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Dear Wine Club Member,

Thank you for your understanding during my absence for the first two weeks of July. I traveled throughout Spain and ended up on the beach on the Costa del Sol. (Intentionally, I promise.) Though it was a difficult task, I somehow managed to see many of the brilliant sights and eat and drink my way through much of Spain. I don't believe they have yet heard of the Atkins diet... Spain, many European countries, offers a wonderful chance to happen upon a local restaurant serving both regional specialties and wine made in the region. Allowing the server, often the owner, choose your meal to match the local wine can be a magical experience. Granted, an open mind and a not-to-discerning stomach are necessary allies, but the results offer a peak inside the soul of the local people in a more immediate way than seeing the local museums and landmarks. Those are often dedicated to history, rather than the pleasures of the moment. At one such restaurant, I ended up with a dish called Zarzuela, a seafood specialty from Catalonia made with shrimp, clams, scallops and a variety of local fish. This is a rich seafood stew that probably would stand up to a variety of wines, either red or white. I was going to choose a Rueda blanco, a white blend that is usually crisp and un-oaked and matches well with fish dishes. Instead the server suggested a red wine from the Ribera del duero. I was a bit surprised, because red wines from this region, primarily made from Tempranillo, or as it is called locally, Tinta del Pais, are often quite powerful and I assumed the wine would overpower the seafood. In my halting Spanish, I tried to raise my concern, but the server just smiled and poured me a taste for me to try. I swirled and smelled and tasted the wine. This was very good with a lush, warm mouth feel. Yes, I said. This is quite good. The server gave me a smile and seemed to indicate, "Yes. Now try it with the food." I took another sip and then a helping of the zarzuela and... Ahhh. This man knows what he is doing. The wine and food melded so seamlessly that it became impossible to distinguish the separate flavors. Though both the wine and food were already quite good, the union elevated both to a truly memorable experience. It turned out that the server was in fact the owner, and he had made the wine himself. He and his brother have been making wine solely for their family and friends and the restaurant. I felt a connection to the area deeper than I expected. I had tasted the fruit of the local vines, eaten the vegetables and fish and spices from the same general region, all prepared by this man who had lived there his entire life. These experiences remind me of the power of food and wine to bring people together, while at the same time celebrating our unique heritages. Though we had a problem communicating due to the language barrier, and we had each grown up in entirely different circumstances, I felt I knew this man and his people better than any guidebook or tour guide of Catalonia could teach me. I wish you all a similar experience.

We are still waiting on the implementation of our integrated software. I apologize for the continued delay, but the computer experts are still working out the bugs.

Please keep in mind that the reorder lists are now open to any member of any club. We will continue to protect the current month's wines for only members of that club, but wine that appears on the reorder lists at the end of each issue are open to all members. Feel free to call me if you have any questions about a wine from another club.

Cheers,

Dave Rosenzweig

Wine Club Director

Signature Red Wine Club

The Signature Red Wine Club offerings for the month of August 2004 include two more spectacular values from Napa.

2000 Pine Ridge “Stags Leap” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

Back in December of 2002, we sent out the 1998 vintage of this wine. I was surprised then that we could offer this wine to our Signature members, but I am even more surprised that this vintage was available. This is a superb Cabernet every year and, in fact, Wine Spectator selected the 1999 vintage as the fourth ranked wine in their annual listing of the Top 100 Wines of the World for 2002.

A silhouette of pine trees on a steep hillside in the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley welcomes you to Pine Ridge Winery, founded in 1978 by Gary and Nancy Andrus. Gary, whom many consider one of California’s top winemakers, consistently made wines that won critical acclaim. When Gary retired, he turned the winemaking reigns over to the talented Stacy Clark, who has been the winemaker at Pine Ridge since 1988. Nancy Andrus is a major force in the Napa Valley wine world. A proponent of appellation-designated wines, which express the unique characteristics of soils or exhibit “terroir”, she serves as Vice President of the Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association. “When we founded Pine Ridge Winery, the underlying principal was to purchase and develop only great vineyards; vineyards unique in soil type, climate, exposure, and topography. This uniqueness of place has led to the acquisition of more than 300 acres in the great appellations of the Napa Valley, but it is the gentle processes perfected by winemaker Stacy Clark that ensure the wines reflect the characteristics of the soils in which they are grown.”

