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October

Caymus Family Wineries Lunch

Friday October 20 come to a great event at the Bankers Club on the 52nd floor of the Bank America Building, 555 California Street, in San Francisco. Caymus Director Bob Roux and K&L's Clyde Beffa will preside over this Lunch and Tasting. Taste Pinots from Belle Glos and Cabernets from Caymus including Special Selections. Reception 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:15. \$110 per person. Limited to 100 people. Casual elegance for the attire.

Fete du Bordeaux Dinner

Reserve your space for Monday October 23. We will have Lilian Barton, Jean Guillaume Prats, Jean Michel Cazes and Jean Charles Cazes with us. We will feature 2004 Bordeaux from Lynch Bages, Léoville-Barton and Cos d'Estournel as well as 2000 Langoa-Barton, 2000 Ormes de Pez, 2001 Marbuzet, 1995 Lynch Bages, Léoville-Barton and Cos d'Estournel. We will start with Gosset Champagne and finish with 1997 Suduiraut. The event will take place in the Grand Ballroom of The Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco. Reception at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Limited to 120 people. Coat and tie attire. \$200 per person.

Superstar 2003 Bordeaux In Stock

Big points-cellar candidates and less \$\$\$ than their 2005 counterparts.

- 2003 Château Haut Bailly, Pessac\$36.99**
90 points Robert Parker. 101 points Clyde Beffa. Half the price of their 2005!
- 2003 Château Kirwan, Margaux\$44.99**
92-94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, long finish. New World-style. Delicious yet structured."
- 2003 Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac\$58.99**
94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Full-bodied, with silky tannins and lots of currant and berry character. Refined. Long, long finish. Best after 2010." (03/06)
- 2003 Château Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$154.99**
98 points Robert Parker: "The prodigious, fantastic 2003 Cos d'Estournel is a candidate for "wine of the vintage."
- 2003 Château Ausone, St-Emilion.....\$999.99**
100 points Robert Parker: "The 2003 Ausone is off the charts in terms of richness. While I gave a 3-digit score to the 2000, I think this profoundly concentrated wine may be even more sublime and exotic."

For up-to-date inventories, check www.klwines.com

K&L's Hollywood Store

Will open (hopefully) in late November. 1400 Vine Street-just two blocks south off Sunset Avenue. Stay tuned!

Montalcino Discovery

See Greg St.Clair's article on page 20.

Big Parker Points from Spain

Values galore! See Anne's article on page 14.

Wine Lockers in Our San Carlos Location

Temperature-controlled lockers are located at our San Carlos distribution center on Bing Street. All hold 24 wood cases or 30 cardboard cases (28 cases total). For information visit www.klwines.com.

2003 Cabernets are Here!

New releases are coming out left and right. 2003 crop size was well below normal, down 25% to 40%. This means less wine to go around. Our allocations of many of the top wines have been cut. These 2003s are excellent wines that show classic Cabernet flavors.

- 2003 Beaulieu Vineyards "Tapestry"\$36.98**
A blend of 80% cabernet sauvignon, 13% merlot, 4% petit verdot and 3% cabernet franc, the Tapestry has quite a following from those who want classic BV Cabernet in a ready-to-drink package. The '03 is exotic in its aromas and flavors with black cherry, vanilla, dark cocoa and anise.
- 2003 Beaulieu Vineyard "Georges de Latour" Cabernet\$69.98**
One of the bigger '03s we have tasted! Decant this wine way ahead. Black licorice, spice, red cherry and cola hints jump from the glass. This wine is balanced yet sturdy and should age well in a cellar over the next 10+ years!
- 2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"Inquire**
Another small vintage will make this wine difficult to purchase in the future. One for the cellar, Parker calls this wine one of the most "Bordeaux-structured" Insignias to date!
- 2003 Opus One.....\$129.00**
A blend of 91% cabernet sauvignon, 3% cabernet franc, 3% petit verdot, 2% merlot and 1% malbec. The wine also recalls the elegance of Bordeaux; red cherry, black licorice and sweet herbs. Due in October 2.

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So You Want Old and Rare Wines !

We just received two containers of old and rare wines from Bordeaux-wines for all palates and pocketbooks. From the fabulous wines of Château Talbot (1945-1953) to lesser known wines from Château Rochebelle (1985, 1989, 1990, 1995) there are many cases of delicious mature wines to enjoy in the immediate future. Prices for 2005 Bordeaux too high for you? Then look at the superb values we have from Château Siran (1966-1986), Château Poujeaux 1975, Château Haut Bages Libéral 1986, Château Chasse Spleen (1975-1990) and Château Grand Mayne (1986-1990) all of these wines direct from the château and in perfect condition. Enjoy!
—Clyde Beffa Jr

2003 Bordeaux: An Eccentric Vintage

The definition of eccentric is unconventional, especially in a whimsical way, and I can think of nothing better to describe the 2003 vintage. The wines are different yes, but endearing to all but the staunchest of Bordeaux devotees. In fact, I would say that 2003 is actually a great vintage for the uninitiated, the perfect place to start the love affair that so many of us have developed. The 2003 **Château Léonie, Graves (\$23.99)** is the perfect wine for those fans of California wines looking for something different to whet their palate. Juicy raspberry ripeness dominates the nose while the supple, creamy texture accents ample red berry fruit found on the palate. This is an unabashed 2003 fruit bomb that will surely turn heads, and it is easy on the wallet.

While nowhere near as jammy, the 2003 **Château Prieuré-Lichine, Margaux (\$32.99)** will be an easy transition for those used to drinking big California Cabernets. Coffee and vanilla ooze out of the glass and straight into your olfactories. This wine is packed full of the black cherry fruit and coconut spice so often found in the big names of California wine fame. Another stylish red from the same commune is the 2003 **du Tertre, Margaux (\$29.99)**. Most Margaux's are about texture recently, and this wine is no exception. This will coat your mouth with a glycerin-like creaminess and all the milk chocolate covered cherry fruit you could ever want. A perfect cocktail Bordeaux.

The 2003 **Château Meyney, St-Estèphe (\$24.99)** is a bit more traditional, showing wet stone and rare steak qualities throughout. Bolstered by black currant and tobacco, this has a more tannic grip that will give it some longevity in the cellar. Finally, there is the 2003 **Reserve de la Comtesse, Pauillac (\$31.99)**, the stunner of the vintage. Layered black cherry puree and black tea leaves fight for dominance. Hard edged now, this will be fantastic with some aeration or age. A wine that is a perfect combination of vintage and house style.
—Bryan Brick

Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

We start off this month with three wines from the remarkable portfolio of Bordeaux properties owned and operated by Stephan Neipperg.

2000 Château d'Aiguilhe, Cotes d'Castillon (\$38.99) The owner of the luxury cuvee La Mon-dotte has spared no expense in producing one of the finest wines from the Cotes d'Castillon. This beauty starts out with aromas of ripe plums, smoke and vanilla oak. The middle is packed with rich boysenberry and blackberry fruit which completely smothers the tannin lying underneath. There is even a hint of tar on the long, deep finish. This is flashy but serious wine.

2003 Canon-La-Gaffeliere, St-Emilion (\$52.99) This ultra-rich wine is surprisingly approachable. A creamy, plush attack of dark, ripe fruits turns soft and velvety in the sweet, silky middle, which displays no hard edges whatsoever. The ripe tannins are hardly noticeable.

2003 Clos de L'Oratoire, St-Emilion (\$35.99) This is always the most elegant of Stephan Neipperg's properties and one of my favorites. Beautiful perfume here with aromas of crushed flowers and soft spice. Both red and black fruits are present in the smooth, seamless body of this classy and proportioned wine. With air the long, complex finish picks up added nuances and seems to go on and on. This is fantastic juice!

2001 Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac-Léognan (\$29.99) This restored property adjacent to Haut-Bailly has been on a roll for the last decade. This is lively with lots of ripe, dark cherry fruit and complex hints of tobacco, smoke and spicy herds. The crisp, seamless middle is packed with sweet currants and leads to an elegant finish of earth and mineral. Above all, the excellent acidity lends a sense of freshness and purity to this fantastic bargain.

2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml \$12.99) Ceron is an area just to the north of Sauternes and Barsac. Not overly rich or sweet, this 100% semillon is aged in oak for 18 months to add to the lively, tropical botrytised fruit. This bargain is zesty and complex with citrus, honey and orange flavors that match well with cheese or fruit-based desserts.
—Steve Bearden

2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Angelus, St-Emilion-96-98 points Robert Parker	\$244.99	Margaux, Margaux-96-100 points Robert Parker	\$769.99
Barde-Haut, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99	Marjosse, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$12.99
Beaumont, Haut-Médoc-Elegant. Easy drinker. Value.	\$13.99	Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$549.99
Beauregard, Pomerol-89-91 points Parker and <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$38.99	Mylord, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$8.99
Bellevue Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$279.99	Nenin, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$59.99
Bernadotte, Médoc-Spice on the nose. Elegant wine.	\$17.99	Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	\$37.99
Bourgneuf, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$36.99	<i>Spectator</i> : "Ultrafine tannins and a long, delicious finish. Very racy and linear."	
Brane Cantenac, Margaux-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$49.99	Pavie, St-Emilion-98-100 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Brown Rouge, Pessac-88-90 points Robert Parker.....	\$23.99	Petit Mouton, Pauillac-88-90 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Brun, St-Emilion-Spicy, black cherries. Good richness. Great value.	\$12.99	Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Canon, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$79.99	Picard, St-Estèphe-Sweet ripe with a full, round palate impression	\$17.99
Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$28.99	Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-92-95 points Robert Parker	\$119.99
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$13.99	Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$119.99
Certain de May, Pomerol-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$99.99	Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$44.99
Chasse Spleen, Moulis-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99	Potensac, Médoc- <i>Spectator</i> : "... well done."	\$22.99
Chauvin, St-Emilion-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$34.99	Poujeaux, Moulis-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99
Clarke, Lustrac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$21.99	Prieure Lichine, Margaux-91-94 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
Clerc Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$45.99	Quinault l'Enclos, St-Emilion-Parker 92-95 points	\$41.99
Clinet, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$109.99	Rauzan Gassies, Margaux-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$49.99	Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$69.99
Clos Fourtet, St-Emilion-94-96 points Robert Parker.....	\$79.99	Roc de Cambes, Cotes de Bourg-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$45.99
Clos des Jacobins, St-Emilion-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99	Rochebelle, St-Emilion-Exceptional palate with great sweetness	\$44.99
Clos l'Eglise, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$119.99	Senejac, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$22.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$189.99	Siran, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$27.99
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon-89-91 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$27.99	Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
Dauzac, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$39.99	St-Pierre, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$55.99
de Sales, Pomerol	\$19.99	Trotanoy, Pomerol-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$129.99
Desmirail, Margaux-Elegant, from Brane Cantenac owners	27.99	Tour de Mons, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$19.99
Doisy Vadrines, Sauternes-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	34.99		
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$169.99		
Ferrand Lartigue, St-Emilion-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$21.99		
Gigault "Cuvee Viva" Cotes de Blaye.....	17.99		
Goulee, Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$25.99		
Grand-Puy-Ducasse, Pauillac-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$29.99		
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$72.99		
Guiraud, Sauternes (375ml \$26.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$49.99		
Haut Bergey Rouge, Pessac-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$29.99		
Haut Bergey Blanc, Pessac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$29.99		
Haut Bailly, Pessac-93-95 points Robert Parker	\$74.99		
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$39.99		
la Cour d'Argent, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$10.99		
la Croix de Beaucaillou, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99		
la Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-90-92 points Parker	\$33.99		
La Fer, St-Emilion-Great concentration. Sweet and lush.	\$29.99		
La Tour Carnet, Médoc-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99		
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99		
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$73.99		
La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99		
Lascombes, Margaux-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$74.99		
Latour, Pauillac-98-100 points Robert Parker	Inquire		
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$279.99		
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$119.99		
Les Gravières, St-Emilion- <i>Spectator</i> : "silky tannins...Balanced."	\$29.99		
Lucia, St-Emilion-Parker 92-94 points	\$46.99		
Lynch Bages, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$79.99		
Lynsolence, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$64.99		
Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99		

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Angélus, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$96.99
Brancaire-Ducru, St-Julien-90-92 points Robert Parker.....	\$36.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$74.99
d'Angludet, Margaux-An outstanding value	\$23.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-WS: Gorgeous aromas of blackberry	\$24.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$35.99
La Confession, St-Emilion-88-90 points Robert Parker	\$23.99
La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac-89-91 points Parker	\$103.99
Lagrange, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$32.99
Lascombes, Margaux-93-94 points Robert Parker.....	\$45.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$49.99
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-91-93 points Robert Parker.....	\$48.99
l'Évangile, Pomerol-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$84.99
Lynch Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$48.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$189.99
Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-89-91 Points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe-Tanzer: "supple and lush..."	\$24.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-89-92 points Robert Parker	\$54.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-Léognan-90-92 points Parker	\$37.99

BORDEAUX IN STOCK 1950-2005

1950 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L) .....\$599.00	1985 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L) .....\$239.00	1988 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien .....\$119.99
1952 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L) .....\$599.00 Perfect condition and direct from the property	1989 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L) .....\$259.00	91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "...Full-bodied, with a compacted fruit structure, firm tannins and long finish. As outstanding as it should be..."
1966 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac ....\$349.00	1985 du Tertre, Margaux .....\$54.99	1989 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien ....\$149.99
1971 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac ....\$149.00	1985 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien.....\$89.99	1989 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien .....\$139.99
1975 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac ....\$289.95	1985 Leoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien..\$229.00	1989 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien..\$169.99
1975 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$179.95 Bin Soiled labels on these six wines. Great fills.	1985 Pape-Clement, Pessac .....\$99.99 Parker: "...the best Pape-Clement since the 1975, ... It is deeply concentrated, medium bodied, long, and complex."	1989 Siran, Margaux (1.5L) .....\$139.00 Parker: "...a graceful, medium-bodied wine displaying the vintage's soft, silky texture, plenty of alcohol, low acidity..." (02/93)
1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L).....\$169.99 Awesome value! Sweet fruit, lingering aftertaste.	1985 Rochebelle (1.5L) .....\$139.99 Elegant, fruity, smooth and lingering finish. Perfect right now.	1989 Rochebelle, St-Emilion .....\$49.99 Elegant, black fruit, mineral aromas. Sweet fruit on mid palate. Long finish. Very elegant ready to enjoy now-and a superb price.
1975 Pavie-Decesse (1.5L) .....\$119.99	1986 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien ..\$349.00	1990 Rochebelle, St-Emilion .....\$49.99 Richer than 1989 with more tannin and earthy characters. Sweet and long on the palate. Great structure and will cellar well for several years.
1981 Pavie-Decesse (1.5L) .....\$99.99 We miss you Jean Paul Valette! Try these values.	1986 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien .....\$199.00 92 points Robert Parker: "... exhibits tremendously rich, classic, blackcurrant fruitiness..."	1990 d'Armailhac, Pauillac.....\$89.99
1981 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$199.99	1988 Larcis Ducasse (1.5L).....\$149.00	1990 Figeac, St-Emilion .....\$239.00
1982 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$259.00		1990 Gloria, St-Julien .....\$94.99
1983 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L) .....\$199.00		1990 Latour, Pauillac .....\$799.00

Let the Bordeaux Corks Fly in the Fall.....

It's time to cover up the BBQ, put the outdoor furniture in the shed and move the party inside. Cooler temperatures, darkness at 5 p.m., costumes and football now prevail, and it's the opening of red wine season. As all the great chefs move inside and turn up the intensity of their culinary adventures, you can bet the same thing is happening in the cellar, with the selections of fine reds being made to complement the special times and meals. As the relatives arrive, I'm popping corks! If you need any help, here are a few suggestions:

1999 Bordeaux is flat out underrated, a lovely vintage to drink young, and we have three super wines to serve. **1999 Ch. d'Angludet (\$36.99)**, from Margaux, is full of ripe red fruit with a soft/creamy middle texture and hints of cherry and mulberry. Conversely, the 2000 shows you the qualities in d'Angludet that resemble a more St-Julien/Pauillac style wine and should be cellared 5-15 more years. **1999 Ch. Haut Bailly (\$44.99)**, from Pessac-Léognan, is one of the few 1999s featuring very good acidity to go along with a bright and zesty core of crimson and black fruit with hints of earth and minerality. Decant these '99s 45 minutes to an hour and enjoy.

Whatever you do, don't be popping your top wines from the 2000 Bordeaux vintage. This fine vintage is full of focus and power, and to drink them young will be a big mistake with very few exceptions. **2000 Ch. Cantemerle (\$32.99)**, the fifth growth from the Haut-Médoc, is just minutes south of Margaux where vines have been in the ground here since 1570. The 40% merlot planted in the vineyard at Cantemerle always guarantees a consistent wine of warmth, charm and elegance. The 2000 is a great expression of Cantemerle, and the beauty of this wine is also the outstanding balance, which means it will age very well, but the great taste will be very hard to stay away from.

As good as the 2005 vintage may turn out to be, I believe 2003 may turn out to be my favorite vintage ever. The vintage has absolutely everything: ripeness, opulence, richness, balance and great taste. These wines just cannot be ignored now that they have arrived in America and are on the sales floor. From this point on, any red wine I buy for my collection will be 2003 red Bordeaux until they leave the marketplace. Many of the wines are flat out better than their 2005 counterparts and are lower priced as well. These include wines like La Couspaude, Haut Bailly, Langoa-Barton, Poujeaux, Sociando Mallet, Phelan-Segur, Clerc-Milon, Nenin, Haut-Bages-Liberal, Malartic Lagraveliere, Lynch Bages, Pichon Comtesse de la Lalande, and Cos d'Estournel. You could drink Léoville-Las-Cases everyday of your life and never guess if you were tasted blind that **2003 Clos du Marquis (\$39.99)** was not the first wine!

