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Dear Wine Club members,

Things are settling back into our normal routine here after the mad rush of the holidays. We had a great surge in gift-purchases this year and I want to thank all of those club members who gave the gift of wine this holiday season. We also hope that all of you who are new to K&L wine clubs will enjoy our selections.

Fans of California wines will be happy to see that we have chosen two selections from the Golden State for the Signature Red Club this month. The 2001 White Rock Claret is a lovely Bordeaux blend from Stag's Leap and the 2005 Summerland Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir is a wonderful expression of Central Coast Pinot Noir. I think you will really enjoy both of these wines.

For the Premium Club, we have a Grenache from Rioja and a Chardonnay from Monterey County. Most people consider Rioja to be Tempranillo country, but this Peregrino Grenache will convince you that it is also a great area for Grenache. The Chardonnay is from Talbott Vineyards, one of the finest Chardonnay producers in California. We are very pleased to be able to offer the Talbott.

The Best Buy Club includes a Merlot from Jean-Louis Denois and a Chardonnay from Richmond Grove, an Australian producer. Loyal K&L customers will be familiar with Jean-Louis Denois as one of our favorite producers from the South of France. His Merlot is a great wine for everyday drinking and I bet many of you will want to reorder that one by the case.

I also want to remind club members of our plans to create a new club exclusively dedicated to the finest Champagnes. This club will ship every other month and provide you with top quality Champagne from both artisan grower-producers and the grand-marquee Champagne houses. As with the other clubs, we will use our bulk purchasing power to get you the best deals possible on some of the finest wines available. Depending on the pace of enrollment, we want to begin the club in either April or June of 2007. The club will cost \$69.95 per bi-monthly shipment. Please feel free to contact me or one of our sales associates and we will sign you up. I will keep you all posted as to the start date and the first wines.

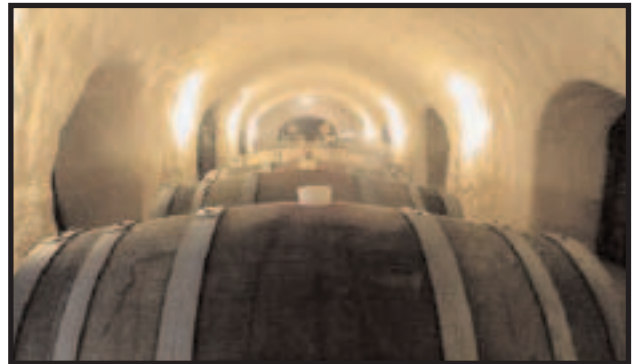
Cheers,

Thornton Jacobs  
K&L Wine Club Director  
K&L Wine Merchants

# Signature Red Wine Club

## 2001 White Rock Napa Valley Claret

The 2001 White Rock Napa Valley Claret was produced by the Vandendriessche family at their small vineyard and winery, located in the southern foothills of the Stag's Leap Range in the Napa Valley. The family's approach to winemaking emphasizes the importance of the vineyard and respect for the specific character of the vineyard and appellation. When they established White Rock Vineyards in 1977 and replanted in 1979, they were actually reviving a vineyard that dated back to 1870. Since this part of Napa Valley is Cabernet country, they planted 16 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, plus five acres of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot, on three terraced hillsides with northern and western exposures. In 1986, they began crushing their best fruit to produce about 3000 cases of wine. The eldest son, Christopher Vandendriessche, studied and made wine in France and Spain, and in 1999 he took charge of winemaking at White Rock.



*A view of the underground cave at White Rock Vineyards.*

In this protected position in the Napa foothills, the vineyards enjoy a micro-climate cooler than the valley floor. From the beginning, the vines were watered and fertilized sparingly and pesticides were never used. The vineyard terraces are tilled and each vine hand-hoed. The younger son, Michael Vandendriessche, is vineyard manager and has sought to improve on the quality of the fruit by increasing density, using vertical trellising, and choosing rootstocks and clones tailored to each spot. Clusters now hang free and are much less susceptible to molds and diseases. Michael and Christopher regularly walk the vineyards together discussing how to integrate grape growing and winemaking. This combination of unique soil and location with integrated vineyard practices results in loose bunches of tiny grape berries whose flavors are concentrated and yield wines of great intensity and smooth, rich tannins.