Stacy Clark earned a degree in Fermentation Science in 1983 from the University of California at Davis and joined Pine Ridge in the capacity of enologist immediately following graduation. In 1988, Stacy was appointed Winemaker at Pine Ridge. Her winemaking philosophy is to make wines of great texture, balance and flavor that demonstrate the distinct characteristics of the various growing regions where their estate vineyards are located.

Stags Leap, known almost exclusively for its Cabernet’s and Merlots show a greater emphasis on berry flavors and lesser emphasis on the herbal notes found in other regions of Napa. This wine, made of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petite Verdot, 5% Merlot, 6% Malbec, starts with beautiful aromas of Black currant and toffee. On the palate, there are black cherry, cassis, chocolate and vanilla oak flavors. The texture is velvety and the finish is silky and long. Decant for an hour or hold for another 5 – 10 years.

2000 Robert Craig “Affinity”, Napa

Robert Craig is a small, ultra-premium winery, known for handcrafting limited quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon from exceptional wine grapes in the great appellations of Napa County. Robert Craig has consistently ranked among the foremost Napa Valley Cabernet producers since it’s founding in 1992. Named one of California’s top 25 “Five Star” wineries, Robert Craig has garnered numerous 90+ point ratings from major wine publications such as The Wine Spectator, Wine Advocate, Connoisseurs Guide and the Underground Wine Journal. The Robert Craig wine program is based on the concept of “Two Mountains and a Valley”, which showcases three limited production Cabernet Sauvignon wines. Affinity is their Bordeaux blend, made from grapes from the Valley floor. They also produce a Cab from Mount Veeder and a Cab from Howell Mountain.

Each of these wines conveys the “terroir” of the growing region’s unique soils, climate, and varietal characteristics. Although the vineyards used to make these wines are only a few miles apart, each Cabernet has a very distinctive profile of aromas and flavors. The house winemaking style emphasizes rich, concentrated fruit flavors and ripe, approachable tannins, creating wines that are delicious upon release, with all the structure necessary for long-term aging.

Robert Craig established his winery in 1992 with three long-time friends who support Mr. Craig's commitment to producing small quantities of handcrafted wines.

Mr. Craig has been immersed in Napa Valley winemaking since the late 1970's, first developing over 300 acres of vineyards on Mt. Veeder and then as general manager of the Hess Collection Winery. Along the way, he spearheaded the campaign to have Mt. Veeder designated as a special appellation district in 1990.

The opportunity to start his own winery was the realization of a long-held dream to handcraft small quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon from great winegrowing appellations of Napa Valley. The first Robert Craig Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon debuted in 1992. With the 1993 vintage, he introduced the "Two Mountains and a Valley" wine program.

This wine is a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. The grapes come from Robert Craig's estate vineyards in Coombsville, as well as from the Rutherford, Oakville and Carneros appellations.

Lovely aromas of black cherry and mocha lead to a complex palate of cherries, boysenberries and a hint of spice. An elegant and lingering finish makes this suitable for drinking now, with some aeration, or cellaring for another 3–5 years. An excellent choice with Prime Rib.

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Premium Wine Club

The August 2004 selections for the Premium Wine Club include a lovely, rich Chardonnay and an Australian Shiraz

2002 Smith-Madrone Chardonnay, Napa

Smith-Madrone is a family-run estate-bottled winery dedicated to producing fine wines exclusively from its own vineyards. The winery was founded in 1971 with the purchase of 200 acres high atop Spring Mountain west of St. Helena in the northern Napa Valley.

One of the least-known and most scenic appellations of the Napa Valley, the Spring Mountain District was recognized by the B.A.T.F. in May of 1993. Brothers Stuart and Charles Smith are the owners, vineyard managers and winemakers of Smith-Madrone Winery.

The winery enjoys dramatic views of the floor of the Napa Valley and the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the distance, as well as of its own steep dry-farmed vineyards. Smith-Madrone is located at elevations between 1,600 and 1,800 feet. In exploring the property before purchasing it, Stuart Smith discovered old grape stakes interspersed with the tall trees, evidence of a vineyard planted in the 1880s and abandoned with the onset of Prohibition. Douglas fir, oak, redwood and madrone trees were cleared, and the vineyards planted. The name for the winery has two sources: as a tribute to the Smiths who pursued their dream and to the madrone trees which distinguish the property. Smith-Madrone believes in the premise that great wine can only be made from grapes of superb quality. Grapes of this quality are the result of the right site, soil and weather, along with proper management. The winemaking is artisanal, meaning that each wine is treated with a minimal amount of handling and only small lots of each of three varietals---cabernet sauvignon, riesling and chardonnay---are made. Since the first vintage in 1977, winemaking practices have been a blend of the traditional methods of France and Germany coupled with new techniques

developed in California. Less than 5,000 cases of wine are released each year, similar to Europe's small estate wineries.