One more thought to convey: If you have any inkling to go shopping for some older Bordeaux from your favorite estates, don't dally, sprint into action. There are some great deals in our inventory now, and **1996 and 2000 Montrose (\$84.99 and \$149.00)** are prime examples as is **1989 Cos d'Estournel (\$169.00)**. These wines were bought in April, before the crazily priced 2005s were released, and they are priced extremely well.

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at ex 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com. Cheers and Go Giants and Niners!

—Ralph Sands

1990 d'Armailhac, Pauillac.....\$89.99
1990 Figeac, St-Emilion .....\$239.00
1990 Gloria, St-Julien .....\$94.99
1990 Latour, Pauillac .....\$799.00
1991 Margaux, Margaux.....\$249.00 One of the best of the vintage! Just tasted by Clyde and Chip-stunning!
1992 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien .....\$39.99 Great drinking now!
1993 Cos d'Estournel, St Estèphe.....\$79.99
1993 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$89.99
1994 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien .....\$39.99
1994 Latour, Pauillac .....\$199.00
1994 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$89.99
1994 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe .....\$16.99
1995 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac..\$34.99
1995 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien .....\$89.99
1995 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$189.00
1995 Palmer, Margaux .....\$139.99 94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Elegant and beautiful. Outstanding!"
1995 Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe .....\$inquire
1995 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$169.99
1995 Reserve de Comtesse (1.5L) ....\$119.00
1995 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99
1996 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99 Only a few cases of these two wines available.
1996 Duhart-Milon, Pauillac .....\$59.99
1996 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien .....\$79.99
1996 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....\$84.99
1996 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac.....\$59.99 These three wines came direct from the property.
1996 Palmer, Margaux .....\$129.99 91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .
1997 Angelus, St-Emilion.....\$59.99
1997 Certan de May, Pomerol .....\$24.99
1997 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien .....\$49.99 Three outstanding, delicious wines to enjoy now.
1998 La Mondotte, St-Emilion.....\$299.00
1998 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L) .....\$134.99

BORDEAUX 1998-2005

1998 Reserve de Léoville-Barton (1.5L)	\$59.99	2002 Haut-Bergey, Pessac.....	\$19.99	2003 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien.....	\$41.99
1999 Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc.....	\$18.99	2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac	\$34.99	2003 La Tour de Mons, Margaux	\$19.99
1999 Camensac, Médoc	\$21.99	2002 La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol	\$19.99	2003 Carmes Haut Brion	\$43.99
1999 d'Angludet, Margaux	\$36.99	2002 Léoville-Barton (1.5L)	\$129.99	2003 Carmes Haut Brion (1.5L)	\$79.99
Sweet, silky black fruit. Soft tannins and broad on the palate. Similar to Palmer. Terrific length.		2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..	\$24.99	2003 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	\$124.99
1999 Haut Bailly, Pessac	\$44.99	Bright and deep with blackberry and cherry, hints of herb and mineral and plump merlot juiciness.		2003 Lynch Bages, Pauillac	\$58.99
1999 Lalande Borie, St-Julien.....	\$18.99	2003 Alter Ego de Palmer.....	\$38.99	2003 Malartic Lagraviere Rouge	\$29.99
65% cabernet, 25% merlot and 10% cabernet franc. Elegant, perfect drinking right now.		2003 Angelus, St-Emilion.....	\$144.99	2003 Malartic Lagraviere (1.5L).....	\$59.99
1999 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..	\$89.99	2003 Ausone, St-Emilion	\$999.00	2003 Manoir de Gravoux, Castillon ..	\$8.95
A very spicy wine on the nose and palate.		2003 Bahans de Haut-Brion, Pessac..	\$39.99	A fruit bomb and great buy to enjoy tonight.	
2000 Bellerose Figec Reserve	\$24.99	2003 Beausejour Duffau, St-Emilion	\$49.99	2003 Marquis de Calon, St-Estèphe ..	\$19.99
2000 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc	\$32.99	2003 Beychevelle, St-Julien	\$34.99	2003 Meyney, St-Estèphe	\$24.99
2000 Calon-Segur, St-Estèphe	\$89.00	2003 Bernadotte, Médoc	\$20.99	2003 Montlisse, St-Emilion	\$25.99
2000 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon	\$38.99	2003 Brane-Cantenac, Médoc (1.5L) ..	\$42.99	2003 Nenin, Pomerol	\$36.99
2000 d'Angludet, Margaux	\$39.99	90 points Robert Parker: "A sleeper of the vin- tage... silky tannin, low acidity, and a lush, hedo- nistic, sensual personality." (04/06)		2003 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe	\$24.99
Parker: "The 2000 is a traditional claret...Medium to full-bodied, solidly tannic, and attractive, it will age well for 10-15 years..."		2003 Brane-Cantenac, Margaux	\$36.99	2003 Pagodes de Cos (1.5L)	\$61.99
2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol	\$34.99	2003 Brane-Cantenac (1.5L)	\$74.99	2003 Pedesclaux, Pauillac.....	\$20.99
Great value with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak.		2003 Canon-la Gaffeliere, St-Emilion	\$52.99	2003 Pedesclaux, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$41.99
2000 Fiefs Lagrange, St-Julien	\$26.99	2003 Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac	\$23.99	This estate has changed for the better!	
2000 Kirwan, Margaux.....	\$49.99	2003 Clement-Pichon, Médoc	\$15.99	2003 Pibran, Pauillac.....	\$29.99
2000 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....	\$149.00	2003 Clement-Pichon (1.5L)	\$30.99	2003 Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe	\$31.99
2000 Mondorion, St-Emilion	\$21.99	2003 Clerc-Milon, Pauillac.....	\$48.99	2003 Phelan Segur (1.5L)	\$58.99
2000 Mouton-Rothschild (5L)	\$3999.00	2003 Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion.....	\$35.99	2003 Potensac, Médoc (1.5L)	\$43.99
97 points Robert Parker.		2003 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien	\$39.99	2003 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L \$46.99)	\$23.99
2000 Pagodes de Cos	\$39.99	2003 Clos Marsalette, Pessac	\$18.99	2003 Prieure Lichine, Margaux	\$32.99
2000 Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe.....	\$29.99	2003 Clos les Lunelles, Castillon	\$32.99	2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore ..	\$22.99
From a great vintage. This property is on a roll.		2003 Dame de Montrose, St-Estèphe	\$36.95	2003 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..	\$31.99
2000 Pressac, St-Emilion	\$24.99	2003 de Pez, St-Estèphe	\$27.99	2003 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)	\$59.99
2000 Trilogie St Georges, St-Emilion	\$15.99	2003 de Sales, Pomerol	\$24.99	2003 Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc	\$42.99
2000 Trilogie St Georges (1.5L)	\$29.99	2003 du Tertre, Margaux	\$29.99	2003 St Paul, Haut-Médoc	\$10.99
2001 Croix de Beaucaillou	\$24.99	2003 Figec, St-Emilion	\$59.99	Very fine sweetness on the mid palate.	
2001 d'Angludet, Margaux	\$34.99	2003 Fombrauge, St-Emilion	\$28.99	2003 Teyssier, St-Emilion	\$26.99
Robert Parker: "A sleeper of the vintage."		2003 Fonbadet, Pauillac-91 pts W/S.....	\$23.99	70% merlot and 30% cab franc. Rich, balanced.	
2001 La Roche Amavinum	\$18.99	2003 Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac	\$45.99	2004 Seigneurs d'Aiguilhe, Castillon	\$12.99
Coffee and chocolate aromas. Sweet and lush.		2003 Gruaud Larose, St-Julien	\$49.99	<u>White/Rosé Bordeaux</u>	
2001 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac	\$229.00	2003 Haut Gay, Bordeaux Sup	\$13.99	2004 Marjosse, Bordeaux	\$9.99
2001 Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac.....	\$29.99	2003 Haut Bailly, Pessac	\$36.99	2004 Reynon VV, Graves	\$11.99
2001 Margaux, Margaux.....	\$239.00	Very sweet aromas of violets and undertones of black licorice. Sweet palate entry-substantial.		Fabulous, delicious minerally wine.	
2001 Reserve Léoville-Barton	\$25.99	2003 Haut-Beausejour, St-Estèphe....	\$18.99	2003 Carbonnieux, Pessac	\$29.99
2001 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..	\$27.99	Superb value. Sweet and lush.		90-93 points Robert Parker.	
"Super delicious! As good as any Reserve I have ever had. Silky and elegant," Clyde Beffa Jr.		2003 Kirwan, Margaux.....	\$44.99	2003 Monbousquet, St-Emilion	\$49.99
2002 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe....Inquire		2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux	\$10.99	2003 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac	\$39.99
93 points Robert Parker: "One of the possible wines of the vintage..."		Great aromas, deep cherry, touch of spice-classic.		2004 Lynch Bages Blanc, Bordeaux ..	\$33.99
2002 de Sales, Pomerol	\$24.99	2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion.....	\$39.99	2005 Rosé of Phelan Segur	\$8.99
<i>Wine Spectator</i> : "...medium body, fine tannins and a delicate finish."		2003 La Couspaude (1.5L)	\$79.99	2005 La Gatte Rosé, Bordeaux	\$10.99
2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac	\$37.99	2003 La Fleur, St-Emilion	\$26.99	2005 Calon Segur Rosé.....	\$12.99
2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol.....	\$69.99	Super delicious-ripe and round. Clyde loves this.			
2002 Eglise-Clinet (1.5L)	\$129.99	2003 La Fleur de Bouard	\$28.99		
90-92 points Robert Parker: "An exceptionally strong effort..."		2003 La Gomerie, St-Emilion.....	\$69.99		
		2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol ..	\$42.99		
		2003 Latour Martillac, Pessac	\$23.99		
		2003 La Lagune, Moulis	\$34.99		

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K&L buys many imported wines directly from the producers or negociants. We taste the wines at the property and negotiate with the seller, often finding wines that are not available in the U.S. market. And we get the wines to our customers for less. No middlemen taking a percentage while passing it through distribution.

France:

Alsace/Loire Valley

2004 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur.....\$11.99
 2004 Pinot Noir, Charles Baur\$12.99
 Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur\$14.99
 Delightful sparkler, clean and refreshing.

Cremant d'Alsace, Becker\$14.99
 2004 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker.....\$17.99
 2004 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker\$18.99
 2004 Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker\$18.99
 2004 Gewürztraminer Eichberg, Charles Baur.....\$19.99
 2004 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur\$19.99
 2005 Touraine Rosé Riage, Grange Tiphaine\$9.99
 2005 Muscadet, Château la Moriniere\$10.99
 2005 Rosé de Loire, Château Soucherie\$11.99
 2005 Tessier Cheverny Rouge\$12.99
 2004 Cour Ceverny "La Porte Doree," Tessier\$13.99
 2004 Menetou Salon Morogues, La Tour St Martin\$14.99
 2004 Menetou Salon Rouge, La Tour St Martin\$14.99
 2005 Sancerre Blanc, Franck Millet\$13.99
 2005 Sancerre Rosé, Franck Millet\$13.99
 2005 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet\$14.99
 They are back in store-our biggest sellers!

2005 Benedicte de la Noblaie Chinon "Les chiens-chien"\$14.99
 2002 St Nicholas de Bourgueil "de Domaine," Joel Talau\$14.99
 2004 St Nicolas de Bourgueil VV, Joel Talau\$16.99
 2002 Vouvray Tendre, Domaine du Viking.....\$16.99
 2004 Sancerre Clos du Beaujeu, Gerard Boulay\$24.99

Bordeaux: White/Red/Stickers

2004 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc.....\$13.99
 Superb elegance and refinement. Soft, fruity mid palate with very dry finish.

2005 Rosé de Phelan Segur, Bordeaux\$8.99
 The first of our delicious 2005 Bordeaux roses has arrived. Delicious!

2005 Rosé de Calon Segur, Bordeaux\$12.99
 One of the truly great values in Bordeaux Rosé. Delicious.

2003 Château Souvenir, Bordeaux\$9.99
 Forward fruit of currant and blackberry comes to the fore, along with minerals and firm tannins. Superb value!

2003 Château Peyraud, Premieres Cotes de Blaye\$9.99
 Very aromatic and bright and perfect for consumption now and over the next three years. Sweet and lovely. Ripe and lush on the palate. Tastes great now.

2000 Château Trebiac, Graves\$14.99
 Pure, bright raspberry flavors and welcome acidity.

2003 Château St Hilaire, Haut-Médoc\$14.99
 A fantastic wine for strip sirloin on the grill, steak fajitas or burgers.

2003 Etoile de Mondorion, St-Emilion\$15.99
 2000 Château Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc.....\$17.99
 It is back in stock-our last 25 cases.

2003 Château Perron, Lalande de Pomerol.....\$18.99
 Black fruit aromas and flavors-spicy and round. Soft tannins.

2003 Château Saransot Dupre, Lustrac\$18.99
 Quite lush for a Lustrac. Good stuffing.

2003 Château Serilhan, St-Estèphe\$19.99
 Ripe from the vintage and richness from the good terroir.

2000 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc (375ml).....\$12.99
 2001 Chateau Dudon, Sauternes (serious stickie)\$25.99

Rosé/White Burgundy/Red Burgundy

Chardonnay, Plaisir des Princes\$6.99
 2004 St Bris "Sauvignon," Goisot\$10.99

2004 Macon Villages, Domaine des Nialles.....\$11.99
 2005 Chablis, Château de Maligny\$14.99

2004 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet\$14.99
 The 2003 St-Veran has a delicate nose, with honey and rich flavors.

2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince\$16.99
 2003 St Romain, Champy\$19.99

2004 Pommard, "Clos de la Platière" Prince de Mérode\$31.99
 2004 Corton Bressandes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode\$54.99

2004 Corton Renardes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode\$54.99
 2004 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode\$59.99

2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Suchots," 1er Cru, Champy\$59.99

Southern France

2004 Marselen, Domaine l'Attilon (Organic)\$8.99
 2004 Garrigues Blanc, Jean Louis Denois-Delicious!\$8.99

2002 Garrigues Rouge, Jean Louis Denois-Great value!.....\$8.99
 2005 Viognier, Laurent Miquel "Nord Sud"\$9.99

Cremant de Limoux, Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531"\$9.99
 2005 Côtes de Thau Rosé, Hecht and Banner\$9.99

2005 St Chinian Blanc, Rimbart\$11.99
 2002 Minervois Lauraire des Lys "Loriza"\$12.99

2004 Côtes du Roussillon Dom du Roc des Anges "Segna"\$13.99
 2004 Saint Chinian "Le Mas au Schiste," Rimbart\$14.99

2005 Cerdon de Bugey, Caveau de Mont St July\$14.99
 2002 "La Riviere" Chenin Blanc, Jean Louis Denois\$16.99

Sold out immediately last time. Here is last 25 cases.
 2003 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Rouge\$17.99

2004 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Blanc\$19.99
 Fabulous wines-just arrived.

2003 Coteaux de Languedoc Faugetes, Hecht & Banner.....\$22.99
 2003 Palette Blanc, Château Simone\$24.99

2003 Saint Chinian, Rimbart "Le Mas au Schiste" (1.5L).....\$29.99

Corsica

2003 Corse-Figari Clos Canarelli "Le Petit Clos"(Organic)....\$12.99
 2003 Corse-Figari Clos Canarelli (Organic)\$21.99

The red "Le Petit Clos" from Clos Canarelli is a blend of younger vine syrah, nielluccio and sciacarello. It displays bright violet and hibiscus flora-matics along with juicy canberry and cassis fruit.

Rhône

2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Verquiere.....\$8.99
 2004 Côtes du Rhône, Château Montfaucon\$9.99

2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Maurelle\$9.99
 Meaty and spicy aromas follow to the palate. Good sweet middle-palate fruit.

2004 Côtes du Rhône, "Generation" Domaine Jaume\$10.99
 Clairette de Die Cave Carod\$12.99

2003 Vacqueyras, Cecile Chassagne\$12.99
 2004 Gigondas, Domaine de la Maurelle\$16.99

Spicy, rich, minerally. Lots of black fruit on the palate. Decant.
 2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"\$16.99

2003 Gigondas Tradition, Moulin de Gardette.....\$18.99

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD CONTINUED

Black fruit, spicy, and a bit peppery. Long finish.

