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Château Pichon-Lalande, Of Course

In preparation for our dinner March 2 with the wines of Pichon-Lalande, we offer these outstanding vintages and formats—all directly from the property.

1981 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$149.00

According to Robert Parker: "The 1981 is a very successful wine... Unlike many 1981s, Pichon Lalande achieved wonderful ripeness, and the result is a medium-bodied, richly fruity, fragrant wine..." (08/92)

1994 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L).....\$159.99

91 points Robert Parker: "One of the stars of the vintage, a gorgeously perfumed, exotic, smoky, blackcurrant, Asian spice, and sweet vanillin-scented bouquet. It is followed by thick, rich, moderately tannic flavors that exhibit medium to full body, good structure, outstanding purity, and a classically layered, long, pure finish." (02/97)

1995 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L).....\$309.99

96 points and a Cellar Selection designation from the *Wine Spectator*: "A megawine, with layers of fruit and various levels of character. This exceptional Bordeaux is full-bodied and very tannic, with masses of rich fruit, berry and tobacco. Very velvety. This powerhouse needs time. Best after 2003." (01/98)

1996 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$129.99 1996 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L).....\$299.99

96 points Robert Parker: "The 1996 Pichon-Lalande is just as awesome from bottle as it was from multiple cask tastings. ... its blueberry/blackberry/cassis scents intermixed with high quality, subtle, toasty new oak. Deep and full-bodied, with fabulous concentration and a sweet, opulent texture. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2025." (04/99)

1998 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$57.99

This is a more elegant-styled wine, a bit atypical for the '98 vintage. This wine has more red fruit aromas of raspberry and red licorice. Pichon-Lalande was especially proud of the quality of the merlot fruit in 1998.

2001 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$66.99

93 points Robert Parker: "A distinctive bouquet of violets, soy, pepper, black-berries, cassis, and tree bark gives this 2001 a singular style. It exhibits plenty of structure, wonderful sweetness, a closed style, but a rich, textured, persistent character. This beauty needs some time in the cellar. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2018." (06/04)

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

Olivet Lane

A top-flight Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from California, both priced under \$20 and both absolutely delicious. See page 10.

From Las-Cases to Your Valentine!

Special cases for every budget and every Léoville-Las-Cases nut! See page 2.

Spain for Dessert

Big Parker scores for these Spanish stickies. See Anne's article on page 14.

More Wine Storage Lockers Coming Soon!

New temperature-controlled lockers are coming soon to K&L's San Carlos facility.

If you are interested in renting one, please visit www.klwines.com to add yourself to a waiting list for notification. We will use your waiting list entry to contact you when the lockers have been completed. We expect the lockers to be ready in March. You will have the option to rent at that time, pending availability within your desired size.

Dinner and Tasting with Pichon-Lalande

Reserve your spot at an exciting Bordeaux tasting and dinner at the outstanding Cetrella Restaurant in Half Moon Bay. We will have Gildas d'Ollone, Managing Director of Château Pichon-Lalande here to discuss his terrific wines. We will taste in Magnum format 1994, 1995, 1996 and a mystery older vintage of Pichon as well as 2001 Pichon and Reserve Comtesse 1995 and 2002 with a five-course dinner.

Reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:15 on Thursday March 2. Special room rates available at **Half Moon Bay Lodge**. Dinner cost is \$150 per person inclusive of tax and tip. Don't miss this one!

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Year 2006-K&L Buyers on the Road Again

It is time for our buyers to start scouring the far corners of the wine world finding great value wines for our stores and our loyal customers. First, Jim Chanteloup, Elisabeth Schriber and myself visited Australia in January. We focused mainly on the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale areas.

February sees Jeff Vierra off to the Loire while Greg St. Clair and Mike Parres head to Tuscany. In March, Keith Wollenberg goes to Burgundy, and Anne Pickett travels to Spain. A big contingent (Clyde Beffa Jr, Ralph Sands, Chip Hammack and Steve Bearden) goes to Bordeaux in April to taste the "superb" 2005 vintage and then travels to the Southern Rhône. Late April sees Gary Westby tasting in Champagne. That's over 150,000 miles, and we are only into April. Many more trips after April! All in the name of finding special wines for our special customers. —*Clyde Beffa Jr*

Clyde Recommends: Direct from Château to Your Valentine!

Clos du Marquis, St-Julien "Special Vertical Case" (\$499.99)

For those who love Las Cases and their second wine: A set direct from the château containing two bottles of each of the last six vintages of the '90s. (1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000). Clos du Marquis is truly one of the great second wines from Bordeaux. A great addition to a Bordeaux wine lover's cellar.

Château Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien "Best Value Case" (\$1399.00)

A set direct from the château containing 12 bottles, two each of 1983, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1994, and 1999. Special wood box with these excellent "value" Léoville-Las-Cases vintages. Only three sets left.

Château Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien "Best Vintage Case, Magnums" (\$3999.00)

A set direct from the château containing one magnum (1.5L) each of the best six vintages of Léoville-Las-Cases from the last 35 years: one bottle each of 1982,1986, 1990, 1995, 1996, and 2000 vintages. All wines rated 95-100 points by Robert Parker. A serious addition to a wine collector's cellar. Only five sets left. Special wood box.

Château Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien "100-point Dream Case, Magnums" (\$4999.00)

A set direct from the château containing two magnums (1.5L) each of 1982, 1986, and 2000 vintage Leoville Las Cases, all 100-point Robert Parker wines. Special wood box. The perfect dream case for the serious wine collector. Only two sets left.

SHERRY/MADEIRA

Hartley and Gibson Sherries\$7.99	Barbeito 5 yr Verdelho "Rainwater"	
Hidalgo La Gitana Manzan (500ml)\$8.99	Madeira\$16.	
Antonio Barbadillo Manzanilla\$9.99	A Barbadillo "San Rafael" Oloroso\$22.99	
Antonio Barbadillo Amontillado\$9.99	A Barbadillo "Laura" Mosc Muscat \$22.99	
Pedro Romero Manz "Aurora"	Gonzalez Byass del Duque Muy Viejo	
(500ml)\$9.99	Amontillado (375ml)\$24.99	
Cossart Gordon Rainwater Madeira \$11.99	Lustau "Pata de Gallina" Oloroso\$29.99	
Lustau "Los Arcos" Dry Amont\$13.49	Barbeito "Cristovao Colombo" 10-yr old	
Tio Pepe Fino\$13.99	Malvazia Madeira\$44.99	
Lustau Puerto Fino\$14.99	Sacrista de Garvey Onana Amont\$49.99	

Tasting Bar Schedule for February, 2006.

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

Saturday, February 4: *Bordeaux.* Clyde, Ralph, Steve and Alexandre take us on a further exploration into the renowned 2003 vintage. Come on by to taste the latest and greatest Bordeaux that are sure to brighten your dreary winter days. Ten wines to be poured, including eight red, one white and one Sauterne. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, February 11: *Champagne for Valentine's Day.* Gary, Scott and Alexandre pick the best Champagnes for Valentine's Day. We will explore newly released small estate Champagnes and a few larger producers. Look for GREAT bargains! Ten sparklers to be poured. Price TBA.

Saturday February 18: *Hola! Wines of Spain.* Anne Pickett and Kirk Walker present newest releases from Spain. We had a huge run on Spanish wines during the 2005 holiday season. Come in and see what all the fuss is all about! Twelve wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday February 25: *Burgundy for Any Occasion.* Keith Wollenberg and Kirk Walker show off some hot new wines from Burgundy, a combination of red and white wines that are versatile for any occasion. Twelve wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

—Scott Beckerley

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See our Vintage Report and list of wines available on our w	ebsite. A
very fine vintage, classic style and well priced.	
Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux-Spectator: A lovely, silky wine	
Angélus, St-Emilion (1.5L)	
Angélus, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and Spectator	
Ausone, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	
Barde Haut, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	
Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc	
Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker	
Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien	
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (1.5L)-90-91 points Robert Parker	
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux	
Calon Segur, St-Estèphe (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker	
Calon Segur, St-Estèphe	
Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc	
Cantenac-Brown, Margaux	
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac	
Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion-93-95 points Robert Parker	
Clerc-Milon, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator	
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-(1.5L)	
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-92-94 points Robert Parker and WS	
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (1.5L)	
d'Aiguilhe, Côtes d'Castillon-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	
d'Angludet, Margaux-An outstanding value	
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	
du Tertre, Margaux (1.5L \$51.99)-90-92 points Robert Parker	
Destieux , St-Emilion -Tanzer: sweet berry and dark chocolate flavor	
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac	
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (1.5L)- 92-94 points Parker	
Giscours, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker	
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (1.5L \$71.99)-88-91 points Tanze	
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (1.5L)	
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	
Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan-93-95 points Robert Parker	
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-88-90 points Tanzer	
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe	
Lagrange, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$27.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien	
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L)-89-91 points Spectator	\$66.99
Larcis-Ducasse, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$27.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points Wine Spectator	\$74.99
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$35.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$89.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-89-93 points Stephen Tanzer	\$46.99
Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estephe	\$21.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator and Tanzer	\$39.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac (1.5L)	
L'Evangile, Pomerol	
Malartic Lagraviere Blanc, Pessac	
Malescot St-Exupéry, Margaux (1.5L \$58.99)-91-93 pts Parke	\$28.99
Meyney, St-Estèphe-Excellent wine	
Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L \$289.00)-92-94 points Spectator	\$139.99
Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points Spectator	\$29.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	
Pape Clement, Pessac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$66.99

Pavillon Rouge, Margaux (1.5L)\$69	.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-87-90 points Stephen TanzerInqu	ire
Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe-Tanzer: "supple and lush"\$24	.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac (1.5L \$99.99)-90-93 points Robert Parker\$51	.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-91-94 points Robert Parker\$59	.99
Pichon Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L)\$129	.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker\$39	.99
Poujeaux, Moulis\$21	.99
Quinault L'Enclos, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker\$24	.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc, Pessac-Léognan-91-92 points Tanzer\$37	.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Parker \$36	.99
Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Parker\$36	.99

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Exceptional vintage for collectors. Check out our 16-page Vintage Report. Scores are from The Wine Advocate. These wines are starting to arrive.

Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (90-93)	\$34.99
90-93 points Robert Parker: "Showing better several months prior to be than it did last year sweet black currant, herbaceous aroma with him earth, blue fruits, and some of the forest floor characteristics" (04/0	ts of

Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion (89-92))\$34.99
d'Issan, Margaux (90-92)	\$29.99

90-92 points Robert Parker: "...Elegant, focused bouquet of floral notes intermixed with blueberry, black currants and some earth and spice, this wine reveals elegance, ripeness, good freshness, and a medium-bodied, attractive finish with low acidity, outstanding depth, and overall balance." (04/05)

d'Aiguilhe, Cotes du Castillon (87-89)	\$19.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (94-96)	\$104.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (91-94)	\$43.99
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (90-92)	\$33.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan (90-92)	\$37.99

Parker says, "...nose of roasted herbs and scorched earth, this wine has sweet cherry and black currant fruit notes along with hints of graphite and toasty oak. Pure, rich and more powerful than usual, it remains elegant and precise."

Haut-Brion, Pessac (93-95+)	\$279.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (96-100)	\$359.00
Latour, Pauillac (98-100)	\$489.00
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (93-95)	\$169.99

95-100 points *Wine Spectator*: "...Very complex. Layers of cashmerelike tannins, turning to leather. Warm and inviting, yet rich and powerful; fantastic purity, yet voluptuous. This is what exciting wine is about."

Margaux, Margaux (96-100)	\$369.00
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac (95-96)	\$259.99

95-100 points *Wine Spectator*: "Complex aromas of blackberries, citrus and tobacco. Currants. Subtle nose yet complex..."

Palmer, Margaux (88-91)	\$114.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (93-95)	\$98.99
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95-100 points *Spectator*: "This tastes like crushed grapes and red fruits. It's big and rich, full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, long finish. Juicy wine. A cross between the 1995 and 1996. In fact, it could be better than 2000."

Potensac, Médoc (88-90)	\$19.99
Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper)	\$22.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac-Léogi	nan (90-93)\$39.99

Early Closing on February 12th

Sunday February 12 both stores will close at 5 p.m. for K&L's Company Party in celebration of our 30th year of business.

Ch. Pontet-Canet: A Ride Back to the Top of Wine!

I remember it like it was yesterday: a very cold and crisp morning in the first days of April 1995, and we were just getting warmed up after tasting at Lynch Bages at 8:30 a.m. and then Mouton-Rothschild at 9 a.m. As our leader Bill Blatch drove slightly uphill past vines and white gravel less than a minute from Mouton I could not see the château hidden behind the large trees. I asked Bill where are we going next, and he said Pontet-Canet. I was very excited. I had never been to the historic 5th growth. I then asked Bill why we were going there for the first time. His answer was that the 1994 Pontet-Canet was the finest wine made there in a long time and warranted the visit. Of course, he was right; the 1994 Pontet is one of the great successes of the difficult vintage, and the estate has improved every year since.

The name of Pontet-Canet is well known as vines have been in the ground there since before 1725. The estate had a fine reputation before dropping in quality in the years just prior to the 1855 classification of Bordeaux. The classification itself was based solely upon the track record of quality and price, hence Pontet was placed as a 5th growth. The quality rose to the point where the wine was selling at 2nd growth prices. The 1929 was a legendary wine. Unfortunately, as for most of Bordeaux, tough times were ahead. Ponet-Canet did in fact become very well known as a "brand" but for all the wrong reasons—for being the non-vintage, barely drinkable wine served in the French railroad cars.

In 1975 the estate was sold to the Tesseron family, and today the wines are outstanding under the direction of Alfred Tesseron. Alfred's quiet revolution started in the winery with a more strict selection in the '80s and in the last 15 years in the vineyard.

The style of Pontet-Canet is masculine, loaded with dark purple fruit, and in today's wines it is very pure, long and elegant. Many customers are newcomers to Pontet and can feel the conviction in my voice when I recommend it in orders along with the greats like Cos, the Pichons and the Léovilles. For me, Pontet-Canet's style is like Léoville-Barton: dark serious wines of longevity, quality and value personified. And now you can add consistency!

The proof of Pontet-Canet's great success of late is easily seen and expected in the famous vintages of 2000 Ch. Pontet-Canet (\$49.99) and 2003 Ch. Pontet-Canet (\$59.99). But the real proof is in the stunning 2002 Ch. Pontet-Canet (\$29.99), 2004 Ch. Pontet-Canet (\$39.99) and 1998 Ch. Pontet-Canet (\$26.99), from years when mother nature made it difficult to make a fine wine.

Please feel free to call me anytime with questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at ex 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com. Cheers and Toujours Bordeaux!

—Ralph Sands

Bordeaux Bargains!

Lets start the month with one delicious white from the classic 2004 vintage and three outstanding reds from the near perfect 2000 vintage in Bordeaux.

2004 Thieuley Blanc, Bordeaux (\$10.99) This property has been turning out high quality white and red wines that sell for prices much lower than you would expect. This is a blend of 60% sauvignon blanc and 40% semillon with a round, soft middle showing grapefruit, shy melon and apple. The finish is fresh and citrusy, with a touch of Meyer lemon and a fine dusting of mineral. An amazing bargain!

