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In Champagne, Smaller is Better

For those of you who love Champagne but haven't been willing to go out on a limb and try something new, the time could not be more right than now. With the Euro still trumping the dollar, traditionally imported big-brand Champagne has gotten more expensive—no surprise when you look at the chain of middlemen: negociant, export broker, import company, distributor, retailer and finally you! But the best reason of all to try small producers is the quality of the Champagne. Just like here in California, most of the best producers are small operations with direct control over their own estate vineyards.

My first recommendation is the Champagne that sends me on a mental voyage back to France every time I smell it: the **Ariston Carte Blanche Brut Champagne (\$22.99)**. It makes me feel like I am there in the vineyards with its wonderful ripe red fruit nose and subtle toastiness. It is made of 40% chardonnay, 30% pinot noir and 30% meunier. A balanced cuvee in every way, this Champagne is clean and powerful at once. The Aristons are located in a village called Brouillet, which is to the north and west of Reims, in the direction of Soissons. They come by their quality the hard way. Paul Vincent Ariston and his family take a big risk every year by harvesting about ten days after the

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Superb Bordeaux New Arrivals

- 1998 Château Raymond-Lafon, Sauternes\$39.99
- 1999 Château Raymond-Lafon (.375ml \$22.99)\$39.99
Quality estate that continues to fly under the radar (Though Parker's 91-95 point score for the 2001 will likely change all that). Neighbor of d'Yquem.
- 1999 Château Banaire Ducru, St-Julien.....\$29.99
Robert Parker: "The 1999 Banaire is from an under-rated estate. This is a beautifully perfumed effort revealing scents of graphite, lead pencil shavings, blueberries, raspberries, and black currants."
- 1997 Château Angélu, St-Emilion\$59.99
Robert Parker: "This saturated, deep ruby/purple-colored wine is a big, rich, smoky St.-Emilion exhibiting this estate's tell-tale characteristics of Provencal olives, black cherry liqueur, prunes, and toasty new oak. It is soft, supple, and ideal for consuming over the next 10-12 years." Right from the Chateau
- 1986 Château Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$139.99
95 points Robert Parker: "Highly extracted wine, with a black/ruby color and plenty of toasty, smoky notes...."
- 1996 Château Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$94.99
95 points the *Spectator*: " ... One of the wines of the vintage, it's a beauty."
- 1996 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$129.99
96 points Robert Parker: "The 1996 Pichon-Lalande is just as awesome from bottle as it was from multiple cask tastings."

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Euro Comes Down to Earth...

Which makes the 2004 Bordeaux, now on pre arrival, even more of a spectacular steal! See pages 1, 3 and 4 for info.

Become a Single Malt Expert!

Susan Purnell announces an amazing 'Educational Series on Independent Bottlings.' See page 22.

A Merlot Even Miles Would Love

No, it's not Cheval Blanc! Check our Shaun's article on page 13.

2004 Bordeaux Futures

See our Vintage Report and list of wines available on our website.

- Angélu, St-Emilion (1.5L)-92-94 points Parker and *Spectator*\$179.99
- Angélu, St-Emilion.....\$86.99
- Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc.....\$14.99
- Banaire-Ducru, St-Julien (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker\$59.99
- Banaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$28.99
- Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (1.5L)-90-91 points Robert Parker\$64.99
- Brane-Cantenac, Margaux.....\$30.99
- Calon Segur, St-Estèphe (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker\$78.99
- Calon Segur, St-Estèphe.....\$37.99
- Canon-La-Gaffelière, St-Emilion-92-94 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$46.99
- Cantenac-Brown, Margaux-*Spectator*: "Silky and fruity..."\$24.99
- Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-Tanzer: "very subtle and aromatic..." ..\$34.99
- Clerc-Milon, Pauillac-89-91 points *Wine Spectator*\$29.99
- Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-89-91 points *Wine Spectator*\$25.99
- Clos l'Eglise, Pomerol-92-95 points Robert Parker\$74.99
- Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-92-94 points Robert Parker and *WS*\$69.99
- d'Aiguilhe, Côtes d'Castillon-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer\$18.99
- d'Angludet, Margaux\$22.99
- d'Armailhac, Pauillac-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer\$23.99
- Domaine de Chevalier Blanc, Pessac-Léognan-92-94 pts Tanzer \$55.99
- du Tertre, Margaux (1.5L \$51.99)-90-92 points Robert Parker\$24.99
- Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (1.5L \$129.00)-92-94 pts Parker\$59.99
- Giscours, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker\$33.99

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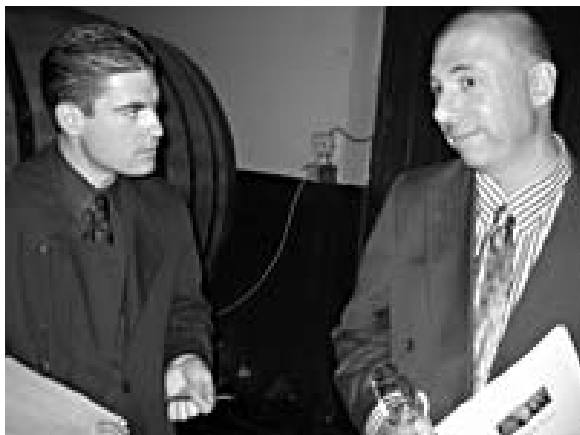
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In Champagne, Smaller is Better (continued from page 1)

rest of Champagne is finished to get the most natural ripeness out of his grapes. This allows him to use about half the sugar of mass-marketed brut Champagne and still have gorgeous balance. We also carry the elegant **Ariston Brut Rosé Champagne (\$28.99)**, the super toasty and full bodied **1998 Ariston Vintage Brut Champagne (\$32.99)** and the spectacularly complex, old vine **Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige Champagne (\$34.99)** from this ambitious small producer.