White Rock Winery has a most unusual setting. The wines are made in a 6000-square-foot underground cave that was dug in 1988 from the same white volcanic rock that gives the winery its name and the wines their special mineral character. These caves are the ideal environment for making and storing wine. The constant humidity and temperature safeguard the fruit flavors and keep them from drying out and becoming harsh in the barrel. After bottling, the red wines are aged in the dark, vibration-free caves until they are ready to be sold.

This wine is 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 9% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot. It's a blend of several lots, fermented separately and then blended together over the first year as the character of the vintage developed. The wine was then matured for two years in 60-gallon French oak barrels. 2001 was a very ripe (but not over-ripe) vintage delivering dark, deep fruit and extraordinary complexity. The Cabernet predominates in this wine, showing dark fruit, tobacco and chocolate with notes of cedar and coffee aromas from the French oak. Parker gave this wine 90 points and noted, "White Rock's offerings always possess a distinctive Bordeaux-like personality... Fashioned from an organically run vineyard (no pesticides or herbicides), it boasts a deep saturated ruby/purple color as well as a nose of graphite, black currants, damp earth, and flowers. Medium to full-bodied and elegant, with well-integrated tannin and subtle background oak, it possesses wonderful sweetness, elegance, and restraint, which are not easy to achieve in California. Drink it over the next 10 to 12 years."

## 2005 Summerland Winery Select Santa Rita Hills Pinot Noir

Since its conception in 2002, Summerland Winery has quickly built a name synonymous with Pinot Noir. A boutique winery based in Santa Maria, near the renowned Bien Nacido Vineyard, Summerland produces a diverse range of premium wines focusing on specific vineyard sources ranging from Santa Barbara to Monterey. They specialize in small-lot, vineyard-designated Pinot Noir. Many of you may be familiar with Summerland, as we were lucky enough to host a dinner last year with their winemaker, Etienne Terlinden. Etienne believes it all starts in the vineyard. He pays numerous visits throughout the growing season and during harvest, and makes the final call as to when to pick grapes for optimal ripeness and flavor.

Etienne, who is originally from Belgium, describes his approach as a meeting of old-world tradition and new-world principles. The fruit is processed using state-of-the-art equipment ideal for Pinot Noir production, while the vinification and cellaring are more traditional, with minimal intervention. Blending is conducted with the expertise of world-renowned consultant Michele Pignarre le Danois. Michele, who resides in Bordeaux, visits the region periodically to taste and create the final blends with Etienne and his staff. This is the crucial step where all the components that go into a bottling are evaluated, analyzed and pieced together. An individual bottling of Pinot Noir may have as many as six clonal varieties, which Etienne has carefully vinified separately in the cellar. The finished wines are bottled with minimal fining to preserve the fruit intensity.

The 2005 Santa Rita Hills bottling is 67% from the Fiddlestix Vineyard and 33% from the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard. Only 225 cases of this wine were produced. Summerland Winery began sourcing fruit from these two renowned vineyards in 2004, selecting them for their very distinct qualities. Fiddlestix is located off Santa Rosa Road in the southern reaches of the appellation and benefits from an extremely cool climate that provides deeply flavorful and intense fruit. The Rancho Santa Rosa vineyard, located to the north off Highway 246, contributes the opposite spectrum with lively, vibrant fruit. The blend wonderfully reflects the character of the Santa Rita Hills.

The grapes were allowed to cold soak for about a week to extract color and flavor. The wine underwent fermentation in 1.5-ton open top fermenters and was punched down by hand. Each Pinot Noir lot was inoculated with Assmanhausen yeast for its slow fermentation properties and organoleptic influence. Aging took place in 100% French oak cooperage from a variety of forests for eleven months, with one third of the oak new.

The wine is varietally correct; that is, it smells and tastes like real Pinot Noir with none of the cooked or stewed notes that often characterize Central Coast Pinot Noir. It is well balanced, with good acidity and vibrant, fresh-berry notes. The palate is dominated by dark fruits with cherry highlights along with notes of vanilla and cedar. These characteristics will develop nicely over time; the wine should age well given the quality of the 2005 vintage. The wine is still young and has the potential to develop but is certainly very tasty now. Enjoy with all manner of beef, lamb, pork or poultry.