2000 Cotes du Rhone Ch Montfaucon "Baron Louis"	\$19.99
2003 Gigondas, Raspail Ay "Reserve"	\$19.99
2004 Cornas, Vincent Paris	\$19.99
2003 Gigondas Moulin de Gardette "Ventabren"	\$27.99
2004 Cornas, Vincent Paris "Granit 30"	\$29.99
2004 Cornas, Vincent Paris "Granit 60"	\$34.99
2004 Côte Rôtie, Joel Champet "La Villiere"	\$34.99

Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut-Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	\$22.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!	\$26.99
Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added.....	\$26.99
de Meric Sous Bois Brut-Rich style	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve.....	\$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition	\$27.99
Ariston Blanc de Blanc Brut	\$29.99
2001 LeClerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé.....	\$29.99
2000 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut.....	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Les Crayeres" Brut.....	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Les Cheves Pierreuses" Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Clos des Champions" Brut	\$29.99
Fleury Carte Rouge	\$29.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$34.99
Rene Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut.....	\$39.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru.....	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99
Rene Collard Brut Carte d'Or	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-New 1996/1997 cuvée	\$39.99
1990 Rene Collard	\$49.99
Tarlant Single Vineyard Blanc de Blancs.....	\$49.99
De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut (1.5L)	\$56.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	\$59.99
1985 Rene Collard Rosé.....	\$69.99

Italy:

Tuscany/Montalcino

2004 Ferreo Rosso di Montalcino	\$14.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico	\$17.99
2001 Pian dell'Orino Piandorino	\$17.99
2004 Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
2001 Poggiarellino Brunello di Montalcino	\$29.99
2001 La Fortuna Brunello	\$34.99
2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino	\$39.99
2001 Lisini Brunello di Montalcino	\$39.99
2001 Piancornello Brunello di Montalcino.....	\$39.99
1999 Valdicava Brunello di Montalcino	\$59.99

Piedmont

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba-1 Glass Gambero Rosso	\$13.99
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Friuli

2004 Ermacora Merlot COF	\$9.99
2004 Blason Cabernet franc	\$8.99
2005 Blason Pinot Grigio	\$8.99
2005 Blason Tocai Friulino	\$8.99

2005 Blason Sauvignon	\$9.99
2005 Blason Chardonnay "Bruma"	\$9.99

Germany

2004 August kessler Riesling "R" AP#6.....	\$9.99
2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry.....	\$9.99

Two delicious values. Great balance and length.

Australia

2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
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Made by John Zilm whose 2004 Cabernet garnered 91 points from Parker.

2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz.....	\$15.99
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Offers aromas of blue and blackberries, toffee and milk chocolate.

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AM-960 "The Quake"

Hear our wine pick of the week
each Sunday at 4:49 p.m. with
Rachel and David Cane on
"A Matter of Taste"
KQKE AM-960

SAUTERNES IN STOCK

1991 Yquem	\$159.99
1997 Guiraud	\$46.99
2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml)	\$12.99
2001 de Fargues (375ml)	\$49.99
2002 de Fargues (375ml)	\$36.99
2002 de Fargues	\$69.99
2002 Rieussec	\$54.99
2002 Yquem	\$209.99
2002 Yquem (1.5L)	\$399.99
2002 Yquem (375ml)	\$109.99

A beautiful wine, all purity and finesse, very long with incredible balance. All the fresh and tight character of the 2002s, with the extra dimension of Yquem.

2003 Guiraud (375ml)-95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$25.99
2003 Lafaurie Peyraguey	\$39.99
2003 Suduiraut.....	\$46.99
2003 Suduiraut (375ml).....	\$27.99

RHÔNE VALLEY

2005 Costières de Nîmes Blanc Château Grande Cassagne	\$9.99
2004 St. Joseph Blanc Pierre Coursodon	\$25.99
2004 St. Joseph Blanc "Le Paradis St. Pierre" Coursodon	\$32.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Villages Grand Veneur "Champauvins"	\$10.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Château de Segries "Clos de l'Hermitage"	\$18.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Bois de Boursan	\$39.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Chante Cigale	\$19.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquets des Pape Tradition	\$34.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur	\$25.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur "Origines"	\$46.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur (1.5L)	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Fortia Cuvée Baron.....	\$34.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Pierre Usseglio "Tradition"	\$46.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Mas de Boislaizon "Cuvée de Quet"	\$69.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Pape "Chantemerle".....	\$59.99
2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"	\$16.99
2004 Lirac Domaine de la Mordoree "La Dame Rousse"	\$14.99
2004 Gigondas Château de Saint Cosme.....	\$29.99
2003 Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette "Ventabren"	\$26.99
2003 Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette "Tradition"	\$18.99
2004 Rasteau Coteaux du Travers "Cuvee Prestige"	\$12.99
2001 Cairanne Domaine Richaud "l'Ebrescade"	\$36.99
2004 Crozes Hermitage Dom. du Colombier "Cuvee Gaby"	\$24.99
2004 Crozes Hermitage Yann Chave "Le Rouvre"	\$27.99
2004 Hermitage Yann Chave	\$64.99
2003 Cornas Robert Michel "Cuvée des Coteaux"	\$44.99
2003 Côte Rôtie Bernard Levet "La Chavaroche"	\$69.99
2004 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet "La Vialliere"	\$34.99
2004 St. Joseph Pierre Coursodon.....	\$25.99
2004 St. Joseph Pierre Coursodon "L'Oliveia"	\$32.99

Rhone Overachievers!

This month I've got a red and a white from the South of France, which are both serious overachievers! These vinous beauties are great with any Mediterranean-inspired meal, or by themselves while your trying to figure out how to carve that 25-pound pumpkin.

2005 Costières de Nîmes Blanc Château Grande Cassagne (\$9.99)

Grenache blanc and roussanne are behind this crisp and rich white from the South of France. The very floral nose will set you squarely in the Southern Rhone, at a village market, say, where lavender and white flowers mingle with green olives and citrus. All these, and more, you can taste in this excellent-value wine. A tingle of oak on the finish adds complexity and remains a back note. Open a bottle of the Grande Cassagne Blanc and prepare to be transported to the south of France!

NV Château de Saint Cosme "Little James' Basket Press" (\$10.99)

This tasty little gem is named after Louis and Cherry Barrool's son James. Louis has coined this irreverent wine his "wine of freedom" as he is unencumbered by France's strict appellation controlee in its production. Composed of primarily grenache from select areas in the Southern Rhone and Languedoc-Roussillon, this juicy red boasts bright cherry aromatics, dried thyme and hints of roasted piquillo peppers. Great with anything off the grill!

—Mulan Chan

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

2004 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.99
2005 Le Bonheur Sauvignon Blanc	\$7.99
2004 Indaba Chardonnay	\$8.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2005 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$10.99
2004 Glen Carlou Chardonnay	\$12.99
2003 Black Pearl "Oro" Shiraz-Cabernet, Paarl.....	\$16.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"	\$22.99

New Zealand

2005 Nobile Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$8.99
2005 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough.....	\$9.99
2005 Kim Crawford Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2005 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$13.99
2005 Highfield Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$13.99
2005 Sacred Hill Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$14.99
2005 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$15.99
2005 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$21.99
2004 Te Mata "Woodthorpe" Syrah-Viognier, Hawkes Bay	\$23.99

Australia

2005 Pillar Box Red Padthaway (cab/shiraz/merlot)	\$8.99
2003 Elderton "Tantalus" Shiraz-Cab, Barossa	\$9.99
2004 Water Wheel "Memsie"-90 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$9.99
2004 Cranford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
Soft and subtle, but also has fine structure.	
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz.....	\$15.99
Classic McLaren Vale fruit, aromas of blueberries, toffee and milk chocolate.	
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Terra Barossa" VS Cabernet	\$10.99
2004 Sylvan Springs "Hard Yards" Shiraz-90 points Parker	\$14.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz-92 points Parker.....	\$15.99
2005 Mr Riggs "The Gaffer" Shiraz	\$16.99
2004 Grant Burge Barossa Miamba Shiraz	\$18.99
2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve.....	\$18.99
2005 Two Hands "Angel's Share" Shiraz	\$28.99

Jim C's View Down Under

Heartland is a new project for winemaker Ben Glaetzer who has created quite a stir in the wine industry with his work with Glaetzer, Mitolo and Amon Ra. The **2005 Heartland Viognier-Pinot Gris Langhorne Creek (\$13.99)** shows the great acidity and mid-palate richness of the 2005 vintage. The nose has lifted floral notes along with peach and pear and a hint of minerals. On the palate the wine is rich but focused. The **2004 Heartland Shiraz (\$14.99)** is lovely with bright plum, black current, pepper, chocolate, spice and a light iron note. The wine sees 12 months in French hogsheads, and on the palate there are fine tannins with a silky texture and fine length. The **2004 Heartland "Directors Cut" Shiraz Langhorne Creek, Limestone Coast (\$28.99)** was fermented and aged in 60% new Allier French oak and 40% new American oak for 14 months. This wine is dense with a dark purple color with great aromas of violets, cassis, black fruits, toffee, licorice and spice. These are terrific offerings and bargains.

The **2003 Black Pearl "Oro" Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon Paarl South Africa (\$16.99)** is delicious! Made from low-yielding dry-land vines, the wine is bottled unfiltered and spends one year in French oak. The bouquet offers notes of blackberry, current, toffee and a hint of licorice. On the palate the wine is juicy with good texture and fine length.

—Jimmy C

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC WINES

Most of these are in very limited supply.

1974 Heitz "Martha's"	.....\$699.00
1974 Ridge Monte Bello	.....\$269.95
1977 Beaulieu Vineyard Priv	.....\$99.00
1978 Kenwood "Artist Series"	.....\$99.95
1978 Montelena Estate	.....\$269.95
1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve (3L)	\$549.95
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (6L)	....\$1,199.00
1979 Beringer State Lane (9L)	.....\$1,599.00
1979 N. Coppola "Rubicon" (1.5L)	\$225.00
1979 Opus One	.....\$299.00
1980 Beringer Res Lemmon-Chabot	.....\$125.00
1980 Dunn Howell Mt (5L)	.....\$1,199.00
1980 Opus One	.....\$249.00
1982 Mayacamas (1.5L)	.....\$199.00
1983 Beringer Private Reserve	.....\$109.95
1983 Caymus Special Select	.....\$225.00
1984 Beaulieu Private Reserve	.....\$89.95
1984 Caymus Estate (1.5L)	.....\$279.00
1984 Montelena, Napa	.....\$159.99
1984 N. Coppola "Rubicon" (1.5L)	\$179.00
1984 Ridge Monte Bello	.....\$169.95
1984 Robert Mondavi Reserve	.....\$119.95
1984 Spottswoode	.....\$129.95
1985 Diamond Creek Volcanic H	....\$169.95
1985 Dunn Howell Mountain	.....\$179.00
1985 Heitz "Martha's"	.....\$299.00
1985 Robert Mondavi Reserve	.....\$119.95
1985 Silver Oak Valley (3L)	.....\$849.00
1985 Spottswoode	.....\$139.95
1986 Beringer Private Reserve	.....\$129.95
1986 Diamond Creek Volcanic H	..\$129.00
1986 Diamond Crk Terrace (9L)	..\$1,699.00
1986 Heitz "Martha's"	.....\$169.95
1986 Shafer Hillside Select	.....\$249.00
1986 Spottswoode (1.5L)	.....\$299.00
1986 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"	.....\$229.00

1987 Beaulieu Vineyard Priv Res	....\$89.95
1987 Caymus Special Select	.....\$199.00
1987 Dominus	.....\$139.00
1987 Heitz "Martha's"	.....\$169.95
1987 La Jota Howell Mtn (1.5L)	.....\$149.95
1987 Silver Oak Alexander (3L)	.....\$599.00
1988 Caymus Special Select	.....\$169.95
1988 Heitz "Martha's"	.....\$99.95
1988 Montelena, Napa	.....\$89.00
1989 Dunn Howell Mountain	.....\$99.95
1989 Dunn	.....\$69.00
1989 Grace Family (1.5L)	.....\$799.00
1989 Heitz "Martha's"	.....\$110.00
1989 Opus One	.....\$199.00
1990 Beaulieu Vineyard Priv Res	.....\$74.99
1990 Diamond Creek (3 vnyrd)	.....\$129.95
1990 Dunn	.....\$99.00
1990 Grace Family (1.5L)	.....\$999.95
1990 Montelena Estate	.....\$149.95
1990 Shafer "Hillside Select"	.....\$249.95
1990 Silver Oak Valley (3L)	.....\$749.00
1991 Beaulieu Priv Res (1.5L)	.....\$119.95
1991 Diamond Crk "Volcanic H"	..\$139.95
1991 Dunn Howell Mountain	.....\$149.00
1991 Opus One	.....\$239.00
1991 Silver Oak "Bonny"	.....\$219.00
1991 Silver Oak Alex (6L)	.....\$1,199.00
1991 Silver Oak "Bonny's" (3L)	.....\$849.00
1991 Silver Oak Valley (3L)	.....\$749.00
1991 Silverado Limited	.....\$125.00
1991 Sterling Reserve (6L)	.....\$399.00
1992 Caymus Napa Valley	.....\$89.99
1992 Diamond Creek Grav Mead	..\$125.00
1992 Diamond Creek Red Rock	....\$125.00
1992 Diamond Creek Volcanic	.....\$125.00
1992 Heitz "Martha's"	.....\$119.00
1992 Opus One (1.5L)	.....\$499.00
1993 Beaulieu Vineyard Priv Res	....\$64.99

1993 Beaulieu Private Res (1.5L)	....\$119.95
1993 Beringer Private Reserve	.....\$99.00
1993 Burgess Vintage Select	.....\$39.95
1993 Caymus Napa Valley	.....\$89.99
1993 Opus One (1.5L)	.....\$469.00
1993 Silver Oak Alexander (1.5L)	..\$325.00
1993 Silver Oak Alexander (6L)	.....\$899.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa	.....\$149.99
1993 Silver Oak Napa (1.5L)	.....\$299.00
1993 Silverado Limited	.....\$99.00
1994 Anderson's Conn VI Rs (1.5L)	\$199.95
1994 Fife Reserve	.....\$89.95
1994 Heitz "Trailside" (1.5L)	.....\$199.95
1994 Phelps "Insignia" (1.5L)	.....\$350.00
1994 Silver Oak Alexander	.....\$119.00
1994 Silver Oak Napa Valley	.....\$179.00
1995 Beringer Private Reserve	.....\$109.00
1995 Montelena Estate	.....\$125.00
1995 Robert Mondavi Reserve	.....\$110.00
1995 Silverado Napa	.....\$129.00
1996 Araujo Eisele	.....\$249.00
1996 Beringer Private Reserve	.....\$99.95
1996 Bryant Family	.....\$599.00
1996 Dalla Valle Maya	.....\$499.00
1996 Dalla Valle	.....\$129.00
1996 Hartwell Stag's Leap	.....\$109.00
1996 Montelena Estate	.....\$99.00
1996 Montelena Estate (1.5L)	.....\$249.00
1996 Ridge Monte Bello	.....\$129.00
1996 Shafer Hillside Select	.....\$279.00
1996 Silver Oak Napa	.....\$149.99
1996 Stag's Leap SLV (1.5L)	.....\$199.00

PORT/MADEIRA

Ramos White Port	.....\$11.99
1910 Barbeito Sercial Res Velha Madeira	.....\$229.95
1933 Justino Henriques Malmsey Madeira	.....\$179.95
1945 Dow	.....\$899.00
1950 Kopke Colheita	.....\$249.00
1958 Krohn Colheita	.....\$99.99
1960 Krohn Colheita	.....\$89.99
1966 Rocha (bottled at Ridge)	.....\$99.95
1966 Krohn Colheita	.....\$79.99
1970 Graham	.....\$189.00
1977 Dow	.....\$139.00
1978 Krohn Colheita	.....\$46.99
1983 Dow	.....\$74.99
1983 Graham	.....\$79.99
1983 Taylor	.....\$89.00
1983 Warre	.....\$69.99
1985 Taylor	.....\$89.99
1994 Dow (375ml)	.....\$44.99
1994 Dow	.....\$84.99
1994 Graham	.....\$99.00
1997 Ramos Pinto	.....\$32.99

Masochists Need Not Apply

I am pleased to report that new releases from one of my favorite Languedoc properties have arrived. Tucked in the northeastern corner of the Languedoc appellation of St. Chinian, Jean-Marie Rimbert crafts simply lovely regional wines full of character, vitality and charm.

2005 Saint Chinian Blanc Domaine Rimbert (\$11.99) If you've ever grown a pot of thyme in your kitchen window, you know what happens when you pinch off the white flowers that appear on the end of the stems. The smell that comes off those tiny, innocuous looking blossoms is springtime, summer, honey and citrus all at once. A sniff of this fresh white effects similar responses in your nose and mouth. A blend of marsanne, roussanne, vermentino, grenache blanc and carginan blanc, picked manually in the early morning hours to maintain freshness, it's ideal with grilled fish, or try with your favorite mild fish cooked in parchment!

2004 Saint Chinian Domaine Rimbert "Le Mas au Schiste" (\$14.99) Even if you're incredibly tough on yourself you owe it to your inner child to pick up a bottle of the new vintage of Rimbert's playful Mas au Schiste. The blend is 40% carignan, 30% syrah and 30% grenache aged for 12 months on the lees in old barrels, which impart no wood flavor and no distraction from the amazingly pure and vivid fruit. Delicious and jam-packed with spicy and juicy red and black berries, this is an ideal house red to go with lamb, chicken, burgers, you name it. There are also 1.5Ls of the 2003 "Le Mas au Schiste" (\$29.99)

—Mulan Chan

CABERNET SAUVIGNON/FRANC

Cabernet Franc

2002 Cooper Garrod, Santa Cruz	\$21.99
2002 William Harrison, Napa	\$32.99
2003 Dare "Viader" Napa	\$37.99
2003 Lang & Reed, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Vinum Cellars "The Scrapper"	\$27.99

Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends

2001 Grove Street	\$10.99
2001 Roth, Alexander Vly	\$27.99
2002 Aia (from Miner Family)	\$21.99
2002 Amici, Napa	\$39.99
2002 Burgess, Napa	\$29.99
2002 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma	\$16.99
2002 Conn Creek, Napa	\$19.98
2002 Corison, Napa	\$59.99
2002 Jordan, Alexander Valley.....	\$41.99
2002 Kunde, Sonoma	\$15.99
2002 Mount Eden Santa Cruz	\$34.99
2002 Napanook.....	\$39.99
2002 Raymond Reserve	\$24.99
2002 Robert Mondavi "Stags Leap" ..	\$29.99
2002 Sequoia Grove, Napa	\$26.99
2002 Silver Oak, Alexander Vly	\$59.99
2002 Spring Mountain "Elivette"	\$69.98
2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards	\$39.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	\$32.99
2002 Stella Maris Walla Walla Red....	\$29.99
2002 Vineyard 7, Spring Mnt	\$74.99
2003 Alexander Valley	\$14.99
2003 Artesa Napa/Sonoma.....	\$15.99

Almost Bordeaux-like, this wine is balanced from start to finish, this wine has bright flavors of blackberry, raspberry and cassis accented with chocolate, cinnamon, vanilla, clove and smoke.