One of our smallest producers is De Meric. They make only 4000 six-bottle cases of the full bodied **De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut Champagne (\$27.99 750ml, \$59.99 Magnum)**. This is pinot noir-based Champagne at its best—racy, savory and sizeable. The wine is made from 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. The only big names that still go to the trouble of using oak are Krug and Bollinger, but this labor-intensive step adds a lot of complexity to Champagne.

One of the true iconoclasts of the region is Mr. Pascal Leclerc Briant. He refuses to use chemicals in his vineyards, and his organic vineyards produce some of the most distinctive Champagnes that we carry. The three single-vineyard offerings that we have from him come from within a short walk from one another but taste completely different. I recommend trying them as I was lucky enough to do, at a dinner party hosted by K&L's own Shaun Green, who served each Leclerc Champagne side by side! **The Leclerc Briant "Les Chèvres Pierreuses" (\$29.99)** is the most elegant of the three and is composed of 41% pinot noir, 19% meunier and 40% chardonnay from a seven-acre vineyard that is the steepest of the three. **The Leclerc Briant "Les Crayères" (\$29.99)** is the most high toned and mineral, made from 38% pinot noir, 37% meunier and 25% chardonnay on a two-and-two-thirds-acre vineyard that has the most chalk of the three. By far the most powerful is the **Leclerc Briant "Clos des Champions" (\$29.99)**, made from a tiny 1.25-acre walled vineyard that is planted to half pinot and half chardonnay. His most controversial wine is the **2000 Leclerc Briant Cuvée Rubis Brut Rosé (\$29.99)**. It is illegal to make red Champagne, and this 100% pinot noir powerhouse pushes the limits.



DAN GINSBURG, OWNER OF DE MERIC, AND K&L'S GARY WESTBY TASTE THE 2004 VINTAGE.

If you are a fan of Chardonnay, one of the most important expressions of the grape comes from Champagne in the form of Blanc de Blancs. Literally translated, it means white from white (since white juice is also taken from red grapes in Champagne), and these are certainly the purest and most mineral of the wines made in the region. One of our very

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Tasting Schedule for July, 2005.

Tastings are from noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. Join us in the San Francisco store for Thursday tastings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tasting prices TBA.

Saturday, July 2: Bordeaux! Clyde, Ralph and Steve bring us Bordeaux picks, highlighting the 2002 vintage with an older wine as well. Ten wines to be presented.

Saturday, July 9: Wines from Spain. Anne will show wines from Navarra, Ribero del Duero, Priorat and others. Drink your Rioja! Ten wines to be poured.

Saturday, July 16: Burgundy in Redwood City. *Alternatives to Chardonnay* in San Francisco. Keith presents his latest Burgundies in Redwood City. In San Francisco, we'll pour whites from Austria, Spain, Italy, the Rhône and California amongst others. Ten wines to be poured.

Saturday, July 23: Wines of Tuscany. Greg St.Clair and Michael Parres show some great traditional Chianti, blended wines and a Super Tuscan or two. Ten wines to be poured.

Saturday, July 30: California Reds. Trey, Michael Jordan and Martin will highlight Cabernet-based blends, Zin blends, Syrah blends and others. Ten wines to be poured. —Scott Beckerley

2003 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Exceptional vintage for collectors. Just re-reviewed by Robert Parker-many upgraded. Check out our 16-page Vintage Report. Scores are from The Wine Advocate.

Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (90-93)\$34.99

90-93 points Robert Parker: "Showing better several months prior to bottling than it did last year, ... sweet black currant, herbaceous aroma with hints of earth, blue fruits, and some of the forest floor characteristics ..." (04/05)

Clos les Lunelles, Cotes de Castillon (91-93)\$34.99

d'Issan, Margaux (90-92)\$29.99

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

d'Aiguilhe, Cotes du Castillon (87-89)\$19.99

Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-Léognan (88-90)\$29.99

Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (94-96)\$104.99

Goulee, Médoc (90-92)\$26.99

Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (91-94)\$43.99

Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (90-92)\$33.99

Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan (90-92)\$37.99

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

Haut-Brion, Pessac (93-95+)\$279.99

Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (98-100)\$359.00

Lascombes, Margaux (91-93).....\$38.99

Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (93-95)\$169.99

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

Margaux, Margaux (96-100)\$369.00

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

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

Palmer, Margaux (88-91)\$114.99

Pape-Clément Rouge, Pessac (94-96)\$74.99

Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe (87-89)\$26.99

Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (93-95)\$98.99

95-100 points *Wine Spectator*: "This tastes like crushed grapes and red fruits. It's big and rich, full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, long finish. Juicy wine. A cross between the 1995 and 1996. In fact, it could be better than 2000."

Potensac, Médoc (88-90)\$19.99

Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper)\$22.99

Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac-Léognan (90-93)\$39.99

90-93 points Robert Parker: "Broad, expansive, and more forward in style than usual. Aromas of scorched earth, espresso roast, sweet plum and black currant fruit, and a hint of white chocolate. Full-bodied, with elegance allied with fleshy tobacco and spice box notes, it is a chewy, fleshy, attractive."