2000 Thieuley Rouge, Bordeaux (\$16.99) This property also crafted our best selling wine from the legendary 2000 Bordeaux vintage. From the aromas of black currants and cigar box to the ripe merlot fruit, this is a satisfying glass of wine. Lush and ample with flashy tobacco and coffee nuances.

2000 Poujeaux, Moulis (\$29.99) Probably the most consistent value-priced château we carry. The 50% cabernet sauvignon in the blend shows here with aromatic herbs adding complexity to the sweet black currants. This is supple, round and earthy with a long, rich, tobacco-laced finish that invites another taste. 40% merlot rounds out the mid palate and makes this traditionally crafted beauty a wine that can age but also drinks perfectly now.

2000 Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe (\$26.99) This K&L favorite seems to fly under the radar vintage after vintage, yet always produces some of the best values in Bordeaux. Here is a big wine with ample structure and an intriguing meaty quality that contrasts nicely with the bright dark berry fruit. Although big and chewy in the beginning, the spicy, mineral-laced finish is elegant, silky and long. This will age well but can be decanted and enjoyed now. —*Steve Bearden*

BORDEAUX 1997-2003

1997 Canon Moueix,	Bordeaux	\$9.99
Easy drinking merlot.		

1997 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$39.99A well-crafted red; silky tannins and pretty berry, mineral and spice character. Decant one hour.

1997 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$17.99 1997 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$29.99 1998 Carillon d'Angelus, St-Emil\$24.99 1998 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$51.99 Robert Parker: "Concentrated and powerful..."

1998 Malartic-Lagraviere, Pessac......\$26.99Good minerality and lingering finish. Fine plus.

1998 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac......\$57.99 1998 Pontet Canet, Pauillac\$26.99

According to Robert Parker: "Pontet-Canet's dark ruby/purple-colored, closed 1998 (50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot) is undoubtedly a vin de garde."

Super sweet and silky black fruit notes. Hints of orange zest. Really soft tannins and quite broad on the palate. Very similar to Palmer. Terrific length

1999 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.......\$26.99 Robert Parker: "The 1999 is charming. It exhibits strawberry, cherry, and black currant fruit, a touch of minerals, earth, and underbrush." (04/01)

1999 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$39.99Black currant and spicy aromas, with nice thickness in the mouth. It has a tinge of coffee and vanilla on the palate. An exotic wine.

1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$39.99One of Clyde's favorite '99s. Elegant-fruity.

1999 Talbot, St-Julien\$29.99

According to Robert Parker: "An impressive effort for the vintage, this is an opulent, velvety-textured 1999 that comes across as a hypothetical blend of a Pomerol and Burgundy."

2000 Bellerose Figeac Reserve,

dark chocolate and earthy spice.

pated maturity: 2006-2018." (04/03)

2000 Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac\$29.99
Robert Parker says, "Probably the finest Carbonnieux I have tasted in over three decades. Antici-

2000 Clerc-Milon, Pauillac.....\$49.99 2000 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$114.99

Number 2 of the *Spectator's* top 100 wines of 2003! 96 points from the *Wine Spectator*.

2000 d'Angludet, Margaux\$39.99

88 points Robert Parker: "The 2000 is a traditional claret, displaying a deep ruby color and a nose of cedar, damp earth, plums, and currants. Medium to full-bodied, solidly tannic, and attractive, it will age well for 10-15 years. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2017."

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2001 Palmer, Margaux\$129.99

2002 Pape Clement, Pessac.....\$51.99

2000 Destieux, St-Emilion\$29.99

Excellent. From the Jean Michel Cazes group.

2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$24.99

Soft, perfumed and silky-drinking very well now.

2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol\$34.99	2001 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$66.99	2002 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$32.99
Great value Pomerol from 2000 vintage with	95-100 points Spectator: "Very well-integrated."	2002 Pedesclaux, Pauillac\$24.99
plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak, hints of spice	2001 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac\$27.99	On the palate there is a soft attack, drawing one's
and earth. The palate is round and quite juicy.	"Super delicious! As good as any Reserve I have	attention to the excellent fruit. Very charming
2000 Grangeneuve, Pomerol\$27.99	ever had. Silky and elegant," Clyde Beffa Jr.	with notes of coffee and toast developing.
Superb value from a great vintage and property.	2002 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$29.99	2002 Petrus, Pomerol
2000 La Cardonne, Médoc\$14.99	90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Wonderful aromas of	2002 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac (1.5L)\$64.99
Sweet and lush. 89 points Wine Spectator.	currants and berries with hints of flowers."	2002 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac\$29.99 92 points <i>Wine Spectator:</i> "Full-bodied, with silky
2000 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac\$31.99	2002 Cos d'Estournel, St-EstèpheInquire 93 points Robert Parker: "One of the candidates	tannins and a long finish."
91 points <i>Wine Spectator: "</i> Full-bodied, yet fine and silky, with a long, delicious finish."	for wine of the vintage"	2002 Potensac, Médoc\$17.99
2000 Mouton-Rothschild (5L)\$4499.00	2002 du Tertre, Margaux\$25.99	2002 Reserve Comtesse-Lalande\$25.99
97 points Robert Parker. Special box and bottle-	89 points from Robert Parker.	Pichon-Lalande's 2nd wine. Bright and deep with
collector's item.	2002 de Pez, St-Estèphe\$18.99	dark blackberry and cherry fruit, hints of herb and
2000 Palmer, Margaux\$169.99	2002 Ducru Beaucaillou, St-Julien\$44.99	mineral, plenty of plump merlot juiciness.
2000 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$26.99	2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol\$74.99	2003 Chauvin, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$56.99
89 points Wine Spectator: "Refined and silky."	2002 Eglise-Clinet (1.5L)\$129.99	2003 La Chapelle de La Mission\$23.99
2000 Pontet Canet, Pauillac\$49.99	90-92 points Robert Parker: "An exceptionally	2003 Gigault "Viva" Cotes de Blaye\$14.99
2000 Poumey, Pessac\$29.99	strong effort from a vigneron, Denis Durantou"	2003 Goulee, Medoc\$27.99
2000 Pressac, St-Emilion\$24.99	2002 Haut-Bailly, Pessac\$34.99	2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion\$45.99
2001 Ausone, St-Emilion\$229.99	90 points Parker: "displaying notes of tobacco	2003 La Couspaude (1.5L)\$92.99
2001 Beausejour-Duffau,St-Emilion \$44.95	smoke intermixed with sweet currant, cherry, and some toast has the hallmark purity married gra-	2003 Les Gravettes, Cotes de Bourg\$12.99
2001 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion\$189.99	ciously with nicely concentrated fruit."	2003 La Fleur de Bouard\$28.99
2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$74.99	2002 Haut-Bergey, Pessac\$19.99	2003 Le Gay, Pomerol
94 points Wine Spectator: "Wonderful spice and currant aromasFull-bodied, with super well-inte-	2002 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$149.99	2003 Roc de Cambes, Cote du Bourg\$29.99 2003 Teyssier, St-Emilion\$26.99
grated, refined tannins. Long caressing finish"	2002 Latour-Martillac, Pessac\$19.99	70% merlot and 30% cabernet franc. Rich and
2001 d'Angludet, Margaux\$34.99	2002 Lafite Rothschild, Pauillac\$154.99	balanced.
	94 points Parker: "A brilliant offering and a can-	2003 Haut Gay, Bordeaux Superior\$13.99
Robert Parker: "A sleeper of the vintage, this		
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1961 Palmer, Margaux\$1899.00	Great wine from Mahler-Besse cellar.
Direct from Mahler-Besse cellar, best in Bordeaux.	1995 Pichon-Baron (1.5L)\$149.00
1971 Latour, Pauillac\$299.00	91 points Parker: "suave, elegant, rich fruit pre-
	sented in a medium to full-bodied, surprisingly
1978 Palmer, Margaux\$159.95	lush style. Anticipated maturity: 2001-2016."
90 points Robert Parker. Perfect condition.	1995 Potensac, Medoc\$34.95
1978 Trotanoy, Pomerol\$119.00	1996 Cos d'Estournal, St-Estèphe\$96.99
1979 Latour, Pauillac\$199.95	95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .
1981 Pichon Lalande, Pauillac\$149.00	
1982 Cheval Blanc (1.5L)Inquire	1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$54.99
1982 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$219.00	92 points <i>Spectator</i> and \$20 less than 2003.
1982 Leoville Poyferre, St-Julien\$225.00	1996 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$129.99
1983 Canon (1.5L)\$199.95	96 points Robert Parker: "just as awesome from
1983 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$139.00	bottle as it was from multiple cask tastings."
1986 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$139.99	1996 Palmer, Margaux\$129.99
95 points Robert Parker: "Highly extracted wine,	<u>Sauternes</u>
with a black/ruby color and plenty of toasty,	Chateau d'Yquem Vertical Case\$4,499.00
smoky notes in its bouquet that suggest ripe	One bottle each of 12 different vintages: 1982,
plums and licorice." Decant one hour.	'83, '84, '85, '86, '91, '94, '95, '96, ['] 98, '99,
1988 Beychevelle, St-Julien\$69.95	'2000. What a great gift or tasting set!! Sold on
1988 l'Arrosee, St-Emilion\$79.95	futures basis.
1989 Calon Segur, St-Estephe\$99.95	1987 Raymond-Lafon (1.5L)\$89.00
1989 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$149.99	1989 Rieussec\$69.99
95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> (03/92). Delicious right	1991 d'Yquem\$159.00
now. Direct from the château.	1993 d'Yquem\$144.99
1989 Ducru Beaucaillou, St-Julien\$119.99	1994 d'Yquem\$159.99
1989 Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac\$89.00	1995 Raymond-Lafon\$39.99
1990 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge \$125.00	1996 Raymond-Lafon\$59.99
	1999 d'Yquem\$149.99
1993 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$139.99	1999 Raymond-Lafon\$39.99
4 stars <i>Decanter</i> magazine: "Good solid nose. Tannic fruit on the palate. Good, big and sound."	1999 Raymond-Lafon (375ml)\$22.99
	Fabulous buy for the cellar-perfect acidity with
1994 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$29.99	pineapple nuances and coconut undertones.
Robert Parker: "Gruaud's 1994 offers an excellent, saturated ruby/purple color, and a tight, but	2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc
sweet nose of ripe berry and cassis fruit and	(375ml)\$14.99
underbrush"	
1994 Haut-Bailly, Pessac\$42.99	2001 Castelnau de Suduiraut\$29.99
According to Robert Parker: "One of the finest	2001 Cypres de Climens (500ml)\$26.99
1994sThe sweet, blackcurrant, earthy, and min-	2001 de Faugeres\$99.99
eral-scented nose, and ripe, medium-bodied,	2001 de Faugeres (375ml)\$49.99
fleshy flavors represent the quintessentially ele-	2001 Lamothe-Guignard\$29.99
gant style of red Graves. The wine is rich yet ethereal in the mouth" (02/97)	2001 Rayne-Vigneau\$37.99
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1994 Haut Brion, Pessac\$159.99	Best price in the world?? Close to 2001 in quality.
94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Has wonderful richness and suppleness, lovely fruit and harmony. A	2002 Doisy-Védrines\$29.99
superb example of a graceful, balanced wine that	2002 Doisy-Védrines (375ml)\$16.99
is delicious now and can evolve over many years."	"Aromas of lemon and honey and a touch of oak.
1994 Latour, Pauillac\$189.99	Appley with pear nuances on the palate. Very
93 points Robert Parker: "It is a superbly rich,	long on finish. Reminds me of their wonderful
concentrated, full-bodied Latour with remarkable	1988," Clyde Beffa Jr.
intensity. The wine exhibits fabulous intensity,	2002 Dauphin de Guiraud (375ml)\$13.99
excellent richness, a sweet inner-core of fruit, and	2002 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc
a powerful, tannic but brilliantly well-defined,	(375ml)\$12.99
long finish." (04/96).	2002 Petit-Védrines (375ml)\$10.99
1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$34.99	2002 Rieussec\$Inquire
Robert Parker: "sweet, smoky, cassis scented	Almost as good as their 100-point 2001 vintage.
nose, supple, round tanninexcellent richness"	<u>Champagne</u>
1995 Angélus, St-Emilion\$159.99	1985 Rene Collard Reserve\$59.99
95 points Parker: "A superb effort in this vintage Most concentrated of the 1995 St -Emilion pre-	1985 Rene Collard Reserve\$59.99
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ChampagneInquire
1995 Heidsieck Blanc de Millenieres \$79.99
1995 Salon Blanc de Blancs\$159.00
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1994 Graham\$99.00
1995 Quinta do Noval\$32.99
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2004 Garrigues Blanc, Jean Louis Denois-Delicious!	\$9.99
2002 Garrigues Rouge, Jean Louis Denois-Great value!	\$9.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Maurelle	\$9.99
Meaty and spicy aromas follow to the palate. Good sweet middle pala	te fruit.
NV Brut Rosé Pinot Noir, Jean Louis Denois	\$12.99
Here is the last of this sparkling beauty for Valentine's Day.	
2004 Cotes du Roussillon Dom du Roc des Anges "Segna"	
2000 "Vins Rares" Rosé , JL Denois	
2001 "Vins Rares" Blanc "Les Ruchers," JL Denois	\$16.99
Two new arrivals from the great Jean Louis Denois.	
2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols	
Spicy on palate with an assertive black pepper character and a warm f	
2003 Côtes du Rhône "Baron Louis" Ch Montfaucon	\$14.99
New vintage, but same great wine. Packed with spicy fruit.	
2002 Grand Cuvee Red, Jean Louis Denois	\$16.99
Sold out quickly last time-last 50 cases have arrived.	
2002 "La Riviere" Chenin Blanc, Jean Louis Denois	\$16.99
Sold out immediately last time-here is last 25 cases.	41600
2004 Gigondas, Domaine de la Maurelle	\$16.99
2003 Les Baux de Provence Château d'Estoublon Rouge	\$17.99
2004 Les Baux de Provence Château d'Estoublon Blanc	
Fabulous wines-just arrived.	
2003 Gigondas Tradition, Moulin de Gardette	\$18.99
Black fruit, spicy, and a bit peppery. Long finish.	
2003 Cotes du Roussillon Dom du Roc des Anges "VV"	\$19.99

It's Februar "Y"...

Château d'Yquem has delivered its Bordeaux Superiore, rarely produced and only the 23rd vintage since its first introduction in 1959. 2000 Château d'Yquem "Y" (\$139.99) is a dry white wine showing delicate aromas of gardenia and jasmine, which mingle with clover, honey and light brioche. The fruit of the nose is carried to the palate, with a pleasant stony finish. This wine offers a perfect long finish. I would recommend this wine with any customary sauternes paring (foie gras) but strongly suggest lobster thermidor.

On a sweeter note, the **2002 Le Dauphin de Guiraud, Sauternes (375ml) (\$13.99)** has a more exotic nose offering a refreshing honey and citrus finish. The bright, crisp and clean flavor makes this wine a great everyday sauterne that will be light enough to drink with any fruity dessert.