2003 Benziger, Sonoma	\$12.99
2003 Buehler Estate, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Cakebread, Napa	\$54.98
2003 Caymus "Special Select"	\$129.00
2003 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$19.99
2003 Ch. Montelena, Napa	\$32.98
2003 Chimney Rock Stg Lp Dist	\$44.98
2003 Cliff Lede Stgs Lp Dist.....	\$47.99
2003 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex	\$17.99
2003 Darioush, Napa	\$59.99
2003 Dominus, Napa	\$99.99
2003 Dynamite, North Coast	\$11.99
2003 Edge, Napa	\$16.99
2003 Far Niente, Napa	\$89.99
2003 Franciscan "Oakville"	\$19.99
2003 Frei Brothers, Alexander Vly....	\$14.99
2003 Groth, Napa	\$39.98
2003 Hess Select, California.....	\$11.99
2003 Hess Estate, Napa.....	\$16.99
2003 Honig, Napa	\$29.99
2003 J. Runquist "Colina Poca"	\$23.99
2003 Joseph Phelps, Napa.....	\$36.98
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"	Inquire
2003 Kalinda, Alexander Vly	\$16.99

Ripe, spicy and lively. Great for BBQs!

2003 Karl Lawrence, Napa	\$54.99
2003 Ladera "Howell Mnt"	\$59.99
2003 Larkmead "Firebelle," Napa	\$36.98
2003 Larkmead, Napa.....	\$39.98
2003 Meander, Napa	\$59.99
2003 Miner Family, Napa	\$49.99
2003 Nickel & Nickel.....	Inquire
2003 Opus One	Inquire
2003 Parallel, Napa.....	\$44.99
2003 Paul Hobbs, Napa	\$79.99
2003 Pine Ridge, Rutherford	\$32.98
2003 Pine Ridge, Oakville	\$59.98
2003 Purisima Canyon, Napa.....	\$16.99
An amazing value in elegant and impressively endowed Napa Cab! This wine was aged in French oak barrels and comes from Chiles Valley, St. Helena, and Pope Valley ranches.	
2003 Purisima Canyon, Alex. Vly	\$16.99
2003 Quintessa, Rutherford	\$99.98
Powerful and graceful at the same time. The wine begins with enticing classic cabernet aromas-cassis, tobacco, and cedar box; then opens on the palate with a rich rush of sensation.	
2003 Raymond "R Collection".....	\$14.99
2003 Redmond "Stage 9," Napa	\$29.99
2003 Reynoso, Alexander Valley	\$14.99
2003 Ridge Santa Cruz Mnts Red	\$29.99
2003 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Sensorium, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Simi, Alexander Valley	\$19.99
2003 Stag's Leap Cellars "Artemis"....	\$39.98
2003 Stephen Vincent, California	\$8.99
2003 Stewart, Napa.....	\$59.99
2003 Travieso "El Rey"	\$36.99

2003 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$34.99
2003 Waterstone, Napa.....	\$19.99
2003 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$29.99
2003 ZD, Napa	\$34.99
2004 Avalon, Napa	\$9.99
2004 Beringer Founders'	\$7.98
2004 BR Cohn "Silver Label"	\$14.98
2004 Bogle, California	\$9.99

CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!

2004 Caymus, Napa \$64.99
New vintage and already drinking well! Fans of California Cabernet will not be disappointed. A burst of black fruit aromas, the essence of perfect summer berries. Sweet, ripe blackberry flavors with an undertone of mocha and toasted oak.

2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa	\$29.99
2004 Francis Coppola "Claret"	\$12.99
2004 House Wine, Washington	\$9.99
2004 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"	\$10.99
2004 Joel Gott, California	\$12.99
2004 Justin, Paso Robles.....	\$21.99
2004 Justin "Justification"	\$34.98
2004 Screw Kappa, Napa	\$10.99
2004 Tamber Bay "Two Rivers"	\$26.99
2004 Ten Mile, California.....	\$9.99
2004 Twenty Bench, Napa	\$14.99
Twenty Bench is a relatively new project of Jim Regusci of Regusci Winery. Easy drinking Cabernet for far less than \$20!	
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$8.99
2004 Von Strasser "Diam Dist Ser" ..	\$49.99
2004 ZD, Napa	\$39.98
2005 Esser, California.....	\$7.99
2005 McManis, California	\$8.99

Spotlight on Esser Vineyards, Plus!

Generally speaking, there are two ways of making inexpensive wine. One way is to collect "left-over" gallons of mediocre wines into big tanks, adds some chemicals then slap on a label (often with some kind of animal on it), and thus, make a killing on murderously bad wine-making. The other, more difficult way to produce low-price wine, is to hit the dirt, so to speak, methodically seeking out quality vineyards, making contacts, and buying smart, all the while making a determined effort by tasting and comparing efforts vs. the competition, until a wine is made that's actually great and economical at the same time. Esser Vineyards is one such rare producer. In the three vintages during which K&L has carried Esser, this label remains one of our top choices in the under \$10 category in Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Once again, their new vintages are outstanding values in the ocean of alcoholic mediocrity. The **2005 Esser California Pinot Noir (\$11.99)** has got to be one of the best under \$15 Pinots to hit our store. Lovely, delicate, piercingly aromatic and surprisingly refined, what a bargain stroke of genius! The **2005 Esser California Cabernet Sauvignon (\$7.99)** is also drinking remarkably well. Yes, it's 2005. And, no, it's not too young to drink. In fact, it is spot-on delicious, giving you all that distinct cabernet character without being too ripe or tannic. Finally, the newest addition to the Esser Family is here! The **2004 Esser California Zinfandel (\$9.99)** is not hot or burdened or too sweet. This Zin displays terrific ripe berry flavors with just enough wiggle in the hips to keep things more than interesting. I don't know how they manage to make money, but I sure know how they'll save you some. If you have resisted the under \$10 wine category for fear of being disappointed, now's your chance to knock one home, flinch-free. Enjoy Esser and Happy Halloween!

—Martin Reyes

CHARDONNAY

2002 Carmel Road "Arroyo Seco" ....\$29.99	2004 El Molino, Napa .....\$45.99	2004 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones" .....\$27.99
2002 Chalk Hill, Sonoma .....\$29.99	2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Sonoma .....\$21.99	2004 Ramey, Russian River .....\$31.99
2003 Buehler, Russian River.....\$9.99	2004 Eric K James "Bernache Bick" ..\$14.99	2004 Raymond "R Collection"..... \$9.99
2003 Domaine Serene "Clos/Soleil".. \$36.99	The wine has been prevented from undergoing malolactic fermentation to preserve fruit and crispness and was aged for 11 months sur lie in neutral oak. Only 89 cases made!	2004 Ridge, Santa Cruz Mnts.....\$29.99
2003 Gainey, Santa Barbara .....\$12.99	2004 Esser, California.....\$7.99	2004 Rusack, Santa Barbara.....\$15.99
2003 Hanzell, Sonoma .....\$59.99	2004 Far Niente, Napa .....\$39.99	2004 Silverado, Napa .....\$14.99
2003 James Henry "Woolsey Rd" .....\$39.99	2004 Ferrari Carano, Alexander Vly \$22.98	2004 Solitude, Alexander Vly..... \$24.99
2003 Marimar Torres .....\$18.99	2004 Francisca, Napa .....\$12.99	2004 Toasted Head .....\$10.99
2003 Mount Eden "Wolff" .....\$14.99	2004 Franciscan "Cuvee Sauvage" ....\$29.99	2004 Trinchero, California.....\$6.99
2003 Olivet Lane, Russian River \$14.99	2004 Groth, Napa .....\$22.98	2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa .....\$7.99
2003 Simi, R.R Reserve .....\$19.99	2004 Handley, Anderson Vly .....\$18.99	2004 Varner "Bee Block" .....\$31.99
2003 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....\$36.99	2004 Hartford, Sonoma Coast .....\$17.99	2004 Vine Cliff, Carneros.....\$27.99
2003 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow" .....\$31.99	2004 Hess Select, California.....\$8.99	2004 Walter Hansel, Russian River ..\$26.99
The nose is loaded with signature Sleepy Hollow minerality and intense tangerine and white peach.	2004 Hestan, Napa .....\$49.99	2005 A by Acacia, California .....\$8.98
2003 Tandem "Richie Vineyard" .....\$39.99	2004 Jordan, Russian River .....\$21.99	A new wine for Acacia, this is a blend of California fruit that is a bit lighter and crisper than the Acacia. Great price!
2003 West Slope, Edna Valley .....\$11.99	2004 Landmark "Overlook" .....\$21.99	2005 Acacia, Carneros .....\$15.99
2004 Ambullneo, "Big Paw".....\$54.99	2004 Mark West, Central Coast .....\$8.99	2005 Babcock, Santa Rita Hills .....\$16.99
2004 Aquinas, Carneros .....\$9.99	2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma .....\$18.98	2005 Beringer Founders .....\$7.99
2004 Beron Herzog (Kosher) .....\$12.99	2004 Meridian, Santa Barbara .....\$6.99	2005 Bogle, California .....\$7.99
2004 Benziger, Carneros .....\$9.99	2004 Merryvale "Starmont" .....\$12.99	2005 Cakebread, Napa .....\$34.99
2004 Beringer Private Reserve .....\$29.99	2004 Mer Soleil, Central Coast .....\$34.99	2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Ca.....\$8.99
2004 Cambria "Katherine's".....\$12.98	Ripe tropical fruit explodes from this glass. The fruit is sweet, rich and mouth-coating, while the finish is fresh and bright, with hints of lime.	2005 Chalone, Monterey .....\$9.99
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey .....\$11.99	2004 Miner Family "Wild Yeast" .....\$46.99	2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma .....\$10.99
A staff favorite! From sites in Arroyo Seco, Santa Lucia Highlands and the Gabilan Mountains.	2004 Mi Sueno, Los Carneros .....\$32.99	2005 Cinnabar, Monterey.....\$15.99
2004 Ch. Montelena, Napa .....\$32.99	2004 Ojai Vineyards "Clos Pepe" .....\$36.99	2005 Edna Valley Vineyards.....\$9.98
2004 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma .....\$12.98	2004 Patz & Hall "Durell" .....\$36.99	2005 Four Vines "Naked," S.B. ....\$10.99
2004 Ch. Ste. Michelle "Ind W" .....\$14.98		2005 Foxglove, Edna Valley .....\$10.99
2004 Clos La Chance, Santa Cruz ....\$16.99		

California Classics

October is not only the first month of the holiday season it is also the start of Cabernet season! Most of the releases have been 2003s, however the last of the 2002s are now being released as well. One of these wines is the **2002 Rubicon Estate Rutherford Rubicon (\$99.00)**. This wine is a blend of 90% cabernet sauvignon and the rest a small amount of merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot. Rubicon Estate has always had a commitment to responsible farming, and their vineyards are now certified organic by the CCOF. The wine is very much in a Bordeaux style but still remains true to its classic Napa Valley heritage. 2002 is a powerful wine with complex fruit characters and a firm structure that will be sure to develop well in a cellar over the next 15 years. *The Wine Enthusiast* went as far as to say it is the "best Rubicon ever"!

—Trey Beffa

Family Style

Grandma Robinson, affectionately nicknamed Dinky, and her dog still reside at the base of their 78-acre vineyards in a small log cabin. She and her late husband were inspired by neighbors, the Turnbolls, to develop their land into vineyards, giving up the cattle and horse route, thus starting the Robinson Family Winery. Their land is nestled underneath the picturesque outcropping of Stag's Leap's cliffs just off the Silverado Trail. Grandma and Grandpa's daughter Susan and her husband Tom run the winery's day to day operations, while Charles Hendrick is the winemaker. The **2002 Robinson Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (\$51.99)** has been aged in 100% French oak for 23 months. This wine hijacks the nose with elegant wafts of sage and minerality. The supple fruit has length and strength that takes this experience the distance through one's palate. This is a well-integrated, controlled cabernet with solid tannins and a nice amount of acidity. 97% cabernet sauvignon and 3% cabernet franc. 300 cases made.

—Keelyn Healy

CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!

2005 Francis Coppola "Diamond"\$11.99

Whole cluster pressing and a combination of barrel and stainless steel fermenting ensures creaminess balanced by crisp acidity. Highlights of juicy apple, guava and melon flavors are followed by a touch of caramelized sugar on its long silky finish!

2005 Frank Family, Napa\$28.99

2005 Heitz, Napa\$14.99

2005 Heron, California\$7.99

2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406," Napa\$15.99

2005 Kali Hart, Monterey.....\$9.99

2005 Kalinda Los Carneros\$12.99

Just the right amount of fruit, acidity and oak combine to make this delicious poolside sipper.

2005 Keller "Oro de Plata"\$18.99

2005 Kendall Jackson Vint Res.....\$9.98

2005 La Crema, Sonoma\$14.99

2005 MacRostie, Carneros\$16.99

2005 Melville "Inox," Santa Rita\$29.99

92 points from Robert Parker. No Oak in this baby!

2005 Melville, Santa Rita\$21.99

2005 Mer Soleil "Silver"\$39.99

2005 Margaret's Vineyard, CA\$6.99

2005 Patz & Hall, Napa.....\$31.99

2005 Storrs, Santa Cruz\$18.99

2005 ZD, California\$26.98

PINOT NOIR

2002 Eyrie Oregon	\$24.99	2004 Ken Brown, Santa Rita	\$34.99
2003 Domaine Serene "Evenstad"	\$46.99	2004 Londer, Anderson Vly	\$27.99
2003 Fort Ross "Fort Ross"	\$34.99	2004 Londer "Paraboll," Andr Vly	\$47.99
2003 Oak Arbour "Toulouse".....	\$29.99	Super rich and lush in the mouth with hints of black truffle, mocha, cinnamon and cola. Very big but balanced!	
2003 The Four Graces, Willam Vly ..	\$21.99	2004 Longoria, Santa Rita Hills	\$22.98
2003 Turjanis "Steiner"	\$32.99	2004 Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands ..	\$36.99
Small production and quite distinctive with clove aromatics and a rich red cherry fruit component.		2004 Miner Family "Rosella's"	\$46.99
2003 Walter Hansel, Russian River ..	\$26.99	2004 Morgan "Gary's"	\$39.99
2004 Andrew Rich, Willamette Vly ..	\$28.99	2004 Ponzi, Willamette Valley.....	\$29.99
2004 Beau Freres "Belles Soeurs"	\$41.99	2004 Rex Hill, Oregon.....	\$17.99
2004 Belle Glos "Clark & Teleph"	\$39.99	2004 Robert Sinskey, Carneros	\$29.99
2004 Belle Glos "Las Alturas"	\$41.99	2004 Roessler Cellars "Bluejay".....	\$29.99
From the highest vineyards in the appellation, the Las Alturas is bright and fresh with its plum, spice and berry fruit!		2004 Sanford, Santa Barbara	\$24.98
2004 Bogle, California	\$11.98	2004 Soter North Valley Oregon	\$29.99
2004 Brandborg, Umpqua Vly	\$16.99	2004 Talley Estate, Arroyo Grande ..	\$29.99
2004 Byron, Santa Maria	\$16.99	2004 TR Elliott "Three Plumes"	\$31.99
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$14.98	2004 Varner "Hidden Block," SC	\$36.99
2004 Clos la Chance, Santa Cruz	\$22.99	2005 Woodenhead "Buena Tierra"....	\$44.99
2004 Cristom "Mnt Jefferson"	\$27.99	2005 A by Acacia, California	\$14.99
2004 David Bruce, Sonoma	\$24.98	2005 A to Z, Oregon	\$13.99
2004 Dierberg, Santa Maria	\$36.99	2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Calif	\$9.99
2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Sonoma	\$22.99	2005 Chalone, Monterey	\$13.99
2004 Elk Cove, Willamette Vly.....	\$19.99	2005 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande	\$17.99
2004 Esser, California.....	\$9.99	2005 Hitching Post "Cork Dancer" ..	\$27.99
2004 Etude, Carneros	\$38.99	2005 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99
2004 Frei Brothers, Russian River	\$19.99	2005 Melville, Santa Rita	\$23.99
2004 Foley, Santa Rita Hills	\$32.99	2005 O'Reily, Oregon	\$15.99
2004 Gary Farrell, Russian River	\$39.99	2005 Parker Station, Santa Barb	\$10.99
2004 Green Truck, Napa.....	\$36.99	2005 Smoking Loon, California.....	\$7.99
2004 Handley, Anderson Vly	\$24.99	2005 Stephen Ross, Central Coast	\$16.99
2004 Hartford, Sonoma	\$24.99	2005 ZD, Carneros	\$26.98

More California Classics

Back to basics with some delicious wines. Cambria has produced a very consistent and textbook Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for years now, and the prices are truly bargain. Don't pass by these wonderful wines that we can all afford. From the cool climate of Santa Maria (named for their daughters), these wines are something to be proud of. And they are one of the few wines I have ever shared with the dear late Julia Child.