2004 BORDEAUX FUTURES CONT

Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac (1.5L \$71.99)-88-91 points Tanzer ..\$34.99

Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points *Wine Spectator*\$35.99

Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Robert Parker\$35.99

Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan-93-95 points Robert Parker\$139.99

La Conseillante, Pomerol-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer\$56.99

La Mission Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Parker.....\$98.99

Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac-92-95 points Parker and TanzerInquire

Langoa Barton, St-Julien (1.5L \$66.99)-89-91 points *Spectator*\$32.99

Larcis Ducasse, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker\$27.99

Latour, Pauillac-95-100 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire

Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire

Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker\$35.99

Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-89-93 points Stephen Tanzer.....Inquire

Lynch-Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points *Wine Spectator* and Tanzer\$39.99

Malescot St Exupery, Margaux (1.5L \$58.99)-91-93 points Parker\$28.99

Meyney, St-Estèphe\$22.99

Montrose, St-Estèphe-92-95 points Stephen Tanzer\$49.99

Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L \$299.00)-92-94 pts *Spectator*\$139.99

Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$21.99

Palmer, Margaux-91-93 points Stephen Tanzer.....\$79.99

Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer\$36.99

Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe-Tanzer: "supple and lush..."\$24.99

Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-90-93 points Robert ParkerInquire

Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-91-94 points Robert Parker.....Inquire

Pontet-Canet, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker.....Inquire

Quinault L'Enclos, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker\$24.99

Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc, Pessac-Léognan-91-92 points Tanzer...\$37.99

Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Parker \$36.99

Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Robert Parker\$36.99

Two Exciting Dinners in the Fall

Mark September 15 and October 25 on your calendars!

On September 15, we will have a **Château Montelena dinner** at the Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay, with winemaker Bo Barrett. We will taste fabulous Montelena wines going back quite a few years with a great five-course dinner. \$225 per person.

Then on October 25 the "**Fete de Bordeaux**" dinner will be held at the Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco. This dinner will feature wines from the great 2003 vintage and old vintages (17 wines), and Anthony Barton will be our special guest (rumors are that Jean Michel Cazes and Jean Guillaume Prats may also be in attendance). \$190 per person. Special room rates available.

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Bordeaux 2004: Classic Wines, Rolled Back Prices

We all knew the vintage of 2004 might be difficult to sell to our customers regardless of the quality, for numerous reasons: the huge shadow cast by 2003 in terms of hype and high prices, the currency fluctuation, the political environment, mixed with the eventual ratings/points.

My job is not to be concerned with any of this and evaluate the juice—very simple. I am happy to report to you that I am encouraged by the pricing of the 2004 vintage. Our partners in Bordeaux have lowered many of their prices. Additionally, the dollar has gotten a little stronger. As a result, we have many outstanding values from some of the world's finest estates. Below are some of the examples. Please call or check our website for the prices of these wines today.

2004 Quinault L'Enclos: The deep ripe merlot fruit featured here is very floral and tasty. This estate finally dropped its price substantially, and we can finally get firmly behind this wine.

2004 Ch. Langoa-Barton: Might be the most underrated, high quality wine in all of the médoc. Deep firm red fruit, hints of cassis and raspberry abound. Langoa is great in the 7-10 year period, and I own plenty. Clyde thought it was close to Léoville in quality.

2004 Ch. Léoville-Poyferré: The elegant Léoville gains in popularity every day as it can be drunk much earlier than Barton and Las Cases. The flashy red fruit is soft and ripe, very friendly as well as tasty.

2004 Ch. Lynch Bages: Even at 8:30 a.m. it tastes and shows very well. Always a wine of great fruit and the '04 is no exception. High-toned spicy cabernet sauvignon (84%) at first sip, strong, grapey black fruit and wood round it out. What vintage of Lynch Bages can you buy for \$40?

2004 Ch. Léoville-Barton: As usual, just loaded with big, strong, dark, blackberry and blueberry fruit. Not for the weak and timid. And already sold out!

2004 Ch. Cos d'Estournel: I was shaking my head a bit while tasting this wine. How can this estate's wine just keep getting better. A wine of power and purity, deep old-vine cabernet sauvignon fruit. Glossy, good thickness, long and smooth on the nose and palate. Classic, great Cos! Could be the best Cos ever and starting to rival the first growths. And ½ the price of 2003!

2004 Ch. Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande: Every once in a while the Comtesse shows you its masculine side, and that's what we have here in 2004. Tight core of spicy cabernet fruit, finely tuned. Yes, it is a big wine but has its usual elegance.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at ex 2723 or Ralph@klwines with any questions on the wines of Bordeaux. Cheers and Go Giants!

—Ralph Sands

Steve on Bordeaux

2002 Filet Rouge, Fronsac (\$9.99) This merlot-based beauty has to be one of the best bargains of the 2002 Bordeaux vintage. Medium bodied and round with a berry-packed middle and no discernable tannin, this soft, easy-drinking wine is perfect for parties, picnics, BBQs or whenever you want a delicious glass of wine at an affordable price.

2002 Mongravey, Margaux (\$23.99) My tasting notes indicate that the Margaux appellation did well in 2002, and this Cru Bourgeois blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot from 25-year-old vines, is a perfect example. The nose has a lovely combination of flowers, spice and berries. The body is crammed with crisp, curranty red fruit and minerals with a long, focused finish showing very fine tannin. This is outstanding quality for the price and has the structure to cellar, or can be decanted to drink now.