*Etienne Terlinden, Summerland winemaker, combines innovation and respect for tradition.*

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# Premium Wine Club

## 2001 Peregrino Reserve Grenache

The 2001 Peregrino Reserve Grenache is produced by the Spanish producer Bodega Biurko Gorri. They are located in Bargota, a small town on the slopes of Mount Yoar, part of the foothills of the Sierra Cantabria, the mountain range which forms the natural northern border of Rioja. The Bodega belongs to the Llorens family, who also own thirty hectares of vineyards in the adjacent towns of Labraza, Viana and Bargota. The family employs traditional techniques that limit production and ensure grapes with high tartaric acid content, great color intensity and potent yet fruity tannins. Their vineyards contain a high percentage of old vines native to the area; the majority of the vines are planted on relatively poor chalky soils. The high altitude and lots of sunny days lead to large temperature fluctuations between day and night. This makes grapes that are ripe but retain good acidity and freshness.

At Biurko Gorri, the production of organic grapes stems from a deep-rooted family tradition. They aim to obtain a quality product while respecting the natural cycles of the vines. The family has a holistic, painstaking approach to winemaking, starting with the treatment of the soil. Only organic animal and plant fertilizers are used. The intention is to obtain a well balanced soil that leads to hearty vines that are naturally protected against disease. Preventive vine treatments are based on natural elements (sulfur, copper in small quantities, clay, purines, sexual confusion techniques, etc.).

The wines are made according to Riojan tradition with the added advantages of modern technology. The current bodega was built in the early nineties when the family decided to make a major investment to adapt their older wine-making systems. These improvements allow them to produce high-quality wine that faithfully retains the purity of the grape. The grapes are destemmed before crush and fermentation. Maceration lasts for about 25 days. The fermentation is carried out in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel vats at 25 to 30° C. The grapes are then gently pressed using a pneumatic press. The destemming and gentle treatment means the wines will be rich and supple with great color, natural aroma and great flavor but not astringent. The wine is made without sulfur dioxide and fining is through natural racking. The wines are matured in American oak casks and in bottle until they are ready for sale.

The fruit for this cuvee comes from vines that are 60 to 100 years old. The fruit was harvested fairly late, at the end of October. The wine was then matured for 14 months in casks (50% French and 50% American), and a minimum of ten months in bottle.

The wine has a deep and brilliant reddish-purple color and an intense aroma that combines ripe fruit, a slight hint of mineral and the toasted, smoked notes from the wood. On the palate, the wine initially has a slightly sweet taste in the mouth with a concentrated flavor and potent structure. It is ample and fleshy. The finish is long and persistent. The tannin is present but ripe and fruity. This will be rounded off as the wine ages in the bottle. Enjoy this wine with all manner of roast meat and hard cheeses.



*The Llorens family, producers of the Peregrino wines. An image of their vineyards is in the background.*

## 2000 Talbott Chardonnay

We are very pleased to be able to send out the 2000 Talbott Chardonnay. Talbott Vineyards is one of the finest producers of Chardonnay in California. Robert Talbott Sr., his wife Audrey, and their son Robb (Robert S. Talbott) moved to Carmel in 1950 and started a tie company. Audrey sewed the ties by hand and Robert Sr. sold them up and down the California coast out of his station wagon. Their efforts were rewarded with success and as the Robert Talbott Studio grew to be an internationally acclaimed leader in the luxury tie and clothing business, the family's interest turned to producing fine wine. The Talbotts had become interested in wine when they visited French and Italian vineyards during business trips to Europe.

The simple truths the family had learned about wine and winemaking in Europe were in conflict with the general standards of the California wine industry in the late 1970s and early '80s. California winemakers, strongly influenced by UC Davis, tended to practice a very clean, controlled style of winemaking. The Talbotts held a contrary view, believing that to produce the quality and style of wine to which they aspired, they had to use traditional, age-old Burgundian techniques, including barrel fermentation, minimal or no filtering and fining, and very gentle handling. They believed that if you perfectly matched the grape variety, clone, climate and soil and then treated the resulting fruit naturally and gently, great wine would result. History has proven them correct.



