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Dear Wine Club Member,

I am going to reprint the new features to our wine clubs so that new or returning members are aware of the new flexibility available online at www.klwines.com.

Online Ordering Now you can reorder club wines based on our real-time online inventory. By using the online account linked to your club membership, you will automatically get the special pricing available only to members. In addition to having this accessibility to our monthly selections, you will often find other, non-club wines with special pricing that is exclusive to club members. These unique deals are also displayed within the wine club reorder section at KLWines.com. Additionally, you can combine club wine reorders with the rest of our non-club inventory, which includes thousands of outstanding wines.

NOTE: You do not need to create a new account. All club members already have an online account. If you do not know your password and online id, please call us and we will email the information to you.

Membership Maintenance Update the details of your subscription within KLWines.com's My Account page, which is accessible from any page on our web site. (Look at the top of each page for the "My Account" icon.) Once you reach the My Account page, click on "Wine Clubs," where you can update the address where your wines are sent, change the credit card you use for your monthly subscription, or modify the shipping method for your membership. Please note that wine club account changes have to be done through the "Wine Clubs" link. Changes made to your regular account profile will not be reflected in your wine club account

Shipping Options We now have more shipping options, including the ability to have the monthly package transferred to either store for pickup rather than being shipped. You will save the entire shipping cost if you choose that option.

Email Confirmation When your monthly package, or any order, is shipped, you'll receive an email confirmation that includes the tracking number of the shipment as well as a list of the items in the package.

Remember to make sure we have your email address so you can take full advantage of these new benefits.

This month we feature a wine that lists for \$100 per bottle, a Reserve Chardonnay, a great Zinfandel and other choices that we hope you will enjoy.

We also have added, to our special offers on page 7, a wonderful Australian Red wine to go along with the Chateau Routon Port, Scharffenberger Sparkling wine and the Dominus estate. Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions. 800 247-5987 ext. 2740 or davero@klwines.com.

Cheers,

Dave Rosenzweig

Wine Club Director

Signature Red Wine Club

The Signature Red Wine Club offerings for the month of January 2005 include two, ultra-premium Cabernet's from two different regions in Napa.

2000 Schweiger Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mountain

Schweiger Vineyards roots go back to 1960 when Fred Schweiger's parents, Tony and Theresa Schweiger, purchased 53 Acres on Spring Mountain. One year later, Fred purchased an additional eight acres.

The property, located at an elevation of 2,000 feet (above the fog line), features rich volcanic soils and unique microclimates particularly favorable for Cabernet Sauvignon.

The first Schweiger vines were planted in 1981 and the first harvest was in 1984. For the first 10 years, the Schweiger's sold their fruit to Joe Cafaro, ZD, Newton and Stags Leap Winery. In 1994, Schweiger Vineyards became a bonded winery and the family began bottling wine under their own label, though they continued to sell most of their grapes to contracted wineries.

Finally, in 1999, Andrew Schweiger joined the winery as the full-time winemaker. The family discontinued selling their grapes and began using 100 percent of their estate fruit for Schweiger Vineyards wine. As wine production increased, additional winery square footage became necessary and construction was completed on the new fermentation room in 2002. Additionally, the garden terrace area, used by the family for entertaining during the seasonal fair weathered months, was completed in 2002.

Today, Schweiger Vineyards includes 25 acres of cabernet, five acres of merlot, four acres of chardonnay and, a small block of petite sirah.

Today, every member of the family has a hand in the act at Schweiger Vineyards, to help produce the finest wine possible. Proud parents Fred and Sally Schweiger are the proprietors, Andrew, the winemaker, Diana Schweiger Isdahl is the director of sales, marketing and public relations, and Paula Schweiger handles their wine club and guest relations. These are wonderful people and you should stop by their winery next time you are in the Napa area. Say hello to Diana's brand new baby boy – Brent!