Another great everyday drinker is the **1998 Reserve St. Julien, St-Julien (\$14.99)**, from the great Saint-Emilion wine maker Hubert de Bouard (Angelus). A deep rich purple color and plenty of fruit to the nose, medium bodied with good structure. Will improve with some cellaring over the next 2-3 years.

The **2002 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe (\$22.99)** offers good value for the cellar. With plenty of sweet concentrated black fruit and cassis on the nose leading to a meaty more delicate finish. This wine should be drunk over the next 10 years.

Last but not least, the **2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol (\$34.99)**, is a merlot-based wine offering a black cherry and dark earthy nose. With tannins still very present, I would keep this wine in my cellar for another couple of years before opening. It will drink well for the next five years after that.

—Alexandre Brisoux

RHÔNE VALLEY

2003 Cotes du Rhone, Montfaucon "Baron Louis"\$14.99
2003 Cotes du Rhone, Jean-Luc Colombo "Forots"\$18.99
2003 Jean-Luc Colombo, Cotes du Rhone Blanc, Les Figuier \$16.99
2004 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Domaine Combier\$17.99
2004 Côtes de Ventoux, Domaine de Fondreche "O'Sud"\$13.99
2004 Costieres de Nimes, Château Grande Cassagne Blanc\$9.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Senechaux\$36.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Monpertuis "Classique"\$31.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Monpertuis "Tradition"\$62.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Jean Royer "Tradition"\$27.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Roger Perrin "Reserve"\$44.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine de la Côte de l'Ange\$28.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Bois de Boursan\$39.99
2001 Gigondas, Moulin de la Gardette "Ventabren"\$26.99
2003 Gigondas, Domaine Santa Duc\$36.99
2003 Gigondas, Château Saint Cosme\$30.99
2003 Gigondas, Montirius\$29.99
2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols\$12.99
2003 Vacqueyras, Bastide St. Vincent "Pavane"\$16.99
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Dreaming of a White February

Psst...wanna know about one of the best kept secrets in French wine? Rhone whites! You will absolutely fall in love, LOVE, with the following terrific, overachieving whites. Try one, or try them all!

2004 Domaine Combier Crozes-Hermitage Blanc ORGANIC (\$17.99) Fleshy marsanne is in evidence in this honeyed, thick and luscious northern Rhone white that is held together with a long, tight seam of minerals and grippy acidity. The nose is effusive with white flowers and hints of ripe nectarine. Enjoy this elegant white before a traditional Provencal meal or a St. Marcellin cheese.

2004 Costieres de Nimes Chateau Grande Cassagne Blanc (\$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. A tingle of oak on the finish adds complexity and remains a backnote. Perfect with brandade or a slice of fougasse (flatbread with onion, black olive and anchovy).

2004 Côtes du Rhone Blanc Domaine de la Becassonne (\$13.99) Châteauneuf-du-Pape legend Andre Brunel fashions this rich, full-bodied Rhone white from 50% roussanne, 30% clarette and 20% grenache blanc. This offers aromas of sweet honeysuckle and flavors of apricots, peaches and minerals. Pair with virtually any Provencal fare, including roast chicken, fennel roasted pork loin, picholine olives! A truly exceptional wine value from the South of France! —*Mulan Chan*

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

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2004 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon\$7.99
2005 Le Bonheur Sauvignon Blanc\$7.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah\$10.99
2005 Spice Route Sauvignon Blanc\$12.99
2005 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc\$18.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"\$22.99
2003 Rudi Schultz Syrah Stellenbosch\$32.99
<u>New Zealand</u>
2005 Matua Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc\$7.99
2004 Griffin Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc-Delicious!\$11.99
2004 Pencarrow (Palliser) Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc\$11.99
2004 Konrad Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc-91 pts Spectator\$13.99
2005 Kim Crawford Marl. Sauvignon Blanc-90 points Spectator \$14.99
2004 Seven Terraces Marlborough Pinot Noir\$15.99
<u>Australia</u>
2004 Deakin Shiraz\$6.99
2004 Pillar Box Red Padthaway-90 points Parker\$8.99
2004 Water Wheel "Memsie"-90 points Parker and Spectator\$9.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Terra Barossa" VS Cabernet\$10.99
2003 d'Arenberg "Footbolt" Shiraz\$13.99
2004 Sylvan Springs "Hard Yards" Shiraz-90 points Parker\$14.99
2004 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier-91 points Spectator\$15.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz-92 points Parker\$15.99
2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc\$16.99
2004 Longwood Estate "Sheep Shearer" Shiraz, McLaren\$16.99
2002 Cullen "Ephraim Clarke" Sauvignon Bl/Semillon\$17.99
2004 Torbreck "Woodcutters" Shiraz-91 points Parker\$17.99
2002 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet/Shiraz\$18.99
2003 d'Arenberg Laughing Magpie Shiraz-Viognier\$19.99
2003 Yalumba Hand Picked MGS\$21.99
2003 Leeuwin "Prelude" Chardonnay\$23.99
2003 d'Arenberg "The Dead Arm" Shiraz\$49.99

Iim C's View Down Under

2004 Highfield Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand (\$13.99) This is a new offering in our portfolio of Kiwi sauvignon blancs, and a fine one indeed. Meticulous vineyard work and grape selection along with cold fermentation contribute to the perfumed nose of lime blossom, pink grapefruit, red bell pepper and minerals.

2004 Thorn Clarke Terra Barossa "Importers Reserve" Cabernet Sauvignon Barossa Valley South Australia (\$10.99) It's tough to find good cabernet at this price, but once again they deliver. The bouquet shows notes of plum, cherry, black current, earth and a hint of herbs. Aged in French oak, there are hints of spice along with the fruit character framed by supple tannins leading to a fine finish.

2003 d'Arenberg "Laughing Magpie" Shiraz-Viognier McLaren Vale South Australia (\$19.99) A blend of shiraz co-fermented with 6% viognier. Showing aromas of honeysuckle, marmalade, blackberry, and a hint of pencil lead, on the palate this is full bodied with wonderful balance, fine dusty tannins and great length. This is a superb price. I'd recommend putting some aside to drink over the next 3-5 years.

2002 Penfolds Bin 389 Shiraz-Cabernet South Australia (\$18.99) Know as Baby Grange or Poor Man's Grange, this wine shows elements of pepper, earth, black cherry, cassis, current and notes of cedar, spice box and mocha. I had the 1986 of this wine not long ago and it was absolutely terrific. A great cellar candidate, too! —*Jimmy C*

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC

<u>Cabernet Sauvignon/Meritage</u> 1977 Ch. Montelena (1.5L).....\$299.95 1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve......\$109.99

The 1978 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve has consistently been a 90-point wine.

1980 Caymus "Special Select"\$269.00
1980 Heitz "Bella Oaks"\$89.95
1982 Beringer Private Res (9L)\$1,499.00
1984 Heitz "Bella Oaks"\$79.95
1984 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"\$229.00
1985 Dunn Howell Mount (5L)\$1,299.00
1985 Heitz "Martha's"\$299.00
1985 Silver Oak Alexander Valley\$129.00
1986 Beringer Private Res Napa\$109.99
1986 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$99.99
1986 Silver Oak Alexander Valley\$129.95
1986 Sterling Reserve\$89.95
1987 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve\$109.99

91 points in a later review from the *Wine Spectator:* "Generous, soft and big, with a dark ruby color and mint, plum and smoke character. Full-bodied and very velvety, with lots of ripe berry and chocolate flavors and a long, long finish.—Georges de Latour Private Reserve vertical. Best after 2002." (02/2000)

1987 BR Cohn "Olive Hill"	\$79.95
1987 Corison	\$69.00
1987 Heitz "Bella Oaks"	\$79.95
1987 Kenwood Artist (3L)	\$349.95
1988 Anderson's Conn Valley Res	\$59.95
1988 Caymus Special Selection	\$149.95
1989 Beringer Private Res Napa	\$99.00
1990 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve	\$84.99

Clyde just tasted this beauty-sweet mid-palate, plenty of richness. Delicious.

1990 Beaulieu Vineyards Tapestry	\$39.99
1990 Caymus Special Selection	\$225.00
1990 Pahlmeyer Caldwell	\$129.00
1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley	\$125.00
1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley (6L)	\$999.00
1991 Abreu	\$269.00
1991 Beaulieu Vinevard P Reserve	\$79.99

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Smooth and elegant, with a cedar and spicy edge to the cherry and currant flavors, finishing with a firm tannic edge. Best to cellar into 1999 to soften. Fits in well with the BV style. Should only get better." (12/95)

1991 Kathryn Kennedy	\$109.00
1992 Caymus "Special Select"	\$199.95
1992 Corison	\$79.95
1993 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reser	rve\$74.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Complex and harmonious, with a pretty core of ripe plum, cherry and currant flavors and shades of herb and cedary oak. Comes together quite nicely on the finish, where the fruity flavors remain and the tannins weave in. Drinks well now, or can age." (11/96)

1993 Beringer Private Reserv	e\$99.00
1993 Burgess Vintage Select	\$44.99

Wine Spectator: "Tight and well focused, with cedar, currant, tobacco and spice flavors at the core, finishing with firm tannins..." (05/97)

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1993 Silverado Res Napa	\$99.00
1993 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"	.\$149.00
1994 Anderson's Conn Valley	\$89.95
1994 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve.	\$94.99

93 points *Wine Spectator*: "One of the most prestigious wines in California, the 1994 version shows an impressive core of spicy currant and mineral-laced Cabernet flavors emerging from chewy tannins, picking up cedary oak, coffee and sage notes." (10/97)

1994 Groth Reserve\$199.00 1994 Stag's Leap "Cask 23" (1.5L) ..\$429.00 1995 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve...\$89.99

93 points and a Cellar Selection designation from the *Wine Spectator*: "Complex and elegant, with ripe, round, plush, currant, cherry, berry and spice flavors, and a long, rich finish that gains nuances of cedar, anise, tobacco and mineral. Echoes toasty, spicy, vanilla-tinged oak on the aftertaste. Impressive finesse and polish. Best from 1999 through 2007." (10/98)

1995 Far Niente	\$89.95
1995 Hess Collection	\$59.95
1996 Beaulieu Private Reserve	\$84.99

92 points Wine Spectator: "Ripe, round and smooth, with a core of coffee, currant, sage, cedar and spice. Gains nuance and complexity on the finish, where the tannins are firm and integrated. Wonderful texture and polish. Drink now through 2008." (11/99)

1996 Beaulieu Vineyard Tapestry\$49.99

92 points *Wine Spectator:* "Tight in structure while plush in texture, offering rich plum, dark chocolate, cinnamon, spice and earth flavors that linger deliciously on the long, complex finish—this is one seductive California red." (10/99)

Chardonnay

Many Kistler Chardonnays from 1995 to 2000 vintage. See www.klwines.com for detailed tasting notes.

Greetings from Basque Country!

Actually, I should clarify that I am not actually *in* Basqueland. My travel plans for the month of February include a comfortable armchair, a copy of Mark Kurlansky's *A Basque History of the World* and a few tasty bottles of wine from this breathtakingly beautiful and rugged country. Below are two selections from the Basque appellations of Iroulegey and the Jurancon, located at the base of the Pyrenees in southwest France. I am sure you will appreciate them, both for their sense of terroir and for being dang tasty. Please read on!

Clos Lapeyre in Jurançon is a 12-hectare domaine owned by the Larrieu family. The goal of owner/winemaker Jean-Bernard Larrieu is to produce wines that express the specificity of the grape varieties (namely gros and petit manseng) and the soils (clay/limestone and silex) found on his steeply planted vines (250 meters!). The **2004 Domaine Lapeyre Jurancon Sec ORGANIC (\$13.99)** comes in a nifty screw cap, and oh what fun it is to drink! Comprised of 100% gros manseng, this is a firm, mineral-driven white with notes of fresh herbs, green apple and quince. This Basque white is delicate and refreshing, however its complexity and concentration will undoubtedly impress you. Enjoy a glass while cooking dinner, or pair with Basque style sizzling garlic shrimp!

One of the most picturesque and breathtaking villages in all of France MUST be Irouleguy! Rustically inspired Basque-style architecture as well as amazing wine and food lend a uniqueness to this village. The **2003 Iroulegey Rouge Domaine Illaria ORGANIC** (\$13.99), from winemaker Peio Espil is a blend of cabernet sauvignon, tannat and cabernet franc. This is not a massive, oak-laden fruit bomb but rather a medium-bodied red with notes of crunchy cherry, plum and black currant. A perfect match for hearty dishes like roast lamb in rosemary sauce or a traditional Basque-inspired grilled filet mignon with roasted red peppers. Enjoy a glass of this delicious and authentic red and take a trip to Basque country!

—Mulan Chan

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2001 Aia, Oakville	\$21.99
2001 Amici, Napa	
2001 Beringer Knights Valley	
2001 Burgess, Napa	
2001 Ch. Souverain "Winmkrs Res"	
2001 Chimney Rock Elevage	
2001 Cuvaison, Napa	
2001 Dominus, Napa	
2001 Guilliams, Spring Mnt	
2001 Harrison Res, Napa-Was \$65	
2001 Hetiz, Napa	
2001 Jordan, Alexander Valley	\$39.99
2001 Kenwood "Artist Series"	49.99
2001 Larkmead, Napa	\$36.99
2001 La Jota "Howell Mnt"	\$39.99
2001 Mount Eden, Santa Cruz	\$29.99
2001 Mount Veeder Res. Meritage	\$49.99
2001 Paradigm, Napa	\$49.99
2001 Paradise Ridge "Rockpile"	
2001 Schweiger, Spring Mnt	
2001 St. Clement, Napa	
2001 Stonestreet "Legacy"	
2001 Terra Valentine, Sprg Mnt	
2001 Trefethen, Napa	
Lush and full, the use of oak is masterfully	
grated so as to provide perfect spice without	
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2001 Valley of the Moon, Calif	\$9.99
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A Wine to Love

Olivet Lane vineyard is an incredibly desirable source of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay fruit in the Russian River appellation of Sonoma. The grapes are higly sought after by wineries such as Williams Selyem and Merry Edwards, but the way to buy is directly from the owners of the vineyard under their own Olivet Lane label. Pellegrini Family owns this vineyard, and under the astute direction of Robert Pellegrini these wines are truly world class. Both wines are wonderful values and have proven themselves with our staff and our customers. Give each a try and see for yourself how you can buy cult level wines at great prices.

The **2002 Olivet Lane Pinot Noir (\$19.99)** is wonderfully opulent with nice dark cherry fruit filling the palate, accented by delicate notes of sweet spices, blackberry, integrated oak and a long plush finish. Good tannins provide structure, but the velvety texture of the wine smoothes these out into a wine that is hard to resist right now. This is luxury in a bottle, and at a price we all can afford. This is truly new world-style Pinot Noir at its best and avoids the ultra-extraction crutch that hides the true character of Pinot while exhibiting the unctuous ripeness that the Russian River appelation uniquely adds to the world of Pinot styles.