*The Sleepy Hollow Vineyard in the beautiful Santa Lucia Highlands.*

Robert Talbott Vineyards was founded in 1982. The first vintage of Talbott Chardonnay was produced in 1983, and in 1984 the family hired an experienced winemaker, I. C. (Sam) Balderas, who remains winemaker to this day. Sam's meticulous attention to detail, his strict adherence to traditional, hands-on winemaking techniques and his painstaking management of every barrel has resulted in wines of consistently exceptional quality.

The fruit for the 2000 Talbott Chardonnay was selected from the finest sections of the acclaimed Sleepy Hollow Vineyard. Sleepy Hollow Chardonnay is considered by many as one of the quality standards for California Chardonnay. This hilly, 450-acre vineyard, located in the beautiful Santa Lucia Highlands west of Gonzales, has Arroyo Seco gravelly loam soil that allows excellent root penetration, enabling the vines to pick up sub-soil minerals that increase the complexity of flavor. Relatively close proximity to the Pacific Ocean moderates vineyard temperatures and the vineyard's northern exposure contributes to making it a cool growing site. Sleepy Hollow is planted to old vine Wente-clone Chardonnay. Sam keeps yields low to increase concentration and minimizes the handling of the wine to preserve the fruit's natural essence. This wine is 100% barrel fermented in French oak and aged on the lees to impart a rich, toasty, complex character to the wine.

The Talbott Sleepy Hollow Chardonnay is unique among California Chardonnays for its excellent aging potential and ability to develop in depth and complexity, like great Burgundy. This characteristic was recognized by one of America's leading wine critics when in 1997, the *Wine Spectator* gave the 1990 vintage a perfect score of 100 points. Because the wine ages so well, the winery holds back a number of cases each year. When the good people at Talbott offered us this wine we jumped at the opportunity. On the nose the wine is vinuous and rich with complex notes from extended lees contact. On the palate, it has richness and depth with lees-y butterscotch notes, some spice from the oak and a pronounced honeyed citrus note. A lively acidity keeps the richness in balance. We hope you enjoy this rare treat!

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# Best Buy Wine Club

## 2004 Denois Merlot

Jean-Louis Denois is well known to loyal K&L customers. Jean-Louis is originally from the Champagne area but after studying oenology in Burgundy and working abroad he decided to go to the South of France to make his mark on the wine-making world. He is a maverick of the Languedoc; he has often run into troubles with the French wine regulators for his penchant for making wines atypical of the region. Those familiar with French wine appellations will notice that this wine carries the designation “vin de pays” (country wine) rather than the more prestigious AOC designation. This is because Merlot is not accepted as a valid varietal for the Languedoc AOC.

Jean-Louis’ winery is located near Limoux in the upper Aude Valley, a rugged region of primordial beauty in the foothills of the Pyrenees, not far from the famous walled city of Carcassone. The Denois philosophy is simple: preserve the unique character of Limoux as an island of freshness in the south of France. The key here is finding the perfect balance between ripeness and acidity. Although Languedoc in general is considered a very warm region known primarily for Grenache and Carignan, the area around Limoux is much cooler due to its altitude and proximity to the mountains. Limoux is actually most famous for its sparkling wines, among the most ancient in France. In fact locals like to claim that Dom Perignon learned to make sparkling wine in Limoux. Denois is now considered one of the stars of the Languedoc wine-making world. He consistently makes exciting, world-class wines that nonetheless remain amazingly inexpensive. All of the Denois wines are made from low-yielding vines, and vinified with as little interference as possible to preserve the natural essence of the fruit.

The 2004 Denois Merlot is a wonderful expression of a fresh Merlot style with plenty of fruit but just enough acidity to give it balance. The nose is dominated by plummy Merlot fragrance. On the palate the wine is medium bodied with lots of dark fruit, just a bit of earth and soft yet present tannins. This wine is an easy drinker, intended for consumption at an early age—so open it up and enjoy. It will go well with beef, pork or even roast chicken, and with hard cheeses.

