little of Oregon's marionberry as well. This is a perfect wine for the whole Turkey meal. Plenty of power for the cranberries and stuffing, and a smoothness for the turkey. Have a fantastic and safe holiday season! —Shaun Green

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile, Argentina

2002 Two Brothers Tattuo Red (Chile)	\$7.99
2003 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2002/3 Alamos Bonarda, Chardonnay or Malbec (Argent)	\$8.99
2003 Casa Lapostolle Merlot (Chile).....	\$9.99
2002 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina)	\$10.99
2002 Bodega Cicchitti Cabernet/Malbec	\$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
1999 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Cabernet (Chile).....	\$13.99
2002 Las Terrazas Malbec Reserve (Argentina)	\$14.99
2002 Bianchi Familia Malbec or Cabernet (Argentina)	\$14.99
2002 Catena Chardonnay or 2001 Malbec (Argentina)	Inquire
2001 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Merlot (Chile).....	\$16.99
2002 Aleph Cabernet or Malbec (Argentina)	Inquire
2002 BenMarco Malbec (Argentina)	\$17.99
2001 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Reserve (Argentina)	\$21.99
2002 Bramare Malbec (Argentina)	\$27.99
2001 Catena Alta Malbec (Argentina).....	\$36.99
2001 Cheval des Andes (Argentina)-From Cheval Blanc	\$59.99

Portugal/Spain

2003 Campo Reales, La Mancha	\$6.99
2002 Cecile Chassagne Tempranillo, Navarra	\$6.99
2003 Bodegas Castano Monastrell, Yecla	\$6.99
2003 Wrongo Dongo, Jumilla	\$6.99
2003 Vega Sindoa Rosado, Navarra.....	\$7.49
2002 Viña Alarba Old Vine Grenache, Catatayud.....	\$7.99
2003 Palacio de Bornos, Rueda Verdejo	\$8.99
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
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 Sierra Cantabria Crianza Rioja	\$13.99
2001 Martinez La Orden, La Orbe, Rioja	\$14.99
2000 Artadi Vinas De Gain Crianza	\$14.99
2000 Bodegas Muga Reserva Rioja	\$16.99
2001 Bodegas del Muni, Corpus del Muni Vina Lucia	\$17.99
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 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
2000 Tilenus Pagos de Posado	\$29.99
2001 Mauro, Castilla y Leon	\$31.99
2001 Venus La Universal, Monstant	\$34.99
1995 Muga Rioja Prado Enea Grand Reserva	\$35.99
2001 Domingo de Pingus, Flor de Pingus.....	\$39.99
1998 Roda I, Rioja	\$45.99
2001 Bodegas JC Conde, Neo Ribera del Duero	Inquire

Jim C's View Down Under: Beyond Shiraz

At the risk of shooting myself in the foot, I have to urge you to try the other varietals that Australia has to offer!

Dominique Portet comes from a long line of family in the wine business. His brother Bernard founded Clos Du Val in Napa Valley, and their father was the vineyard and winery manager at Lafite-Rothschild. Dominique is no newcomer to the Australian wine business. He has been there since 1976 and spent 22 years at Taltarni. The **2004 Dominique Portet Sauvignon Blanc, Yarra Valley (\$16.99)** sees 20% barrel fermentation with that portion kept on lees with batonnage to give it a creamy texture though no overt wood aromatics or flavor. It's crisp with hints of orange zest, lime blossom and floral notes. The **2001 Dominique Portet "Fontaine" Cabernet-Shiraz, Yarra-Heathcote (\$13.99)** has 17% shiraz (ok, so sue me, it's mostly cab) that shows notes of plum, cherry, toffee and a hint of pepper and sage. The **2001 Dominique Portet Cabernet Sauvignon, Yarra Valley (\$27.99)** got 91 points from the *Wine Spectator*, and it's a beauty. There is a bouquet of black cherry, flat cola and cassis that is FRAMED by a judicious use of French oak.

2002 d'Arenberg "The Derelict Vineyard" Grenache, McLaren Vale; 2002 Twelve Staves Grenache, McLaren Vale

The "Derelict" is a vineyard planted 30 years ago that fell into neglect and was nurtured back to life. The wine shows note of black raspberry, licorice, roasted grains and light toasted oak with good concentration and purity. The Twelve Staves is a bargain but there's not much available. This is a great vineyard with vines that are 80 years old. The wine shows lovely deep flavors of raspberry, white pepper spice and a hint of toffee. Cheers! —*Jim Chanteloup*

Big Guns and a Drinker for Your Holidays

2001 Sierra Cantabria Tinto, Rioja (\$6.99) Made from 100% tempranillo and aged in American oak for 6 months, this is a charming red that will please many a palate. It has plenty of black cherry and currant fruit with a kiss of vanilla oak on the finish. I love this wine with pork stuffed with sage, cornbread and apple.

2001 Finca Allende, Calvario, Rioja (\$64.95) 95 points Robert Parker: "...a sensational effort revealing an inky/purple color along with gorgeously complex aromas of cedar, blackberries, creme de cassis, scorched earth, minerals and smoky new oak. This full-throated, seriously endowed effort coats the palate and nearly stains the teeth. Unevolved and rich, but 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." (04/04)

2001 Bodegas J.C. Conde, Neo, Punta Esencia, Ribera del Duero (\$59.99) 95+ Robert Parker: "Fernandez has hit the bull's eye with the impressively endowed 2001... More similar to Bordeaux first or second-growth than a Spanish Ribera del Duero, it boasts an inky/ruby/purple color as well as a sensational perfume of espresso roast, graphite, black currant liqueur, and pain grille. Full-bodied and youthful, tasting more like a barrel sample than a finished wine, it is loaded with potential and built for the long haul." (04/04)

2002 Val Llach, Priorat (\$74.99) Are you going to wait for Parker to give it another 96 points? This powerful Priorat is made from carignan, merlot and cabernet grown at high elevations on the best soils. From the ripe black currant fruit and stylish new oak, this red is deep, rich and complex—a fine successor to the line of great Priorat from this native son. Buen Cata! —*Anne Pickett*

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.