We were offered this wine about 6 months ago, but felt it was not quite accessible enough. Spring Mountain produces thick-skinned, hardy grapes that provide firm tannins and often these wines take longer to mature than wine from other regions in the Napa valley. This time around, we all felt the wine had opened up and was really showing complexity, good fruit and fine structure.

The wine consists of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged for 20 months in a combination of French and American oak. Aromas of Blackberry, currants and plums lead to a lovely palate where the fruit is comforted by lush tannins, leading to a long and lingering finish. This wine is approachable now, but will hold for another 7 – 10 years. Great with Prime Rib.

2000 Oakford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville

This is another of those unusual situations where a wine that normally lists for \$100 a bottle, becomes available to us. Their need for inventory space is to our great benefit!

The land that is now Oakford vineyards was originally part of a substantial land holding owned by the Edward Churchill Family. The Churchill's land stretched from the top of the Mayacamas mountain range down to Highway 29, and extended to both sides of the Oakville Grade.

In the 1950's Mrs. Churchill's daughter sold the better part of her parent's property to Martin Stelling. After Mr. Stelling's death the property was held in trust for his two children. Daughter Cara Landry's portion extended to the north of Oakville grade, and son Douglas Stelling's to the south.

Douglas sold off part of his property to Bob Lief in the late early 80's when the land was planted to grapes.

In 1987 Mr. Lief sold the property to oilman Charles Ball who, with his wife Cathy, was first introduced to Napa Valley wines during a visit to the wine country in 1955. They produced their first wine from the vineyards, a Cabernet Sauvignon, in 1987. From 1987 until 1993 Bob Levy made their wine (Bob continues to make the wine for neighboring Harlan Estate Winery), and in 1994 they hired the renowned Heidi Peterson Barret as their winemaker.

In February 1998 Carol and Floyd Wilson from Wichita, KS purchased Oakford Vineyards from the Ball's. The Wilson's hired Marco Diguilio to make the wines and David Abreu to manage the vineyards. David is one of the icons of the California wine industry. The David Abreu Vineyard Management Company is one of the most highly sought vineyard consultants in California. David

focuses on vineyards in the Napa Valley from Oakville to Calistoga and is renowned for his knowledge of the terroirs of the area.

In 2002 the Wilson's sold the property to Tom and Kyle Futo, also from Wichita. Tom and Kyle became interested in wine during their many visits to Napa Valley and when the opportunity came for them to start their own wine project they accepted it with enthusiasm.

Tom and Kyle retained David Abreu as vineyard manager and in 2004 hired Mark Aubert to make the wines.

Currently the property consists of 40 acres with 5.5 acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon and 1 acre planted to Merlot. Neighboring wineries are Harlan (to the south) and Far Niente (to the East).

This 100% Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon was bottled unfined and unfiltered to retain as much of its natural character as possible. Aged in French oak for 24 months, the wine begins with aromas of blackberry, and ripe red raspberry liqueur with notes of spice and vanilla from the oak. On the palate, the wine is soft and juicy with very lush tannins and layers of fresh ripe fruit. On the finish, the subtle character of the oak, adding more spice and perfume, frames the lovely fruit. Drink now or hold for 5 – 8 years. Try with Lamb sirloin.

Signature Red Club, January 2005 wine re-orders

For the month of January 2005, these selections are available to Signature Red Club members only.

Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Schweiger Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mountain @ \$23.95 per bottle

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Oakford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville @ \$23.95 per bottle

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Premium Wine Club

The January 2005 selections for the Premium Wine Club the return of a wonderful reserve Chardonnay and a tremendous Cabernet from Alexander Valley.

2001 Buehler “Reserve” Chardonnay, Russian river

This is the second vintage we have offered for this wine. The previous vintage was 1999, and it sold out quite fast. This wine is even better.