Smith-Madrone's 100% Chardonnay is grown at the very top of Spring Mountain (1,800 foot elevation), just west of St. Helena in the Napa Valley. The vines are planted on very steep slopes (up to 35% slope) in red volcanic soil. The vines receive only the rain that Mother Nature lets fall from the sky. From April until October the vines must send roots deep into the mountain soil in search of moisture. This centuries old method of farming wine grapes, known today as dry farming, creates a grape with intense flavor, structure, and finesse.

The wine is barrel fermented in French oak and aged "sur lie" for 11 months. Aromas of apples and pears lead to a creamy palate of more apples with a hint of spice and vanilla oak. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years. Try with Roast Chicken.

2001 Katnook Estate Shiraz, Coonawarra

Katnook Estate is one of the most esteemed wineries in Australia's premier red wine district, Coonawarra. Its vineyards, planted in the famous Terra Rossa, (a cigar shaped strip of red soil with a well draining limestone base) span 330 hectares in the heart of this comparatively small and remote region in the southeast corner of South Australia. This area experiences long but cool hours of sunshine during the ripening period allowing grapes to develop intense flavors while retaining good acid levels. With its long, warm summers, cool autumns and cold winters the climate of Coonawarra has been compared to that of Bordeaux.

Katnook Estate has a unique heritage. In 1861, Scottish immigrant John Riddoch, arrived at Penola in South Australia, prosperous from years of operating a trading post in the goldfields. Riddoch purchased vast parcels of land and became impressed with the remarkable rate of growth for fruit trees and vines in certain areas where the soil had a distinctive red color. He began buying land at 'Katnook' a nearby property to his own which had similar rich red soil. (The name 'Katnook' is aboriginal for fat land, denoting the rich fertile character of the country.) In 1890, determined to encourage closer settlement in the southeast, Riddoch formed the Coonawarra Fruit Colony, set up its administration headquarters at 'Katnook' and sold off the land in 10-acre blocks. It was here at 'Katnook' that Coonawarra was born. In 1967 the Yunghanns family purchased 'Katnook' and in 1969 planted their first vines. The family renamed the property 'Katnook Estate' and formed the Coonawarra Machinery Company (now known as Wingara Wine Group). In 1980 production of wine under both the Riddoch (in honor of the founder of Coonawarra) and Katnook Estate labels began in the 'Katnook' woolshed just as John Riddoch had done 84 years earlier. Today, Freixenet owns a majority with the Yunghanns family retaining the balance.

This is 100% Shiraz, aged for 21 months in a combination of French and American oak barriques (small barrels) 50% of which was new. Aromas of ripe raspberry and a hint of licorice lead to a palate, which echoes the raspberry and adds plum and blueberry with notes of spice, pepper and subtle smoky oak. Relatively soft tannins make this ideal for drinking now or lying down for 6 –8 years. Great with Game birds and red meat.

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Premium Wine Club, August 2004 wine re-orders

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Best Buy Wine Club

This month's Best Buy Wine Club selections are another wonderful Syrah from California and a brilliant white blend from Nimes in France.