- 1999 Walter Glatzer Zweigelt "Dornenvogel"\$19.99
Dornenvogel (thorn-bird) is Glatzer's term for his best lots because these thieving birds like to eat the ripest grapes. Sexy Red!
- 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.....\$22.99
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
- 2002 Türk Grüner Veltliner "Vom Urgentein"\$12.99
New producer in the U.S. from the Kremstal. Old vines in primary rock give this zesty wine an intense, clean and vibrant personality.
- 2002 Felsner Grüner Veltliner "Vorderberg" Best of\$14.99
- 2001 Prager Riesling Smaragd Wachstum Bodenstern.....\$39.99
- 2001 Weninger Blaufränkisch Reserve "Barrique"\$19.99
- 2000 Heinrich Pannobile Red-Zweigelt, blaufränkisch, cab\$29.99
- 2002 Nigl Grüner Veltliner "Privat"\$34.99
Privat denotes the best wines of each vintage, 92 points *Spectator*.
- 2002 Schmelz Grüner Veltliner "Hoherack" Smaragd \$34.99
Loaded with white pepper, nutmeg, lentil, smoke and mineral. Luscious, full-bodied on the palate with an ethereal, delicate feel.

Wagner Stempel

With the 2003 German campaign in full swing I thought it would be great to highlight a lesser-known producer whom we feel is making some darn good Riesling. Two years ago I accompanied Johannes Leitz to Berlin for a couple of days of "business" and sight seeing. He was pouring his wines at an event involving renowned German chefs and winemakers from the different regions of Germany, and I was eating and drinking. Perfect duo. Late one night we went to a wine bar called Rutz in the east of Berlin, which is now bustling with nightlife and constant jack hammering. Anyway, there were about 12-15 of us: winemakers, sommeliers and tag along American wine guys. We had a blast talking, laughing and discussing, as usual why German wines are not given as much respect as they deserve. I sat next to Daniel Wagner, a really great young guy from the Rheinhessen, of whom the others jokingly prodded and said, mimicking his own voice: "I am just a small grower from the Rheinhessen." He is now being called the rising star of the Rheinhessen and one of the most promising young growers in all of Germany, but at the time his wines were unknown in the U.S. Happily, thanks to Terry Theise, his wines were coming, and I was anxious to see what this "small grower" was up to. Daniel works 12.5 hectares of vines in the westernmost part of the Rheinhessen near the Nahe Valley. Most vines are planted on volcanic soils with some loess and chalk. He hand harvests and uses a mixture of stainless for the simpler cuvees and old wood for the top Rieslings. He believes in minimal handling and bottles off the gross lees usually in February. The 2003 Wagner Stempel Siefersheimer Heerkretz Spätlese (\$24.99) is muscular and driven at 100° oechsle, spicy and salty, with hints of lemon, orange zest, verbena and the warmth that comes from wines grown on porphyry. This is most definitely one of my top five wines of the vintage and a wine that despite its size never comes across heavy or cloying. You can drink this wine between five and twenty-five years. Thanks Daniel. Happy to be here.

—Jeff Vierra

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

- 2001 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur\$10.99
- 2002 Riesling, Boeckel\$11.99
- 2002 Tokay-Pinot Gris Domaine Roland Schmitt\$12.99
- 2002 Domaine Allimant Laugner Muscat.....\$13.99
Tons of rich fruit and a beguiling, almond-like finish. Try with rich cheeses.
- 2000 Riesling, Grand Cru Saering, Domaines Schlumberger \$14.99
- 2001 Riesling, Andlau, Mark Kreydenweiss\$17.99
- 2000 Gewürztraminer, Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur\$18.99
Very classy, lots of soil character. Pungently spicy.
- 2002 Riesling, Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur\$18.99
- 1999 Riesling, Cuvee Frederic Emile, Trimbach.....\$32.99
- 2000 Gruenspiel de Bergheim, Marcel Deiss\$55.99

Loire

- 2002 Chinon, Château de Ligre Pierre Ferrand\$9.99
- 2002 Muscadet Sèvre 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
- 2003 Sancerre, Franck Millet-our biggest selling Loire\$12.99
- 2002 Samur-Champigny, Hautes Troglodytes, Plouzeau\$13.99
- 2002 Sancerre, "Clos de Chaudenay," VV Domiane Daulny ..\$16.99
- 2003 Coteaux du Layon, Château Soucherie Y. Tijou\$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 Montlouis, "Les Choisses," François 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
- 2002 Vouvray, "Le Bouchet" Demi-Sec, François Chidaine\$19.99
- 2000 Chinon, "Clos de l'Echo," Couly Duthel\$21.99
The domaine's masterpiece, complex, structured, and very age worthy.
- 2002 Vouvray Sec, "Clos Naudin," Philippe Foreau\$29.99
- 1995 Vouvray Brut Reserve, Philippe Foreau\$29.99
Richly textured, vibrant example of the versatility of chenin blanc, racy and honed with a firmly grounded sense of terroir.
- 1996 Vouvray Moelleux, "Clos Naudin," Philippe Foreau\$34.99
- 2002 Vouvray Moelleux, "Clos Naudin," Philippe Foreau\$43.99
95 points *Wine Spectator*.

A Great Chardonnay Alternative

Are you tired of chardonnay but still crave the weight, texture and flavor complexity a good example from this varietal offers? The Pfaffl Grüner Veltliner Goldjoch (\$21.99) is the wine for you! Two thirds of this wine undergoes barrel fermentation, which imparts an exotic tropical fruit, almond oil and spice aroma. The palate is rich, round, sexy and nougaty, with hints of ripe citrus fruits and crème brulee. The finish is long, lingering and—here is where we depart from most California Chardonnays—full of juicy, lip-smacking, palate-cleansing acids. The wonderful lift and structure in this wine keeps all the voluptuous, Rubenesque fruit from becoming heavy or ponderous.

The Pfaffl winery is located just northwest of Vienna, where they cultivate approximately 75 acres of vines across ten disparate municipalities. While vinification of fruit from this patchwork of vineyards is complicated at best, the folks at Pfaffl are strong believers in working only the best sites available. Hard to pronounce, but utterly delicious, the wines from Pfaffl are the real deal. Don't let the dearth of vowels intimidate you!