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*The Denois estate is near Limoux, in the foothills of the Pyrenees.*

## 2005 Richmond Grove French Cask Chardonnay

Richmond Grove's 100-year-old restored winery is located on the banks of the North Para River in South Australia's Barossa Valley. Richmond Grove produces a range of premium wines from grapes grown in Australia's best viticulture regions. The winery location began life more than a century ago in 1897 when Ernst Gottlieb Hoffman (better known as E.G.) began to establish it on the river bank. E.G.'s father was among the original Lutheran settlers from Silesia who had left Germany in the mid-nineteenth century to escape religious persecution. E.G. began planting vines on his 120 acres of land and chose to call his vineyard and winery "Orange Grove Wine Cellars."

In 1945, due to ill health and a lack of male heirs, E.G. sold Orange Grove to Leo Buring, 68 years old and a leading figure in the Australian wine industry. Orange Grove became Leo Buring's "Chateau Leonay." In 1955, a year before his retirement, Buring appointed as winemaker a promising young Roseworthy graduate, John Vickery. John would become one of Australia's most respected winemakers.

The original Richmond Grove winery was established in 1974 at Sandy Hollow in the upper Hunter Valley, and the first wines from Richmond Grove appeared on the market in 1977. Richmond Grove enjoyed considerable success throughout the 1980s, particularly in New South Wales and as a result, it needed to expand. Chateau Leonay was the ideal location with its beautiful setting, high-quality vineyards, state-of-the-art technology and legendary winemaker. So in 1993, Chateau Leonay was renamed Richmond Grove. Richmond Grove was delighted that Australian winemaking icon John Vickery agreed to stay on with the company as Chief Winemaker— after almost 50 vintages, he still called Richmond Grove home. John is revered by many as one of Australia's most influential and successful winemakers.



*The historic Richmond Grove Winery in Australia's Barossa Valley.*

2005 was a very good year in Australia. Moderate, dry weather with cool nights produced healthy grapes with excellent intensity of varietal flavors. After harvest, the grapes were crushed and the must chilled with minimal skin contact. The juice was then clarified and fermented at a cool temperature to retain the fresh natural Chardonnay grape flavors. After fermentation, the wine had extended lees contact and partial malolactic fermentation. French oak barrels were used in the fermentation of a portion of this wine to add subtle nutty, toasty flavors. In the glass the wine is medium straw-yellow with green hues. On the nose, there are notes of white peach and citrus fruit with a very subtle hint of nutty oak and buttery complexity. On the palate, the wine reveals peachy fruit flavors with fresh citrus notes. The French oak flavors contribute subtle vanilla, spice and cedar notes which harmonise with the fruit. The texture is soft and creamy yet balanced by a fresh acid finish. Enjoy this wine as an apéritif or with a wide range of fare including seafood and poultry.

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# Re-order Form

As a member of a K&L Wine Club, you have the opportunity to order previous offerings of any of our clubs. The following pages contain a “backlist” of each club. Please note the prices for each wine. The phone number to place orders is 800-247-5987. The order desk is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any wine-club-related issues you can call the wine clubs to resolve them at extension 2766. We have a voice-mail system, and if we can't take your call immediately we will return it as soon as possible. In addition, you can e-mail us at [theclubs@klwines.com](mailto:theclubs@klwines.com).

## Signature Red Club: Previous Offerings

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\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Proprietà Sperino Uvaggio, Coste della Sesia Rosso DOC @ \$23.95 per bottle  
The 2004 Uvaggio is composed of 75% Nebbiolo with the remainder being Vespolina and Croatina. The wine is deeply colored with a lovely spicy scent. It is medium bodied and slightly firm now with characteristic Nebbiolo flavors such as rose petals and tar as well as substantial tannins and the typical Nebbiolo mysteriousness. This wine will go well with all manner of roast and grilled meat, and with hard cheeses. This wine will continue to improve for many years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Pujanza, Rioja DOC @ \$23.95 per bottle  
80% Tempranillo and 20% Graciano. Parker gave this wine 90 points and noted, “The 2003 Pujanza, aged 13 months in new French oak and bottled unfiltered, is an opulent, impressive Rioja exhibiting potent, fat, black cherry and tobacco-tinged fruit flavors nicely bolstered by toasty oak. It offers plenty of texture, purity, and spice. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.”