2002 McDowell Syrah, California

Nestled in the Mayacamas Mountains of southeastern Mendocino County, McDowell Valley Vineyards was established in 1970. The vineyard has one of the longest records of continuous wine grape production in California. Syrah and Grenache have been planted on this soil for almost a century, when the Buckman Family made a perfect match in planting Syrah and Grenache vines in the McDowell Valley. It is because of this rich history and distinct growing conditions that in 1982 McDowell Valley obtained one of the earliest BATF viticultural appellations. Today, of the 330 acres of grapes planted in the 500-acre valley, nearly a third are dedicated to Rhône varietals such as Syrah, Grenache, and Viognier. Today McDowell is a renowned producer of Rhône varietal wines, utilizing the grapes from those original vineyards, which were replanted in 1948 using the same genetic material. Bill Crawford, owner and winemaker, has spent the last 30 years here in the McDowell Valley working in every phase of the operation. Truly a family business, working by his side the last 30 years have also been Romero Gonzalez and Stoney Bray and their families, who have managed the vineyards and the ranch. Today third generation Crawfords, Bill's three boys, work pulling weeds, painting fences and other odd jobs after school and on weekends Bill's introduction to winegrowing was up close and personal - at age 12 he began working in the vineyards when McDowell Valley Vineyards was established by his family in 1970. Bill graduated from the University of Oregon in 1982 with a BS in Biology and a minor in animal physiology with the intent to become a veterinarian. But the pull of the land and his family's dream of creating memorable wines proved too strong; in 1984 he returned to McDowell with his bride, Vicky, herself a third generation Mendocino grape farmer. By 1988 Bill was CEO at McDowell and deeply involved in expanding the business to make it more competitive. Bill is currently President of the Rhone Rangers, an organization dedicated to educating the public about the unique contribution of Rhone varietal grapes to America and the world of wine. Bill is also a Director of the Mendocino Winegrowers Alliance, the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, and the Mendocino County Promotional Alliance. Clearly, Bill is dedicated to the growth of the Rhone category, his winegrowing community, and continuing to produce "America's Best Syrah".

This is a blend of 90% Syrah, 6% Grenache, 4% Durif aged in two-year old American and French oak. The used oak allows the oak to integrate without in any way dominating the fruit. A dense, full-bodied Syrah full of lovely berry-spice flavors, with jammy berry aromas and a bit of toasty

oak. The mouth feel is big and round, with flavors of ripe blackberry and blueberry fruit and white pepper spice. This is a very versatile wine that goes great with almost everything: burgers, ribs, pasta, grilled salmon, pizza and even fajitas. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years.

2003 Chateau de Nages, Reserve Blanc, Costiere de Nimes

Château de Nages, located at Costiere de Nimes in the Southern Rhone, extends over an exceptional terroir called "grès", whose pebbles were brought by the Rhône river during the Mesozoic period. Warm and precocious, each varietal is allowed to mature properly with proper levels of ripeness, giving the wines wonderful aromas, evident of the unique soil from which they are grown. Much of the estate is planted with Syrah, which excels in this soil, but after several trials, they discovered that certain parcels of the estate terroir had a predilection for Roussanne. The tiny honey-colored berries add an aromatic richness in the wine. Grenache Blanc rounds out the blend with its unique mineral notes.

Michel Gassier owns the estate and is also the winemaker. In his own words, "I want to make true wines, wines with strong personality which fully express their soil and the dreams of their vine grower. That they wake up in you forgotten emotions...

By dividing them around a table, they will bring you to intense human exchanges, increasingly rare experiments in our era of single thought and standardization. I believe that you will respect my wines for the great care that I carry to them, and I know that they will not leave you indifferent. To achieve this goal requires will and rigueur. Each detail counts, because the best wines are done with the most beautiful grapes. Time cannot be counted nor planned. Without it, the intimacy with this ground, its least folds and moods of its sky, the will is nothing. The vine grower chooses the right type of vine, works hard so that good wine making can allow the soil to give its the best expression and that it becomes a "dream", a single high-class wine of note."

This wine is a blend of 60% Grenache Blanc and 40% Roussane. The wine is unoaked and aged "sur lie" for 8 weeks. Lovely aromas of citrus and minerals lead to a palate of grapefruit, a hint of honey, wet earth and lemon zest. The wine has a crisp, clean finish. Excellent as a summertime sipper and great match with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next 1 – 2 years.

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 McDowell Syrah, California

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 McDowell Syrah, California

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Chateau de Nages, Reserve Blanc, Costiere de Nimes

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Chateau de Nages, Reserve Blanc, Costiere de Nimes

Re-order Form

As a member of a K&L Wine Club, you have the opportunity to order previous offerings of any of our clubs. The following pages contain the full "backlist" of each club. *Please note the prices for each club's wines* (directly under the individual club's "Previous Offerings" headline). For this month, we still require a minimum order of six bottles, but you may select three bottles of two different wines to meet the minimum requirement. (We are in a transitional period with our new software; see page 1.) Our phone numbers for the Wine Club are (650) 364-8544 ext 5 then 1, or outside the 650, 415, 510, and 408 area codes (800) 247-5987 ext. 5 then 1. The order desk is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We have a voice mail system, and if we can't take your call immediately we will return it as soon as possible. In addition, you can e-mail us at theclubs@klwines.com.