—Marco DeFrietas

What to Serve With Your Thanksgiving Eagle?



Ah, that is the question asked by millions this time of year, and here at the K&L we are certainly willing to help. Eagle (particularly the Screaming variety) is an acquired taste—obviously, because if you don't

have it you can't taste it. Delicately fowl flavors require a wine along the lines of a hearty Cabernet Sauvignon, as this varietal will help mask the eagle's distinctive tang. And there is the matter of a fully laden Thanksgiving table: deviled eaglet, cranberry sauce, mashed flamingos, gooseberry pie...you know, the traditional foods. We just happen to have the perfect wines for hearty cold weather fare: **1980 Opus One**, the second vintage from the legendary Mondavi/Rothschild venture. I believe that the 1980 vintage in California is somewhat underrated, having been quite warm, and thus many of the wines were ripe, soft and enjoyable early. Some lacked the structure for extended aging. Not so the Opus; the wine remains spicy and concentrated with perfumed notes of cedar and black fruits. Opus has always striven for a Bordeaux-style wine; they made one with the 1980 juice.

1985 Jordan Cabernet

Jordan has been an anomaly since the inaugural 1976 vintage. Way back when, we called them "restaurant wines" with their soft tannins and lush fruit. They were ready to drink, perfect for the wine list. Well, the mistake I made with regards to the aging potential of older Louis Martini wines was duplicated with the Jordan Cabernet. They are ready young, yes. But today they are still dapper, vibrant older gentle-

Jim's November Gems

As Bill Ferguson (one of my amateur winemaking buddies) and I drove north on Highway 101 September 13 to pick up the last of the varietals that we were crushing that afternoon in Redwood City at David and Liza Harvey's home (more close friends and winemaking buddies) I was reflecting to Ferg that I thought this vintage was one of the earliest, if not the shortest on record in the California North Coast. Everything has tons of color, and the aromatics this year are to die for, but that is not exactly a barometer of what this vintage is about. This will be a variable vintage. There will be some absolutely incredibly great wines produced this year and many that will be just average or suffering from too much of either alcohol or tannins or both. It is all determined by one factor: Mother Nature (always the case). What was suppose to be the wettest month of the year, March, resulted in no rain in the North Coast, and in fact turned out to be the warmest since records were maintained. This caused the vines to bud out four to six weeks early. March was followed by a cool and sometimes cold April and May, which created further problems in the vineyards with shatter (the non-formation of a grape on a cluster from a non-fertilized flower damaged either from cold, heat or rain). This last summer gave us mild- and even-temperature days, which allowed the grapes to evolve evenly. This lasted until the last of August, at which time we were launched into a three-week heat wave (global warming?) that ripened everything at once. The North Coast harvest was 95% percent complete by the middle of September. Everyone was scrambling those last several weeks to get every grape cluster in before it became too ripe. It was, to say the least, unbelievable!

men. The 1985 has an earthy warm character, silky tannins and a core of plump, sweet cherry fruit. A superb '85.

There was a ham on page two of last month's K&L newsletter. No, I'm not joshing. Musta been one giant Hamasaurus grew that thing. I'm just mentioning it in passing.

Port Weather Alert

The word in the international community is that Americans BUY port but do not DRINK port. You gonna stand for that? You're an American, sue someone!! Seriously, try the 1985 Taylor port instead. The wine is absolutely perfect now, a bit higher acidity (my style for sure) that keeps the sweetness in check and balance. A real poolside sipper. (No, wait, that's summer). A real fireside sipper. Taylor has been making port since the year negative 900. Jesus' granddad drank it. While that may be historically inaccurate, it is also probably untrue. But Taylor' been around awhile, that's for sure.

Customer Hall Of Fame, Part Two.

Cris in Troutville: Lawn sculptor, glass blower, Zin drinker, tennis elbow. I send wine, she sends lamps. Ironically, Cris tells me I sound like glass—Ira Glass on NPR. Great. I have a bad voice, so any comparison hurts. Cris, I'm looking for a mate for the giraffe in my backyard. Whattaya got?

Joe the tax guy: Calculates with the left, writes with the right, talks, thinks, all at the same time. We try to get the last appointment of the day. That's when the corks fly. Takes the sting out of the state and federal.

Bob and Stacy in Napa: From the Silicon Valley to Napa wine baron. Makes one envious. Bob is a bit too intelligent for the likes of me, but I've always had to take the good with the good. Makes one helluva wine. We carry it at K&L; call me if you'd like to try it. —Joe Zugelder

As with many of the small European producers that we have been importing the last 10 years plus, the incredible wines from Domaine Girasols have more than stellar. Besides Girasols old-vine Côtes Du Rhône and Rasteau (which are must haves in case quantities), we were able to procure a small amount of their **2003 Girasols Rasteau Rosé (\$10.99)**, which is a light, dry, crisp grenache-driven wine that would be ideal for shell-fish. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

It has been many full harvest moons since we have had a Kalinda SB, but with the **2003 Kalinda Lake County Sauvignon Blanc (\$9.99)** we have a wine that Ebby and Chris have told me best resembles a Pouilly-Fumé. Earthy and grassy on the aromas, this wine is completely dry and crisp. It offers tons of flavors of a lime- to grapefruit-like quality, and provides a long, clean, mouthwatering finish. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

The next two reds are wines that prove why you should buy Bordeaux in super to great vintages from minor châteaux. Both are Premieres Côtes De Bordeaux, but each offers different nuances. The **2001 Château Delord (\$9.99)** is a linear wine that provides fresh cherry-like fruit, soft tannins, and is just a joy to consume on a regular basis at a great price. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

The **2000 Château de Birot (\$10.99)** has a lot more structure, with broad fruit and complexity. It is deeply colored, provides a roasted coffee bean to cassis nose, soft tannins, moderate complexity and near-term drinkability. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

If you have any questions, email at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy the selection and Happy Thanksgiving! —Jim, Anderson & Ebby

Champagne, continued from page 1

Michel Arnould Grand Cuvee Brut Champagne (\$29.99) Exclusively from the 1997 harvest (although not labeled as such), this is composed of two thirds pinot noir and one third chardonnay. The color is gorgeous gold, studded with tiny bubbles. The aroma is amazing. With creaminess to complement its racy cherry fruit on the palette, and an extraordinarily long finish, it is dosed at 9 grams per liter—very dry!