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Hewitson Cellar Selection Shiraz Mourvèdre @ \$23.95 per bottle  
This wine has beautiful dark fruits and red flower notes on the nose. On the palate the wine is rich but balanced with yummy fruit, very polished tannins and lovely vanilla-oak notes. This is sure to be a big hit with those who love full-bodied Australian reds.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Château Clarke, Listrac @ \$23.95 per bottle  
A very dense inky/purple color, with charming aromas of intense ripe fruit with pure blackcurrant, cherry and plum jam along with subtle wood and mocha notes, espresso, toasted white bread, licorice and hints of chocolate and spices. On the palate there's a pure attack of powerful fruit followed by a deep mid palate with low acidity and ripe tannins, and a textured and fleshy finish. Beautiful harmony, with impressive concentration and balance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Craneford Merlot “John Zilm,” Barrosa Valley @ \$23.95 per bottle  
This wonderful Merlot earned 92 points from Robert Parker. Here are Parker's notes (October 2005 *Wine Advocate*): “I continue to be shocked by encounters with top-flight Merlot from Australia (it doesn't happen that often). Craneford's 2004 Merlot, a knock-out effort from the Barossa that spent 16 months in French oak, exhibits a dark ruby/purple color in addition to rich aromas of berry fruit, roasted coffee, chocolate, and subtle herbs. This fleshy, voluptuously-textured, hedonistic Merlot will provide immense pleasure over the next five to six years.”

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Schweiger Merlot, Napa @ \$23.95 per bottle  
If you like Paloma Vineyards Merlot you'll like this wine, primarily because Fred Schweiger planted the Paloma Vineyard next door to his own, using his own vines as cuttings. A Bing-cherry nose is forward, followed by mixed berry flavors and mocha in the mouth. Think of milk-chocolate-covered strawberries. The acid is balanced in perfect proportions with the slightly elevated tannins, making for a nice, lush finish. Drink now or hold for five to seven years. Try this with Rack of Lamb.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2002 Stella Maris Red, Washington @ \$23.95 per bottle  
This is a lovely blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, and 5% Malbec. This wine in the style of right-

bank Bordeaux is very well balanced, with notes of ripe plum, cherry and cassis, along with hints of vanilla, cloves and chocolate. The addition of Malbec gives this wine a lush mouthfeel and contributes to the generous finish. Drink now with an hour's aeration, or hold for eight to ten years.

## Premium Wine Club: Previous Offerings

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\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Chablis, Roger Roblot Vieilles Vignes @ \$13.99 per bottle  
2005 was a great year in Chablis, as in nearly all of France, and this wine reflects the natural bounty of the vintage. The wine is pale yellow with some light green glints. It has a fine nose with rich floral (white flowers) and fruity (fresh fruits) aromas. The wine is clean and pure with a slightly honeyed richness balanced against nice citrus notes and lovely Chardonnay fruit. This wine is great to drink now as an apéritif or with seafood or any kind of white meat.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2002 Project 3000 Syrah @ \$13.99 per bottle  
In the glass, the wine is deeply opaque with a purplish core and medium viscosity. On the nose, there are notes of crushed black fruit along with hints of mint, licorice, herbs and oak notes. On the palate, the wine fills the mouth with layers of super-extracted black fruit, anise and minerals. The wine has great balance with supple tannins. Project 3000 is a big boy of a red wine and needs to be opened a good hour in advance of drinking. It should come into its own during the next year or two and drink well for the next five to seven years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Kalinda Syrah @ \$13.99 per bottle  
This wine is deep crimson in color. On the nose, it is a blend of red and black fruits with a plethora of exotic aromas including violet, rose blossom, clove, leather and fine tobacco. On the palate the wine is powerful and generous but also agile and elegant with fine tannins and a long finish. This wine is the perfect complement for all manner of hearty fare such as rack of lamb or a favorite cheese. This wine will age gracefully for at least another five years