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Flora Spring's "Trilogy", Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Flora Spring's "Trilogy", Napa

The 2000 Trilogy is a blend of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 7% Malbec. be very lush and inviting, with aromas of black fruits and a palate with black cherry, cassis and hints of toffee. The finish lingers gently and the overall impression is one of great elegance. Drink now and over the next 3 – 5 years. Excellent with Lamb tenderloin.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Sterling "Three Palms" Merlot", Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Sterling "Three Palms" Merlot", Napa

86% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, aged for 18 – 24 months in a combination of French and American oak. The wine is a deep ruby color with aromas of cherries and vanilla oak. The palate is a lush blend of black cherries, berries and cocoa and with a hint of leather. Try with marinated Flank steak. Drink now and over the next 4 – 6 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

Consisting of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot, the wine was aged for 20 months in French oak, 57% of which was new. Lovely aromatics lead to a palate with loads of plum and black currant fruit with a hint of coffee. The finish is lush and satisfying. Drink now and over the next 5 – 7 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Best's Great Western Bin 0 Shiraz, Victoria

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Best's Great Western Bin 0 Shiraz, Victoria

An elegant and structured wine, rich in blackcurrant and berry flavors, with forward aromas and a complex palate. Silky tannins and gobs of fruit give the wine great character and boldness. Drink now with an hour or two of aeration or hold for 8 – 12 years. Try with Barbecue ribs.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Dominus "Napanook", Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Dominus "Napanook", Napa

68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot, aged for sixteen months in French oak barrels. This medium-full-bodied wine has very pretty cherry and plum flavors with a hint of cedar and chocolate. Very supple tannins and a smooth finish make this ideal to drink now and over the next four to six years. Great choice with filet mignon.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, aged for 20 months in French oak barrels. The aromas take a while to develop but show lovely notes of black cherry, vanilla and cedar. The palate echoes those flavors and adds a hint of mocha and chocolate. The finish is lush and long. Drink this now after giving it one to two hours of aeration, or hold it for six to eight years. A good choice with rack of lamb.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Saint-Julien, St-Julien

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Saint-Julien, St-Julien

This wine is made from Château Pichon-Lalande's vineyards in St-Julien. The 1999 shows a nose of plums with cedar oak. The palate is smooth and lush with cassis and black cherry flavors along with some earthy characteristics. This is excellent for drinking now and over the next four to seven years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1996 V Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino, Piedmonte

_____ 12 Bottles of 1996 V Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino, Piedmonte

A subtle nose of berry and herbs leads to a palate of dried cherries and a touch of spice. Aerating the wine will open up hidden aspects and add a lush and warm character to the mouthfeel. Try with Veal Osso Buco. Drink this now after giving it two to six hours of aeration, or cellar it for eight to twelve years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Amici Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Amici Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford
100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine spent 24 months in French oak, 40% of which was new. Aromas of black fruits and sweet vanilla spice. Layers of blackcurrant and other dark fruits along with bittersweet chocolate drench the palate. Drink now or hold eight to ten years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards Reserve “Tapestry,” Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards Reserve “Tapestry,” Napa
82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc, aged for 20 months in a combination of American and French oak. Aromas of berries, black cherries and a hint of mint lead to a palate where notes of vanilla and coffee join the flavor mix. Delicious today with a bit of aeration, the wine will hold for at least seven to ten more years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Chapoutier Châteauneuf-du-Pape “la Bernardine”

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Chapoutier Châteauneuf-du-Pape “la Bernardine”

This wine is deeply colored and has spicy aromas of black cherries and plums, leading to a complex palate where coffee notes, spice, and licorice join the mix. This is delicious served with marinated tri-tip. Drink it now with some aeration or hold for another seven to ten years.

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

100% Sauvignon Blanc, from The Mendocino ranch vineyard, shows lovely aromas of lime, lemon and citrus which follow through to the palate with a crisp, vibrant feel. This is a great summertime wine, excellent with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Frazier ‘Lupine Hill’ Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Frazier ‘Lupine Hill’ Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot, aged for 18 months in a combination of new and used French and American oak. Aromas of strawberries and earth lead to a deep palate with notes of black currants and red meat. The wine will benefit from at least one hours aeration and will hold for 4 – 6 years. Try with Lamb tenderloin. Incidentally, the Wine Spectator lists this for \$45!