The 2003 Olivet Lane Chardonnay (\$14.99) also shows how great the Russian River can be for the prodction of world-class Chardonnay, with a wonderful offering of ripe pear to apple fruit with notes of stone, cinnamon and a touch of vanillin oak. With all this ripe fruit, you might expect a lack of acidity or structure, but it comes through here in this great food wine. This is a Chardonnay to please everyone! Consistent year after year, this has been a favorite of our customers (and staff) consistently. -Shaun Green

CHARDONNAY

2002 Stony Hill, Napa	\$26.99
2002 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow"	\$29.99
2003 Arrowood, Sonoma	\$23.99
2003 Benziger, Carneros	\$9.99
2003 Bernardus, Monterey	
2003 Beringer "Sbragia"	
2003 Ch. Montelena, Napa	\$29.99
Great focused and clean Chardonnay! Bal	
and rich, hints of citrus, melon and pear c	ome
together.	
2003 Chalone Estate	
2003 Cuvaison, Carneros	
2003 El Molino, Napa	\$39.99
2003 Ferrari Carano, Alex. Vly	\$27.99
2003 Foley "Rancho Santa Rosa"	\$19.99
2003 Gainey, Santa Barbara	\$12.99
2003 Gary Farrell, Russian River	\$29.99
2003 Grand Cru, California	\$4.99
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$29.99
2003 Handley, Dry Creek	\$16.99
2003 Hanzell, Sonoma	
2003 Jordan, Russian River	\$21.99
2003 Logan, Monterey	\$12.99
2003 Margarett's Vineyard, Cal	\$5.99
2003 Mark West, Central Coast	
2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	
2003 Mer Soleil, Central Coast	
Rich and ripe tropical style with hints of sp	

2001 Marimar Torres\$18.99

2002 Mount Eden Estate.....\$32.99

mango nineannle and citrus

mango, pineappie and citrus.	
2003 Mi Sueno, Los Carneros\$	32.99
2003 Miner Family "Wild Yeast"\$	44.99
2003 Mount Eden "Wolff"\$	14.99
2003 Olivet Lane, Russian River\$	14.99
2003 Qupe "Block Eleven"\$	23.99
2003 Ramey "Hyde Vineyard"\$	49.99
2003 Ramey, RR and Carneros\$	29.98
2003 Robert Young Estate\$	27.99
2003 Solitude, Carneros\$	23.99
2003 Sonoma Cutrer RRR (375ml)	.\$8.99
Half the size but all the fruit and finesse of a cal white from Sonoma Cutrer!	
2003 Tantara "Talley/Rincon"\$	31.99
2003 Three Saints, Santa Maria\$	15.99
2003 Trefethen, Oak Knoll\$	21.99
Aromas and flavors of tropical fruit, mango a Fuji apple spiced with hints of tarragon pave way for a palate that is lush and creamy.	

2003 Villa Mt Eden Bien Nacido	\$12.99
2003 Walter Hansel "Cahill Ln"	\$29.99
2003 West Slope, Edna Valley	\$11.99
2004 Acacia, Carneros	\$15.99
2004 Ambullneo, "Big Paw"	\$54.99
2004 Beringer "Founders"	
2004 Beringer "Private Reserve"	\$29.99
2004 Bogle, California	\$7.99
2004 Cakebread, Napa	\$34.99
2004 Cambria "Katherine's"	\$12.99
2004 Chalone, Monterey	\$10.99
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Shows cool climate freshness in the fruit, along with good viscous texture and body.

2004 Chappellet, Napa\$27.99
2004 Ch. Souverain, Napa\$11.99
2004 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma\$10.99
2004 Chehalem "Inox"\$16.99
2004 Cinnabar, Monterey\$14.99
2004 Clos la Chance, Santa Cruz\$14.99
2004 Edna Valley Vineyards\$10.99
2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa\$21.99
2004 Esser, California\$7.99
2004 Far Niente\$34.99
2004 Four Vines "Naked"\$10.99
2004 Foxglove, Edna Valley\$9.99
2004 Groth, Napa\$22.99
2004 Hartford, Sonoma\$17.99
2004 Heitz, Napa\$12.99
2004 Heron, California\$7.99
2004 Hess Collection, Napa\$16.99
2004 Hess Select, California\$8.99
90% of the chardonnay comes from Monterey

vineyards. This wine is clean, well-made and fresh! Hints of oak but not overdone.

2004 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco\$10	.99
2004 Jayson, Napa\$32	.99
2004 Kali Hart, Monterey\$9	.99
2004 Kendall Jackson Vint Res\$9	.98
2004 La Crema, Sonoma\$12	.98
2004 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande\$14	.99
2004 Landmark "Overlook"\$21	.99
2004 Macrostie, Carneros\$16	.98
2004 Melville, Santa Rita\$21	.99
2004 Meridian, Santa Barbara\$5	.99
2004 Merryvale "Starmont"\$15	.99
2004 Miner Family, Napa\$27	.99
The decadent, richly woven fruit flavors are the	

result of carefully chosen vineyard sites with a particular eye toward mountain-grown and hillside

2004 Morgan "Double L"	.\$27.99
2004 Morgan, Monterey	.\$16.99
2004 Napa Cellars, Napa	.\$15.99
2004 Newton "Red Label"	.\$19.99
2004 Neyers Carn/Napa	.\$23.99
2004 Nickel & Nickel "Truchard"	.\$34.99
2004 Nickel & Nickel "Searby"	.\$34.99
2004 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"	.\$21.98
2004 Qupe "Y Block"	.\$16.99
2004 St. Clement, Napa	.\$10.99
2004 Storrs, Santa Cruz	.\$18.99
A great expression of the Santa Cruz Mour	ntains.
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Tons of mineral elements here, for the French Chard nut, but plenty of fruit too.

2004 Talley "Oliver's"	\$21.99
2004 Taz, Santa Barbara	\$12.99
2004 Toasted Head	\$10.99
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$7.99
2004 ZD, California	\$24.99

Spotlight on Terra Valentine

I can't believe I haven't written about Terra Valentine yet, considering how great these wines are and how much the entire Redwood City staff loves them. It's been over a year since I desperately asked Trey if we could carry the 2001s and now with the rip-roaringly good 2002s just released, it's a perfect time to introduce them now, and not just because it's February! Terra Valentine is a family-owned, small-production winery that sits deep and high inside the spectacular Spring Mountain Appellation, truly one of the best regions for growing Cabernet in all of Napa Valley. Eighteen hundred feet above the drums of the winery divas below, this extraordinary 14-year-old, 35-acre vineyard produces wines of profound character and intensity, displaying amazing personality and a chiseled, age-worthy structure. The true masterpiece, however, is owner Angus Wurtele's choice to price these stunners at absurdly reasonable levels. For such magnificent quality, you can easily pay a lot more (and trust me, you mostly do!). In fact, I performed a little experiment a couple weeks ago when I had glass of 2002 Terra Valentine Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon (\$26.99) next to that of an ultra-prestigious winery whose focus one might say is its famous white label. There I was, sitting on the patio sipping Terra Valentine next to a \$100+ dollar bottle thinking to myself, "In all fairness I can't say that T.V. is better (or worse) than this luxury brand next to it. Wow!" The kicker was that it had all the depth and elegance of greatness, but none of the price tag. As if that wasn't enough, the 2001 Terra Valentine "Wurtele Vineyard" Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon (\$44.99) is something else!! Winemaker Sam Baxter selects fruit from two exceptional, volcanic-soil blocks within this killer vineyard to make a truly special wine that turns up the muscle and concentration, demonstrating astonishing fruit and refinement that'll make your mind salivate. I'm going to be blunt about this. There is no California Cabernet under \$50 that will make it flinch. Not one. If you find one, you email me at mreyes@klwines.com and tell me, because I want to buy it. Enjoy! -Martin Reves

PINOT NOIR

2002 Donum, Carneros	\$59.99
92 points <i>Wine Spectator:</i> "An impressive v	vine
that combines ripe, rich character with a selegance and finesse."	nse ot
2002 El Molino, Napa	\$49.99
2002 Mount Eden Estate	
2002 Oak Arbour "Toulouse"	
2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley	
2003 Amici, Mendocino	
2003 Anapamu, Monterey	
2003 Andrew Rich, Willamette	
2003 Archery Summit "Prem Cuv"	\$29.98
2003 Auteur "Hyland Vineyard"	\$42.99
2003 BearBoat, Russian River	\$13.99
2003 Brandborg, Umpqua Valley	\$16.99
2003 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"	
2003 Cristom "Mnt Jefferson"	
2003 Domaine Serene "Yamhill"	\$29.99
2003 Elk Cove, Willamette Valley	
2003 Etude, Carneros	
2003 Handley, Anderson Vly	
2003 Hatcher, Willamette Vly	
2003 Keller "La Cruz"	
2003 Londer, Anderson Vly	
2003 Morgan "Double L"	
2003 Porter Creek "Fiona Hill"	\$29.99

2002 Baileyana "Firepeak Cuv"\$29.99 2002 Chehalem "Stoller"\$34.99 2002 Domaine Drouhin, Ore\$34.98 2002 Domaine Drouhin "Laurene" ..\$54.99

2003 Rex Hill "Kings Ridge"\$13.99
2003 Rex Hill, Oregon\$19.99
2003 Tandem "Keefer Ranch"\$39.99
2003 Tantara "Dierberg"\$39.99
2003 Taz, Santa Barbara\$17.99
2003 Varner "Hid Blck," Snt Crz\$36.99
2003 Woodenhead, Russian Rvr\$31.99
2004 Acacia, Carneros\$19.99
2004 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly\$24.99
2004 Ambullneo "Bulldog Res"\$76.99
2004 Au Bon Climate, Santa Barb\$17.99
2004 Cambria "Julia's"\$16.98
2004 Chalone Monterey\$14.99
2004 Chalone Estate\$21.99
2004 David Bruce Central Coast\$18.99
2004 Esser, California\$9.99
Great value and delicious!
2004 Hartford, Sonoma\$19.99
2004 Kenwood, Sonoma\$14.99
2004 La Crema, Sonoma\$14.98
2004 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande\$17.99
2004 Lutea, Russian River\$27.99
2004 Mark West, Central Coast\$9.99
2004 Melville, Santa Rita\$24.99
2004 Morgan "Twelve Clones"\$24.99
Aromas of black cherry, minerals, hard spices
and toast.
2004 Parker Station, Santa Barbara\$10.99

2004 Patz & Hall, Sonoma\$29.99 2004 Roessler "Bluejay," Ander Vly ..\$29.99

Trey's California Greats!

The **2002** Flora Springs Napa "Trilogy" (\$49.99) is another winner in a long line of top California Bordeaux blends. The 2002 Trilogy is comprised of 50% cabernet sauvignon, 29% merlot, 13% cabernet franc, 4% malbec and 4% petit verdot. The majority of the fruit used in this wine comes from the Komes Ranch Estate vineyards, which surround the winery in Rutherford. The wine is vibrant, rich and dark. Flavors of red currants, blackberries and mocha are followed a full, lush and well-structured finish. A few more years in the bottle will help to round out the ripe, firm tannins.

The 2002 Cabernets continue to impress us. The 2002 Vine Cliff Napa Cabernet Sauivignon (\$34.99) is a blend of 86% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc and 4% petite verdot. This wine really shows the fleshy, ripe fruit that is typical of many great 2002s. Hints of mocha, ripe cherry and black currants jump from the glass! Switching gears to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Taz Vineyards is a winery to watch. The 2004 Taz Santa Barbara Chardonnay (\$12.99) is a well focused, rich-fruit driven wine. Eighty percent of this wine comes from a southwest-facing slope on the inland side of the Cat Canyon Vineyard in Los Alamos. Their current Pinot Noir is the 2003 Taz Santa Barbara Pinot Noir (\$17.99). In blending this 2003 Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir, the folks at Taz pulled together fruit from Santa Maria Valley and the Santa Rita Hills—two very different sites with contrasting signatures. The final product shows a blackberry burst in the wine with cola spice and juicy jammy berry notes, supported by a balancing act of tannins and structure. Another value in Santa Barbara Pinot Noir would be the 2004 Au Bon Climat Santa Barbara Pinot Noir (\$17.99). This wine is just easy to drink. Whether with fresh grilled salmon or left-over roast chicken or just in a glass by itself, the pretty plum and spring strawberry flavors of ABC's Santa Barbara Pinot are simply delicious.

—Trey Beffa

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2002 Amici "Panek"\$26.99
2002 Ch. Montelena, Napa\$24.99
2002 D Cubed, Napa\$22.99
2002 Dry Creek "Old Vine" Sonoma \$24.99
2002 Howell Mountain, Black Sears \$34.99
2002 Montevina Terra d'Oro\$19.99
2002 Renwood "Sierra Series"\$9.99
2002 Ridge "Geyserville"\$27.99
2002 St. Francis "Old Vine"\$13.99
2002 Sobon Estate ReZerve\$19.99
2002 Storrs "Rusty Ridge"\$24.99
2002 Storybook "Mayacamas"\$25.99
2002 Storybook Estate Reserve\$44.99
2003 Alexander Valley "Sin Zin"\$16.99
2003 Artezin, California\$11.99
90 points Wine Enthusiast: "This is a new brand
from Hess Collection, and a very good wine.
Winemaker Randall Jouhson calls it a field blend,
with small amounts of Syrah and Petite Sirah."
2003 August Briggs, Napa\$27.99
2003 Bogle Old Vine\$8.98
2003 Brown Estate, Napa\$32.99
2003 Carol Shelton "Rocky Res"\$32.99
2003 Downing Family "Fly By N"\$21.99
2003 Four Vines Old Vine Cuvee\$10.99
2003 Hendry "Block 7," Napa\$27.99
2003 J. Runquist "Z," Amador\$18.99
2003 Klinker Brick "Old Ghost"\$34.99
2003 Klinker Brick, Lodi\$14.99
2003 Marietta, Sonoma\$14.99
2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"\$12.99
2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"\$12.99 2003 Rayenswood Single VinyrdsInquire
2003 Ravenswood Single VinyrdsInquire
2003 Ravenswood Single VinyrdsInquire 2003 Ridge "Three Valley's"\$16.99
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OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White	
2001 Corazon Gewürztraminer\$19.99	19
2003 Concannon "Stampmakers"\$10.99	(
2004 A to Z Pinot Gris (Ore)\$10.99	20
2004 Conundrum White Blend\$21.99	_,
2004 Cold Heaven "S&B" Viognier\$32.99	r
2004 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc\$9.99	20
2004 Edmund St. John Shell & Bone \$24.99	20
2004 FishEye CA Pinot Grigio\$5.99	20
2004 Londer Gewurztraminer\$19.99	20
2004 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio\$16.99	20
2004 Margerum "Alisos" Pnt Gris\$17.99	20
2004 Michael Austin Viognier\$16.99	20
2004 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier\$11.99	20
2004 Ponzi Will. Valley Pinot Gris \$13.99	20
2004 Smoking Loon Viognier\$6.99	20
2004 Thomas Fogarty Gwrtz\$12.99	20
2004 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling\$14.99	20
2004 Tremani RR Pinot Gris\$14.99	20
2004 Willakenzie Pinot Blanc/Gris\$17.99	20
Sauvignon Blanc	9
2003 Bernardus, Monterey\$10.99	t k
2003 Gainey "Limited Select"\$15.99	20
2003 Spring Mountain, Napa\$24.99	20
Tasted blind, one would guess white Bordeaux!	20
2003 Source "Heart Block"\$46.99	20
2003 Wattle Creek, Mendocino\$16.99	20
2004 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly\$12.99	20
2004 Clos Pegase, Carneros\$17.99	20
2004 DeSante, Napa\$16.99	20
Fresh citrus-like fruit that is lively and zippy.	
2004 Duckhorn, Napa\$21.99	20
2004 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma\$14.99	20
2004 Geyser Peak, California\$7.99	20
2004 Grgich Hills, Napa\$19.98	20
2004 Hanna, Russian River\$11.99	,
2004 Honig, Napa\$11.99	20
2004 Honig, Rutherford\$19.99	20
2004 Husch, Mendocino\$9.99	
2004 Joel Gott, California\$9.99	5
2004 Kalinda, Mendocino\$9.99	Т
2004 Kathryn Kennedy\$18.99	C
2004 Kenwood, Sonoma\$9.99	S
2004 Mason, Napa\$12.98	В
2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$14.99	a
2004 Morgan, Monterey\$10.99	('.
2004 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"\$6.98	2
2004 Paige 23, Santa Barbara\$13.99	ti
2004 Palmina "Sisquoc," St Maria\$14.99	n
A favorite of Martin's in Redwood City!	is
2004 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast\$7.99	
2004 Saracina, Mendocino\$21.99	2
2004 Sauvignon Republic, RR\$12.99	p
2004 Selene "Hyde"\$26.99	2
2004 Source "Gamble"\$22.99	h
2004 St. Supéry, Napa\$13.99	g
2004 Sterling, Napa\$10.99	S
2005 Girard, Napa\$12.99	