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Casisano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino @ \$13.99 per bottle  
The 2004 Casisano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino is a marvelously balanced wine from a superb vintage. It shows Sangiovese's natural elegance and length with its classic violet, cherry and spice in its nose. On the palate the wine is long and elegant with a decidedly long finish. In Italy you could drink this wine with a plate of pasta with a meat sauce, a rosemary flavored roasted chicken, or a classic Florentine Bistecca (T-bone). This wine will age gracefully for another five years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Château Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc @ \$13.99 per bottle  
Medium rich in color, this wine is just starting to show the first signs of maturity. The nose is soft, ripe and mellow. On the palate it well-balanced, with subtle oak, rich red fruit, good grip and ripe tannins. The finish brings on notes of chocolate and berries, with wonderful freshness. Long and soft in the finish, this red offers finesse and elegance rather than sheer power.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2002 Treana White Blend, "Mer Soleil" Vineyard, Central Coast @ \$13.99 per bottle  
This wine consists of 61% Viognier and 39% Marsanne. It was aged 10% in stainless steel, 75% in neutral French oak, and 15% in new oak barrels. The Viognier provides the wine's beautiful floral nose, with scents of jasmine and honeysuckle. The Marsanne adds rich honey and mineral flavors. A variety of flavors comes across on the palate, including apricot, pear and citrus.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Château Le Doyenne, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux @ \$13.99 per bottle  
This wine's blend usually consists of approximately 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Soft tannins and a touch of earth frame bright cherry and berry fruit flavors. Enjoy this wine with roast pork loin or simply grilled steak. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Grant Burge Barossa Miamba Shiraz @ \$13.99 per bottle

This Shiraz is deep crimson and red, with rich, dark berries, cherry liquor and smoky oak on the nose. The dense fruit flavors carry through to the palate, combining with vanilla oak. Soft, balanced tannins and good acidity provide great length, with a lingering flavor of subtle licorice. Drink now with some aeration, or hold for up to ten years. Great choice with game meats.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve @ \$11.99 per bottle—**Special price!**

The grapes for this 100% Pinot Gris were hand-harvested and then fermented on the lees in stainless steel tanks. A small percentage was aged in three-year-old barrels and then added to the final blend to add a bit of complexity. Although this wine sees barely any oak, it is surprisingly rich and creamy with flavors of pear and citrus that are framed by good acidity. This is lovely to drink by itself, but pairs beautifully with pasta with a cream sauce, mushroom risotto, or grilled pork tenderloin. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Ercavio Roble @ \$8.49 per bottle

The Ercavio Roble is 100% Cencibel (the local name for Tempranillo), with an elevage of five months in French and American oak (hence the name Roble). Our Spanish wine buyer, Anne Pickett, is a big fan of this winery. Anne writes, "Full and fleshy, this red from La Mancha has plenty of ripe black cherry fruit and a long finish. Some of you may remember the 2003 Ercavio (Parker gave it 91 points) which sold out so fast that if you blinked, you missed out! Well, the 2004 is even better—more length, depth and concentration. Enjoy the Ercavio Roble with your favorite grilled steak! This wine should keep for up to three years. "

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Chance Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Redwood Valley @ \$8.49 per bottle

The 2005 Chance Creek Sauvignon Blanc is 98.5% Sauvignon Blanc with just a touch of Viognier, which adds to its aromatic complexity and nuanced palate. Winemaker Lou Bock believes that the addition of the Viognier along with partial barrel and partial stainless-steel fermentation has created the finest ever Chance Creek Sauvignon Blanc. The wine has great balance, a nice fleshiness on the palate paired with great acidity and an overall elegance that will lead you back again and again for another sip. The wine shows notes of jasmine, tangerine and grapefruit on the nose and follows through with flavors of pink grapefruit, guava and white peaches. This wine will work great as an appetizer, with fish, shell fish and especially crab or really any white meat.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Chassagne Côtes du Rhône @ \$8.49 per bottle