Leclerc-Briant

Mr. Pascal Leclerc-Briant is also a fifth generation wine grower. He has a huge holding for Champagne: 75 acres! His family vineyards are in Hautvillers, Damery and Verneuil, but all of the Champagne we purchased came from his best sites in the Premier Cru of Cumieres.

Cumieres is almost always the first village to harvest in Champagne as it has the warmest microclimate. Mr. Pascal Leclerc-Briant is a believer in biodynamics, and his vineyards are all cultivated to the strictest of all organic methods. Three of the four wines that we bought from Leclerc-Briant are single-vineyard Champagnes. I don't know of any other producer who offers individual sites from the same village like this. Unlike almost all other quality producers in the valley of the Marne, Pascal chooses to put the wines through full malolactic. These are extraordinary Champagnes that have received a lot of press in Europe. We feel very lucky to be their representative in the U.S. Currently we are offering:

Leclerc-Briant “Les Crayères” Single Vineyard Brut Champagne (\$29.99) This wine is composed of 38% pinot noir, 37% meunier and 25% chardonnay from a 2 2/3-acre vineyard with the most chalk of the three single-vineyard offerings. With a fresh, clean, vanilla bean and subtle raspberry fruit nose, it is concentrated and holds its fruit like a great Blanc de Blancs. It is a dry style, dosed at just 8 grams per liter.

Nouvelle Vague: French Regional Wines

Fade in: A year ago I sat down to watch one of my favorite films of French New Wave cinema, Francois Truffaut's “Les Quatre Cents Coups” (the 400 Blows). I absolutely love this genre of filmmaking, which focuses on marginalized, young anti-heroes who behave spontaneously and are frequently anti-authoritarian. They question authority and convention and seek instead a new standard, a higher and more enlightened level of existence. Naïve? Perhaps. Inspiring? Definitely. You are probably wondering what my love of the French Nouvelle Vague has to do with wine. Well, shortly after my cinematic interlude (and feeling pretty jazzed about life in general), I came across an interesting character in one of my wine books. It seems this guy in the south of France had gotten into some trouble with the INAO for planting riesling. Riesling in the south of France? Who would have the cahones to do such a thing? Yep, you guessed it. My anti-hero. **Jean-Louis Denois** challenged the narrowness of appellation regulations.

Denois planted riesling as an experiment to showcase the climactic conditions of Limoux, one of the coolest regions in the Languedoc. Now, in case you think this guy is a neophyte of wine, think again. A Champenois by birth, Denois studied oenology at Beaune and has also worked in South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and California. He was, until recently, also the talent behind Domaine de l'Aigle, a chardonnay that enjoys cult-like status in Europe. And yet the Denois philosophy is simple: to showcase Limoux as an island of freshness in the south of France. Finding the perfect balance between ripeness and acidity here is key, and Denois manages to maintain this throughout the entire range of his wines through a genuine respect for terroir, low

Leclerc-Briant “Les Chèvres Pierreuses” Single Vineyard Brut Champagne (\$29.99) Composed of 41% pinot noir, 19% meunier and 40% chardonnay from a 7-acre vineyard that is the steepest of the three offerings. Perhaps the most plain delicious of the three wines, this has great fresh apple fruit, lightly toasted bread notes and good refreshing zing. A fantastic aperitif!

Leclerc-Briant “Clos des Champions” Single Vineyard Brut Champagne (\$29.99) Composed of 51% chardonnay and 49% pinot noir from a tiny 1.25-acre walled vineyard that faces south towards the Marne. It is the most serious of the three single-vineyard offerings with a tightly wound core of limey chardonnay. It is very sought after and rare Champagne, the valley of the Marnes “Clos” to pour along side the Cote de Blancs Clos de Mesnil and the Mountain of Reims Clos du Goisses. The wall acts as an insulator, and the extra ripeness comes through in the body of the wine. Impressive stuff!

1999 Leclerc-Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé Champagne (\$29.99) Pascal Leclerc-Briant gets into trouble nearly every year he makes this wine, but they have yet to confiscate it or make him distill it. It used to be a little tradition for good producers from the valley of the Marne to make red Champagne, but it became illegal in the 1950s because of rampant adulteration by big firms. The CIVC (the governing board for Champagne) did not want to get the reputation of a food-coloring and syrah-importing region, so they cracked down on everyone—including those who were making red Champagne honestly. The Rubis Rosé pushes the definition of rosé to the limits. Leclerc-Briant does 100% skin contact maceration before fermentation and makes the reddest rosé in Champagne. This has a huge strawberry nose and lots of pinot noir flavor. Like nothing else! —Gary Westby

yields and practicing *lutte raisonnée*. In Europe Denois is a vigneron of considerable celebrity, however, he is virtually unknown stateside. Some are labeled as A.O.C., others as Vin de Pays. The classification is irrelevant. This guy makes good wine. I mean *really good* wine.