Buehler Vineyards started in 1971, when John Buehler, sr., after working 20 years for Bechtel Corp., decided to retire and also help his son to realize his dreams. John, sr., a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, served for twenty years in the Army Corps of Engineers before finishing his military career as a member of General MacArthur's staff, and going to work for Bechtel. His son, John, jr. having spent summers working at Charles Krug Winery and holidays working at a relative's hillside vineyard, had a natural inclination to be a grape grower. When John, sr. found a property east of St. Helena and south of Howell Mountain which housed a “Ghost Winery”, they began what turned out to be one of the more successful family owned wineries in the history of Napa. The property had long been used exclusively for grazing cattle. There were no vineyards or infrastructure, so John, jr. built roads on the property, cleared land, planted his first blocks of Cabernet and Zinfandel, and built the shed which became both his home and office. After providing Cabernet and Zinfandel to such wineries as Cuvaison, Grgich Hills, and Burgess, John, Jr. crushed the first vintage of Buehler Vineyards wine in 1978. In John's words, “We are grape growers, and we strive to grow compelling, layered, intensely flavored hillside fruit. Our challenge as winemakers is to intervene as little as possible in the process as we capture the quality of that fruit, bottle it, and share the results with our customers.” John remained the primary winemaker until 1993, when he hired David Cronin, a very talented winemaker who shared a similar philosophy of making wines that are both complex and approachable.

For Buehler's chardonnay program, "Reserve" designates traditional Burgundian winemaking techniques. After whole-cluster pressing, the juice is settled overnight and then racked directly to French oak barrels (50% new) for a full barrel fermentation. The wine undergoes a malolactic fermentation where the natural Russian River acidity is tempered and a fuller bodied wine results. The wine rests, sur lie, for 10 months and the lees are stirred weekly to flesh out the mid-palate to a creamy textured, seamless wine. The wine does not leave the barrel until it is time to bottle. Flavors and aromas of peach, graham cracker and citrus are presented on a creamy palate, with hints of oak and butter, leading to a long finish. Great with Roast Chicken.

2002 Kirkham Peak Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

I really wish I could tell you who made this wine. Most of you are probably familiar with the producer, as their wines can be found in top restaurants and fine wine shops around the country. Kirkham Peak is a proprietary label, similar to our Kalinda label, which we use to bottle wine that we feel proud to put our name behind. These wines are made by some of the top wineries in California, though we are forbidden to reveal their names. The wine bottled under their own label can be two, three, or even four times the price that we sell it under our label.

Alexander Valley, an important and respected source of premium wine grapes for wineries throughout California, received formal recognition as an American Viticultural Area (AVA) in 1984. The valley is twenty miles in length, varying in width from two to seven miles. The Alexander Valley viticultural area, which includes both the valley floor and hills to the east and west, encompasses approximately 75,000 acres. Over 13,000 of those acres are currently planted to premium wine grapes.

In addition to varieties commonly associated with this appellation, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel and Chardonnay, Alexander Valley's growers and wineries produce many other varieties such as Viognier, Pinot Blanc, Shiraz and Sangiovese that further enhance the region's reputation for diversity and high quality. Some of the top wineries in this region include Lancaster, Geyser Peak, Stonestreet, Silver Oak, Jordan and many others.

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is aged in American oak – 50% new and 50% two year old. Lovely aromas of blueberries, vanilla, and cassis lead to a palate with dark cherry notes framed by slightly toasty oak. The finish is long and luxurious. This would be a great choice with rack of lamb. Drink now and over the next 4 – 7 years.

Premium Wine Club, January 2005 wine re-orders

For the month of January, 2005, these re-order selections are available to Premium Wine Club members only. Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Buehler "Reserve" Chardonnay, Russian river @ \$13.99 per bottle

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Kirkham Peak Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle

Best Buy Wine Club

This month's Best Buy Wine Club selections include a brilliant Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand and a juicy, Zinfandel from Amador County.

2003 Step Rd. Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills

This bright and refreshing Sauvignon Blanc was originally offered to us for the Premium club, but the price wasn't quite right at the time. Fortunately, we were again offered the wine at a price commensurate with our Best Buy club. The least expensive I have seen this elsewhere is \$12.99 per bottle.