2004 Cambria "Katherine's Vineyard" Santa Maria Valley Chardonnay (\$12.98) An unctuous nose of ripe pear laced with citrus brightness is highlighted by a smooth, lightly spiced vanillin oak and nut cream. Following through to the palate, a round and mouth-filling lovely texture supports a creamy and fairly rich palate of fruits aplenty. You'll discover pineapple, pear, peaches and crisp apple flavors and just enough oak to please. A very long finish for a wine in this category finishes off this classic.

2004 Cambria "Julia's Vineyard" Santa Maria Pinot Noir (\$16.98) In a time of wildly expensive pinot noir, it is refreshing to see an under \$20 bottle that is real pinot! This label is also an exceptional value every year. Very California with a nose matching the palate of ripe cherry and strawberry, spices, soft earthy characteristics and a wonderful round feel. True cool-climate Pinot and a steal of a price.

2005 Shenandoah Vineyards Amador Special Reserve Zinfandel (\$7.99) Just released is this perennial favorite here at K&L, bold and round with a lively palate of brambly fruit and spicy notes. The winery is very proud of this effort and rightly so. This may be the best \$8 Zin I have ever tasted. BBQs, parties, or just pizza night, don't settle for less, grab this little beauty from the good folks at Sobon Estate and see what you can get for so little! —Shaun Green

ZINFANDEL

2002 Amici "Panek"	\$26.99
2002 Clos La Chance, El Dorado	\$11.99
2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt.....	\$14.99
Well balanced, ripe and rich with great structure and finish! It's BBQ Time!	
2003 Bucklin Old Hill Ranch	\$25.99
2003 Dashe, Dry Creek.....	\$18.99
2003 D Cubed Howell Mountain	\$32.99
2003 Elyse "Morisoli"	\$29.99
2003 Four Vines Old Vine Cuvee	\$10.99
2003 Marietta, Sonoma	\$14.99
2003 Ridge "Geyserville"	\$29.99
2003 Rombauer-Big, rich and juicy	\$21.99
2003 S.E. Chase "Hayne"	\$39.99
2003 Scott Harvey Old Vines	\$19.99
2003 Seghesio Old Vines	\$26.99
2003 Sky Saddle "Twin Oaks"	\$22.99
2003 St. Francis Old Vine	\$14.99
2003 Tin Barn "Glisson"	\$22.99
2003 T-Vine "Brown Vine," Napa.....	\$28.99
2003 Unti, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2003 Woodenhead "Martinelli"	\$35.98
2004 Bella, Dry Creek	\$22.99
This is a blend of hillside fruit from Bella Vineyard's distinctive vineyard sites. It is spicy and rich, but held in balance with fine tannins a super likable chocolate character	
2004 Bogle Old Vines	\$9.99
2004 Brown Estate, Napa	\$32.99
2004 Cloud 9 "Seity"	\$29.99
2004 Dover Canyon "Cujo"	\$17.99
2004 Earthquake, Lodi	\$23.99
2004 Edmeades, Mendocino	\$13.99
2004 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..	\$8.99
2004 Frog's Leap, Napa.....	\$19.98
2004 Hartford, Russian River.....	\$24.99
2004 Hendry "Block 7," Napa.....	\$27.99
2004 Holdredge, Dry Creek	\$22.99
2004 J. Runquist "Z"	\$18.99
2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"	\$21.99
2004 JC Cellars "Arrowhead Mnt"	\$32.99
2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi	\$14.99
2004 Lolonis, Redwood Valley	\$16.99
2004 Michael & David 7Deadly Zins	\$13.99
2004 Norman "The Monster"	\$19.99
2004 Plungerhead, Dry Creek	\$10.99
2004 Preston, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2004 Rancho Zabaco "Dancing Bull" ..	\$6.99
2004 Ridge "Three Valley's".....	\$16.99
2004 Ridge Lytton Springs	\$29.99
2004 Rosenblum Paso/SF Bay	\$14.98
2004 Rusina, Alexander Vly	\$24.99
2004 Seghesio Sonoma.....	\$16.98
2005 Sobon "Fiddletown"	\$15.99
2004 Sobon "Rocky Top"	\$12.99
2004 Windmill Estates Old Vine	\$9.99
2005 Dashe Dry Creek Late Harv	\$24.99
2005 Shenandoah Spec Rs. Amador ..	\$7.99

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

2002 Corazon Gewürztraminer.....	\$19.99
2004 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2004 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc	\$18.99
2004 Londer Gewürztraminer	\$19.99
2004 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$16.99
2005 Clos Saron "Carte Blanche"	\$18.99
2005 Cycles Gladiator Pinot Grigio ..	\$11.99
2005 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc	\$9.99
2005 Elk Cove Oregon Pinot Blanc ..	\$13.99
2005 Fish Eye Pinot Grigio.....	\$5.99
2005 Fortitude Napa Semillon	\$17.99
2005 Jana, Napa Riesling	\$14.99
2005 Keller "La Cruz" Pinot Gris.....	\$16.99
2005 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$11.99
2005 Rex Hill Oregon Pinot Gris	\$16.99
2005 Smoking Loon Viognier	\$5.99
2005 Sobon Amador Roussanne	\$14.99
2005 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling....	\$14.99
2005 Ste. Michelle/Loosen "Eroica" ..	\$19.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2003 Ruston, Napa-Was \$20	\$10.99
2004 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$10.99
2004 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly....	\$12.99
2004 Joel Gott "Three Ranches"	\$11.99
2004 Mason, Napa	\$12.98
2004 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$26.99
2004 Voss, Napa	\$14.98
2005 Cakebread, Napa	\$23.99
2005 Cliff Lede, Napa	\$19.99
2005 DeSante, Napa	\$16.99
2005 Duckhorn, Napa	\$21.99
2005 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$11.98
2005 Frog's Leap, Napa.....	\$13.99
2005 Geyser Peak, California	\$7.99
2005 Gregory Graham, Red Hills.....	\$14.99
2005 Girard, Napa	\$12.99

Ripe melon and papaya greet your nose as you savor this classic Sauvignon Blanc.

2005 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$19.98
2005 Groth, Napa	\$12.98
2005 Honig, Napa	\$12.99
2005 Husch, Mendocino.....	\$9.99
2005 Kathryn Kennedy.....	\$16.99
2005 Kunde "Magnolia Lane"	\$10.99
2005 Ladera, Howell Mnt	\$21.99
Green apple, pear, herbal and melon aromas, along with the hints of vanilla from the lees contact. The wine is refreshing, crisp and complex with a smooth finish and creamy texture.	
2005 Margerum "Westerley"	\$17.99
2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$15.99
2005 Peter Franus, Napa.....	\$18.99
2005 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$7.99
2005 Sauvignon Blanc Republic.....	\$14.99
2005 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$24.99
2005 St. Supery, Napa	\$12.99
2005 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$12.99

Merlot

2001 Schweiger, Spring Mnt	\$29.99
2002 Atalon, Napa	\$24.98
2002 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma.....	\$13.99
2002 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$18.99
2002 Duckhorn Howell Mnt	\$69.99
2002 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$19.99
2002 Franciscan, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Hogue "Genesis"	\$9.99
2002 Keenan, Napa	\$26.99
2002 Rombauer, Napa	\$19.98
2002 Swanson, Napa.....	\$22.99
2002 Twomey, Napa-94 points Parker ..	\$64.99
2003 Burgess, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Vly.....	\$19.99
This vintage is full-bodied and layered with fruit and well-integrated tannins that lead to a lingering finish.	
2003 Duckhorn 3 Palms/Estate	\$79.99
2003 Dynamite, North Coast	\$11.99
2003 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$29.99
2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Wash	\$29.99
2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.98
2003 Provenance, Napa.....	\$24.99
2003 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$19.99
2004 Bogle, California	\$6.98
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$44.99
2004 Francis Coppola "Diamond"	\$12.99
Balanced and bold, this Merlot is an ideal partner for roasted lamb, polenta topped with meaty tomato sauce or pulled pork sandwiches.	
2004 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek	\$13.99
2004 McManis, California	\$7.99
2004 Parcel 41, Napa	\$15.99
2004 Screw Kappa Napa	\$11.99
2004 Shafer, Napa	\$39.98

Domestic Red

2003 Bogle "The Phantom"	\$13.98
2003 Concannon "Stampmakers"	\$10.99
2003 Edmunds St. John Rcks & Grvl	\$16.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Le Mistral"	\$36.98
2003 Shypoke Napa Charbono.....	\$19.99
2003 Tablas Creek "Esprit de B."	\$34.99
92 points Robert Parker.	
2004 Bucklin Mixed Blacks	\$20.99
2004 Fess Parker "Fontier Red"	\$7.99
2004 Graff Chalone Mourvèdre	\$15.99
2004 Justin Paso Res Tempranillo	\$24.99
2004 Peirano "The Other Wine"	\$12.99
2004 Rabid Red California Red	\$11.99
2004 Sutton Cellars Carignane	\$15.99
2004 T Vine Napa Grenache.....	\$26.99
2004 Unti Dry Creek Grenache	\$23.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2002 Clos Saron "Heart of Stone"	\$32.99
2002 RockBlock, Seven Hills	\$36.99
2003 Curran "Reeves Ranches"	\$26.99
2003 Kalinda, Los Carneros	\$17.99
2003 Melville, Santa Rita	\$18.99
2003 Rosenblum "Rominger"	\$16.99
2003 Sobon, Amador Syrah	\$9.99
2003 Unti Dry Creek	\$21.99
2004 Four Vines "Heretic" Pet Sir	\$24.99
Big, rich layers of black fruit and spice- Very tasty when served with anything grilled!	
2004 JC Cellars Calif Cuvee	\$24.99
2004 Earthquake Lodi Petite Sirah ..	\$28.99
2004 Eric K. James "121"	\$18.99
2004 Girard Napa Petite Sirah	\$17.99
2004 Storrs Santa Cruz Petite Sirah..	\$18.99
2004 T Vine "Duarte"	\$31.99

Boutique Corner

Woodenhead is back! My favorite Pinot Noir producers in California have just released several new bottlings. Nikolai Stez and Zina Bower both have day jobs. Woodenhead is their passion, and you can taste it in every drop. These wines are very small production, and they will sell quickly. I thought the 2003 vintage was some of the best Pinot Noir I've ever had, but these three wines are out of this world. Beautiful wines with distinct personalities and perfect balance. If you haven't tried these wines yet, you must. Burgundian done California style!

2004 Woodenhead Russian River Pinot Noir (\$34.99) This is a combination of several different vineyards, including Buena Tierra, which combines to create a medium bodied, slightly juicy dark cherry and blackberry characteristics. It has a hint of oak with fantastic structure and focus. This wine will age for several years, but I bet you can't wait that long.

2004 Woodenhead "Buena Tierra Vineyard" Russian River Pinot Noir (\$43.99) This single vineyard is the pretty sister to the other two wines. Quiet, light bodied with intense flavors, hints of pepper and a long finish, this wine is my favorite of the three. Though I love them all. They doubled production in 2004. It's still fewer than 150 cases!

2004 Woodenhead "Morning Dew Ranch" Anderson Valley Pinot Noir (\$44.99) This is the big daddy. Strong raspberry forward fruit, with a bit of cinnamon and clove. This is the first vintage from a vineyard owned by Burt Williams, formerly of Williams Selyem.

See you in the City...

—Michael Jordan

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile/Argentina

2003 Elsa Syrah (Argentina)	\$5.99
2005 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$6.99
2005 Luis Felipe Edwards Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$6.99
2004 Alamos Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Santa Ema Barrel Select Carmenere (Chile)	\$7.99
2003 Santa Ema 60/40, Cabernet-Merlot Blend (Chile)	\$7.99
2005 Trumpeter Torrontes, Mendoza (Argentina)	\$7.99
2005 Apaltagua Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$8.99
2004 Loica Carmenere (Chile)	\$8.99
2004 Casa Silva Carmenere (Chile)	\$9.99
2004 Kaiken Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2004 Navarro Correas Colec. Privada Malbec (Argentina)	\$10.99
2003 Montelomas Malbec (Argentina)	\$11.99
2004 Valentin Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$12.99
2003 MontGras Antu Ninquen Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) ..	\$13.99
2004 Montes Syrah Colchagua Valley (Chile)	\$15.99
2002 Luigi Bosca, Malbec (Argentina)	\$17.99
2004 Achával Ferrer Quimeram, Malbec/Cab/Merlot (Arg) ..	\$36.99

Portugal/Spain

2005 Finca Luzon, Luzon, Jumilla.....	\$6.99
2005 Marques de Riscal Rueda Verdejo	\$6.99
2004 Las Rocas de San Alejandro, Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2004 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2005 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado Navarra	\$8.99
2003 Campo Viejo Crianza Rioja	\$8.99
2004 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco	\$8.99
2004 Mas Que Vinos, Ercavio Roble, La Mancha	\$8.99
2003 Bilbao Tempranillo, Rioja.....	\$9.99
2004 Vinos Sin-Ley G4 Garnacha, Cariñena.....	\$9.99
2003 Las Rocas, Viñas Viejas, Grenache, Calatayud	\$10.99
2003 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla	\$10.99
2001 Quinta dos Roques Vinho Tinto (Portugal)	\$10.99
2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas	\$11.99
2004 Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestizaje, Valencia	\$13.99
2005 Raventos i Blanc Parfum de Vi Blanc, Penedes	\$13.99
2005 Angel Rodriguez Martinsancho Verdejo	\$14.99
2001 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Reserva, Navarra ..	\$14.99
2005 Laxas, Albariño, Rias Baixas.....	\$14.99
2004 Celler Can Blau, Can Blau, Monsant	\$14.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Crianza.....	\$14.99
2004 Vinos Piñol Portal Crianza, Terra Alta	\$14.99
2004 Vinos Piñol Sacra Natura, Terra Alta (Organic)	\$15.99
2001 Bodegas Julien Chivite Salceda Rioja Reserva	\$16.99
2004 Fefiñanes Albariño	\$16.99
2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha	\$16.99
2004 Lusco Albariño	\$18.99
2001 Quinta de Cabriz Dão Reserva (Portugal)	\$18.99
1996 Marques de Arienzo Gran Reserva Rioja	\$21.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Reserva.....	\$23.99
2001 Bodegas Y Vinedos Pujanza Pujanza, Rioja.....	\$24.99
2004 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto	\$26.99
2003 Alto Moncayo Alto Moncayo, Campo de Borja	\$31.99
2001 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero.....	\$31.99
2003 Dos Victorias Gran Elias Mora Daniel	\$41.99
1999 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Reserva	\$44.99
1996 Muga Rioja Prado Enea Gran Reserva	\$46.99

Big Points, No Whammies!

2004 Bodegas Borsao Tres Picos (Garnacha), Campo de Borja (\$12.99) 91 points Robert Parker: "...old vine Grenache vineyard cropped at an amazing two tons of fruit per acre, the 2004 Borsao Tres Picos Garnacha was aged half in stainless steel and half in French oak for ten months. It is a lovely, expressive, deep ruby-tinged wine offering sweet aromas of kirsch liqueur, licorice, white pepper, and dusty, loamy characteristics. Full-bodied, supple textured, flashy, and flavorful, it is an unreal value."

2003 Cellers del Roure, Les Alcusses (\$13.99) 92 points Parker: "...a blend of Tempranillo, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mourvedre, and Mando. This beauty boasts a dense ruby/purple color along with a fragrant display of black cherries, raspberries, currants, white flowers, and background notes of wood smoke. Ripe, medium to full-bodied, and gorgeously pure with admirable elegance, palate penetration, and acidity, it is an expressive, artistic Spanish red."

2004 Bodegas Hijos de Juan Gil, Juan Gil, Jumilla (\$13.99) 90 points Parker: "A serious effort, the 2004 Juan Gil is fashioned from 45-year-old Mourvedre vines and is aged for 12 months in American and French oak. This rich, full-bodied, inky/purple-tinged cuvee exhibits aromas of scorched earth, blueberries, licorice, and pepper, a savory, layered texture, and remarkable opulence for a Mourvedre."

2004 Finca Luzón Jumilla Altos de Luzón (\$13.99) 90 points Parker: "The seriously endowed 2004 Altos de Luzon is a blend of 50% old vine Mourvedre (52 years) and equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Tempranillo, aged 12 months in a combination of French and American oak. A dense ruby/purple color is followed by beautiful aromas of smoky licorice, black currants, cherries, and earth. Offering wonderful ripeness, an alluring texture, sweet tannin, and adequate acidity, it certainly over-delivers for its price. Drink it over the next 2-4 years." Buen Provecho! —Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

It's What's for Dinner!

I have recently seen the light, a true path to happiness and fulfillment. As it would happen, alcohol was involved, as was a very large cut of beef. Having never been to Argentina I have no first-hand experience with their cuisine, but I listen rapturously to the tales of people who have just returned. For me I have to settle for El Raigon, an Argentine restaurant here in the City. This was the sight of my epiphany. I have known of the synergy of Malbec and BBQ, but I have never experienced it on this level. Words fail me, only one thing comes to mind when they bring the plate of Bife de Chorizo out. Happy! Hopefully these wines can increase your happiness as well.

2004 Vistalba Corte C (\$9.99) This blend of malbec and merlot is a charmer. The merlot adds an extra degree of depth to the fruit as well as softening the texture. The fruit is bright and expressive, with dark berries and red fruit, and the palate is round and open-knit.