This month K&L is very pleased to introduce you to two fantastic wines from this maverick winemaker. The **2002 Jean-Louis Denois “La Riviere” Chenin Blanc, Limoux (\$15.99)** perfectly exemplifies the fine interplay between acidity and ripeness. The “La Riviere” is a fantastically good example of chenin blanc, lying somewhere between the taut structure of its Loire cousin and the more fleshy versions found in the New World. This dry wine smells of granny smith apple drizzled with orange blossom honey. A slight saltiness wafts from the glass too, reminiscent of a cool ocean breeze. And while the wine is immediately charming, after an hour or two of decanting, it becomes even more brilliant. A very versatile wine to enjoy with just about anything, including fish stew, grilled lobster or baked chicken with fresh herbs. The **2001 Jean-Louis Denois Chloé (\$19.99)**, 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc, is absolute C-L-A-S-S in a bottle. Long, fine and impeccably polished, this elegant cuvee teases with cassis, violets and just the slightest hint of espresso nib suggesting greater things to come. Seductive black fruits caress the palate, pané velvet comes to mind. And if you suspect this merlot will get all sloppy on you, the Chloé pulls back with just enough acidity to keep you thinking strait and appreciating the Chloé for exactly what it is: a wine of breeding and sophistication. Watch for more offerings from this maverick winemaker and be among the first to taste France's finest cutting-edge wines from this up-and-coming region. A bientot! —Mulan Chan

WHITE BURGUNDY

2001 Bourgogne Chardonnay, "Paulée," Faiveley	\$7.99
Crisp and refreshing, and at a great price. Was \$12.50 elsewhere.	
2002 St Bris (Sauvignon), Moreau & Fils—Chablis minerality	\$9.99
2003 Mâcon Solutré, Domaine Renaud—Bright, mineral driven	\$10.99
2002 Petit Chablis, Moreau & Fils	\$11.99
2002 Bourgogne, Les Setilles, Olivier Leflaive	\$12.49
2002 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Champy	\$12.99
A bit of toasty oak, lovely fruit and a nice balance.	
2002 St-Véran, Domaine Nembrets, Denis Barraud	\$12.99
2002 St-Véran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet	\$13.99
Perennial favorite. Forward and rich with minerality and charm.	
2001 Mâcon-Villages, "Les Bruyeres," Lapalus—Extremely rich	\$13.99
2002 Chablis, Domaine Barat—Mineral driven and classic.....	\$14.99
2002 Sauvignon de Saint Bris, Alice & Olivier de Moor	\$14.99
2003 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine Renaud	\$15.99
2001 Bourgogne Blanc, Etienne Sauzet—Was \$21.99	\$15.99
2002 Bourgogne, "La Combe," Marc Colin.....	\$16.99
2003 Macon-Villages, Domaine Heritiers Comte Lafon.....	\$17.99
2002 Pouilly-Fuissé, 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 Chablis, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Gerard Tremblay	\$18.99
2001 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet.....	\$19.99
Piquant and bright, a wonderful expression of this ancient Burgundy grape.	
2001 Marsannay Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$19.99
2002 Pouilly-Fuissé, 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 Chablis, "Bel Air & Clardy," Domaine De Moor	\$20.99
2002 St-Aubin, "Chatenière," 1er, Maison Olivier Leflaive	\$23.99
2002 Chablis, "Rosette," Domaine De Moor	\$27.99
2001 Nuits-St-Geo, "Clos de L'Arlet Blanc," 1er Cru (.375ml) \$31.99	
2000 St-Aubin, "Les Pucelles," 1er Cru, Pierre Morey	\$32.99
Serious wine from Leflaive's winemaker. Puligny quality for less.	
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, Bouchard Père & 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, Château de Puligny Montrachet	\$36.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, Ch. De Puligny Montrachet.....	\$43.99
2000 Chablis, "Les Preuses," Grand Cru, Wm. Fevre	\$45.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Champs Gain," 1er, Dom J-M Morey	\$46.99
2002 Meursault, "Grands Charron," Vincent Dancer	\$46.99
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, "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, "Folatières," 1er Cru, Ch de Pul Mont	\$63.99
2001 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Maltroie," 1er Cru, Niellon	\$66.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Romanée," 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer	\$67.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Tête du Clos," (Morgeot) V. Dancer	\$68.99

2001 Puligny-Montrachet, "Combettes," 1er Cru, Sauzet	\$69.99
2001 Chass-Mont, "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, "Perrières," 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer	\$78.99
2002 Meursault, "Perrières," 1er Cru, Pierre Morey	\$82.99
2001 Puligny-Montrachet, "Caillerets," 1er, de Montille	\$87.99
2001 Puligny-Montrachet, "Folatières," 1er, Dom Leflaive	\$119.95
2002 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot	\$119.99

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—Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful	\$22.99
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
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—A new container has just arrived. Delicious.	\$26.99
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-Clicquot Brut—One of the nation's best prices!	Inquire
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
1996 Pol Roger Vintage Blanc de Chardonnay	\$59.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle" (1.5L \$129.00)	\$64.99
1996 Bollinger Grand Année.....	\$64.99
Cattier Clos du Moulin 1er Cru Brut	\$77.99
1996 Cuvee William Deutz Brut	\$89.99
Krug Grand Cuvee	\$104.99
1996 Dom Pérignon—Limited availability	\$99.97
1995 Salon Blanc de Blancs	\$128.99
1988 Krug Brut	\$149.00
1990 Krug Brut	\$174.99

