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Join us March 6 in Hollywood for a Château Palmer dinner. Thomas Duroux will be there to host the dinner, which will include 2004 and 2001 Alter Ego as well as 2001, 1996, 1995 and 1990 Ch. Palmer.

More details on the way, including restuarant location and price. See www.klwines.com for additional information.

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# 151 Wines Direct from Europe!

K&L does the importing, leaving out the middleman and providing you with values galore from France and Italy. See pages 6-7.

#### The Barossa's Thorn Clarke

The lineup is impressive for this Aussie overachiever, and the prices are insane. See Jimmy C's article on page 8.

# Rioja, a Primer

Anne Pickett's got the low down on Rioja. See page 14.

#### Malescot and Great '03 Bordeaux Values

Robert Parker: "I can unequivocally say that the 1994 and 1995 offerings are the two most impressive back to back efforts I have ever tasted from Malescot St.-Exupery. The 1994 possesses a dense, dark ruby/purple color, a pure nose of blackcurrants, spice, vanillin, herbs, and minerals, excellent richness, considerable power, as well as the stylish, graceful Margaux suppleness and elegance-it will evolve easily for another 10-15. Malescot St.-Exupery's 1994 is one of the finest wines of the appellation."

#### 1999 Château Malescot Ste-Exupery, Margaux.....\$58.99

90 points Robert Parker: "This 1999 is one of the finest efforts of the vintage. It offers up complex aromatics consisting of herbs, red and black fruits, minerals, acacia flowers, and licorice. The dark plum color does not possess the saturation of a vintage such as 2000, but this is pure seduction in a medium-bodied, beautifully balanced, nicely-textured effort. It is virtually impossible to duplicate such a wine anywhere else in the world. Anticipated maturity: now-2012."

#### 2003 Château Malescot Ste-Exupery, Margaux.....\$48.99

92 points Robert Parker: "Its dark ruby/purple color is followed by sumptuous aromas of truffles, underbrush, plums, cassis, and a hint of figs. The tannin is sweet, and the texture is multilayered. This full-bodied, chewy, round, sensual Margaux should evolve gracefully for 15+ years. Bravo!"

#### 2003 Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac.....\$49.99

#58 in the Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 2006! 93 points Wine Spectator:

#### 2003 Château Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien ......\$57.99

92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Aromas of blackberry, toasted oak, sweet tobacco and espresso. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, fruity finish. I like the texture. Best after 2010."

#### 2003 Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac .....\$69.99

#39 in the Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 2006! 94 points Wine Spectator:

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# Hopefully Hollywood

Can you believe we started negotiating for this store in May 2005?? It has been a long time coming. Hopefully when you read this column, we will have opened this store. As of writing this (coincidently the first day of K&L's 31st year), it looks like we have a good shot at opening around February 1!! The store looks beautiful, and there is plenty of parking available. The address is 1400 Vine Street, just a block or so south of Sunset Boulevard. Hope to see you there.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

# Brick's Bordeaux Picks: Four Superb Values

This month I present to you four of my favorite new values in K&L's never ending vault of Bordeaux. The 1996 Château Lanessan, Haut-Médoc (\$19.99) is a perfect example of Bordeaux that does not play the points game. This is what I imagine Bordeaux tasted like in the 19th century. More spice than fruit here. There is a bit of barnyard, true, but as a component of spice rather than a feature presentation. Add some tart red plum fruit to hold it all together and you have a great wine for beef stew.

The **2001 Château la Mission, Lalande de Pomerol (\$19.99)** is another rustic gem of a Bordeaux, a diamond in the rough perhaps? With its cedar, thyme and red currant nose this wine screams claret. Plum, boysenberry and a mushroom-like quality pack the mid palate, but where this wine really shines is the finish. Plenty of gravelly earth and an Alderwood smoke like spice are both persistent and lengthy. Drinkable now but could age well over the next 6-8 years.

In an opposite style, but every bit as enjoyable is the **2003 Hauts de Pontet-Canet, Pauillac** (\$21.99). This is perfect for lovers of new world styled wines. Better than 99% of the domestic Cab based wines, this bottle will surely convert many to the values of Bordeaux. A bottomless pit of black cherry and pomegranate, this wine is creamy and coating, all the while being lively and fresh. In two words: absolutely delicious.

But the real show stopper of the month is the **2003 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Legonan** (\$33.99). This is pure Bordeaux through and through. From its herbaceous nose, to the pure silky texture, to a perfect acid/tannin balance this has it all. This could truly be the best value of the entire 2003 vintage, not only in Bordeaux but in all of France. This is wonderful now and will only continue to get better over the next 8-12 years. A must for any fan of wine, period.

-Bryan Brick

#### Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

By the time you read this most of the 2003 vintage Bordeaux will have arrived and the 2004 will have begun hitting our shelves. The following four wines give a good snapshot of the affordable quality that can be found in these two very good but very different vintages.

**2003** La Tour de Mons, Margaux (\$19.99) Here is a well-made and crowd-pleasing value to buy by the case. This round, rich wine has beautiful flowery aromas that lead to a smooth middle of sweet berries and an elegant finish showing ripe, round tannins. Super easy to drink but with the structure to stand up to hearty food, this is not to be missed.

**2003** de Francs "Les Cerisiers," Cotes de Francs (\$16.99) This gem from the unheralded appellation of Cotes de Franc is one of the best bargains in the store and always sells out quickly. Drinking far more seriously than the price would suggest, this has tons of deep, dark blackberry fruit in the substantial middle. The finish is smooth, rich and elegant with very fine tannin. 90 points from *Wine Spectator*.

**2004 Gigault "Cuvee Viva," Cotes de Blay (\$15.99)** The 2003 version of this amazing bargain flew off our shelves and the 2004 is every bit as good. This merlot-based wine is bright and smoky with lively dark currant aromas and gobs of round, dark, herb-tinged fruit in the plump middle. The finish is smooth, complex and spicy with just a touch of licorice.

**2004** La Confession, St-Emilion (\$24.99) This is only the 4th vintage of this sumptuous "garage wine" to be produced, and they make a mere 9000 bottles. Given the microscopic production and artisan quality here it's hard to understand the low price-but hey, who's complaining! This is deep purple, firm and tight at first, but with air opens up to reveal heady aromas of flowers and oak. With more aeration we get very sweet fruit, vanilla, allspice and subtle herb showing density, richness, power and elegance. This is an under-priced classic!

-Steve Bearden

# 2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES-SEE TASTING NOTES ON KLWINES.COM

Angelus, St-Emilion-96-98 points Robert Parker	\$244.99
Barde-Haut, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Beaumont, Haut-Médoc-Elegant. Easy drinker. Value	\$13.99
Beauregard, Pomerol-89-91 points Parker and Wine Spectator	\$38.99
Bellevue Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points Wine Spectator	
Bernadotte, Médoc-Spice on the nose. Elegant wine	
Beychevelle, St-Julien-91-93 points Robert Parker	
Bourgneuf, Pomerol-92-94 points Wine Spectator	
Brane Cantenac, Margaux-91-93 points Robert Parker	
Brown Rouge, Pessac-88-90 points Robert Parker	
Brun, St-Emilion-Spicy, black cherries. Good richness. Great value.	
Canon, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	
Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker	
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points Spectator	
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator Certan de May, Pomerol-95-100 points Wine Spectator	
Chasse Spleen, Moulis-89-91 points Wine Spectator	_
Chauvin, St-Emilion-90-92 points Robert Parker	
Clarke, Listrac-90-92 points Robert Parker	
Clerc Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator	
Clinet, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker	
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-92-94 points Wine Spectator	
Clos Fourtet, St-Emilion-94-96 points Robert Parker	
Clos des Jacobins, St-Emilion-92-94 points Wine Spectator	
Clos l'Eglise, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker	
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-95-100 points Wine Spectator	
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon-89-91 points Parker and Spectato	
d'Angludet, Marguax-90-92 points Robert Parker	
Dauzac, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
<b>Desmirail, Margaux</b> -Elegant, from Brane Cantenac owners	\$27.99
Doisy Vedrines, Sauternes-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$34.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-91-94 points Robert Park	er <b>\$51.99</b>
Duhart-Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator	
Ferrand Lartigue, St-Emilion-89-91 points Robert Parker	
Gigault "Cuvee Viva" Cotes de Blaye	
Goulee, Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker	
<b>Grand-Puy-Ducasse, Pauillac</b> -Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker	
Guiraud, Sauternes (375ml \$26.99)-95-100 points Spectator	
Haut Bergey Rouge, Pessac-91-93 points Robert Parker	
Haut-Brion, Pessac-96-100 points Robert Parker	_
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-93-95 points Robert Parker	
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe-90-92 points Robert Parker	
Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator Joanin Becot, Cotes de Castillon-92-94 points Robert Parker	
la Cour d'Argent, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	
la Croix de Beaucaillou, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	
Lafleur, Pomerol-95-100 points Wine Spectator	
la Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-90-92 points Parker.	
La Tour Carnet, Médoc-89-91 points Wine Spectator	
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac-95-100 points Wine Spectator	
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe-91-93 points Robert Parker	
Lanessan, Médoc-89-91 points Wine Spectator	
La Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points Wine Spectator	
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points Wine Spectator	
La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol-92-94 points Wine Spectator	
Lascombes, Margaux-94-96 points Robert Parker	
Le Fer, St-Emilion-Great concentration. Sweet and lush	

Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points Wine Spectator	\$279.99
Les Gravières, St-Emilion-Spectator: "silky tanninsBalanced."	\$24.99
Lucia, St-Emilion-Parker 92-94 points	\$46.99
Lynch Bages, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$79.99
Lynsolence, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Malmaison, Moulis-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$20.99
Margaux, Margaux-96-100 points Robert Parker	\$769.99
Marjosse, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$12.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$549.99
Mylord, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$8.99
Nenin, Pomerol-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$59.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$37.99
Pape Clement Blanc, Pessac-95-100 points Wine Spectator	\$159.99
Pavie, St-Emilion-98-100 points Robert Parker	\$329.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$76.99
Petit Mouton, Pauillac-88-90 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Petit Village, Pomerol-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$52.99
Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$34.99
Picard, St-Estèphe-Sweet ripe with a full, round palate impression.	\$17.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-92-95 points Robert Parker	\$119.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$119.99
Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$44.99
Potensac, Médoc-Spectator: " well done."	\$22.99
Poujeaux, Moulis-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$26.99
Petrus, Pomerol-96-100 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Quinault l'Enclos, St-Emilion-Parker 92-95 points	\$41.99
Rauzan Gassies, Marguax-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99)-95-100 points Spectator	\$69.99
Roc de Cambes, Cotes de Bourg-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$45.99
<b>Rochebelle, St-Emilion</b> -Exceptional palate with great sweetness.	\$44.99
Rouget, Pomerol-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$39.99
Senejac, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$22.99
Siran, Margaux-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$27.99
Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
St-Pierre, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$55.99
Talbot, St-Julien-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$51.99
Trotanoy, Pomerol-95-100 points Wine Spectator	
Tour de Mons, Margaux-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$19.99

# **2004 BORDEAUX FUTURES**

Angélus, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and Spectator	\$96.99
Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$26.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$74.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-WS: Gorgeous aromas of blackberry	\$24.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$34.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$35.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-89-91 points Spectator	\$32.99
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$48.99
Lynch Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$48.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$189.99
Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$29.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-89-91 Points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-89-92 points Robert Parker	\$54.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$64.99

#### **BORDEAUX IN STOCK 1950-2005**

These three are in perfect condition and direct from the property. The 1950 is sweet and delicious.
1966 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$239.00
1971 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$129.00
These two direct from the château. The 1971 is fantastic-Clyde just tasted it. Superb value!
1970 Lynch Bages, Pauillac\$229.00
1971 Latour, Pauillac\$299.00
1975 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$129.00
1975 Pavie-Decesse (1.5L)\$119.99
We miss you Jean Paul Valette! Worth a try.
<b>1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L)\$169.99</b> Old school style, lingering finish. Excellent.

1950 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L) .......\$599.00 1952 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L) ......\$549.00

1982 Montrose, St-Estèphe\$199.00
1982 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$199.00
1982 Talbot, St-Julien\$139.95
1983 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$169.00
1983 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$199.00
1983 Larcis Ducasse (1.5L)\$129.00
1983 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$169.00
1985 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$239.00
1985 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$119.99
1985 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$159.00
1985 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien\$89.99
1985 Pape-Clement, Pessac\$99.99
Parker: "the best Pape-Clement since the 1975, deeply concentrated, long, and complex."

**1985 Rochebelle, St-Emil (1.5L)......\$139.99** Elegant, fruity, smooth and lingering finish.

### The Sandman's Sweetest Selections!

Let's be honest, when you have 7,891 wine selections to choose from it can be a bit overwhelming. Everyone has their favorites from their area of expertise, and I surely have mine. So, let's start with some thoughts on Bordeaux and then move around the wine world. Always remember, the duty of every wine is to taste good; and wine does not have to be outrageously expensive or highly rated to taste good.

One of the greatest quotes I heard last year was made by a supremely confident friend of ours, Anthony Barton, owner of Léoville and Langoa-Barton. "I hope my wine doesn't get too many points! If it does, everyone will want it, the price will go sky high, and nobody will drink it!" Moral of this story, Barton is the wine you buy first in every Bordeaux vintage—a great wine and always reasonably priced.

The 2003 Bordeaux vintage is loaded with tasty wines, and a few really stand out, including the killer trio of second wines from the great 2nd growths: 2003 Clos du Marquis (\$39.99) from Léoville-Las-Cases, 2003 Pagodes de Cos (\$31.99) from Cos d'Estournel and 2003 Reserve de La Comtesse (\$31.99) from Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande. There is no question in my mind that the very best wine of greatness from 2003 for the money is the ancient estate of 2003 Malescot-St-Exupery (\$48.99). This 3rd growth is the third best wine in the commune of Margaux today after Ch. Margaux and Ch. Palmer. Very rich and deep textured, regal, serious and supple at the same time. Outrageously good. 2003 Ch. Lynch Bages (\$64.99) and 2003 Ch. Poujeaux (\$27.99) are close behind for value, and the quality of wine made today at 5th growth 2003 Ch. Pontet Canet (\$69.99) rivals or betters every famous wine in Bordeaux today! Buy these wines, and you will thank me later.

In my opinion, the 2003 vintage was the best ever from Lafon Rochet, Duhart-Milon, and Domaine de Chevalier. Don't miss the 2005 Rosé de Chevalier (\$10.99) my favorite pre-dinner appetizer wine along with the 2005 Domaine de Pepiere "Vielles Vignes" Clos de Briords Muscadet (\$12.99), which is amazingly brisk and lively.

After a long drive south in April to Limoux, we sat in the dining room of winemaker Jean Louis Denios. Dead tired and very hungry, we went through his lineup of wines. When I tasted the **2000 Denios Chardonnay Sainte Marie (\$14.99)** and looked at the cost, my heart rate sky rocketed! Seriously, I had to control my emotions, I calmly looked up at Clyde and whispered "Buy everything he's got of this, it's incredible. I'll sell it all, this taste like great Meursault!"

Also, the 2001 Brunellos are the real deal, and every well-rounded wine collection should have a cross section. Fine red wines and well priced.

And I can't leave out the fat, lush and ultra-sweet 2003 Sauternes! Another fantastic vintage that flew under the radar of the monumental press generated by 2001; a little less acid and more creamy sweetness is the difference! Buy some for your sweety!

Please feel free to contact me anytime at ex 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com with any questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux.

Cheers and Toujours Bordeaux!

-Ralph Sands

1986 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$199.00
Right from the property. Perfect condition.
1986 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$699.00
1986 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac\$99.99
1986 Haut-Bages-Libéral (1.5L)\$189.99
This wine is stunning-full of life and flavor.
1986 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$199.00
92 points Robert Parker: " exhibits tremen-
dously rich, classic, blackcurrant fruitiness"
1986 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$999.00
1986 Siran, Margaux (1.5l)\$189.00
1986 Siran, Margaux (3L)\$399.00
<b>1986 Siran, Margaux (5L)\$599.00</b> These large formats are direct from the Property.
Perfect condition. Outstanding wines
1988 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (1.5L) \$169.00
1988 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$699.00
1988 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac\$69.99
1988 Larcis Ducasse, (1.5L)\$119.00
1988 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$149.95
1988 Léoville-Las-Cases (1.5L)\$329.95
95 points Wine Spectator.
1989 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$119.00
1989 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$239.00
91 points Parker: "The 1989 Chasse-Spleen is the
finest wine this property has produced since their great 1949." Direct from the property.
1989 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$899.00
1989 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$149.00
Direct from property-perfect condition. The 1989
is a fabulous wine-tons of ripe fruit-silky!
1989 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$249.00
1989 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien\$149.00
1989 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L)\$289.00
90 points Wine Spectator.
1989 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$139.99
94 points Wine Spectator.
1989 Rochebelle, St-Emilion\$49.99
Clyde says: "This unknown jewel of a château lies near Tertre Roteboeuf. Ch. La Mondotte was at
one time part of this property. Elegant, black
for the extremely account to the execution of the executi

**1989 Siran, Margaux (1.5L) ..........\$139.00** According to Robert Parker: "...a graceful, medi-

fruit, minerally aromas. Sweet fruit on mid palate.

um-bodied wine displaying the vintage's soft, silky texture, plenty of alcohol, low acidity..."