In the glass, the wine is deep ruby red with violet hues. On the nose, there's an explosion of rich berry aromas with notes of violets and spice. On the palate, the wine is well rounded with mouth-filling fruit, a bit of spice and a good balance of acidity and fruit. It finishes with delicate sweet tannins. This is a very pleasant, refreshing table wine that is the perfect complement to red meats, lamb, *coq au vin* and your favorite cheeses. This wine should keep for up to three years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Purisima Canyon Anderson Valley Chardonnay @ \$8.49 per bottle

The 2005 Purisima Canyon Anderson Valley Chardonnay is barrel fermented and is aged *sur-lies* for nine months. The aromas suggest that you are standing in a pear orchard, while in the mouth there is tons of structure, vibrant fruit that is supported by just a hint of French oak and a finish that will make you say "Wow!"

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Château des Valentons Canteloup @ \$8.49 per bottle

This has a nice, expressive nose with elegant notes of red flowers. On the palate, it is a supple, medium-bodied wine with nice balance and a lovely roundness from the Merlot and a bit of structure from the Cabernets. This is a great wine for the table and is priced for everyday enjoyment. This is real honest wine and a pleasure to drink. It will go well with red meats and hard cheeses. You can enjoy it now or put it in the cellar for three to five years

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Kirkham Peak, Sauvignon Blanc @ \$8.49 per bottle

The nose entices with aromas of grapefruit, melon, and citrus. On the palate, the wine has a richness of tropical fruit with a touch of pineapple yet is still bright and vibrant. The subtle lime minerality mirrors the cool riverbed stones along Wine Creek and adds a sparkling crispness to the abundant fruit flavors. This is wonderfully complex yet totally quaffable wine made in a softer, richer style but without any overbearing oak; it will greatly appeal to California Chardonnay lovers. It is like a drop of Sonoma sunshine in a glass. This wine makes a great apéritif or can be served with seafood or Asian cuisine.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Jean-Luc Colombo, Côtes du Rhône “Les Abeilles” @ \$8.49 per bottle  
Jean-Luc Colombo is a perennial favorite at K&L. This is another great value from the fabulous 2003 vintage. According to the Wine Spectator, the wine has: “Light berry, herb and mineral notes, with a fresh finish.” (06/05)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Domaine Comte Louis de Clermont-Tonnerre, Côtes du Rhône la Berardiere @ \$8.49  
Robert Parker noted, “The 2004 La Berardiere Tres Vieilles Vignes shows a slightly denser, sweeter, more floral nose than the Valreas with kirsch liqueur, excellent density, medium body, good acidity, and a fresh, lively, heady finish. Drink it over the next 2 to 3 years. 88 points.” (02/06)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Craneford Private Selection Chardonnay @ \$8.49 per bottle  
This 100% Chardonnay comes from the Adelaide Hills. The wine sees no wood treatment and no malolactic fermentation. The creaminess of the wine comes from stirring of the lees for one week. This gives it added complexity as well as a natural creaminess. The pure winemaking technique results in brilliant expression of the Chardonnay grape. The wine has notes of melon, citrus and tropical fruits. Excellent acidity is beautifully balanced with the fruit flavors. Try it with trout amandine or roast chicken. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Purisima Canyon Roussane/Viognier @ \$8.49 per bottle  
This wine is a blend of 58.4% Roussane and 41.6% Viognier. The Roussane came from ten-year-old vines from a vineyard in Lodi. The wine was 100% tank fermented and was left sur lie for 6 months, adding richness and flavor. The Viognier came from 20-year-old vines from a dry-farmed vineyard in Clarksburg and also was tank fermented. Neither grape was aged in oak barrels. Crisp, refreshing with flavors of apples and tropical fruits, this is a very easy wine to sip by itself or enjoy with a wide variety of food.

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90 points Robert Parker. "One of the best buys of this portfolio is the Côtes du Rhône Les Violettes, a blend of 80% Syrah and 20% white grapes. The 2004 Côtes du Rhône Les Violettes could be called the Southern Rhône's La Mouline of Rasteau. A sexy perfume of acacia flowers, sweet creme de cassis, and blackberries soars from the glass of this round, medium to full-bodied, opulent, extroverted, explosively fruity, rich effort. This wine should be enjoyed over the next 3 to 4 years." (02/06)

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