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Griffin Pinot Noir, Marlborough

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Griffin Pinot Noir, Marlborough

. Lovely plum and cherry aromas lead to a palate in which a touch of oak and earth are added to the mix. This wine would pair beautifully with Turkey or Salmon. Drink now and over the next 3 – 5 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Pascal Jolivet “Attitude”, Loire Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Pascal Jolivet “Attitude”, Loire Valley

This wine shows juicy fruit flavors of apple and grapefruit balanced by a refreshing minerality and grassiness. This is a very clean and crisp wine, excellent for warm spring and summer days. A great choice with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Edgewood Estate Syrah, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Edgewood Estate Syrah, Napa

100% Syrah aged in French oak for nineteen months. The complex nose shows hints of black cherries, spice and violets. The palate echoes those flavors and adds black pepper and plums to the mix. This deep, full-bodied wine will benefit from one to two hours of aeration and can be held for eight to ten years. Great with game.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Kalinda Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Kalinda Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

100 % Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is elegant, yet has great structure. The flavors are of cassis and black cherry integrated with toasty oak. An excellent choice served with rack of lamb. Drink now or hold for five to eight years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Leeuwin “Siblings,” Margaret River

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Leeuwin “Siblings,” Margaret River

A blend of 64% Sauvignon Blanc and 36% Semillon. Fresh tropical fruit flavors along with a hint of spice are complemented by lovely scents of fresh cut grass, all leading to a refreshingly crisp finish. Excellent as an apéritif, this is also a beautiful match for fish and light chicken dishes. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Bell Chardonnay, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Bell Chardonnay, Napa

The wine, which spent six months in a combination of new and used French oak, shows tropical fruit flavors and aromas of vanilla, and is crisp and refreshing on the palate. Malolactic treatment gives the wine a lovely buttery mouthfeel. Try with roast chicken, or fish with a beurre blanc. Drink now and over the next two to four years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Château Bois Martin, Pessac-Leognan

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Château Bois Martin, Pessac-Leognan

A typical Graves nose of mineral and earth leads to a marvelously smooth palate with sweet oak, cassis and plum. A very easy wine to enjoy due to its round tannins, this should be consumed now and over the next three to five years. Enjoy it with pork chops.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Château Le Thil Comte Clary Rouge, Pessac-Leognan

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Château Le Thil Comte Clary Rouge, Pessac-Leognan

70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. From the first aromas of cigar box, currant and earth, to the palate where black cherry and a hint of espresso are added to the mix, this is definitively Bordeaux. Drinkable now with a bit of aeration, this wine should hold for another seven to ten years. Try with steak and mushrooms.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Fourcas-Hosten, Lustrac Médoc

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Fourcas-Hosten, Lustrac Médoc

This wine has lovely cherry and berry notes, with a hint of tobacco and spice. This will benefit from aeration before serving to bring out hidden complexities. Hold for at least five to ten years and will probably be at its best from now to 2007.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Fournas Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Fournas Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc

This is lovely and elegant, with notes of cassis, coffee, toasty oak and a hint of cedar. Soft tannins and a long finish will have you finishing every last drop. Try with grilled filet mignon. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Felsner “Best of” Gruner Veltliner, Kremstal, Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$70**

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Felsner “Best of” Gruner Veltliner, Kremstal, Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$140**

This Gruner Veltliner is powerful, broad and fleshy, a mouth-filling experience. It’s balanced perfectly with just a hint of acidity on the palate, and shows the underlying minerality and spicy white-pepper nose associated with this varietal. Drink now or hold for up to fifteen years. A great match for a wide variety of foods.

Best Buy Wine Club: Previous Offerings

6 bottles Best Buy Wine Club wine: \$52.00 (\$8.66/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

12 bottles Best Buy Wine Club wine: \$100.00 (\$8.33/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek

95% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged in 25% new oak with a ratio of 75% American and 25% French for 24 months. . A lovely nose of dark fruits and berries leads to a palate that echoes those flavors and add hints of vanilla and spice. The Cabernet adds a lovely depth and the finish is smooth and lingering. This would be a great choice with hamburgers right off the grill. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Kalinda Chardonnay, Anderson Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Kalinda Chardonnay, Anderson Valley

This is a typically lovely Anderson valley Chardonnay, with citrus and pear aromas followed by a juicy palate with hints of lemon, fig and cedar. The finish is crisp and lively with notes of spice.