Rob Dundon, and his wife Bronwyn established the winery, in 1985, originally forming at the Horndale Winery at Clare Valley. State of the art equipment was installed in the century old building contrasting the historic building with the latest winemaking equipment.

A 1974 Roseworthy graduate with a distinguished winemaking career behind him, Rob has more than 1000 medals to his name, making him one of the most frequently awarded winemakers in Australia. Step Wines Australia comprises two portfolios: Beresford wines from McLaren Vale and Step Road wines from premium regions across South Australia. The small, premium range of wines from Beresford demonstrates concentrated fruit flavors, which are unmistakably from McLaren Vale and, with food matching in mind, employs minimal use of oak for a fine balance. The Step Road winery is a completely new venture with a state-of-the-art winery in Langhorne Creek employing a modern and contemporary winemaking approach, including an entry level "First Step" range, and proudly showcasing some of the great vinous partnerships between noble varietals and premium regions in South Australia.

The Adelaide Hills is one of Australia's most charming wine regions. This beautiful region is home to a large number of premium wine and food producers. The Adelaide Hills Region is part of the Mount Lofty Range. It has two sub-regions, Lenswood and Piccadilly Valley determined on the basis of differing temperatures and soil types. The region is 15km from the coast and Adelaide city.

Brilliant aromas and flavors of tropical fruits are framed by a bright acidity and lead to a juicy, mouthwatering finish. This is easy to drink by itself, or is a great match for most fish dishes. Drink now and over the next 1 –2 years.

2002 Chateau Routon Zinfandel, Amador County

We were introduced to this wine last month, when Jim Olsen, the winemaker, came by K & L to show us the lineup of Chateau Routon wines. We were very impressed. We decided to immediately offer the Vintage Character Port as a special offer to our wine club members, and also chose this Zinfandel and a Chardonnay for the Best Buy club. Unfortunately, they did not have enough of the Chardonnay available, but we will see what the future will bring.

Jim has extensive credentials and experience in the art of winemaking, winning "Best of Show" with a port wine in 1977 at the first international competition ever held in the USA!

Jim has been making exquisite specialty wines for over 20 years. He also taught "Wines of California and Europe", a consumer oriented wine appreciation class at UC Berkley for over 30 years, drawing over 300 students per year.

The Chateau Routon Winery is a small winery, specializing in Port wines, located in the picturesque rolling foothills of El Dorado County. Operated by two generations of the Routon family, their mission is to produce the finest Port wines along with distinctive varietal wines and unique blended wines. They consider themselves grape-growers as well as winemakers, and each of their handcrafted wines is bottled in limited quantities. In 1995, Sheila and Bob Routon set out in search of new property that would support their Arabian horses, as well as offer prime land for growing grapes. Their search ended in southern El Dorado County, on 85 acres of rolling hills, ponds and fantastic views! The soil on the property is mostly decomposed granite, perfect for growing grapes at an elevation above 2000 feet. Although they specialize in Port wines, they also carefully handcraft varietal wines, including Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Syrah, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

Amador County is well known for its Zinfandel grapes dating back to 1856. The ideal growing conditions within the County have allowed for the wine grape industry to become quite diversified. The Amador County Wine Grape Growers' Association has more than 125 members growing more than 30 different varietals of grapes. Amador County vineyards are now also producing world-class Rhone, Italian and Port varietals.

This 100% Zinfandel is juicy and brimming with dark berry fruit and spice with the intensity that comes from 60-year old vines. Another wine that is easy to enjoy by itself, it also makes a great match with Barbecue ribs or Hamburgers. Drink now and over the next 2 – 4 years.

Best Buy Wine Club, January 2005 wine re-orders

For the month of January, 2005, these selections are available to Best Buy Wine Club members only.

Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Chateau Routon Zinfandel, Amador County @ \$8.49 per bottle

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Step Rd. Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills @ \$8.49 per bottle

Special Offers—Available to all club members!