2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe (\$26.99) Cos d'Estournel consistently produces one of the best 2nd wines of the Médoc, and their 2001 is no exception. This is perfumed and silky with lively aromas of violet and berry. Loads of sweet crushed berry fruit and expansive richness lead to a seamless chocolate merlot finish. Just right to drink now or cellar for the mid-term.

2000 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac (\$30.99) Probably the best wine that this 5th Growth has ever produced! This is tight and dark with licorice, herbs, graphite and plenty of deep, dark fruit and ultra-fine tannin. If you want affordable, classic Pauillac, capable of cellaring for a decade or more, this is your wine (it is also delicious now with decanting). 91 points *Wine Spectator*.

1997 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol (\$24.99) This little-known estate owned by Christian Moueix of Château Petrus has produced an elegant wine showing aromas of cherry, plum and charred cedar. On the palate there are more cherries and plums with a touch of forest floor, soft spice and hints of caramelized vanilla. Mature, seductive and bargain priced, this is a bottle for dinner tonight!

—Steve Bearden

BORDEAUX 1996-2004

- 1996 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$99.99**
95 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "... One of the wines of the vintage, it's a beauty."
- 1996 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$37.99**
1/3 the price of its big brother.
- 1996 Hauts de Pontet, Pauillac.....\$21.99**
Delicious second wine of Pontet Canet.
- 1996 Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe.....\$31.99**
Quite forward for the vintage-enjoy now.
- 1996 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$27.99**
- 1996 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$129.99**
- 1996 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$279.00**
96 points Robert Parker: "The 1996 Pichon-Lalande is just as awesome from bottle as it was from multiple cask tastings."
- 1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$52.99**
92 points Spectator and \$20 less than 2003.
- 1997 Canon Moueix, Bordeaux\$11.99**
- 1997 Gloria, St-Julien\$19.99**
- 1997 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$39.99**
Wine Spectator: "A well-crafted red, with silky tannins and pretty berry, mineral and spice character." (05/99)
- 1997 Lagrange, St-Julien\$21.99**
Absolutely delicious-fruity-touch oak.
- 1997 La Lagune, Médoc\$21.99**
- 1997 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol ..\$24.99**
Pomerol-great drinking and great price.
- 1997 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$39.99**
- 1998 Camensac, Médoc\$16.99**
Outstanding value.
- 1998 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac\$54.99**
- 1999 Bellegrave Vander Voort, Paul \$24.99**
Their best to date-quite silky.
- 1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$29.99**
- 1999 Les Gartioux du Pichon-Lal.....\$21.99**
A Pichon-Lalande wine with toasty aromas and flavors. Small production. Rare in the U.S.
- 1999 Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe.....\$26.99**
Another excellent wine from this property.
- 1999 Pichon-Baron (1.5L)\$86.99**
- 1999 Poujeaux, Moulis\$21.99**
Domined by delicious sweet, toasty dark fruit.
- 2000 Beaumont, Médoc\$17.99**
- 2000 Bellerose Figeac Reserve, St-Emilion\$29.99**
- 2000 Brown, Pessac\$24.99**
Very mineral and earthy flavors.
- 2000 de Birot, Cotes de Bordeaux\$10.99**
- 2000 Coucy Maureze, Mont-St-Em ..\$16.99**
An everyday drinking 2000 vintage wine.
- 2000 Destieux, St-Emilion\$29.99**
- 2000 du Tertre, Margaux\$39.99**
- 2000 Ferriere, Margaux\$68.99**
- 2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol\$39.99**
Great value Pomerol from 2000 vintage.
- 2000 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac....\$65.99**
- 2000 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac....\$42.99**