Long finish." Direct from property.

1990 d'Armailhac, Pauillac \$89.99 1990 Figeac, St-Emilion \$239.00 1990 Figeac, St-Emilion (5L) \$1899.00 94 points Robert Parker: "This property has not made a wine as rich as the 1990 since 1982."

1990 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L) ....\$899.00 1990 Gloria, St-Julien ......\$89.99 1991 Margaux, Margaux .....\$249.00

Just tasted by Clyde and Chip-stunning wine!

# **BORDEAUX 1950-2005**

<b>1993 Poujeaux (6L)\$349.00</b> Great party wine!	2001 Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac\$29.99 2001 Margaux, Margaux\$219.99	2003 La Couspaude St-Emilion (1.5L)\$79.99
1994 Malescot Ste-Exupery, Marg\$39.99	93 points Robert Parker.	2003 La Fleur de Bouard\$28.99
1994 Phelan-Segur (1.5L)\$89.99	2001 Reserve Léoville-Barton\$25.99	2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol\$39.99
According to Robert Parker: "a very good wine,	2002 Cos d'Estournel, St-EstèpheInquire	2003 Lascombes, Margaux\$48.99
with a healthy dark ruby color with purple tints,	2002 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99	2003 Latour Martillac, Pessac\$23.99
fine ripeness, medium body, good density, and an overall sense of balance, extract, and character."	Wine Spectator: "medium body, fine tannins	2003 La Tour de Mons, Margaux\$19.99
1995 Lafleur, Pomerol\$429.00	and a delicate finish."	2003 La Parde de Haut Bailly,\$23.99
1995 Latour, Pauillac\$399.00	2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol	2003 Carmes Haut-Brion\$43.99
96+ points Robert Parker: "an extremely power-	2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol	2003 Gruaud Larose, St-Julien\$57.99
ful and concentrated, full-bodied, backward wine,	(1.5L)\$119.99	2003 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac\$32.99
does not exhibit any harshness or toughness."	90-92 points Robert Parker.	2003 Haut Brion, Pessac\$294.99
1995 Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac\$109.00	2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$37.99	2003 La Fleur, St-Emilion\$26.99
1995 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L)\$189.00	2002 Lafleur, Pomerol\$189.00	2003 Louvie, St-Emilion\$21.99
93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Best Léoville Poyferré	93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	2003 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$174.99
ever. Full-bodied, with extremely full yet finely textured tannins and a long, silky texture."	2002 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$46.99	2003 Lynch Bages, Pauillac\$64.99
1995 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$89.99	2002 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	2003 Malartic Lagraviere Rouge\$29.99
1996 Canon Mouiex, Canon-Fronsac \$9.99	(1.5L)\$119.99	2003 Malescot Ste Exupery, Margaux\$48.99
1996 Lanessan, Médoc\$19.99	2002 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$159.99	Fabulous wine.
Outstanding old school wine-plenty of flavor and	2002 Pagodes de Cos\$25.99	2003 Manoir de Gravoux, Castillon\$10.95
structure.	<b>2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande\$24.99</b> Bright and deep with blackberry and cherry, hints	2003 Marquis de Calon, St-Estèphe\$19.99
1996 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$29.99	of herb and mineral and plump merlot juiciness.	2003 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$264.99
1996 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$159.99	2003 Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux\$44.99	2003 Nenin, Pomerol
1996 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$89.99	2003 Angelus, St-Emilion\$144.99	2003 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$24.99
Only a few cases of these two wines available.	2003 Bahans de Haut-Brion,	2003 Palmer Mergany \$11.000
1998 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$199.00	Pessac-Léognan\$39.99	2003 Palmer, Margaux\$119.99 2003 Pibran, Pauillac\$29.99
94-98 points from Parker.	2003 Bellegrave, Pauillac\$29.99	2003 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$119.99
1998 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien	2003 Callac Prestige, Graves\$14.99	2003 Pontet Canet, Pauillac\$69.99
(1.5L)\$109.00	2003 Canon-la Gaffeliere,	2003 Pontet Canet (1.5L)\$149.99
1998 Res de Léoville-Barton (1.5L)\$59.99	St-Emilion\$49.99	2003 Potensac, Medoc\$22.99
1999 Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc\$19.99	2003 Clarke Rothschild, Listac\$26.99	2003 Poujeaux, Moulis\$27.99
1999 Camensac, Médoc\$21.99	Robert Parker writes: "Clarke's 2003 may be a	2003 Puy Arnaud Maureze, Castillon \$13.99
1999 d'Angludet, Margaux\$36.99	sleeper of the vintage." Clyde says it is a steal.  Affordable Rothschild wine.	2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore\$22.99
Sweet, silky black fruit. Soft tannins and broad on the palate. Similar to Palmer. Terrific length.		2003 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac\$31.99
	2003 Clement-Pichon, Médoc	2003 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$59.99
1999 Malescot Ste Exupery\$58.99	2003 Clos de l'Oratoire, St-Emilion\$34.99	2003 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$49.99
<b>1999 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$49.99</b> A very spicy wine on the nose and palate.	89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "A sweet and deli-	2003 Talbot, St-Julien\$37.99
	cious wine with blackberry and cherry aromas."	2003 Teyssier, St-Emilion\$24.99
<b>2000 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon\$34.99</b> Super delicious wine-90 points Robert Parker.	2003 Clos Marsalette, Pessac\$18.99	2004 d'Angludet, Margaux\$23.99
2000 d'Angludet, Margaux\$39.99	2003 Clos les Lunelles, Castillon\$32.99	2004 Duhart-Milon, Pauillac\$27.99
2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol \$34.99	2003 Dame de Montrose, St-Estèphe \$34.95	2004 Lascombes, Margaux\$46.99
Great value with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak.	2003 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon\$28.99	2004 Gigault "Cuvee Viva"\$15.99
2000 Fiefs Lagrange, St-Julien\$26.99	2003 de Francs "Les Cerisiers"\$16.99	2004 La Confession, St-Emilion\$24.99
2000 Lafleur, Pomerol\$1299.00	2003 de Pez, St-Estèphe \$27.99	2004 Seigneurs d'Aiguilhe, Castillon \$12.99
2000 La Louviere, Pessac\$32.99	2003 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99	White/Rosé Bordeaux
2000 Montrose, St-Estèphe\$139.00	2003 Duhart Milon, Pauillac\$41.99	2000 Château "Y" Yquem\$139.99
2001 Caronne Ste Gemme	2003 Fonbadet, Pauillac\$23.99	2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac\$26.99
Haut-Médoc\$17.99	91 points Wine Spectator.	2003 Monbousquet, St-Emilion\$49.99
2001 Croix de Beaucaillou\$24.99	2003 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$36.99	2004 Château "Y" Yquem\$89.99
2001 Franc Perat, Bordeaux\$7.99	Very sweet aromas of violets and undertones of	2004 Lynch Bages Blanc, Bordeaux\$33.99
2001 La Roche Amavinum\$18.99	black licorice. Sweet palate entry-substantial.	2004 Trochard Sauvignon Blanc\$9.99
2001 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$189.99	2003 Haut-Beausejour, St-Estèphe\$18.99	2005 Reynon Blanc, Dubourdieu\$11.99
2001 La Mission de	2003 Hauts de Pontet, Pauillac\$21.99	2005 Rosé de Chevalier\$10.99
Lalande de Pomerol\$19.99	2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux\$10.99	2005 Calon Segur Rosé\$12.99
2001 Lafleur, Pomerol\$279.00	2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion\$39.99	

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#### Alsace/Loire Valley-France

2005 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur	\$11.99
Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur-Delightful sparkler, refreshing!	\$14.99
Cremant d'Alsace, J.P. Becker	\$14.99
2004 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$17.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur	\$19.99
2005 Rosé de Loire, Château Soucherie	\$7.99
2005 Touraine Rosé Riage, Grange Tiphaine	\$9.99
2005 Muscadet, Château la Moriniere VV	\$11.99
2005 St Nicolas de Bourgueil Expression, Joel Talau	\$12.99
2005 Touraine Cot Vielles Vignes, Grange Tiphaine	\$13.99
2004 Cour Ceverny "La Porte Doree," Tessier	\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Blanc, Franck Millet-Best ever	\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Rosé, Franck Millet	\$13.99
2004 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet-Our biggest sellers!	\$13.99
2005 Sancerre, Domaine Cherrier	\$14.99
2004 Menetou Salon Morogues, La Tour St Martin	\$14.99
2004 Menetou Salon Rouge, La Tour St Martin	\$14.99
2005 Benedicte de Ryke Coteaux de Loire Blanc	\$14.99
2002 St Nicholas de Bourgueil "Cuvee de Domaine," Talau.	\$14.99
2004 St Nicolas de Bourgueil VV, Joel Talau	\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Rosé, Gerard Boulay	\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Blanc, Gerard Boulay	\$18.99
2005 Sancerre Clos du Beaujeu, Gerard Boulay	\$24.99
2002 Quincy, Silice de Quincy	
1999 St Nicholas de Bourgueil "Cuvee de Domaine," Talau.	\$26.99
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2005 Sancerre Mont Damnes, Gerard Boulay	\$26.99
Bordeaux: White/Red/Stickies	\$26.99
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2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud\$11.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince\$13.99
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$13.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay "Signature," Champy\$15.99
2005 Pouilly Fuissé, "Chataignieres" Domaine Nembrets\$19.99
2004 St-Romain Blanc, Champy\$20.99
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, "Les Folles," Domaine des Nembrets\$21.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy\$21.99
2004 Ladoix "Hautes Mourottes," 1er Cru, Prince Merode\$21.99
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé "La Roche," Domaine des Nembrets\$24.99
2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dents de Chien" 1er Cru, Champy\$29.99
2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dents de Chien" Maroslavac\$29.99
2004 Meursaults, "Charmes/Genevrieres" 1er C, Monnier\$41.99
2004 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode\$54.99
2004 Vosne-Romanee "Suchots" Champy\$59.99
2004 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode\$59.99
Southern France
2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Felines Jourdan\$7.99
2004 Grenache-Syrah, Felines Jourdan\$7.99
2004 Marselen, Domaine l'Attilon (Organic)\$8.99
2005 Viognier, Laurent Miquel "Nord Sud"\$9.99
Cremant de Limoux, Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531"\$9.99
2004 Coteaux de Languedoc, Domaine Beau Thorey "Patus," \$11.99
2005 St Chinian Blanc, Rimbert\$11.99
2000 Chardonnay "Sainte Marie" Jean Denois-Super value!\$14.99
NV Tradition Brut Sparkling, Denois\$14.99
2004 Saint Chinian "Le Mas au Schiste," Rimbert\$14.99
NV Cerdon de Bugey, Caveau de Mont St July\$14.99
2003 Vin de Pays d'Oc, Denois "Chloe"\$19.99
2003 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Rouge\$17.99
2004 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Blanc\$19.99
2003 Coteaux de Languedoc Faugeres, Hecht & Bannier\$22.99
2003 Saint Chinian, Rimbert "Le Mas au Schiste" (1.5L)\$29.99
2004 Palette Blanc, Château Simone\$33.99
2005 Palette Rosé, Château Simone\$33.99
2003 Palette Rouge, Château Simone
Corsica
2003 Corse-Figari Clos Canarelli "Le Petit Clos" (Organic)\$11.99
Displays bright violet and hibiscus flora-matics along with juicy canberry fruit.
Rhône
2003 Côtes du Rhône, Château Montfaucon-Fruity and ripe!\$9.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône, Cecile Chassagne\$9.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône VV, Comte Louis Clermont\$10.99
89 points from Robert Parker.
2004 Côtes du Rhône "Roaix," Dom Auzieres\$10.99
Clairette de Die Cave Carod\$12.99
2004 Beaume-de-Venise, Ferme st Martin "Terres"\$12.99
2004 Lirac, Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique"\$12.99
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Domaine Soumade-Fine value!\$13.99
2004 Beaume-de-Venise, Ferme st Martin "Cuvee St Mar"\$16.99
2004 Lirac, Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"\$16.99
2003 Rasteau Prestige, Doamine Soumade\$17.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Marcoux\$22.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Vaudieu\$26.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône "Les Violettes," Domaine Soumade\$29.99
Stunning wine-crushed raspberries! 90 points Parker!
2004 Cornas, Vincent Paris "Granit 30"\$29.99
2001 Cornac, vincenti aris Granit 30\$29.99

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2004 Cornas, Vincent paris "Granit 60"\$34.99
2004 Côte Rôtie, Joel Champet "La Villiere"\$34.99
2000 Châteauneuf, Montfaucon "Baron Louis" (1.5L)\$39.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Ch Vaudieu "Val de Dieu"\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux\$49.99
90-93 points Robert Parker.
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux VV\$159.99
93-95 points Robert Parker.
Champagne
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc\$25.99
1999 Launois Blanc de Blanc\$32.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blanc\$24.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!\$27.99
de Meric Sous Bois Brut-Rich style\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve\$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition\$27.99
Michel Arnould Grand Reserve Brut\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé Reserve\$29.99
Bruno Michel Brut\$29.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blanc\$29.99
Marguet Pere Cuvee Reserve Brut\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Les Cheves Pierreuses" Brut\$29.99
Fleury Carte Rouge\$29.99
1999 Launois Blanc de Blanc\$32.99
1999 Hubert Paulet Brut\$32.99
2000 Launois Cuvee Maxime Blanc de Blanc\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé\$34.99
de Meric Blanc de Blanc Sous Bois Brut\$34.99
Rene Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-The new 1996/1997 cuvée!\$39.99
1999 de Meric Sous Bois Brut\$44.99
1990 Rene Collard Reserve\$49.99
Tarlant Single Vineyard Blanc de Blancs\$49.99
Tuscany/Montalcino-Italy
2004 Poggiopiano Chianti Classico\$13.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico\$17.99
2001 Casisano Columbaio Rosso di Montalcino\$16.99
2004 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino\$17.99
2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino\$19.99
2001 Poggiarellino Brunello di Montalcino\$29.99
2001 Baricci "Colombaio di Montesoli" Brunello\$34.99
2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino\$39.99
2001 Lisini Brunello di Montalcino\$39.99
2004 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT\$44.99
Piedmont/Friuli/Etc
2004 Luccheti Lacrima\$11.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto\$12.99
2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo\$29.99
2003 Aldo Conterno Barbara d'Alba "Conca tre Pile"\$29.99
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L)\$159.99
2004 Blason Cabernet Franc or Pinot Grigio\$8.99
2005 Blason Tocai Friulino
2005 Blason Chardonnay "Bruma" or Sauvignon\$9.99
2005 Ermacora
All new wines! All delicious!

Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro-Three types	\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Robusco.	\$10.99
Follador Cartizze	\$19.99
Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut or Extra Dry	\$10.99

# A Feast for the Senses!

It always seems that there is something new to discover in Italian wines. These new wines are, however, rarely new, just small regional wines made from indigenous varietals that have been local favorites for years but are just now finding their way to international markets. For me, half of the fun of Italian wine is finding these treasures, the other half is drinking them!

2004 Dacapo Ruche di Castagnole Monferrato Majoli (\$19.99)

Ruche is the varietal. Grown in the Piemont, this is unlike any of the "traditional" varietals found in the region. It is a charmer, dazzling red fruit aromatics that are literally peppered with spice. Round and juicy on its medium-bodied palate with moderate tannins and subtle earthiness, this wine has tremendous ease and grace.

2004 Mario Lucchetti Lacrima di Morro (\$12.99) Lacrima di Morro is the varietal. Hailing from the Marche, this is another red that will tickle your nasal passages! This could almost be the red cousin to Gewürztraminer! Chocked full of fruit: red fruits, berries, tropical and citrus notes as well as rose petal perfume! Medium bodied and dry on the palate with enough tannin to remind you that it is a red wine after all. Think of this as Italian cru Beaujolais!