2002 Water Wheel "Memsie" Red, Bendigo

This is a superb, enjoyable red from "down under". Jim Chanteloup, our Australian wine buyer, approached me with an offer to make some of this available to our club members. He could get a better price if he made a larger purchase, and after tasting the wine, I readily agreed to offer it our club members. This has been a big hit through our retail store at \$12.99. Club members save \$3 per bottle!

"A wonderful value," according to Robert Parker. "Its deep, ruby/purple color is followed by copious quantities of flowery blue and black fruits, impressive purity, and a nicely textured, medium-bodied finish." (08/03)

89 points and a Smart Buy from Wine Spectator: "Jazzy and snappy, brimming with blueberry, blackberry and bright spicy flavors that skip merrily through the juicy finish. Delicious stuff. Shiraz, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon." (8/03)

From the Bendigo region in Victoria, winemaker Peter Cumming has fashioned a terrific wine and a great value made from 84% shiraz, 11% malbec and 5% cabernet sauvignon. The bouquet is full of smoky blackberry fruit with notes of earth, chocolate and anise. On the palate, the wine is rich and juicy with fine tanins and a hint of mint in the finish. And one more thing... it's the first red wine in a screwcap from Down Under to hit our shelves. Don't miss this great value.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Water Wheel "Memsie" Red, Bendigo @ \$9.99 per bottle

Chateau Routon Vintage Character Port

Chateau Routon, a small winery in the picturesque rolling foothills of El Dorado County, specializes in "Port Wines." Winemaker Jim Olson came by K&L to give us a taste of these wines and we were very impressed. Look for more of them early next year. This Vintage Character Port has the deep color and intense complexity of Vintage Port, tempered by long aging. Smooth and silky, it's a fine match for all things chocolate. Very tasty!

_____ Bottle(s) of Chateau Routon Vintage Character Port, California @ \$9.99 per bottle

Scharffenberger Brut N/V, Anderson Valley

This Scharffenberger Brut is a blend of two-thirds Pinot Noir and one-third Chardonnay. The predominance of the Pinot Noir creates a sparkling wine that is fruit forward with noticeable aromas of strawberry/raspberry and some plum notes. The Chardonnay expresses itself with subtle tropical flavors of pineapple with pear. All of the fruit for Scharffenberger Brut undergoes 100% malolactic fermentation, making the wine rich with complex flavors and a round, lengthy finish.

_____ Bottle(s) of Scharffenberger Brut N/V, Anderson Valley Special Price: @ \$13.99 per bottle

2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Dominus Estate, Napa Special Price: @\$59.99 per bottle

Re-order Form

As a member of a K&L Wine Club, you have the opportunity to order previous offerings of any of our clubs. The following pages contain the full "backlist" of each club. Please note the prices for each wine.

Our phone numbers for the Wine Club are (650) 364-8544 ext. 5, then 1; or outside the 650, 415, 510, and 408 area codes (800) 247-5987 ext. 5, then 1. The order desk is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We have a voice mail system, and if we can't take your call immediately we will return it as soon as possible. In addition, you can e-mail us at theclubs@klwines.com.

Signature Red Club: Previous Offerings

All wine can now be purchased by the single bottle. Prices are shown after each wine listed Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Reserve de la Comtesse, Pauillac @ \$23.95 per bottle

Robert Parker had this to say about this wine: "The 2001 Reserve de la Comtesse is a blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, and 11% Cabernet Franc. The wine was produced from 43% of the production and reveals complex aromas of cedar, tobacco, and black currants with a hint of chocolate in the background. A sweet attack is followed by a ripe, supple effort that should drink well upon release, and last for 10-12 years."