BORDEAUX 1996-2004

- 92 points *Spectator*: "Best HBL ever. Lots of currant bush and berry aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with compacted fruit and a silky tannin..."
- 2000 Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$399.00**
2000 La Lagune, Médoc.....\$39.99
2000 La Mouleyre, St-Emilion.....\$19.99
 Easy drinker-toasty and forward.
- 2000 Lamothe Bergeron, Medoc.....\$16.99**
 Delicious ready to drink red.
- 2000 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien.....\$139.99**
2000 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac.....\$30.99
 91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Very pretty aromas of crushed fruit, with raspberry and blackberry character. Full-bodied, yet fine and silky, with a long, delicious finish. Very balanced red. I can't remember tasting a better Lynch-Moussas."
- 2000 Malescot-St Exupéry.....\$59.99**
 Fabulous wine for the cellar-tons of fruit. Perfect.
- 2000 Meyney, St-Estèphe.....\$26.99**
2000 Montlisse, St-Emilion.....\$28.99
2000 Palmer, Margaux.....\$179.99
2000 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux.....\$63.99
2000 Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe.....\$31.99
2000 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac.....\$104.99
2000 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$169.99
2000 Poumey, Pessac.....\$29.99
 According to Robert Parker: "...delicious plum, anise, and tobacco nose ... possesses soft flavors, and plenty of fruit and glycerin."
- 2000 Puy Arnaud, Côtes Castillion ..\$16.99**
 Excellent value from 2000 vintage.
- 2000 Réserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..\$36.99**
 Outstanding wine. Ready soon.
- 2001 Angéus, St-Emilion.....\$99.99**
2001 Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion\$49.95
2001 Beausejour-Duffau (1.5L).....\$79.99
2001 Branon, Pessac.....\$49.99
2001 Bronon, Pessac (1.5L).....\$89.99
2001 Cap de Faugetes, Côtes.....\$16.99
2001 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$39.99
2001 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion.....\$199.00
2001 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien.....Inquire
2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$79.99
 94 points and a Highly Recommended designation from the *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderful spice and currant aromas to this young wine. Full-bodied, with super well-integrated, refined tannins. Long caressing finish. This is very, very silky."
- 2001 de Franc les Chersiers.....\$13.99**
 Hubert de Bouard of Angelus fame made this spectacularly delicious red.
- 2001 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge ..\$31.99**
 Elegant and refined-this goes in Clyde's cellar.
- 2001 du Moulin, Haut-Médoc.....\$18.99**
 According to the *Spectator*: "Good berry and mineral character in this medium-bodied red with silky tannins and a fresh finish..."
- 2001 Ferrand-Lartique, St-Emilion ..\$24.99**
2001 Haut Vigneau, Pessac.....\$15.99
- 2001 Haut Bergey, Pessac.....\$27.99**
2001 Haut-Brion, Pessac.....\$159.99
 94 points Robert Parker: "...reveals pure notes of sweet and sour cherries, black currants, licorice, smoke, and crushed stones. Medium bodied with excellent purity, firm tannin ..." (06/04)
- 2001 La Couspaude (1.5L).....Inquire**
2001 l'Arrosée, St-Emilion.....\$29.99
2001 La Mondotte, St-Emilion.....\$149.99
2001 La Roche Amavinum.....\$18.99
 75% merlot. Coffee and chocolate aromas. Good middle and fine length. Sweet and lush with exceptional middle. 87-88 points Parker.
- 2001 Latour, Pauillac.....\$169.99**
 95 points Robert Parker: "... a glorious bouquet of black currants, crushed stones, vanilla, and hints of truffles and oak...ia sweetness on the palate that is atypical for such a young Latour."
- 2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien....\$74.99**
 94 points *Spectator*: "Very floral and perfumed with violets, roses, berries. Full-bodied, with ultra-fine tannins and racy finish..."
- 2001 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien.....\$36.99**
2001 le Bon Pasteur, Pomerol.....\$49.99
2001 l'Enclos du Lezongars, Côtes....\$15.99
 UK's *Sunday Times*: "Ideal Christmas claret,,, Serious but seductive, with ripe mulberry fruit and fine tannins. One of Bordeaux's rising stars."
- 2001 Magrez Fombrage, St-Emilion.....\$89.99**
2001 Margaux, Margaux.....\$169.99
 93 points Robert Parker: "...an elegant, seamlessly constructed effort with a deep ruby/purple color, and a beautiful nose of flowers, creme de cassis, blackberries, and cedar... This is one of the most elegant wines of the vintage."
- 2001 Montlisse, St-Emilion.....\$22.99**
Wine Spectator: "A intense red, with fresh herbs and berries on the nose and palate. "
- 2001 Nenin, Pomerol.....\$39.99**
2001 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe.....\$24.99
- 2001 Pagodes de Cos.....\$26.99**
 Soft, perfumed and silky with a characteristically spicy nose and best of all, it's drinking very well.
- 2001 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$66.99**
2001 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L).....\$134.99
 95-100 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "Has muscle. Full- to medium-bodied, with a very serious level of tannins. Very well-integrated. Reminds me of the super 1996 Pichon-Lalande."
- 2001 Quinault d'Enclos.....\$39.99**
2001 Réserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..\$26.99
 Outstanding wine to drink in a few years or decant and serve now.
- 2001 Rol Valentin (1.5L).....\$69.99**
2001 Valandraud, St-Emilion.....\$139.99
2002 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$36.99
2002 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac..\$29.99
2002 de Pez, St-Estèphe.....\$19.99
2002 Filet Rouge, Fronsac.....\$9.99
2002 Gigault Cuvee "Viva".....\$14.99
2002 Grand Enclos du Cerons.....\$19.99
2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac.....\$33.99
2002 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien.....\$29.99
2002 Langoa-Barton (1.5L).....\$58.99
 90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Beautiful aromas of licorice, currants and berries follow through to a medium- to full-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a seductive finish...." (03/05)
- 2002 Latour-Martillac, Pessac.....\$20.99**
2002 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien.....\$39.99
2002 l'Évangile, Pomerol.....\$99.99
2002 Mongravey, Margaux.....\$23.99
2002 Roc de Cambes, Cote Bourg\$26.99
- White Bordeaux/Rosé**
- 2001 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac.....\$24.99**
2003 Marjosse Blanc, Entre dx Mers ..\$8.99
 Wine of Pierre Lurton (Cheval Blanc director)
 85% semillon and 15% SB from Entre deux Mer.
- 2004 Rosé de Haut Bailly, Pessac.....\$15.99**

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Red Bordeaux

DUE IN SOON

1992 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$89.99

Pretty cherry and tobacco aromas and flavors, medium body and medium tannins, presenting some lovely black cherry, toasted oak character. Drinkable now. An absolutely outstanding bargain.