RED BURGUNDY

2001 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand.....	\$13.99	2000 Volnay, "Fremiets," 1er Cru, Comte Armand.....	\$57.99
2002 Marsannay Rouge, Maison Louis Latour	\$14.99	Beautiful black fruit with rich, extremely ripe, supple flavors yet good focus.	
2001 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus-Brochon.....	\$15.99	2001 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Chandon de Brialles ..	\$58.99
2000 Côte-de-Nuits-Villages, Desertaux-Ferrand	\$18.99	2002 Nuits, "Clos Fôrets," 1er Cru, Domaine l'Arlot	\$62.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Heresztyn	\$18.99	2002 Vosne-Romanée, Chaumes, 1er, Gros Frère & Soeur	\$66.99
2002 Côtes-de-Nuits-Villages, "Le Vaucrain," Louis Jadot	\$20.99	2000 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine E. Rouget.....	\$69.99
From a vineyard next to Clos de Marechal. Lovely bright fruit and length.		2000 Clos des Lambrays, Grand Cru.....	\$69.99
2001 Monthelie Rouge, Maison Bouchard Père & Fils	\$21.99	Lovely, aromatic, supple and showing elegantly well.	
2002 Santenay, Clos de Malte, Domaine Louis Jadot	\$23.99	2002 Nuits "Clos Argillieres," 1er, Dom Patrice Rion	\$71.99
"Juicy, pure and medium-bodied, [with] black pepper-laced blackberries," <i>Wine Advocate</i>		2001 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Dom Gros Frère & Soeur	\$74.99
2001 Marsannay, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$24.99	2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Dugat-Py	\$79.99
2002 Monthelie, "Les Duresses," 1er, Dom Bouchard P&F	\$25.99	2001 Clos des Lambrays, Grand Cru.....	\$89.99
2001 Marsannay, "Quartiers," Domaine Roty.....	\$25.99	92 points Steve Tanzer: "Complex...Rich, dense...spicy and long."	
2002 Savigny-Beaunes, "Clos Guettes," 1er, Domaine Jadot ..	\$26.99	2002 Clos de Vougeot, Hudelot Noellat	\$99.95
"A balanced, delicious, intense and persistent wine of notable distinction," <i>Burghound</i>		2000 Mazy-Chamb, Grand Cru, P. Charlopin-(was \$145).....	\$125.00
2001 Savigny-Beaunes, "Narbanton," 1er, Camus Brochon	\$26.99	Powerful and concentrated, with a lingering finish and excellent balance.	
2000 Morey-St-Denis, Domaine Regis Forey	\$29.99	2002 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Domaine Groffier.....	\$159.99
2001 Gevrey-Chambertin, "VV," Domaine Heresztyn	\$29.99	2000 Romanée-St-Vivant, Domaine de la Romanée Conti.....	\$320.00
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!			
2000 Volnay, "Champans," 1er Cru, Marquis d'Angerville.....	\$39.99		
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 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		
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 Morey-St-Denis, 1er, Dom Lambrays-(\$69 elsewhere).....	\$47.99		
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 Tardy	\$52.99		
Both from grapes Jean Tardy grows for Meo-Camuzet, at a much lower price.			
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		

Tasting Schedule for November, 2004

The following is our tasting schedule for November. All tastings are from Noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. Please join us in the San Francisco store for Thursday evening tastings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. See these tastings, special dinners and other events listed in the "local events" section of our website, www.klwines.com.

Saturday, November 6: Bordeaux! Clyde, Ralph and Steve bring our monthly selections of new arrivals and a look back at one older vintage Bordeaux. Highlights include the 2000 and 2001 vintage with any questions answered about the upcoming 2002s and 2003s. Ten wines to be poured with eight reds (including one older vintage), one white and one Sauternes. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, November 13: Wines from Italy in Redwood City. *Wines from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in San Francisco.* In Redwood City, the venerable Greg St. Clair brings us the best of Italy for the last time in 2004. He will show some great new arrivals, wonderful buys and quality wines for the cellar. Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA. In San Francisco, Jimmy C. and Mike J. pick the best from "down under." We will pour new releases and some old favorites, all of them interesting. Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, November 20: Champagne! In Redwood City and San Francisco. *Book signing* with Leslie Sbrocco in San Francisco. Gary and Marco pick out the hottest new arrivals from France to brighten your holidays. Eight wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA. In the San Francisco store, author/columnist Leslie Sbrocco will be talking about and signing her award-winning book, *Wine for Women*, A guide to buying, pairing and sharing wine. Signing begins at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 27: Tasting bars closed for Thanksgiving weekend. Our bars will be closed on this weekend to allow our customers to shop and to help us digest the mountains of food that we have eaten.

—Scott Beckerley

ITALIAN WINES

For questions about Italian wines email Greg at 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 Redwood City Jeff Vierra jeffv@klwines.com at ex 2736 or Kirk Walker kirkw@klwines.com or in San Francisco the one and only Mike Parres mikep@klwines.com. Or visit www.klwines.com.

1999 Brunello Pre-Arrivals: The first of many to come!

1999 Pian dell'Orino-K&L Direct Import bargain!\$36.99

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.

1999 Piancornello-92 points, *Wine Spectator*\$42.99

1999 La Togata-91 points, *Wine Spectator*\$47.99

Tuscany

2003 Maritma 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\$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!

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

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

1999 Tenute Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva\$27.99

1999 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Ris "Coltassala"\$33.99

1999 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Ris "San Marcellino"\$34.99

The power of Brunello, the subtle elegance of Chianti, a sublime experience!

1999 Castello di Monsanto Chianti Riserva "Il Poggio"\$47.99

Montalcino

1999 Verbena-91 points, *Wine Spectator*\$39.99

1999 Cinelli-Colombini Brunello-90 points, *Wine Spectator*\$39.99

1999 Camigliano Brunello\$39.99

1999 Coldisole Brunello\$39.99

1999 Campogiovanni Brunello-91 points, *Wine Spectator*..... \$44.99

1999 Val di Suga-90 points, *Wine Spectator*\$44.99

1999 Poggio San Polo-93 points, *Wine Spectator*.....\$46.99

1999 Caprili-90 points, *Wine Spectator*\$49.99

1999 Collosorbo Brunello

1999 Antinori Pian delle Vigne-92 points, *Wine Spectator*\$54.99

1999 Castello Banfi-94 points, *Wine Spectator*\$54.99

Sotto la Pergola Inclinata

Sicily, after Tuscany, is the best-known Italian region, a cultural conglomerate after millenniums of invasion, occupation and outside control that has left this desert island with a haunting, stark feel to it. The last decade has shown incredible investment and growth after a concerted effort by the Italian government to retake the island from Mafia control. A long, bloody struggle, but one can see from the amount of investment that something has certainly happened.

The first burst of wine from the new Sicily has come from many wineries making international varieties (merlot, cab, chardonnay and syrah) and overlooked the indigenous varieties. Nero d'Avola has emerged as the first of the indigenous varieties to take hold in our country. Nero d'Avola is generally a fragrant, elegant wine, with certain softness from the warm Sicilian sun that gives it a smooth texture. For me it sometimes feels like soft, fruity California Pinot Noir. These wines, although really very drinkable and very flavorful, never fully expressed the Sicilian terroir. I thought that maybe there wasn't anything really there to show from this grape. Enter Vito Catania and his **Gulfi** winery. His wines have truly captivated my imagination, emotions and senses. I love them all!