_____ Bottle(s) of 1998 Clos du Val "Stags Leap" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa @ \$23.95 per bottle

This wine consists of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Cabernet Franc, aged for 20 months in French oak. Aromas of spice and menthol nicely complement the ripe, dark flavors of blackberry and blueberry. This wine has an extremely elegant mouth feel with subtle nuances of bright fruit and toasty oak, which lead to a dense, long finish. This wine shows the quality of the vintage beautifully and will stand up to many years in the cellar, developing an earthiness that is unmistakable in wines produced from the Stags Leap District.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Moulin de Gardette 'Ventabren' Gigondas @ \$23.95 per bottle

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Cinsault. Perfumed with vanilla undertones. Red fruits abound along with a dash of tannin. Extremely ripe, this wine will pair well with a nice hearty meal. Aerate it for one or two hours for drinking now, or hold it for up to 10 years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Snowden Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa @ \$23.95 per bottle

A blend of 78.9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8.4% Cabernet Franc, 6.3% Merlot and 6.4% Petit Verdot. This is a well-balanced wine of depth and complexity. Fruit flavors of wild berry and cassis are mixed with notes of leather, coffee and earth. The flavors are persistent and though tannins appear on the finish, this is a marvelous wine to drink now after giving it an hour or two of aeration. It may also be held for seven to ten years. Suggested retail is \$60!

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Cornerstone, "Cornerstone" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa @ \$23.95 per bottle

This wine is a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc, aged for 20 months in a combination of new and one-year-old French oak. Complex aromas of new hay, mulberry and sweet anise are complemented by undertones of cedar, tarragon and sage. The fruit expresses a briar/bramble character reminiscent of fresh currant and wild blackberry with a slight dusty, cocoa quality. The oak lends a nuance of freshly baked bread in a toasty, caramelized, slightly vanilla finish. The wine benefits from one to two hours of aeration and is a great choice served with Filet Mignon. Hold for eight to ten years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Best's Great Western Bin 0 Shiraz, Victoria@ \$23.95 per bottle

An elegant and structured wine, rich in blackcurrant and berry flavors, with forward aromas and a complex palate. Silky tannins and gobs of fruit give it great character and boldness. Drink now with an hour or two of aeration or hold for eight to twelve years. Try with barbecued ribs.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Dominus "Napanook", Napa@ \$23.95 per bottle

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

Premium Wine Club: Previous Offerings

All wine can now be purchased by the single bottle. Prices are shown after each wine listed Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

_____ Bottle(s) of 1999 Arbios Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle

This wine consists of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, which spent 24 months in French oak. Scents of cassis, black cherry and plum dominate, balanced by an earthy character typical of Alexander Valley Cabernets. The wine is full and supple in the mouth, with an elegant balance of acidity, tannin and weight. The finish is clean and long, with a lingering richness from the French oak barrels. Drink now and over the next three to five years. Try with lamb sirloin.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino, @ \$13.99 per bottle

This 100% Sangiovese is a full, complex, rich wine with body and structure, full of wild cherry and plum aromas, with scents of smoke and earth. It has hints of tannin but is still balanced and drinkable now. Classic Rosso di Montalcino. A pork loin roast marinated with rosemary is perfect for this wine.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Iby Blaufränkisch Hochäcker @ \$13.99 per bottle

The wine shows wonderful aromas of Bing cherries, red berry fruit, smoke and spice. The palate shows more cherries with blackberries and a hint of vanilla. The finish is long and rich. Although dry, this wine has a lovely fruitiness and soft, ripe tannins that make it just a pleasure to drink. This would be a great choice with holiday turkey. Drink now and over the next three to seven years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Eagle Vale Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc @ \$13.99 per bottle

The wine is a blend of 73% Semillon and 27% Sauvignon Blanc. Lovely aromas of lemon-citrus are balanced by a rich mid-palate with some stone and herbal notes. This is a great match with fish and would also make a great choice for a dry white on your holiday table. Drink now and over the next one or two years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Denois Grand Cuvée Red @\$13.95 per bottle

40% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Grenache. The wine begins with wonderful aromas of cassis and berries. The palate is soft and lush and picks up some spice notes from the Syrah in the blend. This is a very easy wine to enjoy, with its sweet fruit and smooth mouth-feel. Drink now or hold for three to five years. Great choice with steak or lamb.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Torbreck "Juveniles," Barossa Valley@ \$13.95 per bottle

From Robert Parker: "The unwooded blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, and 20% Shiraz, the 2002 Juveniles is a crunchy, deliriously fruity red offering aromas of kirsch liqueur, pepper, and spice box in a fruit-driven, full-bodied style that is immensely captivating as well as satisfying. It is meant to be enjoyed over the next 5-6 years. 90 points."

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Katnook Estate Shiraz, Coonawarra@ \$13.95 per bottle

100% Shiraz, aged for 21 months in a combination of French and American oak *barriques* (small barrels), 50% of which were new. Aromas of ripe raspberry and a hint of licorice lead to a palate that echoes the raspberry and adds plum and blueberry with notes of spice, pepper and subtle smoky oak. Relatively soft

tannins make this ideal for drinking now or laying down for six to eight years. Great with game birds and red meat.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino @ \$13.95 per bottle
100% Sauvignon Blanc from the Mendocino Ranch vineyard, this shows lovely aromas of lime, lemon and citrus which follow through to the palate with a crisp, vibrant feel. This is a great summertime wine, excellent with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Frazier "Lupine Hill" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa @ \$13.95 per bottle
85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot, aged for 18 months in a combination of new and used French and American oak. Aromas of strawberries and earth lead to a deep palate with notes of blackcurrant and red meat. The wine will benefit from at least one hour's aeration and will hold for four to six years. Try with lamb tenderloin. Incidentally, *The Wine Spectator* lists this at \$45!

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Griffin Pinot Noir, Marlborough @ \$13.95 per bottle
Lovely plum and cherry aromas lead to a palate in which a touch of oak and earth are added to the mix. This wine would pair beautifully with turkey or salmon. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Pascal Jolivet "Attitude", Loire Valley @ \$13.95 per bottle
This wine shows juicy fruit flavors of apple and grapefruit balanced by a refreshing minerality and grassiness. It's very clean and crisp, excellent for warm spring and summer days. A great choice with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Edgewood Estate Syrah, Napa @ \$13.95 per bottle
100% Syrah aged in French oak for nineteen months. The complex nose shows hints of black cherries, spice and violets. The palate echoes those flavors and adds black pepper and plums to the mix. This deep, full-bodied wine will benefit from one to two hours of aeration and can be held for eight to ten years. Great with game.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Pascal Jolivet "Attitude", Loire Valley @ \$13.95 per bottle
This wine shows juicy fruit flavors of apple and grapefruit balanced by a refreshing minerality and grassiness. It's very clean and crisp, excellent for warm spring and summer days. A great choice with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Kalinda Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley @ \$13.95 per bottle
100% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is elegant, yet has great structure. The flavors are of cassis and black cherry integrated with toasty oak. An excellent choice served with rack of lamb. Drink now or hold for five to eight years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Château Bois Martin, Pessac-Leognan @ \$13.95 per bottle
A typical Graves nose of mineral and earth leads to a marvelously smooth palate with sweet oak, cassis and plum. A very easy wine to enjoy due to its round tannins, this should be consumed now and over the next three to five years. Enjoy it with pork chops.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Fournas Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc @ \$13.95 per bottle
This is lovely and elegant, with notes of cassis, coffee, toasty oak and a hint of cedar. Soft tannins and a long finish will have you finishing every last drop. Try with grilled filet mignon. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