2003 Luigi Bosca, Malbec (\$16.99) This blends old world with the new world. Longer, more elegantly structured with ripe pure fruit. It is medium to medium-full with juicy dark fruits that are plump and rich on the mid-palate. The fruit is augmented with smoke, leather, and savory spices. It just begs for meat cooked over an open flame.

2005 Alamos Selección Malbec (\$14.99) This is a new project for the company: single farmer wines to showcase the uniqueness of the individual terroirs and the talent and dedication of the people. As a fan of their regular line up, I was enthusiastic to try this wine. It is easily three times better, more concentration and length. Balanced with elegance, this is a wine not to miss!

—Kirk Walker

AUSTRIA/GERMANY

Austria

2004 Leithner Grüner Veltliner Loess	\$8.99
2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Classic	\$15.99
2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Mandel-Höh	\$25.99
2004 Berger Blauer Zweigelt 1L.....	\$13.99
2004 Berger Grüner Veltliner 1L.....	\$11.99
2004 Weingut Pfaffl Gruner Veltliner Weinviertal DAC	\$17.99
2005 Knoll Grüner Veltliner Federspiel	\$21.99
2005 Prager Grüner Veltliner Hinter der Burg Federspiel.....	\$21.99
2005 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss	\$13.99
2005 Bernard Ott Grüner Veltliner Am Berg	\$13.99

Germany

1985 Dr. Loosen Bernkasteler Badstube Spätlese	\$32.99
1996 Bert Simon Serrig Würtzberg Riesling Spätlese	\$17.99
2003 August Kessler Spätburgunder	\$22.99
2003 Bercher Burkheimer Feuerberg Spatburgunder	\$22.99
2004 Schloss Saarstein Pinot Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Alfred Merkelbach Ürziger Würzgarten Kabinett # 1	\$15.99
2004 Schlossgut Diel Rosé de Diel	\$18.99
2004 Maximin Grünhauser Abtberg Spätlese	\$25.99
2004 Joh. Jos. Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese	\$36.99
2004 Schmitt-Wagner Longuicher Maximiner Herrenb Kab..	\$19.99
2004 Weingut Spreitzer Oestricher Doosberg Spätlese	\$18.99
2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry.....	\$9.99
2005 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Kabinett	\$18.99
2005 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Spätlese	\$31.99
2005 Gysler Weinheimer Riesling Kabinett	\$13.99
2005 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" ..	\$14.99
2005 Robert Weil Estate Dry Riesling	\$21.99

Tasting Bar Schedule for October, 2006.

All tastings are from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. For information about special monthly tastings and dinners, please see our website at www.klwines.com and click on the "local events" bar. Prices TBA.

Saturday, October 7: Italian in San Francisco. Burgundy in Redwood City. Kirk picks his favorite wines in S.F. from various regions in Italy. Come in and try new arrivals and hot cellar selections. While Keith will open the outstanding Burgundies of Maison Champy.

Saturday, October 14: Syrah in San Francisco. Wines of Spain in Redwood City. Mike Jordan will take us on a tour around the world with his favorite Syrah. Wines from North America, Australia, France while Anne's favorites are poured in Redwood City.

Saturday, October 21: Champagne Celebration in San Francisco. Bordeaux in Redwood City. The San Francisco store will close off its parking lot for our big tent tasting of small-estate Champagnes. Join us for over 40 Champagnes and finger food (Call for tickets). Redwood City hosts a tasting of Bordeaux. Ralph and Bryan will pour from the 2003 vintage with one white, one Sauternes and eight reds.

Saturday, October 28: Wines of Germany and Austria in San Francisco. Wines of the Rhone in Redwood City. In S.F., Eric Story picks his favorites from Germany and Austria. He'll highlight excellent buys and fabulous cellar selections! In R.C., Nadia will open great wines from the Rhone. Join us in welcoming the cooler weather with these magnificent reds and whites. —Scott Beckerley, Jeff Garneau

Unleash the Bubbles!!!

No, they're not from Champagne or even California, but they are all really tasty and well under twenty dollars. Do I have your attention yet? The first two of these fantastic wines are from the Loire Valley and the other two from Alsace. These are all outstanding wines for almost any event, whatever it may be: weddings, an evening sipper while relaxing on the porch, brunch with somebody special, or not so special. You get the picture!

Domaine de l'Ecu (Guy Bossard) Cuvée Ludwig Hahn Sparkling (\$13.99) 45% folle blanche (Gros-Plant), 25% chardonnay, 20% melon de bourgogne (Muscadet) and 10% cabernet cauvignon (I know, this was a first for me too). The complexity and length that you get out of this bottle is outstanding for a \$14-bottle of bubbles.

François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut (\$16.99) This sparkling chenin blanc comes from soils that are clay and silica on a base of limestone (tuffeau) with flint (silex), and the area is rated among the top sites in the appellation. Fantastic earthy characters with warmth and charm make this a great fit for a variety of foods. If you have never tried a sparkling Chenin I really suggest that this be the first one.

Jean Philippe & Francois Becker Cremant d'Alsace (\$14.99) A blend of pinot noir, chardonnay and pinot blanc that is bright and edgy but a bit shy all at the same time, a lot like me! The sharp minerality and focus always leaves me wanting more than just that first glass.

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace (\$14.99) Made up of pinot blanc (40%), auxerrois (40%) and chardonnay (20%), this has a happy aromatic character with a creamy richness running through the middle giving it more of a softer, rounder finish.

Don't be scared of the unknown, you never know what kind of interesting and special things you may find!

—Eric Story

Loire, Alsace and Beyond: Viking Vouvray

This estate has quietly built a reputation for pure, age worthy chenin blanc from hillside vineyards of limestone and chalk in the village of Reugny. Today, the estate is in the very capable winemaking hands of Lionel Gauthier. Lionel is a bit of a misfit in the area. With a shocking patch of blond hair, massive build, and in-your-face intensity, he seems more Scandinavian than Loire. That is what his friends thought when they started calling him the "the Viking" years ago. After a while the name stuck, so in 1989, Lionel renamed the property. All grapes here are hand harvested, sorted, de-stemmed, crushed, and fermented in Lionel's tiny garage cellar, and left to age in 500-liter barrels made from local chestnut. Enjoy!

The **1990 Gauthier-Lhomme Domaine du Viking Vouvray Tendre (\$22.99)** got 93 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "Great aromas of lemon zest and fresh flowers, this has the mature, burnished feel you'd expect from a 1990, with excellent cut to its candied citrus, chamomile and dried pineapple flavors. Long, stony finish has an alluring smoky hint. Drink now through 2010. 2,000 cases made." The **1999 Gauthier-Lhomme Domaine du Viking Vouvray Tendre (\$16.99)** is a bit dryer and firmer than the others. So pure and expressive of the soil, with the right amount of age to start showing hints of smokiness and honeyed aromas. The **2002 Gauthier-Lhomme Domaine du Viking Vouvray Tendre (\$16.99)** received 92 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "Off-dry at first impression, with green almond, fig and pear flavors, this gives way to a more cut on the back end, with floral and candied ginger notes. Long, mineral finish. An absolute steal at this price. Drink now through 2020. 2,000 cases made."

—Jeff Vierra

A Letter from a Lonely Planet

Greetings to anyone out there.

I am writing to you out of sheer desperation. I must resign myself to the fact that I will be alone forever. All of the others within the system, others that I relied upon, have forsaken me. They called me small. Small! For so long, they kept me from spinning out of control, into the void. But now there is nothing to live for.

Well, almost nothing. I will savour my last bottles of wine before I succumb to eternal loneliness.

I almost smile as I open the **1996 Pontet-Canet (\$59.99)**. This Pauillac was treated poorly for years, a condition I can now relate to. But with new and committed ownership, this neighbour of the great Mouton Rothschild is making wine that is out of this world. The '96 has opened like a flower, power and richness coming together in perfect balance. It will last light years.

I gaze at the stars. I feel warm in their presence, but like me they are surrounded by a cold, cold world. I begin to pack my bags for the long journey. I know not where in the universe I am headed, which is at the very least a better situation than Jim Barr, who knows not where his head is. I make jokes, but I cannot laugh.

My mind wanders through the memories, now reduced to brightly burning shooting stars, soon to flame out of existence: the times that I played hide-and-seek with my two best friends, the red-haired kid and the bigger kid with the ring. We called him Ringo. And there was the

Jim's October Gems

As with the last few years, I am once again having a difficult time getting a feel for the quality of this vintage. We had a ton of rain during the winter and spring, and almost into summer, a very long and serious ten-day heat wave (most of the Northern Hemisphere experienced it) during July, and colder than normal weather conditions since then. We are all watching this with amazement and trying to put a positive face on what we see and keep our fingers cross that Mother Nature will hold off the rains just long enough to get these grapes in, in healthy conditions. As I write this (September 1), the harvest has just begun for the sparkling wine producers, and they are reporting superior quality, of course.

Three years ago, Greg St. Clair discovered an incredible gem on one of his buying trips to Italy, the wines of Giovanni Blason. Located in Gradisca d'Inzozzo, just under four miles from the Slovenian border, the wines coming from Blason are genuine, distinctively varietal and inexpensive. The **2005 Blason Pinot Grigio (\$8.99)** shows a wonderful nose of spice (white pepper) and Chilean jasmine, while in the mouth it explodes with lush, refreshing and balanced fruit that is viscous and bright. As I heard Greg point out to a customer just before he left for our L.A. store, "The 2005 Blason Pinot Grigio is the best Giovanni and Andrea have made to date." The other wines (Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon, Tocai and Chardonnay) from the Blasons are stunning wines, and Eby says they shouldn't be missed. She has her claws out for those of you who walk by the Blason floor display without grabbing a few of them. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

Our Deutschland wine buyer, Jeff Vierra, keeps finding to-die-for bargains of superb German Rieslings at prices that bring back memories of yesteryear for me. The **2004 August Kesseler Riesling "R" A.P. #6 (\$9.99)** is the soul of what Riesling is about when it is done in a drier style. Produced from contracted steep-sloped fruit from Lorch, Lorchhausen and Rudesheim, this is an astounding riesling that offers

'know it all' down the road. He used to fly toy airships all over the neighborhood. Always fighting and bragging and burning stuff. And the twins that looked completely unlike each other, one was blond and fiery, the other cool and distant. But we were all part of the system.

I uncork a bottle of **1996 Montrose (\$84.99)**. The scent that the wine gives off is intoxicating: hot summer plums, allspice, currants. Montrose is dense, the Jim Barr of wine. But the '96 is so extravagantly rich and ripe, it seems a butterfly to the chrysalis that it once was. Reminds me of the guy that read tarot cards and spoke of cataclysmic changes that would happen in your life. He used to hang out with the guy with the funny name I think.

My bags are packed. I take a last look around. I have everything—except the love and acceptance of my tormentors. I will take the **1996 Léoville-Poyferre (\$59.99)** with me. If I find the will to live, I will enjoy it when it matures. So dark and concentrated. So sweet, still showing oaky notes. One could enjoy the wine with a hearty dish, but I shall wait. It will be a reminder that tomorrow can be better.

I am off to a place where the stars in the night sky are strange and new, where I will not feel so small. I will warm my face to a different sun.

Goodbye

Pluto

—Joe Zugelder

loads of white peach to jade to clover on the nose and in the mouth, while providing firm acidity to offset what meager residual there is, and shows a long, crisp, mineral finish of slate and stone. This is great wine, and for you riesling lovers it would be a mortal sin to miss it. For you point-only dupes, the infamous low-acid lawyer from the East Coast gave it 90 points. He got it right this time, for now. It is not a low acid, high in alcohol, overly extracted wine. Vanilla says that you need this in your cellar or else. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

Okay, Anderson, take your best shot at these cats.

Totally vinified for near-term consumption, the **2003 Château Souvenir Bordeaux Superieur (\$9.99)**, a blend of merlot (60%) and equal parts cabernet sauvignon and franc, is a deeply colored beauty. Aged in huge vats after fermentation, this is an upfront wine that is meant to be drunk now. Offering a lovely nose of cassis and blackberries that carry over to the palate, this wine is soft, round and perfect for such meals as pork roast or stews. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

The house red for the month, according to Anderson, is the **2003 Château Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc (\$20.99)**, which the wine god anointed as a "sleeper of the vintage." This is an amazing Cru Bourgeois Superieur that should be given serious consideration for a fifth- or even fourth-growth level wine considering this 2003 and some of the previous near-term wines that have come from this property. Deep ruby in color, the nose erupts with cassis, blackberries, spice, roasted coffee bean and cedar that carry through to the palate. Layered, complex flavors with ample structure and integrated tannins lead to a multi-dimensional wine that is merlot driven yet complex and long. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

If you have any questions about these selections, you can email us at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy this month's wines!

—Jim, Anderson, Eby and Vanilla

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut.....	\$22.99
Our best deal in bubbles? All estate, four years on the lees!	
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs (1.5L \$49.99)	\$24.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$26.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blancs-Sable's new name!	\$26.99
Laurent Perrier Brut	\$29.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve	\$26.99
Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added	\$26.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve	\$27.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious.....	\$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve.....	\$27.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$28.99
Ariston Aspasie Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
2000 Franck Bonville Vintage	\$29.99
Fleury Brut Carte Rouge-Now direct!.....	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "La Croisette"	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Chèvres Pierreuses"	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Crayères"	\$29.99
2001 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé-Barely legal!	\$29.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé-Exciting new pink!	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Michel Arnould Grand Cuvee Brut.....	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé-Now direct!	\$34.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru.....	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Brut	\$39.99
Rene Collard Brut Carte d'Or	\$39.99
René Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut.....	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige (1.5L \$99.00)	\$39.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé.....	\$54.99
1990 Rene Collard	\$49.99
1999 Roederer Brut	\$49.99
2000 Roederer Blanc de Blancs	\$49.99
Tarlant Single Vineyard Blanc de Blancs.....	\$49.99
Tarlant Vigne d'Or Meunier Single Vineyard	\$49.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Brut Rosé	\$54.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Gold Label Reserve	\$54.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	\$59.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Brut Rosé.....	\$59.99
1985 René Collard Cuvee Speciale Rosé Brut	\$69.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"	\$74.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siècle Alexandra Rosé	\$89.99
Krug Grand Cuvee Brut.....	\$119.00
1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1996 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1998 Dom Perignon	Inquire
1992 Krug Clos de Mesnil	Inquire
<u>Domestic Sparkling Wine</u>	
1999 Schramsberg Reserve	\$54.99
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage".....	\$32.99
2001 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc.....	\$24.99
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	\$26.99
2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir	\$24.99
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut.....	\$16.99

Collard Ultime Champagne: The last of a great tradition!

The René Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut (\$39.99) is the 52nd and last harvest from one of Champagne's true greats. Mr. Collard made his first Champagne in 1943, in the middle of the war. The Ultime is 100% 1995, although not labeled as a vintage. During that time Mr. Collard's methods have not changed; he has never used chemicals in the vineyard, never allowed the wines to undergo malolactic fermentation and never used stainless steel. The juice was fermented in a combination of one-third enamel vats and two-thirds large oval barrels. All of the vines are very, very old and a combination of 10% chardonnay and 90% meunier. Sadly Mr. Collard's health has put future availability into question. If you are a fan of Champagne and have not tasted his wine, please do not miss this opportunity. The Champagne is not for everyone. It is vinous and complex, stalwartly dry (there has been no dosage at all added) and doughy at the same time. I think it is one of the best in our stock, and to fans of Krug and Bollinger I would give extra encouragement to sample this wine. Our stock is dwindling.

On another subject, my email list needs some maintenance. Many of you have written me to get notification on rare Champagnes, news from the region and closeouts. If you have not heard from me in a while I might not have your current email address. Please send me your current information at garywestby@klwines.com. Please don't hesitate to join if you have not already! A toast to you! —Gary Westby

Champagne Tent Tasting, San Francisco!!

Just before the start of the 2006 holiday season, K&L in San Francisco will offer Champagne lovers the opportunity to taste dozens of champagnes from boutique producers and meet the proprietors behind some of the finest "grower" Champagne houses at a tasting event held Saturday, October 21, 1-4 p.m. in a tent adjacent to the San Francisco store, 638 Fourth Street (near Brannan).

Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased from www.klwines.com or by calling 1 (877) KLWINES.

A Favorite Returns

"More than a job, simply a passion!" This is from Benoit Marguet of Champagne Marguet. Many of you will remember his wines from years past. They represent the zenith of quality and affordability. While it has been quite a while since we have obtained his sparkling wines, we are very pleased to announce that they are back in stock. Well, at least the Brut is! Benoit's passion for Champagne has given him access to the most esteemed growers and quality fruit. Champagne Marguet is located in Ambonnay, in the middle of the Montagne de Reims. Benoit also has his hand in the winemaking at Champagne Launois. He is the son-in-law of Bernard Launois, the son of the founder of Launois, and husband to Severine Launois-Marguet. So, Benoit has a long history of producing high-quality sparkling wines! His latest release of Marguet Pere & Fils "Cuvee Reserve" Brut (\$29.99) is his best ever. Composed of all grand cru fruit, it is a blend of 40% chardonnay and 60% pinot noir. Fruit sourcing is from Ambonnay, Bouzy and Mailly. Sixty percent is from the 2000 vintage and 40% comes from a blend of 1998 and 1999 stock. It is richer than the previous blend with a big, doughy nose. Apples, Bing cherries and a hint of lime waft out of the glass. In the mouth, yeast, toast, red cherry and quince fruit. Fleshy and full-bodied. Versatile enough to enjoy on its own or to be paired with food.

—Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

NV Chardonnay Plaisir des Princes	\$6.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, V.V., Domaine A & A Goisot.....	\$10.99
2004 Saint Bris “Sauvignon,” Domaine A & A Goisot	\$10.99
2004 Macon Villages, Domaine des Nialles.....	\$11.99
2004 St-Veran, Maison Drouhin	\$12.99
2004 Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Domaine Arnoux	\$14.99
2004 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet	\$14.99
2004 Chablis “Montmains,” 1er Cru, Vocoret (375ml).....	\$14.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Clos Reissier	\$14.99
2004 Chablis, Domaine Pinson	\$16.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Château Laboure Roi (Meursault)	\$16.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince.....	\$16.99
Bright, attractive and extraordinarily well priced!	
2004 Chablis, Domaine Pinson	\$16.99
2004 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine Jean-Pierre Seve	\$19.99
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Roulot	\$21.99
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Château de Puligny Montrachet.....	\$22.99
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Etienne Sauzet.....	\$23.99
2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Tollot-Beaut	\$23.99
Lovely floral nose and beautiful balance, with Pernand/Savigny character.	
2004 Hautes Cotes de Nuits, Cuvée Marine, Anne Gros.....	\$25.99
2004 St-Aubin “Friottes,” 1er Cru, Domaine Jomain	\$27.99
2003 Marsannay Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$27.99
2004 Monthelie Blanc, Château de Puligny Montrachet	\$27.99
2004 St-Aubin “Murgers Dent de Chien,” 1er, V. Girardin.....	\$29.99
2004 Chablis “Monte de Tonnerre,” 1er Cru, Long-Depaquit	\$32.99
2004 St-Aubin “En Remilly,” 1er Cru, Ch. De Puligny Mont.	\$36.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet “Clos St. Jean,” 1er, B. Morey	\$37.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet “Encégnières,” Marc Colin	\$39.99
This vineyard is located right below Bâtard Montrachet, Grand Cru!	
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, “Trézin,” Domaine Marc Colin	\$39.99
2004 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Deux Montille	\$40.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Mont.	\$41.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, V. V., Bernard Morey.....	\$43.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bernard Morey.....	\$43.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Enseignières,” V. Girardin	\$46.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$46.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Ramonet	\$47.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet “Perrieres,” 1er Cru, Jomain	\$49.99
2004 Meursault, Clos de Rougeots, Deux Montilles.....	\$49.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet “Truffieres,” 1er, V. Girardin	\$49.99
2003 Meursault “Poruzots,” 1er, Château de Puligny Mont. ..	\$53.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet “Pucelles,” 1er, Domaine Jomain ..	\$54.99
2004 Chablis “Grenouilles,” Grand Cru, Domaine Droin	\$56.99
2004 Meursault, Boucheres, Deux Montilles	\$56.99
2004 Meursault, Meix Chavaux or Vireuils, Domaine Roulot	\$58.99
2003 Chass-Mont “Tête du Clos” (Morgeot) V. Dancer	\$59.99
2003 Chass-Montrachet “Boudriottes,” 1er, Dom. Ramonet ..	\$62.99
2002 Chass-Montrachet, 1er Cru, Marquis Laguiche	\$63.99
2002 Chablis “La Moutonne,” Grand Cru, Long Depaquit	\$64.99
2004 Beaune Clos des Mouches, Blanc, Domaine J Drouhin ..	\$64.99
2004 Meursault “Perrieres,” 1er Cru, Ch. De Puligny Mont. ..	\$68.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet “Folatières,” 1er, Ch de P-Mont.	\$76.99
2004 Meursault “Perrieres,” 1er Cru, Girardin.....	\$76.99
2004 Meursault “Charmes,” 1er Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey	\$78.99
2004 Chass-Montrachet “Champs Gain,” 1er Cru, Niellon	\$81.99
2004 Chass-Montrachet “Clos Maltroie,” 1er Cru, Niellon	\$82.99

2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$89.95
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$86.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$89.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Girardin	\$99.00
Also available in half bottles for \$47.99	

1999 Meursault “Goutte D’Or,” 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon	\$119.95
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey	\$119.99
2004 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, P. Pernot	\$123.99
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot	\$149.95
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Etienne Sauzet	\$199.95
2004 Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru, Girardin	\$240.00
2003 Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$549.95

Beaujolais

FRV100 (Method Ancienne) Sparkling Beaujolais, Domaine Terres Dorées, Jean-Paul Brun	\$14.99
This demi-sec, off-dry, low-alcohol sparkler is full of fun and a delight to drink.	
2005 Chiroubles, Maison Joseph Drouhin	\$12.99
2005 Brouilly, Maison Joseph Drouhin	\$14.99
2004 Morgon, Domaine Ruet	\$14.99
2004 Brouilly, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Ruet	\$15.99
2004 Chenas, Domaine Pascal Granger	\$15.99
2005 Moulin-a-Vent, Maison Joseph Drouhin	\$17.99
2004 Moulin-a-Vent, Domaine Pascal Granger	\$17.99

Domaine Barraud Shines in 2005

The Domaine des Nembrets is what Denis Barraud calls his estate on the slope of the Roche de Vergisson. The “Roche” are soils of highly folded and well-drained Limestone, and depending on the specific soils, the wines of Pouilly Fuisse, Saint Veran, or Macon Vergisson all call this home. 2005 has already been praised in the press, and after trying these wines you’ll see why. They have the poise and definition of the 2004s while possessing richer, riper fruit and more concentration. Denis does not like to capitalize, and in this vintage there was no need to. These wines have become some of the best values we have from Burgundy, and we proudly support this artisanal wine maker.

2005 Domaine des Nembrets Saint Veran (\$14.99) A mixture of stainless steel and a small percentage of oak; only the oldest vines that are capable of handling the oak go into barrel. The wine exhibits good weight and length. More open than in previous vintages, with aromatics and flavors that range from bright citrus, soft floral, to soft pear. The fruit is framed with good acidity, and a soft minerality plays out on the surprisingly long finish.

2005 Domaine des Nembrets Pouilly Fuisse “Les Chataignieres” (\$19.99) This is what Pouilly Fuisse should be! It sees more oak, batonage and longer aging than the previous wine. The fruit is dominantly citrus, with hints of vanilla and spice. On the palate the wine sparkles with a richer texture, crisp acidity and intense minerality.

2005 Pouilly Fuisse “Les Folles” Vieilles Vignes (\$21.99) This wine has more drive and focus. Its juicy fruit balances the mouth-watering acidity, yet it has plenty of concentration so it is not tart nor lean just Chardonnay grown over Limestone!

2005 Pouilly Fuisse “La Roche,” Vieilles Vignes (\$24.99) From the rockiest parcels of the estate, this is serious white Burgundy! It begs comparisons to more expensive wines from the Cote d’Or! It is rich, focused and elegant, with every facet—oak, fruit, leanness and minerality enhancing the next. Seriously good wine! —Kirk Walker

RED BURGUNDY

2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Vincent Sauvestre	\$11.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Cras," 1er Cru, Barthod	\$89.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Patrick Size	\$14.99	2001 Chappelle-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Damoy	\$89.99
2002 Marsannay Rouge, Louis Latour.....	\$15.99	2004 Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin	\$94.99
2003 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Olivier Guyot	\$18.99	2004 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin.....	\$94.99
2002 Marsannay Rouge, Domaine Charles Audoin	\$18.99	2002 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru, Domaine Olivier Guyot....	\$97.99
2003 Bourgogne Passetoutgrains, L'Exception, Lafarge.....	\$19.99	2003 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$99.99
2002 Cote de Nuits Villages, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand	\$20.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Sentiers," 1er Cru, Groffier	\$99.99
2004 Savigny les Beaune, Joseph Drouhin	\$21.99	2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Domaine Hubert Lignier	\$99.95
2004 Mercurey "Clos Montaigus," 1er Cru, Patrick Size	\$21.99	2002 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Xavier Liger-Belair	\$104.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, "Deux Papis," Alex Gambal.....	\$23.99	2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Fontenys," 1er Cru, Dom. Roty ..	\$104.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Lafarge	\$23.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Fuées," 1er Cru, Mugnier	\$104.99
2004 Haute Cote de Nuits, Domaine Anne Gros	\$23.99	2002 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Jean Grivot	\$104.99
2004 Gevrey Chambertin, Clos Prieur, Frederic Esmonin.....	\$26.99	2002 Latricieres-Chambertin G Cru, Domaine Louis Remy	\$109.99
2003 Marsannay Rouge, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$27.99	2004 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Maison Drouhin.....	\$112.99
2003 Marsannay, Champs St. Etienne, Domaine Roty	\$29.99	2004 Clos Vougeot Grand Maupertuis, Anne Gros	\$114.99
2003 Marsannay, Clos de Jeu, Domaine Roty	\$32.99	2003 Clos St. Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn	\$116.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Joseph Drouhin	\$35.99	2003 Clos Vougeot "Maupertuis," Grand Cru, Anne Gros....	\$124.99
2004 Gevrey-Cham "Lavaux St. Jacques," 1er, F. Esmonin.....	\$36.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Amoureuses," 1er Cru, Drouhin	\$127.99
2004 Gevrey-Cham "Estournelles St. Jacq," 1er, F. Esmonin ..	\$36.99	2003 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru, Mongeard-Mugneret ..	\$134.99
1999 Gevrey Chambertin, Clos Village V.V., Heresztyn	\$39.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Comte de Vogue	\$149.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village V.V., Heresztyn.....	\$42.99	2003 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier ..	\$159.99
2003 Auxey-Duresses, Domaine Comte Armand	\$43.99	2003 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Très V.V., Roty	\$174.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Maison Joseph Drouhin	\$46.99	2003 Chambertin Grand Cru, Louis Latour-Was \$199.99	\$169.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Combe d'Orveaux, Anne Gros	\$49.99	2003 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Louis Latour.....	\$199.95
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Champs Chenys, Domaine Roty ..	\$49.99	2003 Musigny, Grand Cru, J-F Mugnier	\$335.00
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn	\$49.99		
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Brunelle, Domaine Roty	\$49.99		
2003 Volnay, Domaine Lafarge	\$49.99		
2003 N.St.G. "Boudots," 1er Cru, Dom. Jerome Chezeaux	\$50.99		
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Harmand Geoffroy	\$51.99		
2002 Pommard Perrieres, Vignes Centenaires, Chas Vienot ..	\$52.99		
2002 Monthelie "Les Duresses," 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon	\$53.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges "Clos l'Arlot," 1er Cru, Dom. l'Arlot ..	\$54.99		
2000 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru, Tollot Beaut.....	\$54.99		
2003 Volnay, Vendanges Selection, Domaine Lafarge	\$49.99		
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Prieur Bas, Domaine Roty	\$57.99		
2001 Nuits-St-Georges "Murgers," 1er Cru, Cathiard	\$59.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges "Clos des Forêts," 1er, Dom. l'Arlot ..	\$54.99		
2003 Beaune "Clos des Ursules," 1er Cru, Domaine Jadot	\$60.99		
2004 Ruchottes Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin.....	\$63.99		
Sweet, delicious and aromatic, with a bit of toasty oak. This is a great value!			
2004 Mazy-Chambertin Grand Cru, Frederic Esmonin.....	\$63.99		
2003 Gevrey-Cham "Champonnets," 1er Cru, Heresztyn	\$65.99		
2003 Gevrey-Cham "Goulots," 1er Cru, Heresztyn	\$66.99		
2003 Vosne-Romanée "Suchots," 1er Cru, Domaine l'Arlot ..	\$67.99		
2003 Vosne-Romanée "Malconsorts," 1er Cru, Moillard	\$67.99		
2002 Gevrey-Cham "Lav St Jacques," 1er Cru, H. Geoffroy	\$69.95		
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Gruenchers," 1er, Dom. Fourrier	\$69.99		
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Beaux Bruns," 1er, Barthod	\$74.99		
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Baudes," 1er, Barthod	\$74.99		
2003 Pommard "Fremiers," 1er Cru, Louis Boillot.....	\$79.99		
2003 Vosne-Romanée "Clos des Reas," 1er Cru, Michel Gros	\$79.99		
2003 Morey-St-Denis "Millandes," 1er Cru, Heresztyn	\$79.99		
2003 Nuits-St-Georges, Roncieres, Jean Grivot	\$84.99		
2004 Vosne-Romanée, Petits Monts, 1er Cru, J. Drouhin	\$88.99		
2003 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard	\$89.95		
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, Groffier ..	\$89.99		

Pour Votre Plaisir

Maison Champy Arrives!

We've been importing the wonderful wines from Maison Champy, the oldest negociant in Burgundy, for several vintages now. The 2004s are a wonderful range, as they bring biodynamic practices to more and more of their vineyards. The list below is by no means all of their wines, but drop by the Redwood City Store on October 7 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and you may taste them all.

The **2004 Chardonnay Signature (\$14.99)** is a favorite of many of our staff. It is made from grapes from Puligny, Meursault and Rully, and is barrel selection of their best barrels. It's toasty and bright, with richness and toasty oak notes. The **2004 St. Romain (\$20.99)** is from a little village in the hills and shows classic minerality and a laser-like precision. The **2004 Pernand Vergelesses Blanc (\$21.99)** is really a little Corton Charlemagne and a great buy! Finally they hit an amazing home run with the **2004 St. Aubin, Murgers Dent de Chien, 1er Cru (\$29.99)**. This is next to Premier Cru Puligny and is an astoundingly lovely effort. I was so impressed that I talked them out of a second barrel, of the three they made!

The **2004 Bourgogne Pinot Signature (\$14.99)** is all from the Cote d'Or, and is redolent with bright Bing cherry fruit and lots of richness and length. The **2003 Pernand Vergelesses, "Les Fichots," 1er Cru (\$21.99)** is from an East facing vineyard on the back of the Hill of Corton, and is flat out stunning, with blackberry spice notes, an elegant character and nice minerality threading through the wine. Don't miss this one! *À Sante!*

—Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

To be ahead of the game and get email updates on wines that don't make it into the newsletter or to be the first with an opportunity to buy, get on Greg's Italian Wine Update email list by contacting Greg at greg@klwines.com or call 800-247-5987 ex 2713.

Pre-Arrivals

Pre-Arrival Brunello di Montalcino and Rosso! The initial list, many more to come!

- 2001 Gorelli Le Potazzine-93 points *Wine Spectator*..... \$47.95
2001 La Gerla "Vigna gli Angeli"\$71.99

This is my #2 wine of the vintage. It is a classically styled wine from the versante Senese with layers of spice, powerful yet sinuous structure no angles or harshness just sweet, sheer power. The length of this wine is impressive, but it is how all of the muscle and power coil themselves together in the center of the wine that makes such a dramatic statement. This wine has a voice, strong, immediate and clear. It has tremendous range; it can hit the high notes in a swirling crescendo of bright fruit aromatics that furiously line up to exit the glass. Yet its real power lays mid palate where a powerful tenor voice thunders across your palate with a vibrato that rivals the San Andreas Fault. This wine is absolutely stunning, balanced enough to drink now with a couple of hours in a decanter but will last 20-30+ years. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

Pre-Arrival Barolo!

- 1999 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"-95+ points Stephen Tanzer ..\$59.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia" \$59.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala"-95 points Stephen Tanzer\$79.95
1999 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala"-95+ points Stephen Tanzer ..\$89.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L)-95 points Tanzer ...\$174.95

In Stock: Tuscany

- 2004 Maritima Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"-A new cuvee..... \$7.49
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico (375ml)..... \$10.99

- 2004 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano..... \$11.95
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico.....\$17.99
2004 Felsina Chianti Classico Chianti Classico \$17.99
2003 Querciabella Chianti Classico \$23.99
2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile "Asinone"-92 points *Wine Spectator* ..\$33.99
1997 Fanetti Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva\$34.99
2001 Castello di Fonterutoli Chianti-3 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$34.95
2001 Isole e Olena "Cepparello"-3 Glasses Gambero Rosso.....\$44.99
2001 Rocca Montegrossi Chianti C Ris "Marcellino" (1.5L)....\$59.99

Montalcino

- 2001 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino"\$17.99
Awesome Super Tuscan for a song!
2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino\$19.99
The stunning quality of the 2004 vintage will blow you away in this wine.
2004 Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino\$19.99
Great power and structure seems more Brunello than Rosso!
2004 Valdicava Rosso di Montalcino.....\$26.95
2001 Ferrero-90 points *Wine Spectator*\$29.99
2001 Poggiarellino Brunello\$29.99
2001 Baricci-90 points *Wine Enthusiast*\$34.99
4 Stars: The 2001 Baricci is full of the classic "Montosoli" nose, black cherry, cinnamon, anise, cardamom and leather. The power of this vintage really shines through and sangiovese's linear nature stretches the frame of this feminine wine to Amazonian proportions. Focused, long, complex and structured, the finish stands out while ripe layers of spicy black cherry and plum are deposited onto your tongue. Vital, lithe, colorful, the 2001 is the best Baricci for me since the 1985. It must be something for your cellar. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
2001 La Fortuna-90 points *Wine Spectator*\$34.99
3 Stars: The wine's sweet ripeness is full of intense plum and dark cherry aromatics that seem poised to jump out of the glass. The thick, lush, yet dazzlingly

Podere Rinascimento

Mike Parres and I visited Montalcino last February. We had so many wines to taste and so many estates to visit that we convinced each other before hand that the last thing we needed was to import another Brunello producer no matter how good the deal. We would try to back out gracefully from any offers stating we just had too many wineries from Montalcino. We tasted 165 different 2001 Brunello di Montalcino offerings, so many good wines and always surprises but a lot of work. We tried all the "known" producers, our current importees and then branched out to see what we didn't know about. As usual, the best-laid plans run into bumps; this one was named Claudia Ferrero. Claudia Ferrero's small property is situated between Argiano and Banfi's Poggio all'Oro vineyard in Montalcino's southwestern corner. Claudia married Pablo Harri, onetime Banfi winemaker and now for many years the head winemaker at Col d'Orcia. Pablo has his hands full with Col d'Orcia, yet when he gets home on the weekend there is a "honey do" list for him to attend to.