Vito's project is a recent one. Although he owned vineyards and sold grapes for many years, he decided in 1996 to make his own wines. In the southeastern tip of Sicily near Siracusa, and the town of Avola, (the

grape takes its name from here; it means the black grape of Avola), his efforts and attention to classic traditions while availing himself of modern winemaking technology have created wines that offer distinct aromatic character, alluring flavors and subtle power.

The **2003 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Rossojbleo (\$14.99)** is a completely stainless version—pure, vibrant, fresh fruit character, with good acidity, balance and a marvelous mouth feel. The **2001 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Nerojbleo (\$17.99)** is more concentrated than the Rossojbleo and sees time in both barrique and puncheons. More center focus develops in this wine, giving it power, yet it is still subtle, aromatic, supple on the palate and delicious to drink. The **2001 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Nero-Baronj (\$44.99)** is...well...baronial! Fuller, broader, deeper red fruit character with hints of violet, Middle Eastern spice, this isn't a blockbuster, over-ripe style of wine, it is just intensely flavored. It will age well for another 3-5 years. **2001 Gulfi Nero d'Avola NeroSanLorenzj (\$44.99)** This wine is similar to the NeroBaronj in structure, power and mouth feel, yet its aromatics are more *sauvage*: game, porcini, wild flowers. This wine is filled with long, sinewy muscles, no bulging biceps here, just symmetry, personality, intrigue and poetry. These are all very, very limited.

P.S.: They also go well with Turkey!

—Greg St. Clair

ITALIAN WINES

1999 Le Macioche.....	\$54.99
1999 Casanuova delle Cerbaie.....	\$57.99
Dense, powerful, needs a decanting now or 3-5 yrs cellaring a powerhouse!	
1997 Casisano-Colombaio Brunello Ris-92 points, <i>Spectator</i>	\$78.99
1999 Valdicava-94 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$79.99
1997 Talenti Brunello Riserva-93 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$79.99
"Very fresh Brunello riserva, with mineral, ripe fruit and dried flower character. Medium to full-bodied with fine tannins and a long, refined finish..." <i>Spectator</i> .	
1999 Tenimenti Angelini "Spuntali"	\$84.99
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
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	\$13.99
2002 Vietti Arneis	\$15.99
2003 Cascina Val de Prete Barbera d'Alba.....	\$15.99
2003 Cascina Val de Prete Arneis "Luet"	\$15.99
2003 Monchiero Carbone "Arneis" Recit	\$15.99
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
2001 Cascina Val del Prete Barbera d'Alba "Carolina"	\$29.99

Barolo/Barbaresco

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

2000 Massolino Barolo-92 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$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
2001 Albino Rocca Barbaresco "Bric Ronchi"	\$53.99
If you thought that 2000 was a 100-point vintage then 2001 has to be a 101-point vintage!	
2000 Massolino Barolo "Margheria"-93 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$54.99
1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"	\$55.99
2000 Luigi Pira Barolo "Marenca"-91 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$59.99
1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"	\$59.99
2000 Sandrone Barolo Le Vigne-95 points, <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$98.99

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

2003 Alois Lageder Pinot Bianco	\$7.99
2003 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2003 Cantina Terlan Pinot Grigio dell Alto Adige	\$15.99
2000 Convento Muri-Gries Lagrein Scuro-1 Bicchiere.....	\$11.99
20023 Abbazia di Novacella Gewürztraminer	\$24.99
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, K&L)

1999 Muri-Gries Lagrein "Abtei Riserva"-3 Bicchieri	\$28.99
2000 Muri-Gries Lagrein "Abtei Riserva"-3 Bicchieri	\$28.99
1999 Abbazia di Novacella "Praepositus" Lagrein	\$29.99
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 Dama Trebbiano d'Abruzzo	\$8.99
2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella	\$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
2002 Umani Ronchi Casal di Serra Verdicchio-Staff favorite!.....	\$11.99
NV Col Sandago Prosecco Extra Dry Valdobbiadene	\$13.99
Excellent quality! Clean, bright, crisp, it should be on your table tonight!	
2001 Lenotti Bardolino Superiore "Le Olle"-Greg's favorite!	\$15.99
2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso.....	\$16.99
1999 Lenotti Amarone	\$32.99
2000 Scacciavioli Sagrantino di Montefalco-91 points, Parker	\$34.99
1999 Bruno Coati Amarone	\$32.99
2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Monte Danieli"	\$39.99
1999 Le Salette Amarone "La Marega"	\$44.99
1998 Venturini Amarone Classico-90 points, Parker	\$41.99
1998 Baltieri Amarone "Sortilegio"	\$57.99
1999 Allegrini Amarone-95 points, Parker.....	\$58.99

Mike's November Picks

2003 Cantina Valle Isarco "Aristos" Kerner (\$17.99) Made from a grape variety that is a cross between riesling and the red schiava, this is a full-bodied, un-oaked wine full of vibrant fruits, ethereal floral highlights and aging potential. A strong, spicy wine to enjoy with your antipasti!

Ca de Medici "Oblio" Notturmo Dolce (\$11.99) Oblio is a blend of lambrusco salamino, lambrusco maestri, and ancillotto. This is not as dry as their Terra Calda and not as sweet as their Lambrusco Dolce. Dense and full-bodied, it possesses just a hint a sweetness, reminiscent of strawberries and wild flowers, with a dry dusty finish. This rosso frizzante is a must serve for your holiday parties.

2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti Classico (\$13.99) In this wine you will find black cherries, plum with minerals and a touch of chestnuts on the finish. Medium-bodied with soft tannins, this is a very user-friendly Chianti that will show well with the pizza and pasta. 90% sangiovese and 10% canaiolo.

1993 Felsina Vin Santo (.500ml \$29.99) This won't be around long, especially considering it got 95 points from Robert Parker and 92 points from *Wine Spectator*, which noted: "Superclean and focused, with beautiful honey, floral and light caramel aromas. Full-bodied, with sweet and ripe fruit character. Very, very long and beautiful. Subtle, yet complex..." Drinks very well right now and over the next decade. Salute!

—Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

The holidays are upon us! Here is our selection of high-quality, unique spirits perfect for sharing with family and friends! —Susan Purnell. For a more complete listing with descriptions and tasting notes, check out klwines.com.