Best Buy Wine Club: Previous Offerings

All wine can now be purchased by the single bottle. Prices are shown after each wine listed Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Domaine Rimbart, Saint Chinian @ \$8.49 per bottle
This wine consists of 40% Carignan, 30% Syrah and 30% Cinsault aged in fermentation tanks to highlight the fruitiness of the wine. Aromas of berries and currants lead to a palate of plums, cherries and a hint of pepper. Fruity and very easy to drink, this would be a good match with ham or pork roast. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Chateau Maine-Bonnet, Graves @ \$8.49 per bottle
This blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon is an outstanding example of white wine from the region. Aromas of pears and apples lead to a plate with citrus and mineral notes. The wine is rich and crisp, and has a refreshing aftertaste. This is a great match with grilled fish or chicken dishes. Drink now and over the next two to three years

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Kalinda Sauvignon Blanc, Lake County @ \$8.49 per bottle

Lip-smacking tropical fruit, crisp acidity and a clean, refreshing finish make this a steal and a no-brainer for parties or Tuesday night suppers, whenever a white-wine dish is served. Notes of gooseberry and grass on the finish elevate this from the sea of so-so Sauvignon Blanc!

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Domaine de Verquiere Côtes du Rhône Villages Rasteau @ \$8.49 per bottle
A typical Côtes du Rhône blend of Grenache (70%) and Syrah (30%). Aromas of truffle and berry lead to a palate with more berry flavors and a hint of raspberry and spice. This is a deep, thoroughly enjoyable wine that is meant to be drunk now and over the next three to four years. This would be a great choice with beef stew and game meats. Also good with hard cheeses that are not too salty.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Segura Viudas Creu de Levit, Penedès @ \$8.49 per bottle
This lovely wine, made of a native Spanish grape variety called Xarel-lo, has a floral nose with hints of spice, leading to a palate with notes of apples, a bit of citrus and a hint of pepper. A third of the wine ages *sur lie* in oak, lending a slightly creamy mouth feel that leads to a long, yet crisp finish. This is an excellent match for grilled fish or chicken. Drink now or hold for two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Watts Zinfandel, Lodi @ \$8.49 per bottle
This is a very fruit-driven, juicy Zinfandel with aromas of black cherry and vanilla oak. The palate shows plum and berry flavors along with a bit of cocoa and pepper. The finish is long and lush. This is excellent as a sipper or as a match for full-flavored and spicy foods. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 McDowell Syrah, California @ \$8.49 per bottle
90% Syrah, 6% Grenache, 4% Durif aged in two-year-old American and French oak. A dense, full-bodied Syrah, full of lovely berry-spice flavors, with jammy berry aromas and a bit of toasty oak. The mouth feel is big and round, with flavors of ripe blackberry and blueberry fruit and white pepper spice. This is a versatile wine that goes great with almost everything: burgers, ribs, pasta, grilled salmon, pizza and even fajitas. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek @ \$8.49 per bottle
95% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged in 25% new oak (a ratio of 75% American and 25% French) for 24 months. A lovely nose of dark fruits and berries leads to a palate that echoes those flavors and add hints of vanilla and spice. The Cabernet adds a lovely depth and the finish is smooth and lingering. This would be a great choice with hamburgers right off the grill. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast @ \$8.49 per bottle
82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17.5% Merlot, and 1.5% Petite Sirah. A wonderfully lush wine, with loads of fruit and soft tannins. A perfect red for summertime. Drink now and over the next two to three years. Great with hamburgers on a sunny day.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 La Posta Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina @ \$8.49 per bottle
100% Cabernet Sauvignon from vines with an average age of over 30 years. It spent nine months in second-use French and American oak barrels. Notes of currants and black cherries with a hint of sandalwood lead to a palate of cassis and plums and a touch of earth. This is a great choice with hamburgers or roast chicken. Drink it now and over the next three to six years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 1999 Jean-Luc Colombo Syrah “Les Collines de Laure” @ \$8.49 per bottle
100% Syrah. The nose exhibits a wide range of ripe red fruits with spicy overtones and silky tannins. The palate shows dark black and red fruits with a hint of spice. This is a rich and generous wine that is very easy to enjoy. Great with roasted meats and stews. Drink now and over the next three to five years.