2005 La Sibilla Campi Flegrei Piedirosso (\$14.99) This is one of the many truly unique varieties from Campania, and it offer a delicious contrast to the region's best known grape, Agliancio. This Naples native offers old-vine intensity. In addition to its being planted on its own rootstock, its sandy terroir has kept Phyloxera at bay! Savory red fruits with a subtle earthiness and minerality leap from the glass. On the palate it shows a gentleman's restraint with uncommon depth! Showing red fruits, dusty, earthy minerality and fine tannins this wine lingers on the palate like the haunting images of Roman ruins. It is a real treat!

-Kirk Walker

#### **SAUTERNES IN STOCK**

1991 Yquem-91 points Robert Parker       \$159.99         1996 Rieussec       \$59.99
1990 Ricussec
2000 Grand Enclos de Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$12.99
Super delicious bargain. Creamy, rich, perfectly balanced.
2001 Dudon-Delicious stickie-great value!\$25,99
2002 de Fargues (375ml \$34.99)\$69.99
92-94 points Robert Parker (04/05) Five Stars from <i>Decanter</i> magazine: "Tight and youthful and biding its time, this has a nose of citrus and mandarins, while the wine is concentrated, full bodied, with ripe citrus tones and fine acidity"
2002 Rieussec-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$54.99
<b>2002 Yquem (375ml \$109.99, 1.5L \$399.99)</b> A beautiful wine, all purity and finesse, very long with incredible balance. 96 points and a Collectibles designation from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> .
2003 La Tour Blanche\$57.99
97 points and a Highly Recommended designation from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Full-bodied, with lovely sweetness and a long, creamy peach tart, tobacco, honey aftertaste. This is pure botrytis. Best ever from here."
2003 Sigalas Rabaud-92 points Robert Parker\$35.99

#### **RHÔNE VALLEY**

2004 Beaumes de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin	
"Terres Jaunes"	\$12.99
2004 Beaumes de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin	
"Cuvée Saint Martin"	<b>\$16.99</b>
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pâpe Château Vaudieu	.\$26.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pâpe Château Vaudieu "Vale de Dieu"	\$49.99
2003 Châteauneuf Clos du Mont Olivet "Cuvee des Papet"	.\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos du Mont Olivet	\$21.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquets des Pape Tradition	.\$32.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château Fortia Cuvée Baron	.\$32.99
2004 Châteauneuf Clos du Mont Olivet "Cuvee des Papet"	\$46.99
2004 Châteauneuf Mas de Boislauzon "Cuvée de Quet"	.\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Pape "Chantemerle'	<b>'\$49.9</b> 9
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine de Marcoux	.\$54.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rasteau Domaine La Soumade	3
"Prestige"	.\$1 <mark>7.9</mark> 9
2004 Côtes du Rhône de Segries "Clos de l'Hermitage"	.\$18.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Blanc La Bastide Saint Dominique	.\$12.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rasteau Domaine La Soumade	2
"Les Violettes"	.\$29.99
2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"	\$16.99
2003 Cornas Robert Michel "Cuvée des Coteaux"	<b>\$44.99</b>
2004 Cornas Vincent Paris "Granit 30"	\$29.99
2004 Cornas Vincent Paris "Granit 60"	
2004 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet "La Vialliere"	\$34.99
2003 Côte Rôtie Bernard Levet "La Chavaroche"	\$59.99
2004 Crozes Hermitage du Colombier "Cuvee Gaby"	\$24.99
2004 Hermitage Yann Chave	\$54.99
2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique"	\$12.99
2005 Vacqueyras Domaine Montvac	.\$15.99

#### Mas de Boislauzon

The 2004 vintage marked a return to classicism where once again the wines are balanced with good vibrant acidity, pretty aromatics and firm structure. It is a heartening thing when a producer captures the beauty of such a classic vintage as the Chaussy family of Mas de Boislauzon has. Their two traditional styled Châteauneuf-du-Papes avoid the heaviness that is all too often taken as the norm in the appellation. True to tradition, both wines are vinified with the stems on, aged in primarily old oak, and unfiltered. Both wines garnered 92-94 points by Parker to boot!

2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Mas de Boislauzon (\$24.99) A blend of 90% grenache and 10% mourvèdre, Mas de Boslauzon is a pure expression of Grenache from the northern border of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This charmer is redolent of pepper, spice and blackberry. Peppercorns, licorice and a lovely minerality dominate the palate. Refreshingly buoyant, this wine maintains good acidity and finesse throughout. Approachable now, I would pop the cork and enjoy with a steak au poivre. However, for the patient, it will also benefit from a few more years of ageing.

2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Mas de Boislauzon "Cuvée du Quet" (\$49.99) A gorgeous nose of kirsch, violet and an underlying meatiness will draw you in to this beautifully complex and multi-layered Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The palate reveals nuances of bittersweet chocolate, brambly fruit, earth and leather. A fine, stony minerality lends to the overall structure. Still swathed in a firm cloak of tannins, this dark and dense beauty needs time to mature. —Nadia Dmytriw

#### S. AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

#### **South Africa**

2005 Stormhoek Pinotage or Sauvignon Blanc	\$8.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	.\$10.99
2005 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc	.\$10.99
2004 Glen Carlou Chardonnay	.\$10.99
2003 Black Pearl "Oro" Shiraz-Cabernet, Paarl	.\$16.99
2005 Rustenberg Chardonnay Stellenbosch	.\$17.99
2006 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch	.\$18.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"	.\$22.99
2005 Anwilka, Constantia	.\$35.99
Robert Parker: "the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa	."

#### New Zealand

2006 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$9.99
2006 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$12.99
2006 Bird "Old Schoolhouse" Sauv Blanc Marlborough	\$13.99
2006 St. Clair Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$13.99
2006 Huia Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$14.99
2005 Sacred Hill Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$14.99
2005 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$15.99
2006 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$21.99
Australia	

<u>Australia</u>	
2004 Richmond Grove "Black Cat" Shiraz	.\$8.99
2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	.\$9.99
2004 Craneford Private Selection Chardonnay	.\$9.99
2005 Water Wheel "Memsie" SCM	11.99
2005 Three Rings Barossa Valley Shiraz	15.99
2005 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier	15.99
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz	15.99
2005 Mr Riggs "The Gaffer" Shiraz	16.99
2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve	16.99
2004 Grant Burge Barossa Miamba Shiraz	18.99
2005 Hewitson 'Private Cellar' Shiraz-Mourvèdre	29.99
2004 Kilikanoon "Covenat" Shiraz	31.99

#### Iim C's View Down Under

**2005 Milton Park Shiraz Barossa Valley South Australia (\$6.99)** 90 points Parker. This is a beautiful wine, with blackberry, licorice, dark cherry and a hint of oak. Full bodied with good texture.

**2005** Thorn Clarke "Terra Barossa" Shiraz Barossa Valley South Australia (\$9.99) 91 points Parker, who writes: "Another unreal bargain with amazing QPR." Inky purple with blackberry liqueur, camphor, grilled meat and toasty oak.

**2005** Thorn Clarke "Terra Barossa" Cuvee Barossa Valley South Australia (\$9.99) The 2004 got 90 points, and while not yet rated, the greatness of the 2005 vintage will no doubt shine in this blend that includes shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and petite verdot.

**2005** Thorn Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz Barossa Valley South Australia (\$13.99) 92 points Parker. This is richer with black and blueberry fruit and chocolate notes woven seamlessly together.

**2005 Thorn Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Cuvee Barossa Valley (\$13.99)** This recently took the trophy for best blend and best wine at the Hobart Wine Show in Australia. A Bordeaux blend from Down Under.

**2004** Thorn Clarke William Randell "Kabininge Vineyard" Shiraz Barossa Valley (\$34.99) 92+ points Parker. This is a big boy with mint, blackberry, black cherry, licorice and bittersweet chocolate.

Cheers! — Jimmy C

#### **OLD & RARE DOMESTIC WINES**

1977 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa\$99.00
1977 Sterling Napa Valley (1.5L)\$49.95
1977 Sterling Reserve (1.5L)\$99.95
1977 Sterling Reserve (3L)\$199.95
1978 Kenwood Jack London\$59.95
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (3L)\$549.95
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (6L)\$999.00
1978 Sterling Reserve (6L)\$599.00
<b>1978 Sterling Res</b> -Was \$99.95\$ <b>59.95</b>
1979 Beringer State Lane (9L)\$1,399.00
1980 Beringer Res Lemmon\$125.00
1980 Dunn Howell Mount (5L)\$1,199.00
1982 Kathryn Kennedy\$99.95
1982 Montelena Napa\$149.00
1984 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa\$84.95
1984 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa\$89.95
1984 Robert Mondavi Res Napa\$119.95
<b>1984 Sterling Reserve</b> -Was \$79.00\$59.95
1985 Diamond Creek Volcanic H\$169.95
1985 Dunn Howell Mount (5L)\$1,299.00
1985 Kathryn Kennedy Santa Cr\$129.00
1985 Montelena Estate (1.5L)\$399.00
1985 Sterling Napa\$29.95
1986 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (1.5L)\$199.95
1986 Beringer PR Napa\$129.95
1986 Diamond Creek Volcanic H\$129.00
1986 Diamond Creek RRT (9L)\$1,599.00
1986 Joseph Phelps Insignia (5L) \$1,199.00
1986 Livingston "Moffet" Napa\$59.95
1986 Sterling Napa (1.5L)\$49.95
1987 Beaulieu PR (3L)\$399.00
1987 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa\$89.95
1987 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)\$899.00
1987 Kenwood Artist (3L)\$349.95
1987 Opus One Napa (6L)\$2,399.00
1987 Silver Oak Alexander (3L)\$599.00
1988 Caymus Special Selection\$169.95

1988 Montelena Estate (1.5L)\$249.95
1988 Montelena Napa\$89.00
1989 Grace Family (1.5L)\$799.00
1989 Sterling Napa\$19.99
1989 Sterling Napa (1.5L)\$39.95
1989 Sterling Reserve (3L)\$189.95
1990 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)\$299.95
1990 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa\$74.99
1990 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)\$699.00
1990 Diamond Creek Lake (1.5L)\$799.95
1990 Diamond Creek Red Rock\$149.95
1990 Diamond Creek Three Vine\$129.95
1990 Grace Family Napa (1.5L)\$999.95
1990 Sterling Reserve (3L)\$299.95
1991 Beaulieu PR (3L)\$349.95
1991 Beaulieu PR Napa (6L)\$799.00
1991 Diamond Creek Lake (5L)\$5,000.00
1991 Dunn Howell Mountain\$149.00
1991 Harrison Napa\$59.95
1991 Montelena Estate (1.5L)\$349.00
1991 Rodney Strong Alex (3L)\$249.95
1991 Sterling Diamond Mtn (6L)\$399.00
1992 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)\$799.00
1992 Bryant Family Napa\$450.00
1992 Silver Oak Alexander Valley \$110.00
1992 Silver Oak Alex V(6L)\$1,199.00
1992 Sterling Diamond Moun (3L) \$149.95
1993 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa\$64.99
1993 Beringer Chabot Vineyard\$89.95
1993 Beringer PR Napa\$99.00
1993 Burgess Vintage Selection\$39.95
1993 Far Niente (6L)\$699.00
1993 Silver Oak Alexander\$109.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa (6L)\$899.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa Valley\$149.99
1993 Silverado Limited Res Napa\$99.00
1994 Fife Res\$89.95

# Château La Canorgue

I suspect that the Cotes du Luberon has been a memorable pit stop for many travelers who've ever visited Provence. Located one hour south of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Cotes du Luberon is for purposes of vinous administration linked to the Rhone. However culturally it is 100% Provence. Along with breathtaking scenery and quaint little towns, the Cotes du Luberon is also home to Château La Canorgue. This beautiful property's 30 hectares of isolated vineyards are completely organic, and winemaking proceeds with minimal oak or human intervention. The resulting wines are pure, delicious and completely unpretentious.

**2005 Côtes du Lubéron Blanc Château La Canorgue (Biodynamic) (\$13.99)** This exuberant and vibrant white exhibits beautiful nuances of white peach, Meyer lemon and creamy pear. Juicy, forward fruit coupled with plenty of balancing acid make this Provencal white clean and polished. It will excel as a fine everyday sipper, or will pair very appropriately with a variety of Mediterranean-based entrees.

**2004 Cotes du Lubéron Rouge Château La Canorgue (Biodynamic) (\$13.99)** A blend of 30% grenache and 70% syrah, this unfiltered beauty sings of Provence. The nose is full of pepper, anis, leather and dark berries with just a hint of the wild herbs (thyme, rosemary and savory) that grow abundantly around the vineyards. Try this Provencal red with pastas, grilled lamb, hearty stews and just about anything else that screams for a big, bold red wine that has plenty of finesse.

—*Mulan Chan* 

1994 Grace Family\$3	399.95
1994 Joseph Phelps Napa	669.95
1994 Kathryn Kennedy Santa Cr\$1	29.00
1994 Signorello Estate Napa	59.95
1994 Silver Oak Alexander Valley\$1	
1994 Silver Oak Alexander V\$2	269.00
1994 Silver Oak Napa Valley\$1	
1994 Silverado Limited Res Napa\$1	
1994 Swanson Napa	
1995 Dalla Valle Maya Napa\$4	175.00
1995 Harlan The Maiden Napa   \$1	
1995 Montelena Estate Napa\$1	
1995 Silverado Limited Res\$1	25.00
1995 Swanson Napa	
1996 Beringer PR	
1996 Dalla Valle Maya Napa\$4	199.00
1996 Harlan The Maiden Napa    \$1	
1996 Leonetti (6L)\$1,2	
1996 Montelena Estate (1.5L)\$2	299.00
1996 Silver Oak Alexander Valley\$1	
1996 Silver Oak Napa Valley\$1	49.99
1996 Swanson Napa Valley	349.95
1997 Bryant Family Napa\$7	49.00
1997 Chappellet Pritchard Hill\$1	
1997 Clos du Val Napa Res	49.99
1997 Jones Family Napa\$1	69.00
1997 La Jota 16th Anniversar HM\$1	25.00
1997 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bell\$1	19.00
1997 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$1	19.00
1997 Silverado Limited Res Napa\$1	29.00
1997 Swanson Napa Valley	

#### **PORT IN STOCK**

Ramos White Port	
1958 Krohn Colheita	\$99.99
1960 Krohn Colheita	\$89.99
1963 Warre	\$249.00
1966 Krohn Colheita	\$79.99
1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita	\$84.99
1977 Dow	\$119.00
1977 Gould Campbell	\$79.99
1977 Warre	\$99.99
1978 Krohn Colheita	\$46.99
1983 Dow	\$74.99
1983 Graham	\$79.99
1985 Dow	\$89.99
1994 Dow	\$84.99
1994 Graham	\$89.00
1994 Krohn Colheita	\$21.99
1997 Fonseca	\$59.00
1997 Warre	\$39.99
1997 Ramos Pinto	\$32.99
1998 Ramos Pinto LBV	\$16.99
2003 Dow	\$74.99
2003 Graham	\$82.99
2004 Quinta do Vesuvio	\$46.99
Graham 10-year-old Tawny	