Calvados

Berneroy Fine.....\$29.99

Hand crafted and simply outstanding, there is nothing better than finding something special made by a small family producer! The Fine is filled with rich, deep baked apples with bits of spice. A blend of brandies from 4- to 12-years old. What a great way to introduce someone to Calvados.

Berneroy 25-year-old\$63.99

This makes you want to weep, it is so delicious! Filled with unbelievable apple flavors. But what gets you are the layers and layers of complexity and length that never seem to end! Then to top it all, it is at this phenomenal price. A blend of brandies from 25- to 50-years old. Would make a lovely gift for any Calvados lover!

Cognac

Francois Peyrot is one of the most prestigious, yet virtually unknown producers of Cognac. Unlike many others, this true boutique estate produces all their Cognac from an organic, single unblended vineyard in the Grande Fine Champagne appellation, the highest quality area within Cognac. The vineyard has been in the family for decades and has been lovingly nurtured by successive generations. Critics have called these Cognacs sumptuous, intense, yet delicate. What a wonderful way to bring a fine meal to an end.

Francois Peyrot 18 Year Old Extra Reserve.....\$57.99

Francois Peyrot XO 25-year-old\$67.99

Francois Peyrot Heritage 50-year-old\$149.99

Whiskey

Bulleit Bourbon Frontier Whiskey\$19.99

Bulleit is a family-owned operation in Lawrenceburg. It has been aged seven years and has a high rye component in the mash, which gives the bourbon a rich oak aroma with hints of vanilla. Made in small batches and very, very well balanced! This is one the staff takes home!

Gin

Miller's London Dry Gin Westbourne Strength\$28.99

Miller's Gin is handcrafted and made in very small batches. It is then transported by ship to Iceland. Here, in the small village of Borgarnes, on Iceland's remote west coast, lies the selyri spring, source of some of the purest water to be found on earth. This spring water is blended with the spirit to create a marriage of softness and clarity.

Liqueur

Francois Peyrot Poire Au Cognac\$36.99

The Poire Au Cognac requires 32 pounds of pears to produce one bottle of cognac liqueur. The fruit used is Pear William. This is one of the best pear liqueurs our staff have ever tasted!

Santa Teresa Rhum Orange Liqueur\$16.99

A rum liqueur, Rhum Orange is the perfect blending of the finest rums aged for at least two years with an exquisite orange peel maceration. With its splendid golden amber color, its fragrant aromas reveal the scent of oranges. Fantastic after a meal on the rocks or blended in cocktails. Substitute for Triple Sec in your next Margarita.

Rum

Santa Teresa 1796 Ron Antiguo de Solera Rum\$33.99

Master of rums and the flagship of the house, Santa Teresa 1796 results from a careful blend of Santa Teresa's finest aged spirits ranging from 4 to 35 years that is then further aged in a style borrowed from the Spanish sherry producers. Santa Teresa 1796 is the first premium añejo rum in the world to be aged in the Solera method: a cascade process in four levels of oak barrels that combines barrel ageing and cask "crianzas." Awarded *Wine & Spirits* Best Rum of the Year in 2003!

Single Malt Whisky

Brora 21-year-old, Signatory\$124.99

Very, very limited! This is a malt for those who love the flavors of the original distillery of Clynelish called Brora. Bottled by Signatory, we tasted this malt and knew it was one we had to bring in for our customers. Straw to golden in color and aged in refill Sherry casks. The nose is filled with caramel, seaweed and peat. Very complex on the palate with flavors of rich, toasty peat and a hint of vanilla. The flavors go on and on!

Linlithgow (St. Magdalaine), 21-year-old, Duncan Taylor...\$145.99

Linlithgow Distillery was established between the 1790s to early 1800s. The Distillery known as Linlithgow or St. Magdalene was operated at one time by Adam Dawson, one of the first recorded licensed distillers. Color: amber with gold highlights; nose: vanilla and nuts mingling; flavor: lemongrass and honey; finish: crisp, dry and long. Hint of oak smoke. Distilled October 1982 and bottled November 2003, Cask #2211, 63% alc./vol.

Michel Couvreur 12-year-old (Unfiltered)\$64.99

Vatting from 54 whiskies aged more than 12 years (12 to 27 years) in oak casks. Rich amber color, the nose is full of dried flowers, tobacco leaf, Jerez wine and almond. Powerful fruity taste, long in the mouth. It is the ideal accompaniment to smoked salmon when served over ice. It is also perfect as an dinner digestive served at room temperature.

Michel Couvreur 12-year-old Pale Single-Single\$78.99

Color: deep gold; aroma: floral (lavender, heather), honey, malty, delicately fruity (peaches, apricots, pears, citrus), with background spice (especially mint); palate: quite similar to its aroma. It starts slightly sweet, finishing pleasantly dry and subtly spicy. Nice balance and quite mature for a 10-year old, with a nice array of flavors, too. *Malt Advocate* 83 points!

Michel Couvreur Special Vatting\$89.99

This Special Vatting bottling combines three "Single-Single Malts" aged 10, 12 and 14 years. It includes the famous Bere Barley grown in the Orkneys. The strength of the wildest strain of Nordic barley is tamed by the elegance of the sherry butt.

Michel Couvreur Very Sherried Single-Single\$309.99

Aged over 30 years in sherry casks. Tropical style, fascinating sensual fragrance. Vanilla, almond, sherry—a powerful experience. Endless, infinite length. Color: amber mahogany; aroma: ripe and lush, notes of fallen fruit, toffee, damp earth and spicy oak, with a hint of mint and anise; palate: similar to its aroma, rich, full, thick and somewhat viscous. A beautiful marriage of lush, ripe fruit and spicy, resinous oak notes. Evolves on the palate, with a very long finish. *Malt Advocate* 87 points!

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QT Models			
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Wine Club Members: Buy 2003 Bordeaux at Great Prices!

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 selections will be available on our website in real-time inventory.
3. Wine Club members may combine retail wines with Wine Club wines for shipping.
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. **A current special offer includes 2003 Bordeaux futures at great prices.** Also 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



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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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