<u>Merlot</u>
1999 Newton Unfiltered (375ml)\$14.99
Originally \$22. 90 points Robert Parker!
2001 Vine Cliff, Napa\$21.99
A full-bodied, rich Merlot that is drinking great right now!
2002 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma\$13.99
2002 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma\$18.99
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex\$16.99
2002 Echelon, California\$8.99
2002 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma\$19.99
2002 Flora Springs, Napa\$19.98
2002 Franciscan, Napa\$17.99
2002 Markham, Napa\$15.98
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$19.98
2002 Paradigm, Napa\$42.99
2002 Rombauer, Napa\$23.99
2002 Simi, Sonoma\$16.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa\$19.99
2002 Swanson, Napa\$22.99
90 points Wine Spectator: "Intense and concen-
trated, with a firm, vivid band of spice, currant, black cherry and wild berry."
2002 Whitehall Lane, Napa\$22.98
2003 Bogle, California\$6.98
2003 Chappellet, Napa\$27.99
2003 Duckhorn, Napa\$44.99 2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Columbia Vly\$29.99
2003 L Ecole No. 41, Columbia Viy\$29.99 2003 McManis, California\$8.99
2003 Provenance, Carneros\$24.99
Domestic Red
2002 Altamura Sangiovese\$32.99
2002 Palmina "Stolpman" Nebbiolo \$31.99
2003 Cline Anc Vines Mourvèdre\$12.99
2003 Edmund St. John "Rck & Gr"\$17.99
A blend of grenache, mourvèdre and syrah.
2003 Garretson G Red\$19.99
2003 Shypoke Napa Charbono\$19.99

2003 Tablas Creek Esprit Red\$34.99
2003 Vino Noceto Sangiovese\$13.99
2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy\$9.99
2004 Bonny Doon Sangiovese\$11.99
2004 Margerum "M5" Red Blend\$23.99
2004 Orin Swift "The Prisoner"\$27.99
Shows intense dark berry fruit and long, rich fin-
ish with tannins that are velvety soft.
2004 Owen Roe "Sinister Hand"\$26.99
2004 Palmina "Zotovich" Dolcetto\$19.99
2004 Porter Creek Carignane\$17.99
NV Marietta Lot #38 OV Red\$9.99
Syrah/Petite Sirah
2001 Miner, Napa\$19.99
2002 Chalone Estate Syrah\$27.99
2002 Kahn, Santa Ynez\$27.99
2002 Martella "The Hammer"\$19.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery Petite Sr\$29.99
2003 Bonny Doon "Pousseur"\$12.99
2003 Concannon CC Petite Sirah\$11.99
2003 David Bruce CC Pet Sirah\$14.99
2003 EXP, Dunnigan Hills\$9.99
2003 Girard Napa Petite Sirah\$17.99
2003 Hahn Central Coast\$9.99
2003 JC Cellars California Cuvee\$24.99
2003 Jelly Roll, Santa Barbara Syr\$34.99
2003 K Vintners "Milbrandt"\$27.99
2003 Melville, Santa Rita\$18.99
2003 Ojai, Santa Barbara\$23.99
2003 Piedrasassi California\$49.99
2003 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast\$9.99
2003 Stolpman "Hilltops"\$31.99
2004 Earthquake Lodi Petite Sirah\$28.99
2004 Margerum "Purisima Mnt"\$29.99
Intense, concentrated fruit, spicy, with hints of
vanilla bean and dark blackberries! WOW!
2004 Red Car "Boxcar"\$19.99
2004 Vinum Cellars "PETS" Petite Sr \$9.99

San Francisco Focus

This month, I want to tell you about Buehler Vineyards. I've written about them before and continue to enjoy the quality of wine being produced from the winery. Located 6 miles east of St. Helena above Conn Valley, the Buehler estate is 300 total acres with 65 under vine. The Buehler Family, along with wine maker David Cronin, continues to produce high quality, balanced wines at reasonable prices. Tours at the beautiful estate are by appointment only. Call (707) 963-2155. The following wines are now available at K&L:

2002 Buehler Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$29.99) The grapes are a combination of hillside fruit with grapes from the valley floor. The wine sees 18 months in oak, 20 % new, which adds just a taste of vanilla. A very rich and full bodied wine with great balance. It is approachable now, but I would recommend 2-3 years of aging.

2003 Buehler Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$21.99) This wine is ready to pop and pour. Full of bright black fruit and soft tannins, this wine sees 18 months of oak as well.

2003 Buehler Chardonnay (\$9.99) A crisp, balanced wine with a nice creamy mouth feel, hints of mineral and floral on the nose with just enough acidity to make it great. This is the glass you want at the end of a hard day at work.

ee you in the City... — Mike Jordan

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile/Argentina 2003 Elsa Syrah (Argentina)\$5.99 2005 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Pinot Gris (Argentina).....\$6.99 2004 Alamos Chadonnay (Argentina)\$7.99 2003 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)\$7.99 2004 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)\$7.99 2004 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina)\$7.99 2003 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)\$7.99 2004 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina)\$8.99 2002 Budini Cabernet (Argentina)\$8.99 2004 Casa Lapostolle Rapel Valley Merlot (Chile)\$9.99 2003 Fin del Mundo, Postales Cab/Malbec (Argentina)......\$9.99 2003 Valentin Bianchi Famiglia Malbec (Argentina)\$12.99 2003 Terrazas de los Andes Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)-90 points Wine Spectator\$13.99 2003 Fin del Mundo, Malbec, Patagonia (Argentina).....\$14.99 2004 Bodegas Caro, Amancaya, Malbec/Cabernet (Arg)\$15.99 2003 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvée Alexandre, Cabernet (Chile)\$16.99 2003 La Posta Bonarda or Malbec (Argentina).....\$17.99 2003 Luca Syrah (Argentina)......\$31.99 Portugal/Spain 2004 Marques de Riscal Rueda Verdejo\$6.99 2003 Candela Carro, Murcia\$7.99 2004 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud\$7.99 2003 Marco Real Tempranillo, Navarra\$8.49 NV Broadbent Vinho Verde (Portugal).....\$8.99 2004 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco\$8.99 2003 Mano a Mano, La Mancha......\$8.99 2003 Casa Castillo, Monastrell Jumilla\$9.99 2001 Conde de Valdemar Crianza Rioja\$9.99 2001 Casa Ferreirinha Esteva (Portugal)\$9.99 2004 Naia Rueda Blanc\$9.99 2002 Castell del Remei Gotim Bru\$10.99 2004 El Quintanal, Ribera del Duero\$10.99 2000 Mont Marcal Cava......\$11.99 2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas\$11.99 2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Luna Beberide, Mencia.....\$12.99 2004 Bodegas Arrocal, Arrocal\$13.99 2003 Vinas del Cenuit, Venta Mazzaron, VDT de Zamora.....\$13.99 90 points Robert Parker: "A superb discovery by broker Jorge Ordonez..." 2003 Dominio de Tares, Bierzo\$14.99 2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Crianza.....\$14.99 2001 Bodegas Montebaco, Pago Senda Misa Crianza.....\$16.99 2004 Fefiñanes Albariño\$16.99 2002 Gramona "Grand Cuvee" Cava.....\$16.99 2003 Pago Florentino, La Mancha.....\$16.99 2001 Bodegas Garanza Cyan, Crianza, Toro.....\$19.99 2001 Casa Castillo, Las Gravas, Jumilla\$24.99 2001 Remondo Palacios, Propiedad, Rioja\$26.99 2000 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera del Duero\$28.99 2000 Bodegas Muga Reserva Selección Especial Rioja\$29.99 2001 Hacienda Monasterio, Ribero del Duero\$34.99 2002 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos San Roman, Toro......\$41.99 2003 Dos Victorias Gran Elias Mora Daniel\$41.99 1999 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Reserva\$44.99

Like Dessert Wine for Chocolate...

Enjoy these wines with desserts, chocolates, cheeses or your sweetie!

2004 Bodegas Silvano Garcia Monastrell Dulc, Jumilla (500ml) (\$21.99) 93 points Robert Parker: "It is produced from 50-year old Mourvedre, vinified, then fortified with alcohol ... The superbly concentrated 2004 displays blue fruits, violet, and camphor aromas, followed by a full-bodied, enormously-endowed palate with more residual sugar than its taste reveals."

2004 Bodegas Silvano Garcia Moscatel, Jumilla (500ml) (\$21.99) 92 points Robert Parker: "Silvano Garcia fashions some intoxicating, heady, sweet reds, with the Moscatel resembling a French Beaumes de Venise. With loads of exotic tropical fruits intermixed with apricots, this honeyed sweetie possesses a light gold color as well as plenty of alcohol and glycerin."

2003 Candela Bellum, El Remate, Valencia (500ml) (\$29.99) 93 points Robert Parker: "...an Amarone-styled offering produced from late harvested Monastrell. It possesses a dense ruby/purple color, a fig and raisin-like character in its perfume of blackberries, chocolate, and scorched earth, moderate sweetness, and wonderful purity as well as intensity ... one of the top discoveries of all my tastings."

2004 Vinos Piñol Mistela Blanca, Terra Alta (500ml) (\$29.99) 95 points Robert Parker: "The 2004 Mistela Blanca is a rich, sweet elixir made from White Grenache. Its amber color is followed by copious quantities of honeysuckle, creme brulee, coffee, licorice, and cherry scents in its overpowering yet complex aromatics."

2004 Vinos Piñol Mistela Red, Terra Alta (500ml) (\$29.99) 92 points Stephen Tanzer: "(90% garnacha and 10% syrah) Bright dark ruby. Pungent, wild aromas of dark cherry liqueur, smoked bacon, truffle and maple syrup. Supersweet and highly concentrated but with a surprising light touch for such a powerful, velvety drink."

 $\label{thm:line} \hbox{Happy Valentine's Day!} \qquad \qquad -Anne\ Pickett,\ anne@klwines.com$

Slow Cooked and Savory

That is the food I want this time of year. There are plenty of wines that pair wonderfully with these foods. A few of my favorites are:

2004 Vina Y Tia De Lozar, Ribera del Duero (\$10.99) A charmer! Dark, ripe fruit immediately jumps out of glass at you. It is backed with more subtle hints of its oak, cedar, smoke and spice. On the palate the wine is similar to the nose; it greets you with dark, pure almost juicy fruits then fleshy soft tannins and behind the fruit and tannins the unmistakable savory earthiness of tempranillo. Think braised short-ribs!

2004 Bodegas Arrocal, Ribera del Duero (\$12.99) This is bigger, more complex wine. The fruit is multidimensional; dark juicy berries and crunchy red fruits all tossed together. The palate is round, plush and long, the perfect showcase for all those fruit tones. Almost hidden behind the fruit are hints of oak and spicy earth that linger on the finish. Stylish, clean and modern, this is a heck of a deal. Great with Persian herb stew!

2004 Bodegas Quinta de la Quietud "Corral de Campanas," Toro \$21.99) Dark, vibrant and bold, looking at this wine you would think it was a monster, an opaque violet bruiser. The nose offers dense dark fruits and berries that slowly revealed tarry earth and exotic spices. The big surprise is the palate: structured and long with ripe supple tannins, reminding me of a forward right bank wine. Decant and enjoy this seriously indulgent wine. —*Kirk Walker*

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace	
NV Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace	.\$14.99
2004 Martin Schaetzel Pinot Blanc	.\$12.99
2004 Martin Schaetzel Riesling	.\$15.99
2004 Charles Baur Pinot Blanc	\$9.99
2002 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru.	.\$18.99
2003 Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	.\$17.99
2001 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	.\$17.99
2000 Marcel Deiss Burlenberg Pinot Noir	
2002 Domiane Charles Schleret Sylvaner Cuvee Reserve	.\$13.99
<u>Loire</u>	
NV François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	.\$13.99
NV Château du Hureau Saumur Sparkling	.\$13.99
2001 Clos Rougeard Saumur Champigny	
2001 Clos Rougeard "Les Poyeux" Saumur Champigny	.\$39.99
2002 Chinon Couly Dutheil Clos de l'Echo	.\$25.99
2002 Domaine des Baumard Savennieres "Clos du Papillon"	\$28.99
2002 Domaine Laureau Savennieres "Cuvee des Genets"	.\$18.99
2003 Domaine Fouet Saumur Champigny	.\$18.99
2003 Domaine Philippe Alliet Chinon Coteau de Noiré	
2003 Philippe Foreau Vouvray "Clos Naudin" Demi Sec	
2004 Tessier Cour Cheverny	

Still Got It

Ahhh, February, without a doubt one of my favorite months of the year, and it has nothing to do with that Valentine's Day stuff. It's cold, windy and rainy/snowy, some would say miserable. Not me. It makes me feel alive! It truly brings the kid back into my soul, when I used to jump into puddles just for the fun it or build a snow fort with an arsenal of snowballs to ambush your friends from, since you just called them to come over. The beautiful thing is that I still do this, although I get tired within ten minutes and have to go back inside. BUT THE SPARK IS STILL THERE BABY!!! At least now I can go inside and drink adult beverages, instead of some juice box, start a fire, pour some soul warming wine, cook good food all while making fun of my friends and how old THEY are getting. Let the spark ignite something this winter, even if it only lasts ten minutes, and then enjoy good wine with good people!