#### **CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS**

2002 Amici, Napa\$39.99
2002 Arrowood, Sonoma\$34.99
2002 Burgess, Napa \$29.99
2002 Cooper Garrod Cab Franc\$21.99
2002 Corison, Napa \$59.99
2002 Cornerstone, Napa\$49.99
2002 Franciscan "Magnificat"\$36.99
2002 Frank Family, Napa\$37.99
2002 Grgich Hills, Napa\$44.98
2002 Guilliams, Spring Mnt\$39.99
2002 Heitz, Napa\$34.99
2002 Hess Collection, Napa\$36.99
2002 Jordan, Alexander Valley \$41.99
2002 Napanook
2002 Schweiger, Spring Mnt\$41.99
2002 Schweiger, Spring Wilt\$41.99 2002 Sequoia Grove Reserve\$49.99
2002 Smith Madrone, Napa\$34.99
2002 Spring Mountain "Elivette"\$69.98
2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards \$39.99
2002 Stella Maris Red, Walla Walla\$29.99
2002 Trefethen, Napa\$34.99
2002 Vine Cliff, Oakville\$39.99
2003 Aia, Oakville\$22.99
A wine with a level of complexity matched only
by its sense of balance. 44% cabernet sauvignon, 39% cabernet franc and 17% merlot. Made by
Miner Family in the heart of Oakville.
2003 Baron Herzog (Kosher)\$12.99
2003 Beringer Knights Valley\$16.98
2003 BV "Georges de Latour"\$69.98
2003 BV "Tapestry"\$36.98
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2003 Cain Concept, Napa\$49.99
2003 Ch. Montelena, Napa \$32.98
2003 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex\$19.99
2003 Cuvaison, Mount Veeder\$29.99
2003 Dynamite, North Coast\$11.99
2003 Estancia Paso "Meritage"\$19.98
2003 Etude, Napa\$79.99
2003 Far Niente, Oakville\$89.99
2003 Forth, Dry Creek\$18.99
2003 Franciscan, Oakville\$19.99
2003 Frank Family Reserve, Napa\$64.99
2003 Frei Brothers, Alexander Vly\$14.99
2003 Groth, Napa \$39.98
2003 Hess Estate, Napa\$16.99
2003 Honig, Napa\$29.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"\$114.99
2003 Kalinda, Alexander Vly\$16.99
2003 Larkmead "Firebelle," Napa \$36.98
2003 L'Aventure "Optimus"\$34.99
2003 Lewelling, Napa\$44.99
2003 Leweinig, Napa
2003 Mount Veeder, Napa\$29.99
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2003 Provenance, Rutherford\$29.99
2003 Purisima Canyon, Alex Vly\$16.99
2003 Quintessa, Rutherford\$99.98

2003 Raymond Reserve, Napa\$24.99
A great follow-up to the delicious 2002! Bor-
deaux-like structure and depth are balanced off
with classic Napa fruit!
2003 Robert Mondavi, Oakville\$29.98
2003 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$99.98
2003 Rombauer, Napa\$29.99
2003 Sequoia Grove, Napa\$27.99
2003 Simi "Landslide"\$24.98
2003 Spottswoode, Napa\$109.00
2003 Stag's Leap Fay/SLV/23Inquire
2003 Terra Valentine, Napa\$27.99
2003 Veraison, Napa\$49.99
2003 Veraison "Synchrony"\$64.99
2003 VeriteInquire
2004 Alexander Valley Vineyards\$13.99
2004 Avalon, Napa\$9.99
2004 B.R. Cohn "Silver Label"\$14.98
2004 Beringer Founders'\$7.98
2004 Bogle, California\$9.99
2004 Caymus, Napa\$64.99
2004 Caymus Special Select\$129.00
2004 Chappellet "Signature"\$39.98
2004 Chimney Rock, Stag's Leap\$44.98
2004 Cliff Lede Claret\$29.99
2004 Darioush, Napa\$59.99
2004 Decoy, Napa\$25.99
2004 Edge, Napa\$16.99
2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa\$29.99
2004 Francis Coppola "Claret"\$12.99
2004 Hawk Crest, California\$9.99
2004 Hess Select, California\$10.99
2004 House Wine, Washington \$9.99
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2004 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"\$10.99 2004 Joseph Phelps, Napa\$44.98
2004 Justin, Paso Robles\$21.99
2004 Kapcsandy "State Lane"\$104.99
95 points Robert Parker: "Its dense ruby/purple color is accompanied by lovely, evolved aromas of blueberries, black currants, white chocolate, licorice, and pain grille." (12/06)
2004 Larkmead, Napa\$44.98
2004 Philip Togni, Spring Mnt\$85.99
2004 Ramey Claret\$29.98
2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa \$19.99
2004 Screw Kappa, Napa\$10.99
2004 Spring Valley "Uriah"\$44.99
2004 Stag's Leap Cellers "Artemis"\$39.98
2004 Tamber Bay "Two Rivers"\$26.99
2004 Turnbull, Napa\$36.98
2004 Twenty Bench, Napa \$14.99
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa\$8.99
2004 Von Strasser "Diam Dist Ser"\$49.99
2004 Wild Horse, Paso Robles\$15.99 This 2004 Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon is a rich and vibrant wine, blended with traditional Bordeaux varietals and a touch of Syrah.
2004 ZD, Napa\$39.98
2005 Esser, California\$7.99
2005 McManis, California\$8.99
CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!
2003 Silverado, Napa\$27.99
Intense, rich, penetrating flavors suggesting sweet Bing cherries and chocolate, espresso coffee and dark tobacco; well-balanced and full-

bodied with classic Cabernet richness and complexity. A robust and beautiful wine.

# Trey's Chardonnay Picks!

I always get a kick when I read quotes from wine professionals who say how out of fashion Chardonnay is. It is true that Rieslings and other white varietals have become more popular than ever before but Chardonnay still out sells them all 10 to 1. If Cabernet is King than Chardonnay is Queen! Here are a few of my current favorites:

**2005 Silverado Napa Chardonnay (\$14.98)** Excellent richness, depth of fruit and balance between toasty vanilla oak and acidity, lead the palate to a clean, bright finish. Rich and full upfront but still refreshing. Great with seafood!

**2004 Marimar Torres Estate "Don Miguel Vineyard" Chardonnay (\$19.99)** This Russian River vineyard is roughly 30 acres planted with three different clones. The wine goes through 100% malolactic fermentation and is then aged on its lees for nine months. This was bottled in June 2004 and was held for two years. This allows the wine to fill out in the mid-palate and helps soften the acidity, which is naturally high in grapes from this vineyard. Delicious!

**2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll District Chardonnay** (\$21.99) One of our favorites from Napa! The marine influence which is strong in Oak Knoll gives cooler than average temperatures and higher humidity than most of the rest of Napa Valley. The wine is lively, racy and fresh, with hints of almonds, pears and pineapple.

2005 Frank Family Napa Chardonnay (\$28.99) Aromas of a freshly baked apple pie, old fashioned vanilla cream soda, and roasted almonds. Finely textured, fleshy and smooth on the palate this wine has seamlessly integrated toasty oak and concentrated fruit flavors leading to a long elegant finish.  $-Trey\ Beffa$ 

#### **CHARDONNAY**

2003 Chalk Hill, Sonoma\$29.99
2003 James Henry "Woolsey Rd"\$39.99
2003 Simi, R.R Reserve\$19.99
2003 Stony Hill, Napa\$34.99
2004 Beron Herzog (Kosher)\$12.99
2004 Beringer Private Reserve\$29.99
2004 Beringer "Sbragia"\$39.98
2004 Beringer, Napa\$9.98
2004 Bernardus, Monterey\$14.99
2004 Cakebread Reserve, Napa\$49.99
2004 Cambria "Katherine's" \$12.98
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey\$11.99
<b>2004 Chalone Estate\$19.99</b>
2004 Clos La Chance, Santa Cruz\$16.99
2004 Cuvaison, Carneros\$14.99
2004 El Molino, Napa\$45.99
2004 Ferrari Carano, Alexand Vly\$23.99
2004 Foley "Rancho Santa Rosa"\$23.99
2004 Franciscan "Cuvee Sauvage"\$29.99
2004 Franciscan, Napa\$12.99
2004 Gary Farrell "Cresta Ridge"\$36.99
2004 Grgich Hills, Napa\$29.98
2004 Handley, Dry Creek\$17.99
2004 Hanzell, Sonoma\$59.99
2004 Landmark "Overlook"\$21.99
2004 Marimar Estate "D. Mig"\$19.99
2004 Mark West, Central Coast\$8.99
2004 Mer Soleil, Central Coast \$34.99
2004 Mount Eden "Wolf Vineyard"\$14.99
2004 Newton "Unfiltered"\$39.98
2004 Ojai Vineyards "Clos Pepe"\$36.99
2004 Olivet Lane, Russian River\$19.99
2004 Point Concepcion "Caponera" \$14.99
2004 Ramey "Hyde"\$47.99

2004 Robert Mondavi, Carneros	\$14.99
2004 Rusack, Santa Barbara	\$15.99
2004 Sanford, Santa Barbara	\$13.99

A blend of grapes from La Rinconada, Sanford & Benedict, and Bien Nacido Vineyards. The wine has bright tropical fruit notes with underlying minerality.

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2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards	\$34.99
2004 Tolosa, Edna Valley	\$16.99
2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll	\$21.99
2004 Trinchero, California	\$6.99
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$7.99
2004 Varner "Bee Block"	\$31.99
2004 Walter Hansel, "Cahill Lane"	
2005 A by Acacia, California	\$9.99
2005 Acacia, Carneros	
2005 Babcock, Santa Rita Hills	\$16.99
2005 Beringer Founders'	
2005 Bogle, California	
2005 Cakebread, Napa	
2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Ca	\$8.99
2005 Chalone, Monterey	
2005 Chappellet, Napa	\$26.99
2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$10.99
2005 Cinnabar, Monterey	\$15.99
2005 Echelon, California	\$6.99
2005 Edna Valley Vineyards	\$9.98
2005 Esser, California	\$7.99
2005 Far Niente, Napa	\$41.99
2005 Four Vines "Naked"	
2005 Foxglove, Edna Valley	\$10.99
90 points Robert Parker: "A combination	of

estate grown fruit blended with Edna Valley

grapes. The result is an outstanding white wine

possessing attractive aromas of lemon oil, white

corn, crushed rocks, and white currants as well as a steely crispness reminiscent of a top-notch Chablis."

2005 Francis Coppola "Diamond" .... \$11.99

2005 Frank Family, Napa	\$28.99
2005 Groth, Napa	\$22.98
2005 Heitz, Napa	
2005 Heron, California	
2005 Hess, Monterey	
2005 Hess "Su'skol"	
2005 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco	
2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406," Napa	\$15.99
2005 Kali Hart, Monterey	
2005 Kalinda Los Carneros	
2005 Kalinda, Anderson Valley	\$12.99
2005 Kendall Jackson Grnd Res	
90 points Robert Parker: "This is unquestic	onably
one of the world's finest Chardonnay barg	ains. It
is almost too serious for its price point."	40.00
2005 Kendall Jackson Vint Res	
2005 La Crema, Sonoma	
2005 Lewis, Sonoma	\$39.99
2005 Lioco "Stuhlmuller Vine"	.\$19.99
2005 Logan "Sleepy Hollow"	
2005 MacRostie, Carneros	
2005 Margarett's Vineyard, CA	
2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	
2005 McManis, California	
2005 Melville, Santa Rita	
2005 Mer Soleil "Silver"	
2005 Merryvale "Starmont"	
2005 Morgan "Highland" S.L.H	\$19.99
2005 Miner Family, Napa	
2005 Napa Cellars, Napa	
2005 Neyers Carn & Napa	
2005 Nickel & Nickel "Searby"	
2005 Nickel & Nickel "Truchard"	
2005 Patz & Hall "Durrell"	
2005 Patz & Hall, Napa	
2005 Silverado, Napa	
2005 Siqueira, Clarksburg	
2005 Smith Madrone, Napa	
2005 Sonoma Cutrer, Sonoma Cst	
2005 Storrs, Santa Cruz	
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#### <u>CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!</u> 2005 Solitude, Carneros ......\$21.98

2005 Stuhlmuller, Alexander Vly.....\$21.99

2005 Talley Estate Arroyo Grande ....\$24.99

2005 Testarossa "Castello" ......\$27.99

2005 Toasted Head .....\$10.99

2005 ZD, California .....\$26.98

Having trouble getting Rombauer Chardonnay! Solitude Chardonnay is barrel fermented in French oak, utilizing Burgundian yeast strains. Malo-lactic fermentation, yeast contact, and stirring occur during the seven months of oak aging. You may forget all about that Chard that starts with "R."

#### **Pure Wine**

Life is a constant state of change. Throughout the history of farming, grape growers have discovered which varieties grew best in their individual regions, and developed new ways to handle vines, often resulting in better wine. This process of discovery and development followed a pretty natural curve for quite a while, but World Wars I & II changed the nature of farming in a radical way. It's a bit redundant to point out how drastically both the World Wars changed the way we live, but it's worthwhile to mention that the advent of DDT (used to kill mosquitoes, a vector for malaria) and Ammonium Nitrate (a cheap source of nitrogen used for munitions) ushered in an era of dependence on chemical pesticides and fertilizers that altered agriculture radically. Organic farming has risen as a counter to the post war state of agriculture. As the effects of these chemicals on the environment began to surface, a belief spread that the farming methods employed before the wars might not only be better for the environment, but also create better produce. With wine, a lot of the early adopters of natural farming and vinification methods were in Beaujolais. Producers in the region have been experimenting with organic farming, non-interventionist wine making, and traditional forms of plant selection since the '60s. K&L imports wine from two producers who fit this bill: the Domaine Milleranche Julienas (\$11.99) comes from organic vineyards, and the Domaine des Gandelins Moulin à Vent (\$13.99) is made from fruit from 70-year-old vines, grown sustainably. Both wines are hand harvested and fermented with wild yeast. These pure expressive wines are not only vibrant with fruit and spice, they speak of where they come from. —Paul Courtright

#### **PINOT NOIR**

2003 Burrell School "Veranda"\$27.99
2003 Domaine Drouhin "Laurene"\$59.99
2003 Mount Eden Vineyards Estate\$32.99
2003 Oak Arbour "Toulouse" \$29.99
2003 Ryan Cellars "Peay"\$47.99
2003 Sonoma Coast Vineyards\$44.99
2003 Stoller Estate, Willamette Vly\$32.99
2003 Tolosa, Edna Valley\$19.99
2003 Truchard, Carneros\$27.99
2004 Acacia, Carneros\$14.99
2004 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"\$21.99
2004 David Bruce, Russian River\$32.99
2004 Domaine Serene "Yamhill"\$29.99
2004 Etude, Carneros\$38.99
2004 Frei Brothers, Russian River\$19.99
2004 Gary Farrell, Russian River\$39.99
2004 La Bete "Meredith Mitch"\$24.99
2004 Mayacamas, Napa\$31.99
2004 Patton Valley, Willamette\$27.99
90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Crisp in texture, with

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Crisp in texture, with a beautiful bead of currant, blueberry and meaty, spicy flavors that point right through the long, refined finish."

2004 Robert Sinskey, Carneros	\$29.99
2004 Talley Estate, Arroyo Grnde	.\$29.99
2004 Varner "Hidden Block"	.\$36.99
2004 Walter Hansel Estate, RR	\$26.99
2004 Woodenhead "Morning Dew".	.\$44.99
2005 A by Acacia, California	.\$14.99
2005 A to Z, Oregon	.\$16.99
2005 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly	.\$24.99
2005 Belle Glos "Clark & Tele"	.\$39.99
2005 Brandborg, Umpqua (Ore)	.\$18.99
2005 Breggo Cellars, Anderson Vly	.\$32.99
2005 Broadley, Willamette Vly	.\$29.99
2005 Calera, Central Coast	.\$19.99

2005 Cambria "Julia's"	\$16.98
2005 Carmel Road, Monterey	
2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Calif	
2005 Chalone, Monterey	
2005 David Bruce, Central Coast	
2005 Drew "Ashley's" Santa Rita	
2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif	
2005 Elk Cove, Willamette Vly	\$19.99
2005 Hahn Estates, Monterey	
2005 Hartford Court "Land's Edge".	
2005 Jezebel, Oregon	\$16.99
2005 Lazy Creek "M & B"	\$27.99
2005 Lutea, Russian River	
2005 Mark West, Central Coast	
2005 Melville, Santa Rita	
2005 Morgan "Twelve Clones"	
2005 Olivet Lane, Russian River	
2005 Orogeny, Green Valley	
2005 Parker Station, Santa Barb	
2005 Patz & Hall, Sonoma	
2005 Penner Ash, Willamette Vly	
2005 Ponzi "Tavola"	
2005 Poppy, Monterey	
2005 Raptor Ridge Willamette	\$25.99
Aromas of fresh rose petals with red fruit	
and hints of sandalwood that carry throug	
wine. Soft but structured, accessible but w	ell-bal-
anced, this is an outrageously good wine.	
2005 Rex Hill Oregon	
2005 Saintsbury "Garnet"	
2005 Samsara "Ampelos" Snt Rita	
2005 Sanford, Santa Barbara	
2005 Smoking Loon, California	\$7.99

2005 Stephen Ross, Central Coast ....\$16.99 2005 ZD, Carneros ......\$24.98

# A Trio from the Northern Rhone

**2004 St-Joseph Les Vins de Vienne "l'Arzelle" (\$22.99)** Bright, black cherry-matics, lavender and sweet tobacco endow this with lots of class and immediate accessibility. The wine's name is a reference to the highly unusual and diverse terroir of Saint-Joseph. With its Massif Central origins, the granite breaks up easily as it wears over time. This decomposed granite is known locally as l'Arzelle. Enjoy from now-2010.