1993 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$134.99

4 stars *Decanter*: "Tannic fruit on the palate. Good, big and sound. Stephen Brook, *decanter.com* June 1997 - Very deep red; closed nose, with a hint of smoky oak; fairly soft and approachable, reasonable concentration and grip, good acidity, no unripeness; quite good length."

1945 Ausone, St-Emilion\$Inquire

1970 La Lagune, Médoc\$120.00

1975 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion\$199.95

1975 Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$279.00

1976 Latour, Pauillac\$199.00

1978 Trotanoy, Pomerol\$149.00

1985 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$189.99

95 points Robert Parker: "The 1985 is cast from the same mold as the 1982 and 1953 vintages." Perfect right now. Direct from chateau.

1986 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$139.99

95 points Robert Parker: "Highly extracted wine, with a black/ruby color and plenty of toasty, smoky notes in its bouquet that suggest ripe plums and licorice." Decant one hour.

1986 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$189.99

1989 Beausejour-Duffau (1.5L)\$169.00

88 points Robert Parker: "This spicy, tannic, medium to full-bodied 1989 is promising ..." This wine is perfect right now.

1989 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$149.99

95 points *Wine Spectator* (03/92)

1989 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$64.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "...firm tannins and long, silky-textured, minty, berry finish..."

1989 La Louviere, Pessac\$59.99

1989 Olivier, Graves\$69.95

1989 Talbot, St-Julien\$64.99

90 points Robert Parker: "The 1989 Talbot may not be so backward and closed as the 1989 from its sister chateau, Gruaud-Larose, but it is a fascinating wine that resembles the 1982, although the 1982 possessed more weight and extract. The 1989 is more elegant, with none of the exotic spice and meaty, leathery aromas of the 1982."

1993 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$64.99

1994 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$64.99

91 points Robert Parker: "...one of the top wines of the vintage ... fabulously sweet nose of black fruits, licorice, pain grillee, and Asian spices. Full-bodied, with sweet, opulent fruit that reveals none of the vintage's tough tannin, this remarkably rich, well-balanced, classic wine will prove to be uncommonly long-lived."

1994 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$29.99

Sweet and lovely with backbone to burn.

1994 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$16.99

A great value, 10-year-old inexpensive Bordeaux.

1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$34.99

Robert Parker: "...sweet, smoky, cassis scented nose, supple, round tannin...excellent richness..."

1994 Reserve de Comtesse\$39.99

Second wine of Pichon-Lalande.

1995 Angéus, St-Emilion\$Inquire

95 points from Parker: "A superb effort in this vintage This is the most concentrated of the 1995 St.-Emilion premier grand crus."

1995 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$147.99

96 points Robert Parker: "... It is an exquisite example of Pichon-Lalande with the Merlot component giving the wine a coffee/chocolatey/ cherry component to go along with the Cabernet Sauvignon's and Cabernet Franc's complex black-berry/cassis fruit."

1995 Pousseys, Pessac\$19.99

Sauternes

1991 d'Yquem\$159.00

1994 Raymond-Lafon.....\$39.99

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1998 Raymond-Lafon.....\$39.99

1998 Raymond-Lafon (.375ml)\$22.99

1999 Raymond-Lafon.....\$39.99

1999 Raymond-Lafon (.375ml)\$22.99

1999 d'Yquem\$139.99

2000 d'Yquem\$279.99

2001 Cypress de Climens (.500ml)....\$29.99

2001 de Myrat\$35.99

2001 Lamothe Guignard\$32.99

2001 Lamothe Despujols\$32.99

2001 Rabaud Promis\$39.99

2002 Doisy Vadrines.....\$25.99

2002 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc

(.375ml)\$13.99

2002 Petit Vadrines (.375ml)\$10.99

Champagne

1991 Philipponnat Clos Goisses\$109.00

1995 Laurent Perrier Vintage\$34.99

1996 Dom PérignonInquire

1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage\$39.99

1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Cuvee

Alexandra Rosé\$89.99

Tokaji

1995 Tokaji Aszu 5 puttonyos,

Disznoko\$28.99

1995 Tokaji Aszu 6 puttonyos,

Hetszolo\$34.99

1996 Tokaji Aszu 5 puttonyos,

Hetszolo\$27.99

1998 Tokaj Classic Tokaji Aszu

5 puttonyos.....\$39.99

1999 Tokaji Aszu 3 puttonyos,

Hetszolo\$15.99

SHERRY/MARS/MADEIRA

Florio Sweet or Dry Marsala\$8.99

Hidalgo La Gitana Manzanilla

(500ml).....\$8.99

Antonio Barbadillo Manzanilla\$9.99

Antonio Barbadillo Amontillado\$9.99

Cossart Gordon Rainwater Madeira \$11.99

Tio Pepe Fino\$13.99

A Barbadillo "San Rafael" Oloroso ..\$22.99

A Barbadillo "Laura" Mosc Muscat \$22.99

Gonzalez Byass Apostles Muy Viejo Palo

Cortado (.375ml)\$24.99

Gonzalez Byass del Duque Muy Viejo

Amontillado (.375ml)\$24.99

Gonzales Byass Matusalem Muy Viejo

Oloroso Dulce (.375ml)\$24.99

Lustau "Pata de Gallina" Oloroso\$27.95

Hidalgo Jerez Cortado Palo Cortado\$28.99

Hidalgo "Pastrana" Amont Viejo.....\$29.99

A Barbadillo "Principie" Amont\$30.99

Henriques & Henriques 10 yr Sercial\$33.99

A Barbadillo "Obispo" Palo Cortado\$39.99

Sacristia de Garvey "Museo" Cream \$49.99

Sacristia de Garvey Onana Amont....\$49.99

Sacristia de Garvey Gran Orden Pedro

Ximmenez\$49.99

OLD AND RARE PORT

1950 Kopke Colheita\$299.00

1958 Warre\$179.00

"An outstanding port, with the caramel overtones of great colheita intermingled with the bright, ripe and deep red and black fruit flavours of vintage port," Joe Zugelder

1958 Krohn Colheita\$99.99

1960 Krohn Colheita\$84.95

1963 Cockburn\$169.00

1963 Croft\$159.99

91 points *Spectator*: "...elegance and harmony, and should continue to improve for many years."