2003 Buchegger Grüner Veltliner Pfarrweingarten (\$19.99) How can you say no to a wine coming from the Pfarrweingarten, or preist's vineyard? A richer, tropical wine that reminds me of fresh mango, not yet fully ripened, drizzled with a beautiful, unfiltered Spanish olive oil and then dusted with a small cracking of white pepper.

2004 Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner Steinsetz (\$21.99) This 2004 Grüner, planted in alpine pebbles that were transported by the primeval Danube and then covered by black and loamy soil, loess and gravel, gives birth to a wine that exudes full-bodied minerality with spikes of peppery acidity that are held together by a creamy core of fruit.

2003 Heidi Schrock St. Laurent Kraxner (\$39.99) Are you ready for one of the finest reds in all the land? This is, without question, one of the best expressions of the St. Laurent varietal that I have ever had! Only two words can described this wine: power and grace. A silky caress of sweet tobacco and rich fruits compacted by a core iron depth and mineral salinity that leaves you sitting if you were standing and standing if you were sitting.

—Eric Story

AUSTRIA/GERMANY

Austria

2002 Malat Gruner Veltliner Dreigarten	
2002 Leithner Grüner Veltliner "Privat"	.\$14.99
2002 Weingut Schmelz Riesling "Stein am Rain" Federspiel	.\$16.99
2003 Peter Schandl Pinot Blanc	.\$14.99
2003 Türk Grüner Veltliner "Vom Urgentein"	.\$12.99
2003 Walter Glatzer Zweigelt "Rubin Carnuntum"	.\$21.99
2003 Peter Schandl Blaufränkisch	.\$14.99
2004 Weingut Pfaffl Gruner Veltliner Weinviertal DAC	.\$17.99
Germany	
1997 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Pettenthal Auslese	.\$15.99
1998 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Hipping Spätlese	.\$14.99
2002 J.&H.A. Strub Niersteiner Hipping Kabinett	.\$16.99
2002 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Spätlese	.\$22.99
2003 August Kesseler Spätburgunder	.\$22.99
2004 Alfred Merkelbach Ürziger Würzgarten Kabinett #1	.\$15.99
2004 August Kesseler 530.3 Spätlese-Off-dry and delicious!	.\$25.99
2004 August Kesseler Estate Riesling	.\$11.99
2004 Florian Weingart Schloss Fürstenberg Spätlese	.\$28.99
2004 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr	
Auslese (375ml)	.\$26.99
2004 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Spätlese	.\$32.99
2004 Fritz Haag Estate Riesling	.\$17.99
2004 Gunderloch Nackenheimer Rothenberg Spätlese	.\$26.99
2004 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone".	.\$14.99
2004 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Klosterlay Spätlese	.\$14.99
2004 Schloss Lieser Niederberg Helden Spätlese	.\$21.99
2004 Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Pittermännchen Spätlese	.\$39.99
2004 Spreitzer Winkeler Jesuitengarten Spätlese	
2004 Weingut Binz Nackenheimer Spatburgunder	.\$12.99
2004 Weingut Spreitzer Oestricher Doosberg Spätlese	

The 15th Page Man: Funky New Wines

We are going to push the envelope a bit this month as we have just received some wines that don't necessarily fit comfortably into our perceptions of German wine, but damn are they tasty! From the Nahe we have a weisser burgunder (pinot blanc) from Paul Anheuser that is simple, fresh and lip smacking. Try the **2004 Paul Anheuser Weisser Burgunder Classic (\$10.99)** with a salad of lump crab meat lightly tossed with peas, tarragon and fennel for refreshing and invigorating lunch. Keep a stock of this delicious bottle for unexpected guests and those nights when you just need a glass of wine. Fingers crossed, I have submitted this to Jim Barr and his crack staff and hope to get at least 63 cat heads and possibly a house wine designation from the master. Speaking of Jim Barr this next wine is as quirky as he is, though I believe it can hear a little better...

In the Rheingau there are some plantings of red grapes, mostly pinot noir and some bits of st. laurent, which Mr. Molitor crafts into this expressive, cheery red. The 2003 Molitor St. Laurent Qba Trocken (\$11.99) reminds me a bit of pineau d'aunis, another individualistic wine with its spicy nose of pepper, crushed black raspberries and hints of smoked sweet meats. Like most northern reds it is bright and focused, elegant and subtle, not a blockbuster, a wine best enjoyed with a fork in your hand. I suggest Asian-inspired meat dishes such as Kalbi Kui, Korean short ribs with sweet chili paste, garlic and soy.

—Jeff Vierra, lover of Marginal Things

Jim Barr...Destiny or Curse?

That headline has nothing to do with anything, but it looks dramatic, don't you think? Anyway, in my case he is both.

I'm not about to say that Jim has lost the dynamic that has made him a legend in this business, but... well heck, you may as well know: He has a grand total of three customers left. Three who trust him. Three who take his advice. Three blind friggin' mice. Shemp must be close, 'cause apparently Larry, Moe and Curly shop with Master Barr.

There is Don (not his real middle name). Don reads lips, and that helps their relationship immensely. Don is so busy that he rarely finds the time to see Jim in person, another sterling silver plus sign. Don must be a priest, as he has forgiven Barr all of his wine suggestion sins.

One wine that Barr got right was the **1933 Justino Henriques Malm-sey Madeira** (**\$249.95**), sweetish and rich and sporting an orange peel tang on the one hand, bittersweet chocolate on the other. In cold weather, Madeira makes easy friends. A real rarity.

There is David. David makes wine with Jim, another mistake. David is a lawyer. If I were David, I'd file a class action suit against every recommendation Jim has ever made. Except the **1979 Latour** (\$199.95). Elegant, restrained, classy, and perfectly stored. A true claret.

And there is C.T. I think C.T. has the ears of an elephant, because he can understand every word Jim says. C.T. is even o.k. with Jim's voice-mail message ("I will ATTEMPT to get back to you as soon as possible." Like, how hard can it be to dial seven &!!@#\$! numbers?) but has yet to actually speak with Barr on the phone. Fancy that.

Take care of your health gentlemen. You are the last of the Barrhicans.

Welcome The Newest K&L Team Members! Some have been here a bit. I should have introduced them before. But better late than never! Jorge Valencia: A prince of a man. And a fabulous cook as well. Panfried Marlin pancreas, sardine gazpacho, head cheese jello mold (or just plain mold), he does it all, and with panache, but you can have that on the side. Multi lingual, speaks Spanish when he wishes to say

rude things about me. What does embecil de la aldea mean?

Dan Buckler: Fresh from the Katrina catastrophe (only partly responsible) and looking for another. Found K&L immediately. Fits right in, never a good sign. Hobbies: traveling, placekicking and left wing extremism. Loves long walks on the beach. When he wishes to say rude things about me, he stays silent. I've never heard him speak.

Jeff Garneau: Almost didn't take the job because there was no resident chef (hadn't met Jorge). Thank God he made the right decision (did we?). Jeff can (and will) discuss the global ramifications of T vine trellising, or maybe the effect the Norwegian whaling industry has on the uptick of Mondeuse consumption in the Pacific Northwest. Speaks impeccable English when he wishes to say rude things about me.

Thornton Jacobs: We share an affinity for smuggling water bottles filled with Sauvignon Blanc onto airplanes. Hey, it's a long trip. Or a short one (whatever). Used to work for a competitor, but when I Googled him all I got was a mug shot of former Phillies slugger Greg Luzinski. Maybe that's why he looks up when a ballpark vendor yells "hey Polish!" Speaks German when he wishes to say rude things about me. What does was fur ein dorftrottel mean anyway? —Joe Zugelder

Jim's February Gems

One of the most unique and compelling red wines that I can recall tasting of late is the **2004 Domaine L'Attilon Marselan Rouge**

If you have any questions regarding these wines, you can email me at jimbarr@klwines.com.

Enjoy this month's selection or else!

—Jim, Anderson, & Eby

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

French Sparkling Wine/Champagne	
Ariston Carte Blanche Brut	.\$22.99
Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	
Michel Dervin Brut	
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	.\$24.99
Ariston Brut Rose-	
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé-Fantastic!	
Laurent Perrier Brut	
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!	
Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added	
De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious	
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve Champagne	
1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	
Leclerc-Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut	
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	
1998 Ariston Vintage Brut	
1999 Michel Dervin Vintage Brut Champagne	
Pol Roger Brut Champagne	
Taittinger La Française Brut Reserve Champagne	
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige	
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	
1996 Leclerc-Briant "Cuvee Divine" Brut	
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru	
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	
Lallement Brut	
1996 Laurent Perrier Brut	
Rene Collard Brut Carte d'Or	
Fleury Brut Rosé	
1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage	
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-New 1996/1997 cuvee	
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé (1.5L \$110.00)	
Lallement Brut Réserve	
1990 Rene Collard	
Tarlant Single Vineyard Blanc de Blancs	
De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut (1.5L)	
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	
1985 Rene Collard	
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"-The new '96, '95, '93 cuvee!	
1995 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs	
1996 Dom Perignon	
1992 Krug Clos de Mesnil Champagne	\$425.00
Domestic Sparkling Wine	
1999 Schramsberg Reserve	
1999 Roederer "L'Ermitage" Rosé	.\$59.99
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	.\$32.99
2000 Argyle Willamette Valley Brut	
2000 Iron Horse Classic Vintage Brut	
2000 J Wine Company	.\$22.99
2002 Domaine Carneros Brut	
2001 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc	
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	
2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir	
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir	
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc Noir	
NV Mumm Brut/Blanc de Noir	
NV Scharffenberger Brut	
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut	.\$16.99

The Best 1996 Vintage Yet!

I am extraordinarily excited to report that my favorite 1996 vintage Champagne yet has arrived at K&L. From Leclerc-Briant, the producer that brought us the (now sold out) single vineyard Champagnes Clos des Champions, Les Crayères and Les Chêvres Pierreuses is finally releasing their tete de cuvee. The Leclerc-Briant Cuvee Divine (\$39.99) is being released at ten years old, a properly luxurious time in the family's 90 foot-deep cellar for a luxury cuvee. This Champagne is the color of straw, with just the right amount of compact, streaming bubbles. It is composed of 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir, blended from estate vineyards in the prime valley of the Marne villages Dizy (home of Jacquesson), Cumieres (where their single vineyard offerings are from), Damery (where Mr. Rene Collard has vines) and Hautvillers (home of the monk Dom Perignon). Aromatically, the pinot noir is at the forefront, with plenty of black cherry, a very high quality, pure nose indeed! After spending nine years on the lees it is surprising how little toast is evident, and I think this is a testament to the organic farming of Mr. Pascal Leclerc-Briant. Because of the lower yields and greater concentration, there is just lots of wine in front of the yeast! In the mouth, the wine is rich and full bodied, with all the flavors present that the nose promised. The finish is where the chardonnay takes over, with zippy, subtly citric refreshment and a very persistent minerality. The Divine is dosed at only six grams per liter, making it quite dry. After having the 1988 at dinner with Scott Beckerley, I am convinced that this will provide fantastic drinking until at least 2021—starting today! Please don't miss this fantastic Champagne; I am sure it won't last long. We also received a very small amount of the Leclerc-Briant "La Croisette" Brut (\$29.99) from a less-than-one-acre vineyard in Epernay directly above the winery! This blanc de blancs shows the cantaloupe style fruit of a valley of the Marne blanc de blancs and finishes very, very dry. Quantity is limited. Feel free to contact me at 1-800-247-5987 ex 2728. A toast to you!

—Gary Westby

Two Perfect Sparklers for Valentine's Day

While you are looking for the perfect gift for Valentine's Day, consider the following two Champagnes for enjoying a romantic dinner or for presenting as a memorable gift.

For those of you on a budget (hey, you're giving diamonds as well), the Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blancs (\$25.99) is a perfect choice. This bubbly comes from Mesnil, the home of Krug's Clos de Mesnil and the world-renowned house of Salon. So, obviously, quality is the trademark of this southernmost Grand Cru village. The Launois is made entirely of chardonnay with 90% of the juice from the 2000 vintage and 10% from the 1998 reserve. Stainless steel vinification makes for clean fruit with a hint of minerality. A nose of pastry dough and wet stones. Rich pear fruit with a touch of key lime are the principal flavors with a finish of crème brulee and toasted almonds. Four years ageing on the lees brings richness and length.

The Franck Bonville Cuvee Les Belles Voyes (\$59.99) is a top of the line bubbly from Olivier Bonville. The Belles Voyes vineyard is in Oger and is miniscule, at 1 3/4 acres. Like the Launois, this wine is all chardonnay (in this case, from the 1997 harvest). All fermentation and ageing is done in old oak casks. A wonderful nose of vanilla and subtle yeast. Flavors of golden pears, cream, brioche and pine nuts. Creamy and full-bodied with a slight, elegant hint of toasted oak on the finish. One of the most lush and rich Champagnes that we currently have in stock A great effort of winemaking, and tough competition for wines selling at three times the price!

—Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY

NV Plaisir des Princes-Our favorite, a declassified '04 Mâcon\$6.99
2003 Pouilly-Vinzelles, En Paradis, Louis Latour (375ml)\$6.99
2003 St. Bris, Sauvignon, Domaine Goisot\$9.99
2004 Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud\$9.99
Delightful, rich and long, and priced at a song, thanks to our Direct Import.
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Rollin\$12.99
2003 St-Veran, Maison Drouhin\$12.99
2004 St-Veran, Denis Barraud\$13.99
2002 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet\$14.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay, "Signature," Champy\$14.99 Rich and toasty, with nice minerality. From Meursault, Puligny and Rully.
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Thierry & Pascale Matrot\$14.99
Lovely white from a grower in Meursault, with richness and length.
2003 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Jomain\$15.99
2004 Givry Blanc 1er Cru, La Plante, Deanjean-Berthoux\$16.99
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, 1902, Alice & Olivier de Moor\$16.99
2002 Bourgogne Chardonnay, "Vero," Joseph Drouhin\$17.99 Made by Veronique Drouhin. Old World Chardonnay with New World appeal.
2004 Macon, Domaine Heritiers Comte Lafon
Focused minerality, rich palate and charm. Only our Direct Import makes this
price possible.
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Bernard Morey\$18.99
2003 Chablis "Saint Martin" Domaine Laroche
2003 St. Romain, Maison Champy-Great, with bright minerality\$19.99
2002 Meursault, Maison Maurice Chenu\$19.99
An unbelievable value on a Meursault, thanks to an airline backing out.
2003 Pernand Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy\$20.99
A mini Corton-Charlemagne for a song!
1999 Meursault, Chartron & Trebuchet-Was \$36.99 elsewhere\$21.99
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet\$21.99
2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Tollot-Beaut\$23.99 Lovely floral nose and beautiful balance, with Pernand/Savigny character.
2004 Rully, "La Pucelle," 1er Cru, Domaine J-M Boillot\$23.99
2003 Chablis "Cote de Lechet," 1er Cru, Domaine Barat\$23.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé "La Roche" V.V., Denis Barraud\$23.99
Rich, concentrated single-vineyard Pouilly with weight, charm and minerality.
2003 Chablis, Rosette, Domaine Alice & Olivier DeMoor\$24.99 2002 Cote de Beaune, Grande Chatelaine, Dom. Giboulot\$24.99
2002 St. Aubin 1er, en Remilly, Gerard Chavy
2004 Meursault Chevalières, Thierry & Pascale Matrot\$29.99
This rich and toasty Meursault is also available in 375ml for \$15.99.
2003 Beaune, "Les Aigrots," 1er Cru, Louis Latour\$29.99
2001 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Gerard Chavy\$29.99
2002 Beaune, Montrevenots, 1er Cru, J-M Boillot\$31.99
2004 St. Aubin "Murgers Dent de Chien," 1er, Deux Montille \$34.99
2004 St. Aubin "Sur Gamay," 1er Cru, Deux Montille\$34.99 Two fabulous St. Aubins, pure and focused, from the emerging star, Alix de
Montille.
2000 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Hubert Bouzereau\$34.99
2001 Puligny-Montrachet, "Clavoillons," 1er, Gerard Chavy\$35.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses "Fretille," 1er Cru, Deux Montille \$36.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos St. Jean," 1er, B. Morey\$37.99
2003 Chassagne-Montr, "Macharelles," 1er, J-C Bachelet\$38.99
2002 Meursault, Meix Chevaux, Dom. Jean-Marc Morey\$39.99
2003 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Vincent Dancer\$42.99 Rich and concentrated, lovely and intense. Good minerality and acidity.