**2004** Hermitage Les Vins de Vienne "Les Chirats de Saint Christophe" (\$49.99) This 100% syrah is aged for 18 months in 60% new oak. Although more plush in style than other wines from Hermitage, Les Chirats still maintains a gorgeous mineral back note and excellent acidity to boot. Black fruits, and bittersweet chocolate, are balance with subtle notes of smoke and espresso nib. Best from 2008-2014.

2004 Cote-Rotie Joel Champet "La Viallière" (\$34.99) Joel Champet employs all the traditional wine-making processes. The grapes are never destemmed and they are fermented and macerated for three weeks in open concrete vats. The wine is aged in cask and foudre for 15-18 months, and then is bottled without filtration. In the mouth this wine executes elegance, exudes profuse aromatics, and has been said, vintage after vintage, to be the most Burgundian of all Cote-Roties. There is the feathery essence of earth, melding with a subtle element of spicy cherry fruit. This is refined, sophisticated, and dare I say, delicate.

-Keelyn Healy and Mulan Chan

#### **ZINFANDEL**

2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt\$14.99
2003 Amici "Panek" \$26.99
2003 Burrell School "Ryan Oaks"\$21.99
2003 Coro Mendo "Eaglepoint Rn"\$33.99
2003 D Cubed Howell Mountain\$32.99
2003 Ridge "Geyserville"\$29.99
2003 RustRidge\$29.99
2003 Scott Harvey Old Vines\$19.99
2003 St. Francis Old Vine
2004 Alexander Valley "Sin Zin"\$14.99
2004 Bogle Old Vines\$9.99
2004 Brown Estate "Chiles Vly"\$42.99
2004 Bucklin Old Hill Ranch\$28.99
This organic wine shows an impressive array of
sweet cherries, blackberries, plums and peppery spice that lend structure and depth.
2004 Dashe, Dry Creek\$17.99
2004 Elyse "Morisoli"\$29.99
2004 Frog's Leap, Napa\$19.98
2004 Girard, Napa\$19.99
The 2004 is fuller than previous vintages and pre-
sents a dark crimson color. The aroma offers dark
cherries, lush blueberries and ripe plums.
2004 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"\$22.99
2004 Hendry "Block 7," Napa\$27.99
2004 J. Runquist "Z"\$18.99
2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"\$21.99
2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi \$14.99
2004 Limerick Lane, RR\$24.99
2004 Lolonis, Redwood Valley\$16.99
2004 Neyers Tofanelli/PatoInquire
2004 Norman "The Monster"\$19.99
2004 Plungerhead, Dry Creek\$11.99
2004 Preston, Dry Creek \$21.99
2004 Rosenblum "Aparicio"\$24.99
2004 Rosenblum "Carla's"\$22.99
2004 Rombauer\$21.99
2004 Sobon "Rocky Top" \$12.99
2004 Turley "Juvenile"\$54.99
Parker: "One of the finest buys in this portfolio."
2004 Unti, Dry Creek\$19.99
2005 Alexander Valley "SinZin"\$13.99
2005 Dashe Lt Harvest (375ml)\$24.99
2005 Edmeads, Mendocino\$14.99
2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif\$9.99
2005 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" \$8.99
2005 Hartford, Russian River\$27.99
A blend of old-vine, dry farmed and low yielding
Zinfandel vineyards predominately from the Russian River Valley. These old vineyards (average vine-
yard age is about 75 years) offer an impressive
articulation of this idiosyncratic varietal.
2005 Joel Gott, California\$12.99
2004 Michael & David 7Deadly Zins \$13.99
2005 Ridge "Three Valleys"\$14.99
2005 Rosenblum, SF Bay or Paso\$13.99
2005 Seghesio Sonoma\$16.98

2005 Shenandoah Amador Spec Res ..\$7.99

2005 Windmill Estates Old Vine ...... \$9.99

#### **OTHER DOMESTIC WINE**

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE		
<b>Domestic White</b>	<b>Domestic Red</b>	<u>Merlot</u>
2002 Treana White Blend\$17.99	Fess Parker "Frontier Red"\$7.99	2001 Schweiger, Sprng Mnt\$24.99
2004 Bocce California Pinot Grigio\$8.99	2003 Altamura Napa Sangiovese\$31.99	2001 St. Francis, Sonoma\$11.99
2004 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc \$18.99	2003 Palmina "Stolpman" Nebbiolo \$31.99	2002 Atalon, Napa \$24.98
2005 A to Z Pinot Gris\$11.99	2003 Spencer Roloson Tempranillo\$29.99	89 points Robert Parker: "It is hard to find good,
2005 Alban Central Coast Viognier\$23.99	2003 Tablas Creek "Cote de Tabls"\$19.99	classic Merlot from California selling at a realistic
2005 Clos Saron Carte Blanche\$18.99	2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy\$9.99	price, but Atalon delivers the goods."
2005 Conundrum White Blend\$21.99	2004 Fortitude Napa Field Blend\$26.99	2002 Havens, Napa\$19.99
2005 Elk Cove Oregon Pinot Blanc\$13.99	2004 Graff Family Mourvèdre\$18.99	2002 Silverado, Napa\$19.99
2005 Esterlina Dry Riesling\$15.99	2004 Paraduxx, Napa Red\$39.99	2003 Burgess, Napa \$14.99
2005 Fish Eye Pinot Grigio\$5.99	2004 Rabid Red California Red\$11.99	2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Vly \$19.99
2005 Fortitude Napa Semillon\$17.99	2005 Vino Noceto Sangiovese\$14.99	2003 Dynamite, North Coast\$11.99
2005 Lazy Creek, Riesling\$21.99	2005 Bucklin Mixed Blacks\$22.99	2003 Etude, Napa\$44.99
2005 Palmina SB Tocai Friulano\$21.99	2005 Margerum "M5" Rhone Red\$26.99	2003 Keenan "Mailbox Res" \$49.99
2005 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viog\$11.99	2005 Orin Swift "The Prisoner"\$31.99	2003 Keenan, Napa\$27.99
2005 Sobon Amador Roussanne\$14.99	2005 Owen Roe "Abbot's Table"\$24.99	2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Wash\$29.99
2005 Spencer Roloson Gren. Blanc\$16.99	2005 Palmina "Zotovich" Dolcetto\$17.99	2003 Markham, Napa\$15.99
2005 Thomas Fogarty Gewurt\$12.99		2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$19.98
2005 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling\$14.99	<u>Syrah/Petite Sirah</u> 2002 Project 3000\$16.99	2003 Paradigm, Napa\$41.99
2005 Vinum Cellars CNW Chenin\$8.99		2003 Provenance, Napa\$24.99
Sauvignon Blanc	2003 Kalinda Los Carneros\$17.99	2003 Rombauer, Napa\$24.99
2004 Chalk Hill, Sonoma\$21.99	2003 Rock Block, Seven Hills\$36.99	2003 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa\$19.99
2004 Chaik Till, Soliolia\$21.99 2004 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"\$6.99	2003 Van Enoo Santa Ynez Syrah\$18.99	2003 Swanson, Napa\$24.99
2004 Murphy Godde Thi Rooi \$26.99 2004 Spring Mountain, Napa \$26.99	2004 Bogle California Petite Sirah\$8.99	2003 Twomey, Napa\$64.99
2004 Spring Mountain, Napa	2004 David Bruce CC Petite Sirah\$14.99	91-93 points Robert Parker: "Notes of pepper,
<del>-</del>	2004 K Vintners "Milbrandt"\$27.99	dried herbs, damp earth, sweet cherry liqueur, and chocolate-infused coffee jump from the
2005 Cakebread, Napa\$23.99 2005 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly\$12.99	2004 Girard Napa Petite Sirah\$17.99	glass."
2005 Chance Creek, Redwood Viy\$12.99 2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma\$9.99	2004 Hahn, Central Coast\$10.99	2004 Chappellet, Napa\$29.99
	2004 JC Cellars California Cuvee\$24.99	2004 Duckhorn, Napa \$44.99
2005 Cliff Lede, Napa	2004 Ojai, Santa Barbara\$26.99	2004 Echelon, California\$8.99
2005 Everett Ridge, Dry Creek\$14.99	2004 Rocinante "Palindrome"\$29.99	2004 Francis Coppola "Diamond" \$12.99
2005 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma \$12.99	2004 Sobon Estate Syrah\$9.99	2004 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek\$13.99
2005 Geyser Peak, California \$7.99	2005 Hocus Pocus, SB Syrah\$17.99	2004 Parcel 41, Napa\$15.99
2005 Girard, Napa	2005 Lazy Creek, Anderson Vly\$34.99	2005 Bogle, California\$6.98
2005 Grgich Hills, Napa	2005 Margerum "Purisima Mnt"\$39.99	2005 McManis, California
2005 Honig, Napa	2005 McManis Petite Sirah\$9.99	2000 Memamo, Camornia
2005 Joel Gott "Three Ranches"\$11.99	D ( C	
Brilliant, vibrant wine due to the cool growing	Boutique Corner	
season; which produced intensely aromatic sauvi-	This month we have some new releases from so	ome of my favorite producers. The production
gnon blancs with great varietal expression!	on all three of these wines is limited, but they sl	
2005 Kalinda, Dry Creek\$9.99	2004 Storybook Mountain "Mayacamas Rang	re" Napa Zinfandel (\$27.95) This is another
2005 Kathryn Kennedy\$16.99	winner from Jerry Seps. The 2004 shows more	
2005 Kirkham Peak, Dry Creek\$9.99 tage. The wine has bright concentration and complexity with great balance. This is what Zin-		
2005 Kunde "Magnolia Lane"\$10.99		ine is perfectly balanced. 92 points from Parker.
2005 Ladera, Howell Mnt\$21.99		
2005 Mason, Napa\$11.99	<b>2004</b> Joseph Swan "Cuvee de Trois" Russian F Joseph Swan skipped the 2003 vintage because	
2005 Orin Swift "Veladora"\$23.99	should be. The 2004 is spot on. This small prod	
2005 Mason, Napa\$11.99		
2005 M. ( C 1. C	consistent and experienced hands at Pinot Noir	, Rod Deigiund. The wife comes from three

only 1/3 of which is new.

2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma ......\$15.99

2005 Preston, Dry Creek ......\$14.99

2005 Provenance, Rutherford ......\$15.99

2005 Robert Mondavi, Napa ......\$13.99

2005 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast......\$7.99

2005 Sauvignon Blanc Republic......\$14.99

2005 Sonoma Coast Vineyards......\$19.99

2005 St. Supery, Napa.....\$12.99

2005 Turnbull, Napa.....\$12.99

2005 Voss, Napa .....\$13.99

vineyards, including Saralee's and the young vines on the Swan estate. It is aged in French oak,

2004 Porter Creek "Fiona Hill" Russian River Pinot Noir (\$29.99) The new vintage of the

Fiona Hill continues a great run of Pinot Noirs from this boutique producer. Light, bright and

balanced. This is a pinotphile's dream. This meticulously planted hillside vineyard is situated

on a southern face with an average of 20% grade, but climbs up to a 40% grade. The vine rows

gentile sun exposure which evenly and thoroughly ripens grape clusters. Fiona Hill is located

along Westside Road at the entrance to Porter Creek. See you in the City... — Michael Jordan

are planted in a special orientation running southwest to northeast, resulting in a constant

#### ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Arengentina/Portugal	
2005 Bodegas Lurton Torrontes (Argentina)	\$6.99
2005 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	
2005 Luis Felipe Edwards Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$6.99
2004 Alamos Malbec or Chard (Argentina)	
2005 Apaltagua Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	
2005 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina)	
2004 Casa Silva Carmenere (Chile)	
2004 Bodega Weinert Carascal Red (Argentina)	
2004 Navarro Correas Colec. Privada Malbec (Argentina)	
2003 Montelomas Malbec (Argentina)	
2005 Viña Doña Paula Malbec (Argentina)	
2004 Bodega Norton Malbec Luján de Cuyo Reserva (Arg)	
2004 Felipe Rutini Malbec (Argentina)	
2004 Valentin Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	
2003 MontGras Antu Ninquen Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile).	
2003 Luigi Bosca, Malbec (Argentina)	
2004 Colomé Red, Salta (Argentina)	
2004 Achával Ferrer Quimera, Malbec/Cab/Merlot (Arg)	.\$36.99
<u>Portugal/Spain</u>	
2005 Finca Luzon, Luzon, Jumilla	\$6.99
2005 Tres Ojos Rosado, Calatayud	\$6.99
2005 Bodegas Zabrin Garnacha de Fuego, Calatayud	\$6.99
2004 Las Rocas de San Alejandro, Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2005 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado Navarra	\$8.99
2003 Campo Viejo Crianza Rioja	
2004 Candela Carro, Murcia	
2005 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco	\$8.99
2004 Mas Que Vinos, Ercavio Roble, La Mancha	
2003 Bilbao Tempranillo, Rioja	
2005 Vinos Piñol Ludovicus, Terra Alta	
2003 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla	
2001 Quinta dos Roques Vinho Tinto (Portugal)	
2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas	
2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos Prima, Toro	
2004 Pucho, Bierzo	
2004 Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestizaje, Valencia	
2004 Dominio de Tares Baltos, Mencia, Bierzo	
2005 Raventos i Blanc Parfum de Vi Blanc, Penedes	
2005 Angel Rodriguez Martinsancho Verdejo	
2001 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Reserva, Navarra	
2005 Fefiñanes Albariño	
2003 Ramon Bilbao Rioja Limited	
2004 Vinos Piñol Portal Crianza, Terra Alta	
2001 Marques de Riscal Reserva Rioja	
2001 Salceda Rioja Reserva	
2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha	
2000 La Rioja Alta, Alberdi, Rioja	
2001 Quinta de Cabriz Dão Reserva (Portugal)	
2004 Artadi, Viñas de Gaín, Rioja	
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Reserva	
2001 Cillar de Silos, Ribera del Duero, Crianza	.\$24.99

2003 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza ......\$26.99

2004 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto .....\$26.99

2001 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero......\$31.99

### Spain...a primer...pt.1...Rioja

Rarely do people reflect on Spain's Denominaciones de Origen, a.k.a. d.o.s. Of the 70+ official regions Rioja is the most famous in Spain. King Sancho of Navarra recognized the greatness of Rioja wines back in the 1100s, but it wasn't until 1902, by royal decree, that the "origin" of Rioja was defined. The region lies in the Ebro River Valley and spans across three autonomous regions, the Basque Country, La Rioja and Navarra. Rioja is divided into three sub-regions, Rioja Alta, Rioja Baja and Rioja Alavesa. Finally, there are three soil types for the area...alluvial, ferrous clay, and chalky clay.

Dominated by red wine, some 85% of the production, there are some fantastic white made in Rioja, too. Regardless of red or white, the vast majority of Riojas wines are blended. The grapes used in red wine production are tempranillo, graciano, garnacha and mazuelo with viura, malvasia and garnacha blanca for the whites. Some wineries now make "Super Riojas" that are 100% tempranillo aged in French oak, but the blended reds with varying degrees of oak aging are the bread and butter of La Rioja. Here are a couple of wines that I love!

**2003 Campo Viejo Crianza Rioja (\$8.99)** Made from a blend of 75% tempranillo, 20% granacha and 5% mazuelo and aged for about 18 months in a combination of barrel and bottle, this round Rioja red is perfect for a pork roast with oven roasted potatoes.

**2004 Artadi, Viñas de Gaín, Rioja (\$22.99)** The Artadi is a fantastic modern Rioja from the Alavesa. Made from 100% tempranillo and aged in French oak, this big red is great with grilled lamb leg.

**1995** La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva 904 (\$51.99) Yes, folks, this is the current release! A big daddy of traditional Rioja, the 904 is all elegance and class. Show off this wine with fancy a rack of lamb.