We met Claudia and tasted the 2004 Ferrero Rosso di Montalcino (\$15.99). Mike and I were both initially stunned by the richness, texture and forward fruit in the wine. We both liked it immensely. The 2004 vintage is stacking up to be one of Montalcino's finest ever, and you can really see it in the Rosso di Montalcino from this year; many are truly "Mini Brunello." We then tasted the Brunello, it was truly a stunning crowd-pleasing wine. We were sure most anyone in Cali-

fornia would like its loads of fruit and smooth, supple texture. Carefully preparing questions so that we could issue our no's even though we both liked the wines immensely, the thought of another inventory meeting with Clyde loomed larger. I asked how much the wines were, and had to ask again, the noise in this hall made it a little hard to hear and I couldn't believe what I had heard. I asked Claudia once more: "Quanto?" Then I turned toward Mike and translated the figure for him. The stunned Mr. Parres looked me in the eyes and gave me the famous "Two Thumbs Up" (meaning you'd better buy this stuff), knowing that he wouldn't have to meet with Clyde!

The 2001 Ferrero Brunello di Montalcino (\$29.99) comes from a tiny 500-case production. The wine is full of lush, broad strokes of chocolate and black cherry that gently layer your palate with a velvety texture that coaxes warmth and roundness out of the wine and into your mouth. This gorgeous sangiovese is full-bodied, ripe and with structure that shows underneath but in a smooth, sensual way, no pressure or force. Strong, soft shoulders hold up the prodigious weight effortlessly. This wine is sultry. I feel like I'm in a harem when I drink it, pouring it across your palate as if you're sliding around on a bed of satin cushions. Although certainly capable of an extended life, it is remarkably drinkable now and will continue to improve for years to come. Trust me, you'll love it.

—Greg St. Clair

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fresh fruit character is accented with hints of earth, spice and mineral that is wrapped around a powerful foundation. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2001 Argiano\$39.95

93 points Stephen Tanzer: "Full red. Highly complex aromas of medicinal black cherry, mocha, licorice and black olive, with a roasted aspect and a whiff of celery seed. Sweet, densely packed and concentrated, with lush, seamless dark fruit flavors spreading out to saturate the palate. A big, firmly structured Brunello that finishes with ripe tannins and intriguing hints of iron and peat."

2001 Collosorbo.....\$39.95

92 points *Wine Enthusiast*: "A standout wine thanks to lush red apple and cinnamon, coffee, tobacco, cherry cola, spice and peach cobbler-like aromas. Tasty, long finish with firm tannins and a flavorful, fruity tail."

2001 Talenti-92 points *Wine Enthusiast*..... \$39.95

2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello..... \$39.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Impressive blackberry, floral and mineral character. Full-bodied, with with velvety tannins and beautiful berry, plum and vanilla flavors. Long and flavorful."

2001 Lisini-90 points *Wine Enthusiast* \$39.99

The soft ripeness is given a great canvas of structure to play on. All of this gorgeous fruit is propped up with young muscle and structure wrapped in a warm cloak of spicy, supple flowing fruit. Wonderful wine to drink now with some decanting and will drink well over the next 5-10 years.

2001 Piancornello-92 points *Wine Spectator*\$39.99

2001 Caprili\$44.95

Dense, concentrated fruit with lots of tannic structure, big shoulders, bulging deltoids, Arnold like pectorals. The enormous size of this wine gives it a more rustic character than the quality of fruit portrays. Sweet focused plummy fruit with backbone and direction while powerfully striding towards a long finish. It will age 10-20 years easily.

1999 La Fortuna Riserva\$44.99

92 points *Spectator*: "Beautiful aromas of flowers, berry and light vanilla, with just a hint of coffee. Full-bodied, with bright fruit and a subtle tannin structure. Goes on for a long time. Best from 2006 through 2011. 330 cases made."

2001 Villa le Prata\$54.99

2001 Fuligni Brunello-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$59.95

1999 Valdicava Brunello-94 points *Wine Spectator*\$59.99

For those who fought to get some of the 98 point 2001, believe me the 1999 is nobody's fool! This is GREAT wine! (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2000 Casanova Neri Brunello "Cerretalto"-93 points *Spectator* \$89.99

Piedmont

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba\$12.99

Vibrant, incredibly balanced, great finish, all stainless steel, drinking beautifully!

2004 Pietro Rinaldi Barbera d'Alba "Bricco Cichetta"\$15.99

Intesely bold fruit, great balance in this exceptional vintage. The first time this winery has been imported and truly stunning Barbera. Beppe Caviola is the winemaker at this up and coming winery.

Barolo/Barbaresco

2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella"25.99

2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin"\$32.99

2001 Marchesi di Gresy Barbaresco "Camp Gros"\$59.95

2001 Marchesi di Gresy Barbaresco "Gaiun"\$59.95

1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99

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2001 Einaudi Barolo "Nei Cannubi"-91 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$69.99

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

2005 Blason Pinot Grigio\$8.99

Don't wait to try this absolutely stunning Pinot Grigio!

2005 Blason Tocai Friulano\$8.99

2005 Blason Cabernet Franc\$8.99

2005 Blason Sauvignon\$9.99

2005 Blason Chardonnay.....\$9.99

2004 Ermacora Refosco-Spicy, full and complex\$15.99

2004 Jermann Pinot Grigio\$24.99

2003 Jermann Vintage Tunina.....\$49.95

2003 Jermann Capo Martino.....\$55.95

Sicily, Puglia, Campania, Basilicata, Lazio, Abruzzi and Sardegna

2004 Arancio Grillo\$5.99

2004 Arancio Nero d'Avola.....\$5.99

2004 Planeta La Segreta Bianco & Rosso\$11.95

2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Rubrato Aglianico\$11.99

2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola\$12.99

2004 d'Antiche Terre Fiano d'Avellino.....\$16.99

2004 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$17.99

2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Fiano di Avellino "Pietra Calda" \$23.99

2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Greco di Tufo "Cutizzi".\$23.99

2004 Planeta Syraj.....\$34.95

2004 Planeta Nero d'Avola Santa Cecilia.....\$34.95

2004 Planeta Chardonnay.....\$36.99

2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Serpico\$69.99

Lombardia, Umbria, Veneto, Marches and Other

2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$8.99

2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso \$16.99

2001 Luigi Righetti Amarone..... \$24.95

2002 Buglioni Valpolicella Ripasso..... \$25.99

Bellavista Franciacorta Brut\$27.95

2000 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danielli"-2 Glasses *Gamb Rosso* ...\$39.99

October's Picks

2005 Marco Porello Arneis (\$12.99) Pale yellow with a hint of green on the edge, and aromatics are of grass, herbs and some citrus zest.

This all explodes on the palate, medium-bodied (packs a punch) pears with almonds, white peaches and honeysuckle and wonderful freshness, crisp and yet showing a long finish. A charming aperitivo or try sipping with ripe Bartlett pears, also a good companion to shellfish.

2004 Abtei Muri Sudtirol "Weiss" (\$21.99) This is a blend of 70% pinot bianco, 30% pinot grigio fermented in stainless steel, then aged in oak with a batonage every two weeks. This has a light fruitiness with green apples, vanilla and a mouthful of minerality with a touch of oak. A very elegant wine for something completely different.

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba (\$13.99) We have had this wine in for a month now, and I am just getting around to writing it up now, because it was very tight just coming off the ship. Showing dark ripe black cherries and plum now, full-bodied with some minerals and dust on the very long and well integrated finish. Just put a straw in this baby and go.

2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino (\$19.99) This is truly "Baby Brunello." For those folks who missed out on its big sister (the 2001 Brunello), here is a wine that packs a wallop! Aged in French barriques, plus three months in the bottle. Give this rosso about an hour to open up, and stand back! On the palate you will find strawberries and cherries and a little toasty vanilla with fine tannins and a hint of Montalcino dust. User friendly on the wallet. Salute!

—Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

We are happy to have Ed Cole with us this month to do a tasting of Signatory Single Malts Whiskies for our customers. Andrew Symington, Managing Director of Signatory Vintage Scotch Whisky Co. Ltd., does a fantastic job picking out beautiful casks! The tasting will be held on Thursday, October 12 at Stanford Park Hotel in Menlo Park. The cost is \$40.00 per person. If you are interested in attending, contact me at susanpurnell@klwines.com. Slainte Mhor!

—Susan Purnell

1989 Ardmore, 15-year-old, Cask Strength, Special Order\$91.99

Distilled: February 26, 1990; Bottled: August 24, 2005; Cask Number: 30016 Bourbon Barrel. Only 182 bottles produced.

1992 Auchentoshen, 12-year-old, Un-Chillfiltered\$55.99

This is one of the best independent bottles of Auchentoshan that I have ever tasted. Because it has only been aged in a Bourbon cask, it allows the characteristics of the distillery to shine. It has beautiful elegance but with lots of complexity. This is the perfect single malt for someone just learning about the world of whisky. Also for the aficionado who appreciates all the delicacy of a Lowland malt. 46%ABV. Distilled: November 25, 1992; Bottled: February 4, 2005; Cask Number: 7333 Bourbon Cask; Only 288 bottles produced.

1990 Bladnoch, 13-year-old, Un-Chillfiltered\$55.99

This un-chilled filtered lowland malt blew our staff away! Being the southernmost distillery in Scotland, it is light straw in color, it is filled with layers of flavors that linger on your palate. Hints of toasty wheat, touches of caramel, just a bit of peat and a finish that just won't quit! Would make a beautiful aperitif. Distilled: March 8, 1990; Bottled: August 26, 2003; Cask Number: 1074 & 75 Bourbon Casks. Only 487 bottles produced.

1995 Edradour, 10-year-old, Un-Chillfiltered\$62.99

I love this bottle of Edradour so much that there is always a bottle of it at my home. It is a great malt for anyone who likes a rich, sweet, heavy sherry style. Classic Edradour with the additional flavors that come from not chill filtering which leaves all the natural oils in the bottle. A deep and dark, super rich, sweeter style malt, multi-layered with flavors of roasted nuts and caramel. Dessert! Distilled: May 23, 1995; Bottled: February 24, 2006; Cask Number: 229 Sherry Cask. Only 337 bottles produced.

1994 Glenrothes, 12-year-old, Un-Chillfiltered, Spec Order ..\$59.99

This expression of this very popular Speyside malt is a "first filled" sherry cask aged in the original wood 13 years. The result is a very big dose of sherry on the nose mingling with the typical heavy malt character of this distillery. Smooth, silky, slightly oily on the palate, finishing with a lingering spicy, malt, and sweet end. This full round malt can be enjoyed after dinner. Distilled: January 28, 1994; Bottled: June 1, 2006; Cask Number: 1082 Refill Sherry Butt. Only 767 bottles produced.

1969 Kinclaith, 35-year-old, Cask Strength, Spec Order\$1,899.99

Very, very rare! Distilled on: May 28, 1969; Bottled on: April 5, 2005; Cask Number: 301446 Hogshead. Only 219 bottles produced. 51.3% ABV.

1990 Highland Park, 15-year-old, Special Order\$59.99

This is classic Highland Park. The nose begins with a honey overtone that moves to a delicate impression of salt sea air. The palate begins sweet to a spicy balance of malt and smoky peat. The finish is long with a sweet, white pepper sensation that lingers nicely in the back of the palate. A very balanced malt to end a meal with a nice cigar. 46%ABV. Distilled: July 5, 1990; Bottled: February 22, 2005; Cask Number: 5985 Hogshead. Only 294 bottles produced.

1989 Imperial, 15-year-old, Un-Chillfiltered\$59.99

Passing through the small village of Aberlour, a steep road leads up to Carron where, in a hollow on the banks of the River Spey and next to the former Carron station, Imperial Distillery lies. It was at Imperial that research was carried out into converting the waste material from distillation into nourishing cattle feed. The production is designated to the blending industry, for Teachers, Long John, Ballantine's and Old Smuggler. This 15-year-old is lovely. The beauty, the elegance, the oiliness, the length! Stunning! Matured in a bourbon barrel. 46%ABV. Distilled: November 2, 1989; Bottled: July 25, 2005; Cask Number: 412 Bourbon Barrel. Only 263 bottles produced.

1993 Laphroaig, 12-year-old, Cask Strength.....\$109.99

This Laphroaig is a big winner with our staff and being un-chillfiltered and at cask strength, it is stunning! It has some nice elegance on the front of the

palate. But, as it moves to the back, your mouth is filled with that big peaty, medicinal flavor that Laphroaig is known for, big boy! 57.2% ABV. Distilled: May 11, 1993; Bottled: February 20, 2006; Cask Number: 3475 Bourbon Barrel. Only 221 bottles produced.

1989 Longmorn 15-year-old, Un-Chillfiltered, Special Order \$69.99

This distillery is considered to be one of the greatest Speyside malts known for its flavors and all-round complexity. A contributor to the Chives Regal Blend, this distillery's production is sufficient to offer single malt under its own label. This expression is very soft a creamy. The nose is light and malty. The body begins very softly moving into an oily finish of heather-honey that has a slight hint of pettiness. Distilled: December 14, 1989; Bottled: February 22, 2006; Cask Number: 18738 Hogshead. Only 288 bottles produced.

1991 Mannochmore 13-year-old, Cask Strength\$97.99

John Haig & Co founded the Mannochmore distillery in 1971. The distillery is a close neighbor of Glenlossie. Even at its young age, Mannochmore has already been closed from 1985 until 1989. After a few years of activity, it was mothballed in 1995 and belongs to Diageo. Mannochmore was the distillery that marketed the first black whisky, the Loch Dhu. This very rare malt has been aged in South African Sherry Casks. 56% ABV. Distilled: November 7, 1991; Bottled: August 10, 2005; Cask Number: 16595 South African Sherry Cask. Only 578 bottles produced.

1991 Mortlach 14-year-old, Special Order\$60.99

Mortlach is a very important blending Speysider that contributes to Johnnie Walker Blends. Because of the complexity of flavors developed at an early age, this single is a prize blender. Mortlach is not available as a single malt under its own label and is only available from independent bottlers. This version is a second fill sherry butt that has left the malt softened down with the sherry influence. Still firm in the palate, this malt has rounded out very nicely with good spice and a single trace of peat that lingers at the end. Distilled: May 31, 1991; Bottled: November 17, 2005; Cask Number 05/385 Sherry Butt. Only 348 bottles produced.

1991 Rosebank 14-year-old, Special Order\$57.99

More elegant in style. The malt has a flowery sweet nose that betrays its full round flavor. Overtone of lowland grass and herbs accentuate this warm and soft spirit. Distilled: November 27, 1991; Bottled: May 31, 2006; Cask Number: 4765 Bourbon Barrel. Only 293 bottles produced.

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Joining One of Our “Wine of the Month” Clubs Makes Sense (and dollars)

1. Education: K&L's Wine Clubs provide an educational opportunity that surpasses simply buying a bottle at the store. The wines in each Club are only limited to this planet. We consider any wine from anywhere in the world that fine wine is produced. Each month, a newsletter is sent along with the monthly selections that offers a description of the wine and information on the winery, the winemaker, the history of the region in which the grapes were grown and food pairing.

2. Savings: We do our best to insure that any wine offered as one of our monthly selections will be less expensive than anywhere else in the country. Often, particularly in our Signature Red collection, we are not allowed to advertise the Club price because it is so low. For those of you who buy by the case, there have been certain wines that would essentially pay for nearly a full year's subscription with the savings offered compared to other retailers.

3. Convenience: This has to be just about the easiest way of buying wine. Each month two bottles of carefully selected wine will show up at your house. All you have to do is open and enjoy!

4. Quality: Unlike many wine clubs, who make large deals based on price, we taste through a huge amount of wine each year and only pick the wines that we can put our reputation behind. We have many staff members taste potential choices so that we may get a variety of opinion. Our staff has very diverse palates and that is a huge benefit in choosing a wine. As always at K&L, quality matters.

After years of wonderful Club picks, Dave Rosenzweig has resigned from his post as Wine Club director. Please join K&L in wishing Dave the best of luck in all future endeavors! Cheers!
—K&L

SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

This is a Club for the connoisseur and passionate wine lover. Two bottles of red will arrive each month. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$30 and \$50 a bottle. Monthly Cost: only \$49.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$23.95 per bottle. Previous Signature selections (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices): 1999 Oakford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$100), 1999 Casisano Brunello di Montalcino (\$40), 2001 Morlanda “Crianca,” Priorat (\$48).

PREMIUM WINE CLUB

This Club features a tremendous selection of wines from around the world. These wines show complexity and true varietal character. 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). All reorders are \$13.99 per bottle. Previous Premium selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices): 2001 Blackford Chardonnay, Sonoma (\$30), 2000 Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa (\$25), 2000 Cloud 9 “Composition” (\$70).

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). All reorders are \$8.49 per bottle. Previous Best Buy selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices) 2003 Nugan Chardonnay, Australia (\$12) and 2003 Langwerth Von Simmern, Reising (\$13).



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