Good choice with Roast chicken. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Renwood Viognier, “Select Series”, Lodi

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Renwood Viognier, “Select Series”, Lodi

94% Viognier, 4% Orange Muscat and 2% Pinot Gris. Aromas of citrus blossoms, pears and apricot lead to a rich creamy palate of ripe pears, lemon, peaches and apricots. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years. Great with Asian cuisine.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Nugan Family Shiraz, Southeastern Australia

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Nugan Family Shiraz, Southeastern Australia

Loads of blackberry fruit characteristics intertwined with notes of licorice and camphor. Dense and medium to full-bodied, with outstanding purity as well as flavor, it should drink well for 3-4 years. Try with Barbecue ribs.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River

100% varietal Sauvignon Blanc that clearly shows the classic, intense, passion-fruit and gooseberry aromas for which Marlborough is renowned. This is a wonderfully refreshing and flavorful Sauvignon Blanc, reminiscent of the Nobilo that we sent out a few months ago. A great wine for the spring and summer months.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17.5% Merlot, and 1.5% Petite Sirah. A wonderfully lush wine, with loads of fruit and soft tannins. A perfect red for summertime. Drink now and over the next two to three years. Great with hamburgers on a sunny day.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 La Posta Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 La Posta Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina

100% Cabernet Sauvignon from vines with an average age of over 30 years. It spent nine months in second-use French and American oak barrels. Notes of currants and black cherries with a hint of sandalwood lead to a palate of cassis and plums and a touch of earth. This is a great choice with hamburgers or roast chicken. Drink it now and over the next three to six years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Jean-Luc Colombo Syrah “Les Collines de Laure”

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Jean-Luc Colombo Syrah “Les Collines de Laure”

100% Syrah. The nose exhibits a wide range of ripe red fruits with spicy overtones and silky tannins. The palate shows dark black and red fruits with a hint of spice. This is a rich and generous wine that is very easy to enjoy. Great with roasted meats and stews. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Davis Bynum “Boar-Doe,” Sonoma

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Davis Bynum “Boar-Doe,” Sonoma

63% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of mulberry and hazelnut, and smooth rich tannins of smoky tobacco and cedar. Black cherry flavors mixed with spice. Outstanding. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Arboleda Chardonnay, Chile

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Arboleda Chardonnay, Chile

100% Chardonnay. Aromas of tropical fruit and citrus lead to a palate that picks up coffee, butterscotch and coconut notes. Try with chicken in mushroom sauce. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Best's Great Western Shiraz, Victoria **Special End-of-bin price: \$38**

_____ 12 Bottles 2001 Best's Great Western Shiraz, Victoria **Special End-of-bin price: \$72**

Wonderful notes of blackberry and dark raspberry fruit, spice and vanilla. Refined tannins allow this wine to be enjoyed now, but it will continue to improve over the next three to five years. Enjoy it with barbecued chicken.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Felsner Gruner Veltliner "Kabinett," Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$38**

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Felsner Gruner Veltliner "Kabinett," Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$72**

A wonderful crisp wine with flavors of grapefruit, white pepper and lentil matched with good underlying structure. Excellent acidity keeps the flavors lingering. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

Special Offers—Available to all club members!

2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

This is the flagship wine of Dominus Estate. Robert Parker says, "Christian Moueix and his talented winemaking team continue to rewrite the definition of a Napa Valley reference point wine." The wine lists for \$99 on the *Wine Spectator* website. Although it can be found for less than that, we believe nobody else in the country is offering it at our member-only price of \$59.99. The 2000 vintage consists of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot. It is aged for 18 months in French oak barrels. This is a big, complex wine with flavors of black currants and dark fruit and notes of coffee and earth. The aromatics are a bit more open than the palate impressions at this early stage and the wine is still fairly tannic. It will require two to four hours of aeration if opened now. It can be held for eight to twelve years. Special Price: \$359.94 per 6 bottles; \$719.88 per 12 bottles (\$59.99 per bottle)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

1999 Beaulieu Vineyards, Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet

The Georges de Latour vintages reach back to 1936 and over the years have proven one of the most consistently outstanding Cabernets in California. The 1999 has garnered numerous 90+ point scores and will cellar well for ten to fifteen years. You will not find a lower price for this wine anywhere else.

Special Price: \$269.70 per 6 bottles; \$539.40 per 12 bottles (\$44.95 per bottle)

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards, Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards, Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet

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