Buen Provecho! — Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

#### A Return to Tradition

Spain has a history of producing very singular wines that speak uniquely of their provenance. Rioja is one of the benchmarks for traditional Spanish wine, or perhaps it's necessary to say "was" since many producers have turned to making modern wines that taste like they could come from anywhere in the world. An example of that phenomenon is Bodegas Muga. Isaac Muga started the winery in 1932, making wines that were a benchmark of quality and tradition in Rioja. In recent years, younger generations of the Muga family have taken over, and to my taste there is a noticeable shift towards fruit-driven wines. The holdout in their line-up is the 1998 Muga Gran Reserva, Prado Enea (\$46.99). The wine is fruitier than most Gran Reservas, but there's a nice core of cinnamon and nutmeg. Ironic that a small, family-owned winery changed their style, when a larger winery, owned by the huge corporation, Pernod/Ricard, is still making traditionally styled wines. The 1999 Campo Viejo Gran Reserva Rioja (\$17.99) is a reference to classic Rioja. There's no mistaking where this wine comes from. The perfume of American oak, which lends a nutty quality to the wine, is balanced with tightly wound tart cherry flavors. It's still a baby, and I suspect that an open bottle will taste best on the third or fourth day. The last great bastion of super traditional Rioja is Lopez de Heredia. Not only do they hold their reds for extended age, but they apply the same regime to their whites and rosé. The 1995 Lopez de Heredia "Vina Gravonia," Crianza (\$22.99) is a nutty and rich white. The extended barrel ageing gives the wine an almost sherry-like character, without the fire. It's a must for anyone looking for traditional wines. —Paul Courtright

#### **AUSTRIA/GERMANY**

<u>Austria</u>
2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Classic\$15.99
2004 Prieler Blaufränkisch Ried Johanneshöhe\$21.99
2005 Berger Grüner Veltliner (1L)\$10.99
2004 Weingut Pfaffl Grüner Veltliner Weinviertal DAC\$17.99
2005 Iby Zweigelt Classic\$11.99
2005 Bernard Ott Grüner Veltliner Rosenberg Reserve\$36.99
2005 Knoll Grüner Veltliner Federspiel\$21.99
2005 Prager Grüner Veltliner Hinter der Burg Federspiel\$21.99
2005 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss\$13.99
2005 Hiedler Sauvignon Blanc Steinhaus\$26.99
2005 Heidi Schröck Furmint\$22.99
Germany
1966 Karthauserhof Eitelsbacher Sang Spätlese (700ml)\$84.99
2003 Bercher Burkheimer Feuerberg Spatburgunder\$19.99
2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry\$9.99
2004 Schmitt-Wagner Longuicher Maximiner Herrenb Kab\$19.99
2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry\$9.99
2005 Dr. Loosen Ürziger Würzgarten Kabinett\$22.99
2005 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Kabinett (375ml)\$10.99
2005 Ökonomierat Rebholz Vom Rotliegenden Spätlese Dry \$29.99
2005 Lang. von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Spätlese\$29.99
2005 Bernhard Hackenheimer Kirchberg Scheurebe Spätlese \$18.99
2005 Karth. Eitelsbacher Karthauserhofberg Kabinett\$21.99
2005 Dönnhoff Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese\$49.99
2005 Fritz Haag Estate Riesling\$16.99
2005 Alfred Merkelbach Kinheimer Rosenberg Kabinett\$14.99
2005 Gysler Weinheimer Riesling Kabinett\$13.99
2005 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" \$14.99

# Austria and Germany: Special Tasting

Later this month we will be having one of our first evening tastings in our hopefully finished, much larger tasting room in Redwood City. Sadly as I write this in early January I don't have the date nailed down, but here is what I can tell you: The tasting will feature two growers at the top of their games one Mr. Willi Bründlmayer of Weingut Bründlmayer in Langenlois roundly considered the top estate in Austria and Mr. Johannes Leitz of Weingut Josef Leitz in Rüdesheim, my vote for the top estate in the Rheingau and an all around great guy.

We will highlight the 2005 vintage and show a wide range from each producer but throw in some older bottles as well for good measure. The boys are in town for the Masters of Food and Wine at the Highlands Inn in Carmel February 22-25, where they will be doing a couple of events. Therefore, the tasting will be either right before or after that. You will need to purchase tickets in advance, and it will cost you a few bucks, but nothing like going to the Carmel events, and you won't have to wear a tie!

We are also trying to put together a little wine dinner after the tasting featuring their wines and Thai food at Bangkok Bay Thai Restaurant down the street in Redwood City, a great opportunity to see these most versatile wines at work with food. The best way to proceed if you are interested is to check the website or drop me an email at jeffvierra@ klwines.com. I can also put you on my personal list to periodically receive updates on exciting new wines, information about tastings and events and hot deals from Germany and Austria. Hope to see you there...Live in the light.

—Jeff Vierra

#### ALSACE/LOIRE

#### Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace	.\$14.99
Jean Philippe & Francois Becker Cremant d'Alsace	.\$14.99
2004 Domaine Roland Schmitt Tokay-Pinot Gris	.\$14.99
2004 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	.\$18.99
2004 Jean Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	.\$17.99
2004 Barmes-Buecher Pinot Gris Herrenweg de Turckheim.	.\$22.99
2004 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru.	.\$18.99
2004 Boeckel Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes	.\$13.99
2005 Domaine Roland Schmitt Riesling Glintzberg	.\$14.99
<u>Loire</u>	
François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	.\$16.99
François Chidaine Montlouis Brut	
2002 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Cuvee Domaine	.\$14.99
2004 Tessier Cour Cheverny "La Porte Doree"	.\$13.99
2004 Jo Pithon Les Bergères Anjou Blanc	.\$19.99
2004 Château du Hureau Saumur Champigny, Vatan	.\$13.99
2004 Guy Bossard Muscadet Sur Lie, Expression de Granite.	
2005 Domaine Cherrier & Fils Sancerre	.\$14.99
2005 Adèle Rouzé Quincy	.\$14.99
2005 Franck Millet Sancerre Blanc	
2005 Domaine Daulny Sancerre	.\$15.99
2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Côt Vieilles Vignes	.\$13.99
2005 Domaine Fouet Saumur Champigny	
2005 Benedicte de Rycke Coteaux du Loir Blanc	
2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Monts Damnés	.\$26.99
2005 François Pinon Vouvray Cuvee Tradition	.\$15.99
2005 Domaine de la Pépière Classique Muscadet Sur Lie	
2005 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Expression	

# Jump The River

It was just a couple of years ago when François Chidaine was considered to be one of the winemakers to "keep an eye on" in the Loire. This was based on his excellent vineyard holdings in Montlouis, an appellation, planted with chenin blanc, that is on the rise just across the river from famed Vouvray, and his commitment to biodynamic farming and his non-intervention winemaking style. Today he is considered to be one of the great winemakers in the Loire. The wines often ferment very slowly, sometimes taking all winter, in Chidaine's cold limestone cellars, and this makes for a complexity in the wines that is unattainable through faster fermentations. Slow fermentations also allow the winemaker to postpone adding sulfur due to the continual, anti-oxidant blanket of CO2 produced, which in turn lowers the total amount needed in the final wine. Within just a few months of bottling Chidaine now sells out every bottle he makes!

The NV Francois Chidaine Montlouis Brut (\$16.99) is a lovely little sparkler composed of 100% chenin blanc vines that are 20-50 years old. Shows great minerality, which is to be expected, and the fantastic, classic chenin texture, which is brought to even more life with a beautiful bead of mouth-watering bubbles. There is absolutely no reason why the 2005 François Chidaine Montlouis Sur Loire Clos du Breuil (\$18.99) is under \$20, but I'm sure glad it is. Imagine the creaminess of ripe pears and the crunchy freshness of a green apples held together with lanolin and honey, coated by a vibrant jacket of minerals and the zippy acidity of citrus fruit. If I only had more room to talk about the 2005 François Chidaine Montlouis Sur Loire Les Bournais (\$24.99)! A must try!

—Eric Story

# A Special Hello To My Godmother in Enumclaw Washington

Dear Godmother,

I am writing to thank you for the special gift you sent me over the holidays. This gesture was very thoughtful of you, but quite unexpected as I have never heard from you until now. Heck, that's o.k. I'm only 48 and plan to live awhile longer, so it's not like there was any rush or anything.

The lovely box of chocolates was very generous. Although I am allergic to chocolate, I thought 'what the heck, my very own Godmother would never harm me, so I ate a few pieces. Please forgive the hospital stationary I am writing on. I hadn't time to pack.

In no way are you to blame for my present condition. Chocolate just makes me feel funny, so I robbed a bank in the hopes of paying for the psychoanalysis that I need to deal with the lack of a maternal Godparent. Three shrinks and shock therapy costs a lot of money, wow.

But that's my weakness, and I apologize.

Anyway, I needed a car to get away from the bank, so I pushed an old lady out of her Lexus (gently, I might add) but she was kind of brittle and it was a mistake on my part but I hear hip operations are pretty routine now. I told her I was sorry and that I had no experience with that maternal presence that gives one a little something extra in dealing with life's ups and downs. No reflection on you, of course. You have a life to live; why should I expect a call or a letter?

So I'm driving the car at a breakneck speed, and wouldn't you know it I hit a deer. I didn't mind so much as I never developed an affinity for animals. When the other kids were going to the petting zoo or to Bambi with their Godmothers and such, I was pulling the wings off of moths. "Idle hands" and all that, you know?

# Jim's Happy Birthday February Gems

February is a very special month, in that Anderson turns five on February 14, Valentine's Day. He has very high expectations, as most Brittanys do, from all of you. He expects lots of treats to be sent his way. After all, he has recommended some outstanding wines to you!

As I am writing this (December 31), Greg St.Clair and Mike Parres (aka Guido) are on one of their many buying trips to Italy and always seem to come back with some exciting new discoveries. Several years ago they found a small producer (Ermacora) from the Friuli region of Northern Italy. Owned by two brothers, Ermacora's wines seem to be improving with each vintage. The newly arrived 2005s are remarkable, displaying wonderful character and brightness of fruit. The 2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio (\$14.99) displays an opulent sense of tropical fruit, pears and Chilean jasmine notes in its vibrant aromatics and its fresh, lush mouthfeel. This puppy is elegant, impeccably structured, 2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco (\$14.99) is the flagship wine of all their whites. This is a broadly rich, concentrated wine that shows orangepeel and apple aromatics and flavors with hints of custard and vanilla. With its incredible structure and balance and a viscous, long finish, above wines received 2\* Red Glasses in Gambero Rosso last year, and Vanilla has informed me that these will be our house whites for the month of February.

The 2005 European vintage is proving be one of the finest ever, and, as with the two Italian beauties above, the whites that have arrived thus

I'm in the wine business now Godmother. I sell lots of cool wine like gigantic bottles of Beaulieu Vineyards Private Reserve Cabernet. The '87 (6L, \$899.00) is really delicious, one of the best they ever made. We have the 2000 Beaulieu Vineyards Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon (3L \$99.95) and the 1986 Sterling Cabernet 1.5L, a real good deal for \$49.95. I like the 3L B.V. the best. It's so lush and drinkable. I try to keep it to one of those a day.

So anyway, I'm driving the getaway car, and the darn seat cushion spring pops out and cuts a gash in my leg. I swear, people are so lax with auto maintenance. Since the spring was rusty, my leg got infected, and they might have to amputate it. I don't mention this for you to take pity on me. I'm sure you have a million things going on. Anyway, get well cards take up valuable paper resources, and lord knows my Godmother is good at saving trees!

I'm so silly sometimes, I tried to cook the deer meat on the carburetor of the getaway car (waste not, want not, as you would have taught me, had you known me) but I didn't leave it on long enough and now I have mad deer disease. I'm a positive person so I think of stomach pumping as a cleansing kind of thing.

Thanks again for the chocolates, Godmother. As you can see, it was the gift that keeps on giving.

#### Your Godson Joey

(The true part of this story is that my Godmother really did not know that she was, indeed, my Godmother! Pat, please take this as a spoof. We'll laugh about it, when we finally meet...)

far are stunning. The **2005 Château Saint Jean des Graves, Graves Blanc** (\$11.99) is a perfect example of this assertion and is one of the finest sauvignons ever from this property. Blended with a bit of semillon (10%), it is reminiscent of ripe grapefruit with a touch of clove and fine minerality of wet stone. The lush quality of '05 shows through on the mid-palate and into its long, complete finish. Eby says this will be our other house white for the month.

#### CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Tarlant Brut Reserve	
Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added	
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve	\$27.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious	
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve	
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc-New Package!	\$29.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blancs-New name and package	
Laurent Perrier Brut	
Laurent Perrier Demi-Sec	
Fleury Brut Carte Rouge-Now direct!	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut	\$29.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé-Exciting new pink!	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	
Michel Arnould Grand Cuvee Brut	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé-Now direct!	\$34.99
Lallement Brut Champagne	\$39.99
René Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut	
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige	\$39.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Brut	
Lallement Brut Reserve	\$49.99
1990 Rene Collard	\$49.99
1999 Roederer Vintage Brut	\$49.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Blanc de Blancs	\$49.99
Tarlant La Vigne d'Antan Blanc de Blancs-Ungrafted vines!	
1996 Bruno Paillard Brut	\$54.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé	\$54.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Brut Rosé	\$54.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Gold Label Reserve	\$54.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Brut Rosé	\$59.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"	\$79.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Alexandra Rosé	\$99.99
Krug Grand Cuvee Brut	\$119.00
1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1998 Dom Perignon	
1995 Krug Clos de Mesnil	Inquire
<b>Domestic Sparkling Wine</b>	-
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	\$32.99
2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc	
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	
2003 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir	
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir	
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc de Noir	
NV Scharffenberger Brut	
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut	
2000 Domaine Carneros "Le Reve" Blanc de Blanc	

# K&L Champagne Club: a Perfect Valentine!

Once every two months, members of our new Champagne Club will receive two bottles of great Champagne for \$69.95 a shipment. Usually members will receive one bottle from a big house (like Laurent Perrier, for example) and one direct import gem from a small producer. Like our other Clubs we will use our bulk purchasing power and secret prices (often times producers don't want their wines selling for a low retail, but a club is different!), so you can be sure that you will be getting a fantastic deal. Even more importantly, you will be getting the best quality in Champagne! Also like our other Clubs, members will be able to reorder bottles at a discount. Depending on the pace of enrolment we will either start the Club shipments in April or June.

To tide your sweetheart over until then, I suggest a bottle of **De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut Champagne** (\$27.99) to drink on Valentines night. Order it at the same time you are signing up for the Club. It is a big, romantic style of Champagne composed of 80% pinot noir from Ay, Mareuil-Sur-Ay and Mutigny, 15% chardonnay from Cramant, Avize and Oger and 5% meunier from Cumieres. It is vinified half in old oak barrels and half in stainless steel tanks for the perfect balance of rounded richness and zesty refreshment. Please feel free to contact me,(garywestby@klwines.com 877-559-4637 ex 2728) or Thornton Jacobs, Wine Clubs Director, (thorntonjacobs@klwines.com 877-559-4697 ex 2766) if you have any questions.

One more thing: Do you like caviar? We are having a special caviar and Champagne event just before Valentines Day... Drop me a line if you are interested in learning more! A toast to you! —*Gary Westby* 

### The Finest Bubbles for February!

This month, I have two perfect Champagnes to celebrate Valentine's Day. The **NV Laurent-Perrier Brut** (\$27.99) is THE perfect wine to start an evening. A blend of 45% chardonnay, 40% pinot noir and 15% pinot meunier, it opens with a citrus nose of ginger and minerals. In the mouth, a toasty style that is never heavy but retains the delicacy of the nose. Flavors of lime, pear and lightly toasted nuts. LP uses 10-20% of their reserve stock in this sparkler and a very light dosage (12 grams per liter). It is also aged for three months on the lees and is cellared for three months prior to shipping. It is no wonder that both the *Wine Spectator* and Robert Parker gave this Champagne 90 points!

The NV Fleury Brut Rosé (\$34.99) is 100% pinot noir and 125% delicious! Fleury is located in Couteron, which is very close to Burgundy. The influence of that region carries over into the style of winemaking at Fleury, which is often referred to as Burgundian. This offers a fantastic nose of strawberries, red currants and orange peel. On the palate, the strawberry fruit carries over to be joined by tart raspberries, a touch of cranberry and nougat flavors. All of the fruit is from the 1999 vintage. What makes the Fleury Rosé stand out the most of all is its unusual texture. It is a concentrated rosé that is rich and flavorful yet delicate and complex. This domaine has been completely bio-dynamic since 1989. This is the perfect rosé to enjoy by itself on Valentine's Day with the one that you love.

—Scott Beckerley

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In Redwood City: Linda A, Alex B, Bryan B, Jim B, Clyde B Jr, Trey B, Jim C, Mike D, Nadia D, Jeff G, ,Shaun G, Thornton J, Matt K, Gary L, John L, Mark M, Susan P, Anne P, Mike P, Nicole R, Sharon R, Ralph S, Jeff V, Jorge V, Gary W, Keith W, Brian Z, Todd Z and Joe Z. San Carlos: Gary A, Don D, Max D, William E, Alberto G, Izaak J, Brian K, Bob M, Jimmy M, Rick N, Kit O, Sal R, Julio S, Sal S, Steve S and Don V. San Francisco: Michael B, Scott B, Scott Baird, Steve B, Mulan C, Paul C, Andy G, Jeff J, Mark J, Michael J, Keelyn H, David R, Eric S and Kirk W. Hollywood: Kyle A, Aaron B, Steve B, Jeremy B, Chip H, Mari K, Jacques M, Tommy M, Elisabeth S and Greg St. C. Phoenix: Kerri B.

#### WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

2002 B
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Jean Monnier\$10.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, V.V., Domaine G & J-H Goisot\$11.99
2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud\$11.99
2005 Macon Solutré, Domaine Renaud\$11.99
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets\$13.99
<b>2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince</b> -Was \$16.99 <b>\$13.99</b>
Bright, attractive and extraordinarily well priced!
2004 Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Domaine Arnoux \$14.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Maison Champy\$15.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Château Laboure Roi (Meursault)\$16.99
2005 Chablis, Vieilles Vignes, Roger Roblot\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine Vocoret\$17.99
2005 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine des Nembrets\$18.99
2004 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine Jean-Pierre Seve
2004 St-Romain, Champy
2004 Ladoix, "Hautes Mourottes," 1er Cru, Domaine\$21.99
Prince de Mérode Right next to Corton Charlemagne at a low cost!
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy\$21.99
This is a baby Corton-Charlemagne, with lovely minerality.
2005 Chablis 1er Cru, Montée de Tonnerre, Dom. Vocoret\$24.99
2004 Hautes Cotes de Nuits, Cuvée Marine, Anne Gros\$25.99
2003 Marsannay Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty\$27.99
2004 Monthelie Blanc, Château de Puligny Montrachet\$27.99
2004 Meursault, Chevalières, Domaine Jean Monnier\$29.99
2004 Meursault, Clos du Cromin, Domaine Jean Monnier\$29.99
Extraordinary values, our Direct Import. Both are delightful. The Clos du Cromin
is more forward and very rich, while the Chevalières shows lime blossoms, minerality and focus.
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Niellon
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$86.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin\$89.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Girardin\$99.00
Also available in half bottles for \$47.99
1999 Meursault "Goutte D'Or," 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon\$119.95
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey\$119.99
2004 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, P. Pernot \$123.99
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot\$149.95
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Etienne Sauzet\$199.95
2004 Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru, Girardin\$240.00
2004 Montrachet Grand Cru, Marquis Laguiche (Drouhin) \$335.00
2003 Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$549.95
<u>Beaujolais</u>
2006 Beaujolais Nouveau, Louis Tête-Was \$10.49\$7.49
2006 Beaujolais Villages Nouveau, Duboeuf-Was \$10.99\$7.99
2005 Julienas, Domaine Milleranche, Terres et Vins\$11.99
2005 Moulin-à-Vent, Domaine des Gandelins, Terres et Vins.\$13.99
2005 Brouilly, Louis Tête\$13.99
2005 Beaujolais, l'Ancienne, Vieilles Vignes, Jean-Paul Brun \$15.99
2005 Fleurie, Clos de la Roilette\$19.99

# Tasting Bar Schedule for February, 2007

All tastings are from noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Redwood City and Hollywood. 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. Tasting prices to be determined.

Saturday, February 3: Special Rhone Valley Winemakers Tasting in San Francisco. Fete du Burgundy in Redwood City at Chantilly Restaurant. The San Francisco store hosts a tasting with winemakers/owners Rudolphe des Pins of Ch. Montfaucon, Cecile Chassagne of Le Camassot and Jean Bapiste Meunier of Moulin de Gardette in the San Francisco store. A very special event that is not to be missed. Keith Wollenberg presents a Burgundy Tasting in Redwood City. Representatives such as Nicholas Potel and Christian Moreau will be on hand to answer your questions about their wines. Tickets must be purchased in advance for this event.

**Saturday, February 10:** *Annual Valentine's Day Champagne Tasting in S.F. and R.C.* Both stores host our 7th annual Valentine's Day Champagne tasting. Gary, Scott and Paul pick the latest arrivals from Champagne to tempt your palate and to give you a head start on this very special holiday.

**Saturday, February 17:** *Bordeaux in S.F., Hollywood and R.C.* All three stores will host a Bordeaux tasting with picks from Clyde, Ralph, Chip, Steve and Bryan. The 2004s are coming in quickly, so now is the time to taste the new releases. One white, eight red and one Sauternes to be poured.

Saturday, February 24: Australian Wines in San Francisco. Italian wines in Redwood City and Hollywood. Paul hosts a tasting of wines from "down under" in S.F. He will focus upon Shiraz to chase the chill during those long winter nights. In Redwood City and Hollywood, Greg and Mike will host a tasting of Italy's best. We welcome them back from their trip to Italy.

-Scott Beckerley, Jeff Garneau

#### **RED BURGUNDY**

2003 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, Domaine Jean Tardy\$12.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Desertaux Ferrand\$13.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret\$14.99
2002 Marsannay Rouge, Louis Latour\$15.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus Bruchon\$16.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Michel Gros\$19.99
2005 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré\$20.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses "Fichots" 1er Cru, Champy\$21.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, "Deux Papis," Alex Gambal\$23.99
2004 Marsannay Rouge, "Les Longeroies," Bruno Clair\$23.99
Lovely Marsannay from the master, also available in 375ml at \$13.99!
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Grands Liards, Camus Bruchon\$26.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Lucien Le Moine\$27.99
2001 Beaune "Clos des Mouches," 1er Cru,
Domaine J Drouhin (375ml)\$28.99
2000 Nuits-St-Georges, Charmois, Domaine Jean Grivot\$28.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, "Lavières," 1er Cru,
Camus Bruchon\$28.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Maison Champy\$29.99
2004 Volnay-Santenots, 1er Cru, Domaine J Matrot\$37.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue de Vergy, Domaine Bruno Clair\$37.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village V.V., Heresztyn\$42.99
2004 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Michel Gros\$44.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue Vergy, Domaine Michel Gros\$44.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros\$44.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros\$47.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Champs Chenys, Domaine Roty\$49.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Brunelle, Domaine Roty\$49.99
2003 Volnay, Domaine Lafarge
2002 Pommard Perrieres, Vignes Centenaires, Chas Vienot\$52.99
2002 Monthelie "Les Duresses," 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon\$53.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin Petite Chapelle, 1er Cru, Domaine
Bruno Clair\$54.99
2004 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode\$54.99
2000 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru, Tollot Beaut\$54.99
2002 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Domaine Thevenot\$59.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée "Suchots," 1er Cru, Maison Champy\$59.99
2004 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode\$59.99
2003 Beaune "Clos des Ursules," 1er Cru, Domaine Jadot\$60.99
2004 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin\$63.99
2004 Mazy-Chambertin Grand Cru, Frederic Esmonin\$63.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Champonnets," 1er Cru,
Heresztyn\$65.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Goulots," 1er Cru,
Heresztyn\$66.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Gruenchers," 1er Cru,
Domaine Fourrier\$69.99
2003 Pommard "Fremiers," 1er Cru, Louis Boillot\$79.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée "Clos des Reas," 1er Cru, Michel Gros \$79.99
2003 Morey-St-Denis "Millandes," 1er Cru, Heresztyn\$79.99
2004 Gevrey Chambertin "Clos St. Jacques," 1er Cru, Domaine
Bruno Clair\$84.99
2003 Nuits-St-Georges "Roncieres," 1er Cru, Jean Grivot\$84.99
2004 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Maison Champy\$84.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée "Petits Monts," 1er Cru,
Domaine J Drouhin\$88.99

2003 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard\$89.95
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, Groffier\$89.99
2001 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Damoy\$89.99
2004 Mazis-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Maison Champy\$89.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, M. Gros\$93.99
2004 Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin\$94.99
2004 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin\$94.99
2002 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru, Domaine Olivier Guyot\$97.99
2003 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$99.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Sentiers," 1er Cru, Groffier\$99.99
2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Domaine Hubert Lignier\$99.95
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Fontenys," 1er Cru, Domaine
Roty\$104.99
2004 Clos Vougeot Grand Maupertuis, Anne Gros\$114.99
2003 Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn\$116.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Amoureuses," 1er Cru, Lucien
Le Moine\$126.99
2004 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin\$143.99
2003 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier\$157.99
2003 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Très V.V.,
Domaine Roty
2004 Musigny, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin\$175.99
2003 Chambertin Grand Cru, Louis Latour-Was \$199.99\$169.99
2003 Musigny, Grand Cru, J-F Mugnier\$335.00

#### **Pour Votre Plaisir**

# Hello to Hollywood

It's February, and we are finally on track to welcome all of you Southern California folks in person at our new store, located in the heart of Hollywood, on Vine Street just off Sunset. It is exciting to finally be opening that store. So, to say Hooray for Hollywood, we have some special prices on Burgundies. These will go quickly, so our apologies if some have vanished by the time you get the newsletter.

The 2001 Chassagne Montrachet Rouge, Domaine Gagnard-Delagrange (\$19.99), \$38.99 elsewhere, has an interesting earthy note characteristic of reds from this village, known more for its whites. And it shows a pretty cherry character, along with an elegant finish. At about ½ the original cost, this is a bargain. The 2000 Savigny Les Beaune, Domaine Antonin Guyon (\$14.99) was \$26.99 elsewhere. This delightful, mature, somewhat earthy Savigny is a ridiculously good value for lovers of classic Burgundy. Roast a chicken, pop a cork, and you'll be happy!

Finally, for you white Burgundy fans, we have the **2003 Bourgogne Aligoté**, **Domaine Ramonet** (\$19.99). For those of you have never had the fresh, bright, classic flavors of this ancient Burgundian grape, this is a great chance to try one from a top domaine. Thanks to the warm growing season, this is a bit richer and nuttier than some vintages. Allen Meadows writes: "Very fresh and bright Aligoté aromas with the typical spice notes that complement the rich, dense, fat and sweet flavors. This is easy drinking and can be enjoyed immediately." Á Sante!

—Keith Wollenberg

#### **ITALIAN WINES**

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

#### In Stock: Tuscany

2005 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"-A new cuvee	\$7.49
2003 Poggiopiano Chianti Classico-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$13.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classic-2 Glasses G Rosso	\$17.99
2004 Felsina Chianti Classico Chianti Classico-2 Glasses GR	\$17.99
2004 Querciabella Chianti Classico-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$23.99
2001 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia"	\$26.99
2003 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera "IGT"-3 Glasses G Rosso	\$44.99
1998 Rocca Montegrossi Vin Santo (375ml)	\$74.99
97 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.	

#### **Montalcino**

2004 Casisano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino-1 Glass G Rosso	\$16.99
2004 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino	.\$18.99
2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino-1 Glass Gamb Rosso	\$19.99
The stunning quality of the 2004 vintage will blow you away in this wine	

2004 Frescobaldi Campo ai Sassi Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
2001 Poggiarellino Brunello	\$29.99

3.5 Stars! The powerful, focused center extends right down the middle of your palate; the wine is rich, fleshy with a chocolaty, ripe cherry flavor filled body. The wine has considerable depth and a texture that makes me think of a Bistecca Fiorentina. Where the 2000 had loads of plump and fun fruit, this vintage shows far more complexity, layers of spice, distinct mineral components and a truly dramatic and long-lasting finish where the spice and mineral go on forever. Capable of aging 15-20 years easily yet balanced and rich enough to excite anyone today (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

#### 2001 Baricci Brunello-90 points Wine Enthusiast ......\$34.99

4 Stars: The power of this vintage really shines through and sangiovese's linear nature stretches the frame of this feminine wine to Amazonian proportions. Focused, long, complex and structured, the finish stands out while ripe layers of spicy black cherry and plum are deposited onto your tongue. Vital, lithe, colorful, the 2001 is the best Baricci for me since the 1985. It must be something for your cellar. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

# 2001 Argiano Brunello-2 RED Glasses *Gambero Rosso.*.......\$39.95 93 points Stephen Tanzer: "Full red. Highly complex aromas of medicinal black cherry, mocha, licorice and black olive, with a roasted aspect and a whiff of celery seed. Sweet, densely packed and concentrated, with lush, seamless dark fruit flavors spreading out to saturate the palate. A big, firmly structured Brunello that finishes with ripe tannins and intriguing hints of iron and peat."

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# 2001 Castelgiocondo Brunello-94 points Wine Spectator ..........\$44.95 #27 in the Spectator's Top 100: "Aromas of currant, berry and light vanilla. Full-bodied and structured. Fine tannins but not giving much now. This is big and powerful. Needs lots of time. Best after 2010."

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

# Sul Tappeto Rosso

For those of you who read my column on a regular basis you'll have noticed a series of name changes to it culminating in the latest "Sul Tappeto Rosso." Why this change? I've moved to Los Angeles, a dramatic change for a San Francisco Bay Area native, and I have really loved the speed and diversity and sheer number of things to do here in L.A.! "Sul Tappeto Rosso" is "On the Red Carpet" in Italian, and being that our store is in Hollywood, what better way to manifest my move.

I'd like to explain a little about how we at K&L look at Italian wines. We travel to Italy two or three times a year visiting up-and-coming as well as storied producers. We import directly from thirteen wineries in Italy from well known, to unheard of but all with a tremendous quality-to-price ratio. In Tuscany we import many wineries, two in Chianti Classico: Rocca di Montegrossi and Poggiopiano, and six in Montalcino: Sesta di Sopra, Baricci, La Fortuna, Pian dell'Orino, Poggiarellino and Ferrero. All of these wineries focus on growing the best quality grapes their soil can produce with the least amount of winemaking possible, letting the grapes make their own statement. From Emilia Romagna we now import Ca' Berti who produces Lambrusco. No, not that fizzy soda pop you remember from the '70s this is real wine, yet with a bit of bubbles grown on hillside vineyards and harvested by hand! Our longest relationship has been with Ermacora, the brothers Dario and Luciano, whose much heralded white and

red wines from Friuli offer some of the best wines of the Colli Orientali del Friuli. Not far away in Isonzo another young Friulian winery, Blason, is making white and red wines with outstanding price-to-quality ratios snuggled up against the Slovenian border. They are one of our largest suppliers; we buy more than 30% of their production. Silvano Follador is one of most popular new imports. Everyone loves Prosecco, and this Prosecco is really something to crow about! At \$10.99 there isn't another Prosecco that can compare. Lastly in Piedmont, one of the region's rising stars is Ruggeri Corsini. Nicola Argamante is a vineyard consultant for many of the big names in Barolo. His tiny estate in Monforte d'Alba is making superb wines, with classic expressions of the grape varietals.

All of our wineries produce excellent quality wines but many are from "newer" wineries that don't often get the press that the more famous wines do. A lot of times this has more to do with understanding how to get your wine in front of some famous critic than whether your wine is good or not. Some critics don't like to review wines that aren't imported nationally to all markets or with small productions. Some of our wineries are so small you wouldn't believe it; Poggiarellino produces a total of less than 500 cases a year! For those of you in Southern California, we'd love you to drop by our new Hollywood store and let us show you some of these wines!

-Greg St. Clair

#### ITALIAN WINES

<u>Piedmon</u>	<u>t</u>	
ra d'Alba-1	Glass Gambero Rosso	\$12.99

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbe Vibrant, incredibly balanced, great finish, all stainless steel, drinking beautifully!

2004 Pietro Rinaldi Barbera d'Alba "Bricco Cichetta" ...........\$15.99 Intesely bold fruit, great balance in this exceptional vintage. The first time this winery has been imported and truly stunning Barbera. Beppe Caviola is the winemaker at this up-and-coming winery.

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe-2 Glasses G Rosso \$16.99 2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"-2 Glasses GR..\$19.99

#### Tuscany - Addendum - Olive Oil

#### 2005 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico Extra Virgin (500ml) ......\$17.99

The quality of this oil is truly stupendous: bright, focused, peppery but unctuous, balanced and has an unbelievable length. This is truly a treasure and something you need to experience. Drizzle over bruschetta or in the classic Tuscan manner over your grilled meat. I like it with tuscan white beans, a hint of pepper and fresh rosemary. DIRECT IMPORT.

#### 2005 Sesta di Sopra Extra Virgin di Montalcino (750ml)......\$19.99

The tiny olive grove at Sesta di Sopra is made up of trees too old to date. They produce minute quantities of this magnificent Extra Virgin Olive Oil. We brought in 10 cases of this oil, which is about a third of their production. It is truly a labor of love. The oil is broader, fuller and riper than the Rocca di Montegrossi and has a more unctuous feel. DIRECT IMPORT.