2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bernard Morey\$43.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Chenevottes," 1er, Domaine J-M Morey\$44.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Caillerets," 1er, Dom. Morey-Coffinet\$44.99
2003 Puligny-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Montrachet\$48.99
2003 Meursault, Poruzots, Château de Puligny Montrachet\$53.99 The vineyard work is really paying off, as the quality continues to rise here.
2001 Chablis, "La Moutonne," Grand Cru, Long Depaquit\$56.99
Crisp, flinty, mineral driven, concentrated. This is quintessential Chablis!
2003 Chass-Mont, "Tête du Clos" (Morgeot) Vincent Dancer \$59.99
2004 Chass-Mont "Vide Bourse," 1er, Domaine B. Morey\$59.99 Rich and concentrated, from the tiny vineyard next to Bâtard Montrachet, Grand Cru.
2003 Chass-Mont, "La Romanée," 1er Dom. Vincent Dancer \$64.99
2003 Morey-St-Denis, "Mont Luissant," 1er Cru, Dujac\$67.99
2002 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Bitouzet-Prieur\$68.99
2000 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Pierre Morey\$69.95 Lovely mineral-laden Meursault form Leflaive's winemaker's own domaine.
2003 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer\$71.99
2002 Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru,
Bonneau du Martray\$94.99
2003 Puligny Montrachet, "Clavoillons," Domaine Leflaive \$104.99
2003 Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin\$179.95
2003 Chevalier-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin\$199.95
2003 Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin\$375.00
2003 Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$549.95

Loire, Alsace and Beyond: Sancerre & Such March 25 we will be hosting an event in S.F. featuring at least ten arti-

san growers from France, all from under the loving umbrella that is Louis/Dressner Selections. Confirmed so far are Marc Ollivier from

Pépière, Cathérine Roussell from Clos Roche Blanche, François Pinon, Isaure de Pontbriand of Domaine Closel, Eric Nicolas of Bellivière, Jean-Paul Brun from Beaujolais, Claude Maréchal from Burgundy, Franck Peillot of the Jura, André Iché of Chateau Oupia in the South and more. For info go to www.klwines.com. Now on to the wines... Recent arrivals include a much better supply of the wildly popular Sancerre of Gerard Boulay in Chavignol. The 2004 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol (\$18.99), a hand-harvested, tank-fermented stunner that is brilliant and racy with intensity and length to match,. The flavors unfold like improvisational Jazz. There are small amounts of 2004 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Rouge (\$18.99), which is luscious, supple and, dare I say, a great find for pinot noir. There are also limited quantities of 2004 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Clos du Beaujeu (\$24.99), the old-vine cuvee, vinified in neutral wood, and to me one of the great wines of the region. If you tasted or bought the 2002 you will know what I mean. Then, and please act fast if you want them, we have direct from the domaine some Clos du Beaujeu '96, '97, '99 and a bit more 2002. I asked for these specifically to show to you how this wine improves with age, so please only a bottle or two per person so we can all enjoy these gems. Also, finally in stock again is the 2004 La Tour St. Martin Menetou Salon Blanc (\$14.99), which is fresh, vibrant and bright with great cut and minerality and a zesty tanginess that invites another sip. There is hardly a better sauvignon in the store right now for this price. The 2004 La Tour St. Martin Menetou Salon Rouge (\$14.99) is elegant with delicate flavors of earth and tea leaves, hints of sweet plums and woodruff. Drink over the next 7-8 years. Live in the Light! —Jeff Vierra

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2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand\$12.99
2003 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, "Signature," Maison Champy\$14.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Charles Audoin\$15.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Pierre Morey\$18.99
2003 Ladoix, Les Chaillots, Prince de Mérode\$19.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Guyot\$19.99
2002 Cote de Nuits Villages, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand\$19.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret\$20.99
2003 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er, Les Fichot, Champy\$21.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, "Vero," Joseph Drouhin\$21.99
2002 Marsannay, La Montagne, Domaine Olivier Guyot\$22.99
2002 Chorey-les-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut\$23.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, Domaine René Leclerc\$24.99
2003 Savigny-Les-Beaune, Grands Liards, Camus-Brochon\$25.99
2002 Santenay, Clos du Gatsulard, Raymond Launay\$26.99
2001 Savigny-les-Beaune, Domaine Pavelot\$28.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Maison Champy\$29.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er, Domaine Blain-Gagnard\$29.99
2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er Cru, Vincent Sauvestre\$30.99
2003 Meursault-Blagny "Piece Sous Bois," 1er Cru,
Domaine Matrot\$44.99
2003 Nuits-St-Georges, Chaliots, Domaine Michel Gros\$44.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros
2002 Beaune, "Clos des Mouches," 1er Cru, N. Rossignol\$46.99
1996 Gevrey-Chambertin, Domaine Denis Mortet\$49.99
2003 Vosne Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros\$46.99
2001 Volnay, "Ronceret," 1er Cru, Dom. Nicolas Rossignol\$49.99
2002 Volnay, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, Dom. Nicolas Rossignol\$51.99
2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er Cru, Dom. Nicolas Rossignol\$51.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Dom. Harmand Geoffroy\$51.99
2000 Nuits-St-Georges, "Boudots," 1er Cru, Domaine
Jean Grivot
2000 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Dom. Tollot Beaut\$54.99
2003 Vosne Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Maison Champy\$59.99
2001 Nuits-St-Georges, "Murgers," 1er Cru, Cathiard\$59.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, Les Orveaux, Mongeard Mugneret\$61.99
2002 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Beaumonts," 1er Cru, Champy\$64.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Malconsorts," 1er Cru,
Domaine Moillard \$67.99
2002 Gevrey-Chamb, "Clos St Jacques," 1er Cru,
Harmand Geoffroy \$69.95
2002 Corton Pougets, Grand Cru, Domaine Jadot
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Dom. L'Arlot\$69.99
2002 Volnay, "Mitans," 1er Cru, Domaine de Montille\$71.99
1996 Clos de Vougeot, Domaine Amiot Servelle\$76.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Clos des Reas," 1er Cru, Michel Gros \$79.95
2001 Vosne-Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Sylvain Cathiard\$79.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Combe du Dessus, Denis Mortet\$79.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin\$88.99
1993 Clos de Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Louis Jadot\$89.95
2003 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard\$89.95
2001 Chapelle-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Pierre Damoy\$91.99
2002 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Domaine Olivier Guyot\$97.99
1993 Nuits-St-Georges, "Boudots," 1er, Dom. Jean Grivot\$97.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, Groffier\$97.99
2002 Latricieres Chambertin, Grand Cru, Charles Vienot\$99.95
2003 Château Corton Grancey, Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$99.99

2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Sentiers," 1er Cru, Groffier\$99.99
2003 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, V.V., Vincent Girardin\$99.99
2002 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Domaine Louis Remy\$99.95
2003 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin\$99.95
2003 Château Corton Grancey, Grand Cru, L. Latour\$99.99
2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Dom Hubert Lignier\$99.95
2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Dom. Xavier Liger-Belair\$104.99
1996 Chambolle-Musigny, Beaux Bruns, Denis Mortet\$107.99
2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Michel Gros\$108.99
2002 Latricieres-Chambertin, Domaine Louis Remy\$109.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, "Maupertuis," Grand Cru, Anne Gros\$124.99
1999 Clos Ruchottes Chambertin, Grand Cru, Rousseau\$139.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Comte de Vogue\$149.99
2002 Chambertin, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin\$149.95
2003 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Dom. Robert Groffier\$159.99
2002 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Domaine Xavier
Liger-Belair\$174.99
2003 Chambertin, Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$189.99
1999 Romanée St. Vivant, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot\$199.95
2003 Romanée St. Vivant, Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$229.95
2003 Charmes-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$229.95
2003 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Domaine Anne Gros\$279.95
<u>Beaujolais</u>
2003 Morgon, Domaine Ruet\$14.99
Spicy, bright and focused.
2003 Cote de Brouilly, Domaine Ruet\$16.99
Rich with a long finish.
2004 Fleurie, "Poncie," Domaine du Vissoux

Pour Votre Plaisir 2004 Girardin Whites

2004 is an excellent vintage for white Burgundy. The more I taste, the better I like it. This month the 2004 Vincent Girardin wines have arrived. Vincent is a 5th generation grower in Santenay but has also established a thriving negociant business, known for his excellent whites. The 2004 Girardin St-Aubin Murgers "Dent de Chien," 1er Cru (\$29.99) is from the vineyard next to Puligny-Montrachet "Champ Gain," 1er Cru and has minerality, focus and length. The 2004 Girardin Meursault "Les Tillets" (\$36.99) comes from one of my favorite village vineyards in Meursault, which shows a pretty citric note and classic Meursault richness. The 2004 Girardin Puligny-Montrachet "Les Enseignères" (\$46.99) is from the vineyard directly below Bâtard and shares the topsoil of that Grand Cru, so it is very rich and concentrated. The 2004 Girardin Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Truffieres," 1er Cru (\$49.99) has lime notes and a bright quality that is very appealing. The 2004 Girardin Puligny-Montrachet "Les Pucelles," 1er Cru (\$79.99) is always a favorite, located next to Bâtard and Bienvenues-Bâtard, but selling for much less. Similarly well situated is the next vineyard up the hill, which makes the 2004 Girardin Puligny-Montrachet "Les Caillerets," 1er Cru (\$81.99) alongside Montrachet itself, and generally acknowledged as the best of the Puligny 1er Crus. We also have tiny quantities of the 2004 Girardin Corton-Charlemagne (\$83.99), 2004 Girardin Chevalier-Montrachet (\$179.95) and 2004 Girardin Montrachet (\$330.00). Á Santé.

-Keith Wollenberg

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Pre-Arrivals

1996 Casisano Colombaio Brunello-1 Glass Gambero Rosso\$24.99
I just tasted this wine, and it is classic, beautiful, drinkable Brunello. It is also limited and will go fast! (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
2000 Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino-90 points Spectator\$29.99
1999 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino-91 points Wine Spectator\$29.99
1997 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Ris-92 pts Wine Spectator\$54.99
1999 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Ris-95 pts Wine Spectator\$54.99
2001 Azelia Barolo "San Rocco" -95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> \$59.95
2001 Clerico Barolo "Pajana" -95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>
2001 Clerico Barolo "Ginestra" -96 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> \$ 69.95
1999 Clerico Barolo "Pajana"-95 points Wine Spectator\$69.99
2000 Scavino Barolo "Carobric"-94 points Wine Spectator\$78.95
1999 Lisini "Ugolaia" Brunello-95 pts Wine Spectator\$84.99
1997 Caparzo La Casa Brunello-94 points Wine Spectator\$84.99
<u>Tuscany</u>
2004 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"\$7.49
2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano\$9.99
2004 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano\$11.95
2002 Villa Antinori Toscano Rosso\$15.95
2002 Felsina Chianti Classico\$16.99
2002 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli"\$19.95
2003 Le Cinciole Chianti Classico-1 Glass Gambero Rosso\$19.99
2002 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano\$21.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.

2003 Querciabella Chianti Classico	\$23.99
2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano "Asinone"	\$33.99
92 points Wine Spectator 3 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	
1999 Fanetti Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva This is classic Sangiovese, exceptional balance and drinkability.	\$28.99
2000 Antinori Tenute Marchese Chianti Classico Riserva	\$29.95
2001 Castello di Fonterutoli Chianti Classico	\$34.95
2001 Felsina Fontalloro-3 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$34.99
2003 Querciabella "Batar"-2 Blue Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$74.99
Montalcino	
2003 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$17.99
2003 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$18.99
1999 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino"	\$19.99
An outstanding Super Tuscan blend of sangiovese and merlot from the tional 1999 vintage!	e sensa-
2003 La Fortuna Sant'Antimo Rosso	\$28.99
2000 Baricci Brunello-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	m, anise te, giving
2000 La Fortuna Brunello-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$36.99
A warm, sweet ripeness, full of dark and intense plum aromatics rise fr	

wine is supple on the palate, complex, chocolaty amarena. (Greg St. Clair, K&L

the palate the wine is bold, dramatic, lots of mid palate structure, like someone with powerful, muscular shoulders, a real depth of flavor flows from the chocolaty, plumy nose to more, herb, leather, a taste of the earth but finish with

Podere Rinascimento

Seven vintages ago we started importing wines from Ermacora, a small family winery (pronounced er-MA-ko-ra. It took me two years to get it right). They were always much better known within Italy where they'd been awarded multiple Gambero Rosso awards. We began to slowly build the brand here, year after year our sales staff suggesting these wines until now Ermacora is one of K&L's most sought after label. The brothers Ermacora (Dario & Luciano) live amongst the vines at their small winery in the Colli Orientali del Friuli, just a few miles from the Slovenian border. Although they have all the most modern technology, their motto states: "Do little, in order to do better." True farmers at heart, they believe wine is made in the vineyard. I visited with them in Ipplis, the tiny village where they live, this past April to taste their 2004 vintage. I had just been to Vinitaly and was stunned by the quality of almost everything I tasted from 2004—red, white, Trentino, Sicily, Tuscany, Piedmont, Friuli, everywhere it seemed to be an amazing vintage. Ermacora didn't disappoint.

Ermacora's wines are unoaked and very concentrated, so much so that the wines need 6-9 months after release to really blossom and show all of their potential. This year's wines were so fantastic I asked Dario if we could delay the arrival so they could show their complete array of potential. In Italy it is the exact opposite; all the restaurants and their customers want the wine the first day it is available,

mostly from a historical perspective where there was little refrigeration, and at the end of the vintage the wine was....well not as good. Dario was very pleased that his wines would be arriving here in their best condition!