1963 Graham\$299.99

1963 Warre\$209.00

1966 Krohn Colheita\$79.99

1970 Dow\$139.00

1970 Fonseca.....\$179.00

1970 Graham-94 points *Spectator*\$159.99

1970 Quinta do Noval\$99.99

1970 Warre\$119.99

1977 Taylor\$144.99

1977 Warre\$89.99

1985 Fonseca.....\$88.99

95 points *Spectator*: "...superb backbone and a very long finish."

1994 Krohn Colheita\$21.99

1997 Dow LBV\$17.99

1997 Offley Boa Vista (.375ml)\$19.99

1997 Ramos Pinto LBV\$13.99

Quinta do Tedo Ruby Reserve #31\$16.99

Absolutely delicious.

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K&L buys many imported wines directly from the producers or negociants. The advantages are twofold: We taste the wines at the property and negotiate with the seller, often finding wines that are not available in the U.S. market. And we get the wines to our customers for less. There are no middlemen taking a percentage while passing it through distribution. You reap the benefits of direct buying by getting outstanding, hand-picked, best-value wines.

Alsace/Loire Valley

- 2002 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur.....\$10.99
NV Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur\$14.99
2003 J.P. Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn\$17.99
2001 J.P. Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn\$18.99
2002 J.P. Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru.....\$18.99
2001 J.P. Becker Riesling Grand Cru Froehn\$18.99
Check our website for notes on these three new arrivals.
2002 Charles Baur Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Pfersigberg..\$19.99
2004 Franck Millet Sancerre BlancInquire
2004 Franck Millet Sancerre Rouge.....Inquire
Due in shortly.

Red Bordeaux/Sweet Wines

- 2000 Château de Birot, Premiere Cotes de Bordeaux.....\$10.99
Lots of structure, with broad fruit and complexity, with a roasted coffee bean to cassis nose, soft tannins, moderate complexity and near-term drinkability.
2001 Seigneurs d'Aiguilhe, Pessac\$11.99
Outstanding new arrival-soft and elegant.
2001 Château Haut Vigneau, Pessac\$15.99
Soft and fruity on the palate with some underlying mineral notes. Owned by Eric Perrin (son of Anthony Perrin of Carbonnieux fame).
2000 Château Caronne St Gemme, Haut-Médoc\$15.99
Absolutely delicious 2000-superb value. Enjoy now.
2001 l'Enclos du Lezongars, Cotes de Bordeaux.....\$15.99
Superb value with good extraction and forward fruit. Fine balance.
2000 Château Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc.....\$16.99
2001 Château Bois Martin, Pessac.....\$17.99
From the Perrin family of Carbonnieux fame. Toasty, elegant, good stuffing.
2002 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Rouge, Graves.....\$19.99
Elegant, with mineral notes and red fruit aromas, this wine has ripe berry flavors and smooth, velvety tannins.
2002 Petit Védrines, Sauternes (.375ml)\$10.99
2001 Petit Védrines, Sauterne-Second wine of Doisy-Vedrines\$22.99

Southern France/Rhône

- 2000 Côtes du Rhône Rosé "Toques," Vignerons Beaume\$6.99
2003 Côtes du Ventoux Res Rouge, Beaumont du Ventoux\$8.99
Aromas of very ripe blackberries with notes of peppers and garrigue. It is subtle in the mouth with a good structure, finishing with soft and ripe tannins.
2003 Beauges de Venise "Chapelle Notre Dame d'Aubune"\$9.99
2001 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Montfaucon.....\$9.99
Bold, ripe and rich with tons of berry fruit and smooth, integrated tannin.
2003 Vacqueyras, Domaine Mas du Bouquet\$10.99
Bright raspberry flavors meshed with underlying spiciness.
2001 Valreas "Domaine du Val Des Rois," Bouchard\$11.99
Syrah rather than grenache is the dominant varietal. Moderately rich palate is focused with bright red and dark berry fruit, earth and a touch of spice.
2001 Corbieres, Ayraud-Back in stock.....\$11.99
2001 Corbieres Domaine Serres "Cuvee Henri Serres"\$13.99
A blend of old-vine syrah and carignan aged for one year in barrique. Serious wine, with dark fruit backed by chewy tannins, hints of oak and herbal spice.
2001 Sablet Reserve "VV," JC Chassagne\$13.99

- 2001 Côtes du Rhône "Baron Louis" Domaine Montfaucon ..\$14.99
Huge, focused, rich and concentrated with an aroma of violets and a hint of rosemary. A hefty wine that is nonetheless elegant and classic. 56% grenache, 15% cinsault, 10% syrah, etc, etc.