#### Barolo/Barbaresco

2005 Bologna Brachetto d'Acqui\$22	2.95
2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella"\$25	5.99
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo\$29	9.99
2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Vecchie Vigne"\$5	5.99
2001 Alessandria Barolo "San Giovanni"-3 Glasses G Rosso \$54	1.99
1999 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"-95+ points Stephen Tanzer\$5	9.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"\$59	9.95
92 points Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: "Medium red. Classic, I	

aromas of minerals, white truffle, tobacco and damp earth, lifted by a floral nuance. Offers terrific energy and verve in the mouth, with its sweetness nicely leavened by sappy, harmonious acidity. Finishes very long and juicy, with wonderfully smooth, silky tannins and vibrant notes of fruits and minerals.'

2001 Einaudi Barolo "Nei Cannubi"-91 points Wine Spectator	\$69.99
1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"	\$74.99
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2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L)-95 points Tanzer	.\$174.95

#### **Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli** 2005 Blason Pinot Grigio .....\$8.99

Don't wait to try this absolutely stunning Pinot Grigio! DIRECT IMPORT!	
2005 Blason Tocai Friulano-1 Glass Gambero Rosso\$8.99	
Last chance to buy a Blason Tocai Friulano, the law changes next vintage making	
it just Friulano!	

2005 Blason Cabernet Franc ......\$8.99 Looking for a flavor bargain? This is your wine. Once you try it you're booked!

2005 Blason Sauvignon-1 Glass Gambero Rosso	\$9.99
2005 Blason Chardonnay	
Un-oaked chardonnay that is REALLY good! Perfect for cocktail or meals!	,,,,,

2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio-2 Red Glasses Gambero Rosso\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco-2 Red Glasses Gambero Rosso\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Tocai Friulano-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Sauvignon-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$14.99

2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulano-1 Glass Gambero Rosso .........\$14.99

2005 Ermacora Refosco	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Schiopettino	\$15.99
2005 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio	\$17.95
Sicily, Umbria, Campania and Lazio	

# 2005 Arancio Grillo ......\$5.99

2004 Arancio Nero d'Avola	\$5.99
2004 Falesco Vitiano	\$7.95
2004 Planeta La Segreta Bianco & Rosso	\$11.95
2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola	\$12.99
2004 Pallavicini "Amarasco"	\$14.99
2004 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$17.99
2004 Planeta Syrah-2 RED Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$34.95
2004 Planeta Nero d'Avola Santa Cecilia-2 RED Glasses G Rosso	\$34.95
2004 Planeta Chardonnay-2 RED Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$36.99

#### Emilia Romagna, Marche, Veneto and Lombardia

Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Amabile"-Sweet......\$8.99 2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico-1 Glass Gambero Rosso..\$8.99 Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Classico"-Semi-dry ..\$8.99 Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro "Tipico"-Dry ..\$8.99 Silvano Follador Proscecco Extra Dry-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso ..\$10.99 Ca Berti Grasparossa di Castelvetro "Robusco"-Semi-dry ......\$10.99 Silvano Follador Proscecco Brut-1 Glass Gambero Rosso ......\$10.99 2004 Luccheti Lacrima di Morro d'Alba .....\$11.99

If you've never tasted a Lacrima di Morro d'Alba, it is a hold-onto-your-socks fruit homb!

2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Ripasso-2 RED Glasses GR	\$16.99
Silvano Follador Proscecco "Cartizze"-2 Glasses G Rosso	.\$19.99
Bellavista Franciacorta Brut	\$27.95
2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"-2 Glasses G Rosso	.\$39.99
2001 Allegrini Amarone	.\$59.95

# February's Picks!

2005 Ermacora Tocai Friulano (\$14.99) As most of you know these wines from past vintages let me just put it plain and simple: 2005 ROCKed in Friuli! The "Friulano" is medium to full bodied with ripe pear and red apple on the palate. On the finish I find a hint of almond balanced with crisp acidity. This will work well with ham or barley and bean soup.

2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulano (\$15.99) 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso! This is a classic dessert wine without being clovingly sweet. Baked apple and pear with a touch of apricot and honey and a candied orange peel mingle on the tongue with beautiful length. Try with mature cheeses or a big piece of cheesecake with your valentine.

2005 Ermacora Refosco (\$15.99) This vine originated in Friuli and was the most important red variety in the region until merlot and cabernet entered the picture at the end of the 19th century. That said, this wine will remind you of a Graves, with great structure, showing cassis and black fruit, a little spice and gravel and tobacco on the finish. Enjoy with a big bowl of goulash.

2005 Ermacora Schioppettino (\$16.99) The Ermacora Schioppettino is another indigenous Friulian variety and is one of our favorites. It tastes like a Pinot Noir with structure and spicy black pepper. This 2005 has a long middle focus that slowly unwinds across the palate. An extraordinary wine for the price. When serving this, think game or -Mike Parres roast beef.

#### **SPECIALTY SPIRITS**

American Bourbon/Rye	
1792 Ridgemont Reserve Bourbon	
Woodford Four Grain Whiskey	\$75.99
A. H. Hirsch 16-year-old Bourbon	
Old Potrero Single Malt 18th Century Style Whiskey	\$69.99
Black Maple Hill, 18-year-old Rye, Single Barrel	\$72.99
Hirsch Selection 21-year-old Kentucky Straight Rye	.\$114.99
Rittenhouse 21-year-old Rye	.\$149.99
Armagnac	
Dartigalongue XO 10-year-old	\$35.99
Castarede VSOP	
Château de Pellehaut Reserve	
Darroze Armagnac Reserve Speciale	
1986 Veuve Goudoulin Bas-Armagnac	
Château du Busca Hor d'Age Tenareze	
1973 Marie Duffau Bas-Armagnac	จัวว.วัว
Cognac	
Balzac VSOP by Fillioux	
Deret VS, 5 year old, Petite Champagne	
Deret VSOP, 10 year old, Petite Champagne	
Brillet Selection Petite Champagne VSOP	
Francois Peyrot Reserve	
Frapin VSOP	
Jean Fillioux La Pouyade Grand Champagne	\$53.99
Ferrand Reserve Grande Champagne	\$55.99
Francois Peyrot 18-year-old Extra Reserve	\$57.99
Leopold Gourmel Age du Fruit "10 Carats"	
Jean Fillioux Cep D'Or Grande Champagne	\$64.99
Francois Peyrot XO 25-year-old	
Deret XO, 30-year-old, Estate Bottled Petite Champagne	\$69.99
Leopold Gourmel Age des Fleurs "15 Carats"	\$76.99
Tesseron "Tradition" Lot No. 76, XO Grande Champagne.	
Jean Fillioux Tres Vieux Grande Champagne	
Ferrand Selection Des Anges Grande Champagne	
Tesseron "Perfection" Lot No. 53, Grande Champagne	
Tesseron "Exception" Lot No. 29 Grande Champagne	
Whisky	
Benromach Traditional, Distillery Bottling	\$30.00
Glenrothes Select Reserve Distillery Bottle	
Compass Box Oak Cross Vatted Malt Whisky	
Clynelish 14-year-old, Distillery Bottling	
Mortlach 12 yr, Murray McDavid Bourbon/Cotes Rotie	
Glenlivet "Nadurra" 16-year-old, Non-Chilled Filtered	
Ellenstown 10-year-old, Cask Strength, Islay Single Malt	
BenRiach 10-year-old "Curiostas" Heavily Peated	
Highland Park 18-year-old, Distillery Bottling	
1989 Imperial, 15 year old, Un-chillfiltered Signatory	
1995 Edradour 10-year-old, Un-chillfiltered Signatory	
1996 Ardbeg 9 year, Gordon & MacPhail Conn. Choice	
Bruichladdich 3D Peat 2nd Edition "Mòine Mhòr"	
Laphroaig 15-year-old	
Caol Ila 18-year-old, Distillery Bottling	
1990 Dalwhinnie Distillers Edition	
Talisker 18-year-old Isle of Skye	
1991 Bruichladdich WMD II - Yellow Submarine	
Mortlach 15 year, Gordon & MacPhail	
Bruichladdich "Infinity"	
Compass Box Hedonism Vatted Grain Whisky	\$77.99

Arran Gonzalez Byass Cream Sherry or Lepanto Finish	\$79.99
Bruichladdich 14-year-old "Links Series" Turnberry	\$79.99
Ardbeg Uigeadail Traditional Strength	\$84.99
Macallan "Fine Oak" 17-year-old Distillery Bottling	\$85.99
Macallan 18 year, Murray McDavid Bourbon/Madeira	\$89.99
1989 Bowmore 16-year-old, Cask Strength	
1991 Mannochmore 13 yr Un-Chill filtered, Cask Strength	
Bunnahabhain 18-year-old, Distillery Bottle	\$99.99
1985 Cragganmore 21 year, Murray McDavid Mission	.\$104.99
1974 Glen Grant 31-year-old, Lonach	
1990 Ardbeg Airigh Nam Beist Islay Single Malt	
1972 Caperdonich 33-year-old, Lonach	
Edradour Ballechin Heavily Peated Burgundy Cask	
1993 Laphroaig 12-year-old, Cask Strength, Signatory	
Macallan 18-year-old, Distillery Bottle	
1980 Glenturret 26 year, Murray McDavid Mission	.\$126.99
BenRiach 21-year-old "Authenticus" Heavily Peated	
Benromach 24-year-old, Cask Strength,	
1982 Port Ellen 21 year, The McGibbon's Provenance	\$189.99
1977 Glenugie, 27 year, Jim McEwan's Celtic Heartland	.\$199.99
1985 Edradour 22 year, Port Wood Finish, Cask Strength	
Bunnahabhain 25-year-old, Distillery Bottle	
Bruichladdich Legacy Series Four 32-year-old	
1968 Macallan, 38-year-old, Duncan Taylor	.\$499.99



# 8th Annual Whiskies Of The World Expo!

K&L is proud to be the on-site retail exhibitor for the 8th Annual

Whiskies Of The World Expo, held on Saturday April 14 at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Tickets can be purchased at www. celticmalts.com. Or give Susan Purnell a call at 800-247-5987, ex 2727 or email her at susanpurnell@klwines.com. Purchase tickets for this outstanding event before March and receive the discount price! Become a Dram Club Member and save even more!

# K&L Hours and Information

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**Hours: San Francisco,** Monday-Friday 10 to 7. Saturday 9 to 6. Sunday 11 to 6. **Redwood City,** Monday-Friday 10 to 7, Saturday 9 to 7, Sunday 10 to 6. Lockers Monday-Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 11 to 5. **Hollywood,** Monday-Saturday 10 to 7. Sunday & holidays 11 to 6.

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

**Sale Dates:** End February 28, 2007. Prices subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to correct errors in pricing.

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### Vinotheque Reservoir Series Wine Cabinet

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These cabinets hold 224 bottles in fixed wire racking and have 1000 BTU cooling units with humidity recirculation for perfect storage.

No need to worry about options and accessories; these are turn-key cabinets. The units are ready to ship in black or can be ordered with a wood stain.

Standard Cabinet	\$1575.00
Window Cabinet	\$1995.00

Plus shipping and tax if applicable.

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We now carry the world's most breakresistant glassware, Tritan "Forte" by Schott Zwiesel.

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Whisperkool 1600 (300 cu ft) \$1149 Whisperkool 3000 (650 cu ft) \$1299 Whisperkool 4200 (1,000 cu ft) \$1459 Whisperkool 6000 (1,500 cu ft) \$1895 Whisperkool 8000 (2,000 cu ft) \$1995

The above prices include the new digital PDT thermostat.

Prices do not include shipping.

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Vinotheque 320	264	\$3402	\$2679
Vinotheque 500	368	\$3876	\$2925
Vinotheque 550	428	\$4126	\$3115
Vinotheque 700	528	\$4267	\$3219
QT Models			
Vinotheque 320	264	\$3544	\$2689
Vinotheque 500	368	\$4229	\$3189
Vinotheque 550	428	\$4608	\$3489
Vinotheque 700	528	\$4994	\$3789

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Our Redwood City wine locker facility is temperature-controlled and very secure.

We have six sizes for your convenience: 10-case, 16-case, 20-case, 32-case, 40-case, and 60-case. The size designations are based on the assumption that your wine collection includes a combination of both cardboard and wooden cases.

10-case locker, \$15.00 per month 16-case locker, \$22.00 per month 20-case locker, \$28.00 per month 32-case locker, \$42.00 per month 40-case locker, \$49.00 per month 60-case locker, \$62.00 per month 70-case locker, \$85.00 per month 80-case locker, \$95.00 per month

The minimum rental period is six months.

Our S.F and R.W.C. lockers are temporarily full. To get on the waiting list, please call Sharon at (650) 364-8544, ex 2733.

For billing, call Sharon at ex 2733.

# **Shipping Information**

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD IN CALIFOR-NIA AND TITLE PASSES TO THE BUYER IN CALIFOR-NIA. We make no representation to the legal rights of anyone to ship or import wines into any state outside of California. The buyer is solely responsible for shipment of alcoholic beverage products. By placing an order, you authorize us to act on your behalf to engage a common carrier to deliver your order to you. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE SOLD AND DELIVERED ONLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD. IN PLACING YOUR ORDER, YOU REPRESENT TO US THAT YOU ARE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND THAT THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU ARE DIRECTING DELIVERY IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.

When your alcoholic beverages are delivered, the per-

son receiving delivery may be required to show identification proving that he or she is at least 21 years old. If, between date of order and date of arrival, the laws of your state change so as to make it illegal to receive the shipment, you can return the order for a full refund.

Please call our sales department for rate quotes:

1-800-247-5987

**Local Delivery Service is also available.** Please contact your local K&L. Please note, there is a 5% restocking fee for returned or cancelled orders.

### Sign up for Our New Club

The K&L Wine Clubs are pleased to announce that we are forming a fourth Club dedicated exclusively to the finest Champagne. The Champagne Club will send you two bottles of incredible Champagne bi-monthly for only \$69.95. Each shipment will usually (not always) combine one bottle from an artisanal grower producer and one bottle from a grand marque producer. We hope to begin shipping in the late spring or early summer. Call or email us (thornton@klwines.com) to reserve your place on the waiting list. We will keep you posted as this exciting opportunity progresses. We don't have a name for this Club yet so send us your suggestion when you sign up! There will be a free year subscription if we use your name suggestion.

One of the great advantages of belonging to a K&L Wine Club is the breadth of the selections. In recent months, we have offered wines from California, France, Italy, Australia, Spain and Germany. Many of our customers have been members of winery wine clubs but dropped them after a while because it seemed to just be more of the same every month. You will never get that feeling with the K&L Wine Clubs because we provide a variety of wines that no other wine club can match. Let us surprise you every month with our amazing finds from the multi-faceted world of fine wine. What differentiates the K&L Wines Clubs is our staff and their expertise. Our wine buyers are dedicated professionals with years of experience, an extraordinary depth of knowledge and a 100% commitment to excellence.

So what are you waiting for? Give us a call or go to our award-winning website to sign up for one of our Clubs, and you will soon be off on your guided tour of the world's finest wines.

—Thornton Jacobs

# Wine Lockers in K&L's San Carlos Location

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

#### Bruichladdich - First Born K&L Exclusive (Pre-Arrival) .......\$39.99

Due in Spring 2007! Special Pre-Arrival Price of \$39.99! Are you ready to be part of history? On Friday, July 21, 2006, while on holiday visiting Islay, Jim McEwan and myself drove up to Bruichladdich Warehouse #13. We were looking for that special cask of 2001 Bruichladdich to have as a K&L Wine Merchant exclusive. What we found was this fantastic Bourbon Cask. We pulled out the bung, plunged in the valinch and poured the whisky into a glass. WOW! Even with all its youthfulness the whisky displayed classic Bruichladdich characteristics. It had the color of fine Champagne. On the nose aromatics of vibrant citrus fruit almost like lemon sherbet with a layer of warm golden honey and a touch of sea breeze saltiness. On the palate it was creamy with lovely weight and a length that lingered very nicely. Jim and I were thrilled. The next step would be ACEing (Additional Cask Enhancement) in a Ridge Zinfandel Wine Cask. The 54 barrels that were shipped to Bruichladdich had held two estate zinfandel blends from Geyserville and Lytton Springs. The barrels were coopered in the year 1999. I talked with Jim on Thursday, August 17, 2006. He said "It's Done, Our Baby Is Born!" He then continued by saying, "Now, Susan you have to realize that your cask is the first thing we have done with our 'New' whisky since the distillery reopened in 2001!" Hence the name: BRUICHLADDICH - FIRST BORN



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