2004 Ermacora Tocai Friulano (\$14.99) 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso. If there was any one varietal that showed better in Friuli in this glorious vintage it is the often misunderstood Tocai Friulano. The wonderful balance, coupled with a depth of concentration you don't see in Tocai is followed by hints of tarragon and layers of mineral that give way to a richness that is balanced with delicate acidity and scintillating aromas of bitter almonds, apple and ripe pear highlighted by a very long finish. The perfect accompaniment to fish or crab. 2004 Ermacora Pinot Grigio (\$14.99), winner of 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso, is simply sensational. Perfect balance of acidity and tremendous aromatics, loaded with pear, apple, citrus and tropical fruits in an elegant, concentrated and superbly balanced wine! 2004 Ermacora Pinot Bianco (\$14.99) 2 Blue Glasses Gambero Rosso. This is the wine Ermacora is known for most in Italy. It has tremendous focus and concentration, rich and creamy, with custard like flavors and hints of apples and bergamot. It is majestic on the palate, with balance, complexity and character. Age this wine for 2-3 years and you won't believe the incredible wine it will evolve into. Perfect for halibut, swordfish or cocktailing! -Greg St.Clair

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more ripe, yet very focused and structured plumy fruit. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
2000 Sesta di Sopra Brunello-92 points Wine Spectator\$42.9
The nose just jumps out at you spicy, complex, wild cherry fruit, with hints of sage, leather, intriguing, seductive and inviting. On the palate the wine is broad, full-bodied and rich yet not heavy, it has an elegance, more like a lithe, muscular athlete, supple yet forceful and is full of the complex character. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer) 2 Blue Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .
<u>Piedmont</u>
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe\$14.9
This is the poor man's Barolo I went crazy over when I first tasted it, the classic nebbiolo nose of rose and earth, yet soft and rich in the mouth at an unbelievable price! (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"
Barolo/Barbaresco
2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella"\$25.9
2001 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo-90 points Wine Spectator\$31.9
There is a seductive elegance in this wine, it seems as if a feminine touch has softened the powerful structure of the nebbiolo grape, relaxing its muscles, allowing the personality of the soil to gently state its character, coupled with the classic rose petal aromatics that make Barolo so famous. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin"\$32.9
2000 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-92 points Wine Spectator\$43.9
2001 Seghesio Barolo "La Villa"
2001 Elio Grasso Barolo Gavarini "Vigna Chiniera"\$55.9
1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"
2001 Einaudi Barolo "Nei Cannubi" -91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> \$ 69.9
Silvano Follador Prosecco Inquis
Arrived and departed too quickly, more on the water!
Blason is Back!!!!!
Giovanni Blason's tremendous Friulian bargains have arrived. The sensational 2004 vintage is really evident in each and every wine, and the prices are incredible enough to make them
everyday drinking wines!
2004 Blason Merlot DOC Isonzo\$7.9
The incredible backlash from the film "Sideways" has shortened Merlot to a four letter word, and rightfully so for much of the simplistic plonk passed off as a drinkable wine. However if you are unsure of what "real" Merlot tastes like, this is it. Complex fruit, balance, length and medium body, this is such an incredible bargain you won't believe your luck!
2004 Blason Chardonnay DOC Isonzo\$8.9
Un-oaked, balanced, mineral, pure chardonnay flavors, a steal!
2003 Blason Venc Bianco DOC Isonzo-1 Glass Gambero Rosso\$14.9

The Venc Bianco is pinot bianco, tocai friulano and 5% sauvignon both tank

fruit with hints of hazelnut and vanilla. Try it with sashimi!

fermented and aged "sur lie," and part of the pinot bianco is barrel-fermented

in Taransaud barriques. The nose is fascinating, alternating between flower and

2002 Vencjar Rosso DOC Isonzo\$19.99

This wine comes from a tiny 3.7-acre vineyard planted in 1950. This is a blend of cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon and merlot in equal parts that is layered

with spicy red fruits, walnut, leather and whose sweet fine grain tannins come

together in a supple, richly textured finish. If you like Bordeaux you'll love this!

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

2003 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio-1 Glass Gambero Rosso \$14.99

2004 Volpe Pasini Chardonnay\$12.99

2004 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio.....\$15.95

2004 Volpe P Zuc Volpe Ribolla Gialla-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso \$18.99

2004 Volpe P Zuc di Volpe Sauvignon-3 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$21.99
2003 Vie di Romans Pinot Grigio Dessimis	\$23.99
2004 Jermann Pinot Grigio	\$24.99
2004 Jermann "Red Angel on the Moonlight" Pinot Noir	\$25.99
Sicily, Puglia, Campania, Basilicata, Lazio, Abruzzi and Sa	rdegna
2003 Arancio Grillo Bianco	\$5.99
2003 D'Angelo Aglianico "Sacravite"	
2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola	
2003 Caggiano Aglianico "Tari"	
2001 D'Angelo Aglianico del Vulture	\$14.99
2004 Mastroberardino Lacryma Christi Bianco	
2003 Mastroberardino Lacryma Christi Rosso	\$15.99
2004 d'Antiche Terre Fiano d'Avellino	\$16.99
2004 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$17.99
2000 La Lumia "Torreforte" Nero d'Avola IGT	\$19.99
2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Greco di Tufo	\$20.99
2002 Valle dell'Acate "Tane" Rosso-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$45.99
2002 Palari "Faro" 3 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$49.99
Lombardia, Umbria, Veneto, Marches and Other	
2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico-1 Glass Gambero Rosso	o \$8.99
2004 La Cappuccina Soave "Fontego"	\$14.99
2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso	\$16.99
2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"	\$39.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	
2000 Allegrini Amarone	
2000 Venturini Amarone "Campo Masua"	\$59.99
1999 Masi Amarone "Mazzano"-95 points Wine Spectator	\$124.99

February's Picks

Big wines for a short month! Five generations and almost a hundred years ago, the Zannoni family arrived at La Fortuna back in 1907. The estate, wine cellar and business center, has been designed in such a way to preserve the originally beauty of the renovated Tuscan farmhouse and to respect traditions while adapting to the modern needs of winemaking. You can contact them at info@tenutalafortuna.it if you would like schedule a tasting or tour.

2003 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino (\$17.99)

100% sangiovese, this "baby Brunello" is a steal at this price. Black cherries and plum with sweet tobacco mingle with a nice mineral component. This medium-bodied wine shows very good acidity. Think Mom's best lasagna recipe.

2002 La Fortuna Brunello di Montalcino (\$36.99)

Not a misprint, Brunello under \$40.00 with lush black cherry and ripe strawberries, vanilla and chocolate character and fine integrated tannins. This user-friendly Brunello drinks very well right now with a couple hours of decanting and will evolve over the next couple of years. Pork tenderloin's a must with this sangiovese!

2003 La Fortuna IGT Sant'Antimo (\$27.99)

This Super Tuscan is a blend of 40% sangiovese and 60% cabernet sauvignon and sees 10 months in French oak barrels (Allier). Extremely elegant on the palate with blackberries, blueberries and a touch of coco powder, there is great length thanks to its fine-grained tannins and rich glycerine at the end. With perfect balance through the long finish, this is something special to share with your valentine.

-Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

We are extremely fortunate here at K&L to have developed wonderful relationships with some outstanding importers. Charles Neal Selections, Preiss Imports and Winebow to name a few, are bringing in fabulous artisanal, handcrafted spirits made by independent, small producers. Because of this we have a variety of Armagnac, Cognac and Single Malts that are exclusive to K&L in the U.S., on the West Coast or in California. Give each of these a try and you will understand that craftsmanship is still alive and well in the spirit world. For a more complete listing with descriptions and tasting notes, check out our website at klwines.com. —Susan Purnell

Armagnac

Château de Pellehaut: Exclusive to K&L in the U.S.!

On a beautifully situated property overlooking the town of Montréal-du-Gers lies the Château de Pellehaut. Purchased by Gaston Béraut shortly after the Second World War, he has slowly developed one of the largest single properties in the region. Béraut's sons Mathieu and Martin take care of winemaking (the red, white and rosé are all big sellers at K&L) and the élevage of Armagnac. Both are intelligent and enthusiastic about their product, and between them have studied enology in Toulouse and apprenticed at Château de Tariquet in Eauze, Château Beycheville in Bordeaux and Au Bon Climat in California. Pellehaut is located in the Tenareze section of Armagnac; the soil here contains more chalk and limestone than in the Bas-Armagnac, and the spirits generally take longer to develop and begin to bloom around their 15th birthday. Both the 1973 and 1979 vintages are made with pure Ugni Blanc, distilled one time by a traveling distiller, and aged in a combination of local and Limousin oak on two properties, about four miles apart. The youngest spend their first five years on the upper level of one chai next to the house, and then are transferred to the other chai during their intermediate years. The older vintages finally make their way back to the lower level of the initial chai.

1979 Château de Pellehaut, Tenareze\$94.99

Rich, golden amber in color. The nose is filled with notes of dried fruit, toffee and crème brulee. On the palate it has a wonderful balance of fruit, spice and just a hint of chocolate. A lingering, long finish that doesn't want to let your palate go! (Susan Purnell)

1973 Château de Pellehaut, Tenareze\$129.99

Golden amber in color. Wow, the vibrant, lively nose on the 1973 is just amazing! Orange marmalade, dried apricot, custard with hints of pepper and toasted nuts. Elegant, smooth, yet very creamy, rich and full on the palate. There is loads of fruit on the finish that seems to coat your palate and moves slowly down your throat to fill your chest with glowing warmth. (Susan Purnell).

Veuve Goudoulin

This relatively small negociant firm is located just outside Courrensan, just within the Bas-Armagnac limits. The firm was started in 1935 Madame Jeanne Goudoulin who, following the unexpected death of her husband Joseph from injuries sustained during the first world war, began selling his Armagnacs directly from the family property the Domaine de Bigor. As the years passed, the Goudoulin Armagnacs began reaching a larger audience, making their way to the Basque coast and Bordeaux. In 1964, Jeanne's grandson Christian Faure entered the business and began expanding the negociant side, establishing contracts with growers and marketing their products under the Veuve Goudoulin name. In 1977, the Veuve (widow in French) died, and in1983, Faure constructed a new chai to house his Armagnacs, now called the Clos du Presbytere. (Charles Neal)

1986 Veuve Goudoulin Bas-Armagnac\$69.99

Light golden amber in color. The nose is like strolling through a farmers' market on a summer morning. It is all peaches and plums with whiffs of bouquets of flowers. It is very elegant and round with a lush fruitiness that lingers on your palate. This would be a prefect place to start for someone just learning about the world of Bas-Armagnac. (Susan Purnell)

1976 Veuve Goudoulin Bas-Armagnac\$99.99

Amber color with gold highlights. The 1976 is the most vibrant of the three.

Juicy oranges and hints of spice on the nose. It explodes in your mouth with a great balance of fruit, toasted nuts and just a touch of cinnamon. A bit drier on the palate, leaving you with a nice warm finish. (Susan Purnell)

1966 Veuve Goudoulin Bas-Armagnac\$139.99

Medium amber in color. The long time spent in the barrel really reflects on the richness of the 1966 from Goudoulin. There are loads of rich maple syrup, deep dried prunes and raisins. But the freshness of the fruit still shines through and gives it incredible balance and unbelievable length. Simply stunning! Beautiful gift for anyone celebrating a 40th anniversary or birthday! (Susan Purnell)

Cognac

Deret: Exclusive to K&L on the West Coast!

The Vallet family is careful to bring out the distinctive regional characteristics in their brandies. While Deret Cognac is similar to the Château Montifaud line, the ageing and marriage of casks differ, creating distinctively rich and elegant cognacs without any bitterness or heaviness of a woody nature. Coloring in never added, so these Cognacs have no telltale mahogany tones. (Preiss Imports)

Deret VS, 5 year, Petite Champagne\$32.99

Very Superior Cognac. Color: pale yellow. Nose: clear aroma of vine leaf and hints of tea. Slight overtones of oak. Palate: this young cognac is gentle on the palate with notes of apple and pear. An unusually long, round finish. 40% ABV (Preiss Imports)

Deret VSOP, 10 year, Petite Champagne Cognac\$32.99

Very Superior Old Pale Cognac. Color: golden. Nose: Notes of vine leaf in the nose, leaning toward dried flowers. Round from the oxidation of the fatty acids: this is the onset of rancio. Palate: Fruity notes of pear and apricot. Supple with great finesse. 40% ABV (Preiss Imports) VERY GOOD! from the *Wine Enthusiast*.

Deret XO, 30 year, Petite Champagne Cognac\$39.99

A Luxury Cognac with no excess tannins resulting in an extra aged Cognac that retains its freshness and delicacy. A fully matured brandy with several waves of aromas. Color: Copper. Nose: Intensely mineral initially, then showing a trace of iodine followed by summery, floral fragrances. Palate: Luscious flavors of dried fruit and toasted almond. Lots of rancio. Strength and fire without heaviness. 40% ABV (Preiss Imports)

Single Malt Whisky

Bruichladdich, Isle of Islay: Exclusive to K&L in California!

I have always been a supporter of the small, independent spirit producers either here in the U.S. or abroad. But after attending the Bruichladdich Single Malt Academy at the end of August 2005, I truly understand what makes Bruichladdich so special. The goal of the Bruichladdich Academy is to give participants hands-on experience working at a distillery using Victorian equipment dating back to 1881. Not a technical school, the students shadow actual whisky craftsmen and share in their vast amount of experience. Participants experience the entire process of whisky making: Milling, Mashing, Fermentation, Distillation, Maturation and Bottling. I will certainly never look at another bottle of whisky in the same way! And I recommend this experience to anyone who is a lover of whisky and of life. Art is art, whether it lies on a piece of canvass or in a bottle!

Bruichladdich 12-year-old Islay Single Malt Whisky\$59.99

The 12-year-old had been aged in Bourbon and refill Spanish oak casks. What really stands out is the weight of the whisky. It is extremely creamy, rich and full on the palate. It has an incredible balance of pretty fruit, citrus notes, custard and hints of sea saltiness. It is my favorite everyday dram in the Bruichladdich line up! (Susan Purnell) Tasting Notes From Jim McEwan: "The toasted sweet oak flavors bust onto the palate, confident in their quality, strong and flavorsome, flooding the palate with Islay character and warmth. You have to wait just a little for the richness and fruitiness to emerge. Look for lip-smacking black cherries towards the finish. An absolute thoroughbred; Finish: The interplay of oak and spirit plus its youth provide a finish of depth and finesse." Silver Metal Winner - International Wine & Spirit Competition 2004.

Special Event: We will have Jim McEwan, Master Distiller and Production Director of Bruichladdich here for a special event during the week of March 13-17. Space will be limited. If you are interested in attending contact Susan Purnell for information at 1-800-247-5987, ex 2727 or by email at susanpurnell@klwines.com.

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Why Join a Wine Club?

- 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:** While our Wine Clubs offer spectacular value, it is the quality of the wines that determine whether they become a Club selection. 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.

Cheers! —Dave Rosenzweig

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, Reisling (\$13).



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