- 2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols.....\$15.99
Spicy on palate with an assertive black pepper character, with the syrah shining through! This wine is lush, rich and full, with a long, warm finish.

- 2001 Côtes du Rhône "VV," Domaine Girasols\$16.99
From its aroma of currants and blackberries, to its panoply of fruit and more earthy flavors, this old-vine Côtes du Rhône is a powerhouse red from a powerhouse vintage to enjoy now and over the next five or so years. 90% grenache, 10% cinsault.

- 2002 Gigondas, Moulin de Gardette\$16.99
A mixture of their Ventabren and Tradition-excellent wine value.

- 2001 Gigondas "Ventabren" Moulin deGardette\$26.99
Sold out quickly three months ago. Rich and round and deep.

White/Red Burgundy

- 2003 St-Veran, Domaine Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$12.99
2003 Pouilly-Fuisse, Domaine Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$16.99
2003 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Champy\$16.99
This offers a bit more toasty oak than is typical in Burgundy.

- 2002 Marsannay Rouge, Maison Champy.....\$17.99
Lovely weight, good balance & spiciness are hallmarks of this classic Marsannay.

- 2002 St-Aubin, Murgers Dent de Chien, 1er Cru, Champy\$29.99

A Ridiculous Month for Bordeaux

1997 Château Labegorce, Margaux (.375ml \$5.99, 750ml \$10.99)

This is a ridiculous deal. On the nose there are red fruits and a pleasant mellowed earthy spice. The palate is balanced and supple with moderate length and intensity. The flavors echo what was shown on the nose, with red fruits and cedar box spice. A potential Tuesday night claret for you this summer, if the staff in Redwood City hasn't already purchased it all!

2000 Château Feytit-Clinet, Pomerol (\$39.99) The first thing that is impossible to miss with this wine is the color, beautifully dark and inky purple. Like the color, the nose is very intense, with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak with hints of spice and earth. The palate is round and medium to full-bodied and quite juicy. Dark fruits with an even darker spiciness to accentuate it, the ripe tannins add enough structure to keep the fruit in check. Drinking well tonight, but it could definitely age for at least a few more years.

1998 Raymond-Lafon, Sauternes (.375ml \$22.99, 750ml \$39.99)

1999 Raymond-Lafon, Sauternes (.375 ml \$22.99, 750ml \$39.99)

This is a small estate that directly abuts d'Yquem. Using the techniques and the same grape blend as its famous neighbor, this estate wines are a ridiculously good deal. The nose on the '98 is ripe, concentrated, deep and layered with lots of dried stone fruits, honey and a soft floral perfume. The palate, while big and rich, is surprisingly bright. Its sweetness plays a secondary note to the developing layers of dried fruits and custard-like quality on the long finish. The nose on the '99 is broader and more diffuse but not lacking power. The palate is bigger, richer and more viscous than the '98 and shows a much darker personality. There is more sweetness and lushness with almost a caramel, custard cream tone up front with the fruit slowly blossoming behind it. It is really difficult to choose between the two. Maybe ask yourself, are you a bigger fan of Yoda or Darth Vader? Or Both?

—Kirk Walker

RHÔNE VALLEY

2002 Cabernet, Domaine de la Soumade	\$10.99
2002 Merlot, Domaine de la Soumade	\$10.99
Two super value claret wines from the Maverick of the Rhone Valley!!	
2000 Châteauneuf, Ch. St.Esteve d'Uchaux "VV"	\$17.99
2002 Châteauneuf Blanc, Cellier des Dauphins "Dorinnes" ..	\$11.99
2003 Châteauneuf Blanc, Becassonne (A. Brunel).....	\$13.99
2003 Châteauneuf, Segries "Clos d'Hermitage"-90 points Parker	\$18.99
2003 Châteauneuf, Grand Veneur "Champauvins"	\$12.99
90 points Robert Parker.	
2002 Châteauneuf, Domaine Senehaut	\$19.99
2002 Châteauneuf, Domaine Marcoux.....	\$34.99
2001 Châteauneuf, Domaine de la Gardine	\$24.99
2001 Châteauneuf, Domaine Marcoux	\$37.99
92 points Stephen Tanzer and 90 points Parker.	
2001 Châteauneuf, Chateau Fortia	\$34.99
2001 Châteauneuf, Bosquet des Papes "Chante Merle"	\$49.99
2003 Châteauneuf, Domaine Roger Perrin-90-93 points Parker ..	\$29.99
2003 Châteauneuf, St Préfert Charles Giraud-91-93 pts Parker ..	\$64.99
2003 Châteauneuf, St Préfert Reserve A. Favier-90-92 Parker....	\$54.99
2003 Châteauneuf, Jean Royer "Cuvee Tradition"	\$32.99
2003 Châteauneuf, Grand Veneur-90-92 points Parker	\$24.99
2003 Châteauneuf, Grand Veneur (1.5L)-90-92 points Parker.....	\$52.99
2001 Vacqueyras, Ch Montmirail, "Deux Freres"	\$15.99
2001 Vacqueyras, Montirius	\$20.99
2001 Gigondas "Ventabren," Moulin de Gardette (1.5L)	\$49.99
2002 Rasteau Prestige, Domaine Soumade	\$19.99
2000 Rasteau Vin Doux Rouge Coteau du Travers	\$16.99
2003 Cairanne, Domaine Richaud	\$24.99
2003 Lirac Segries "Cuvee Reservee"	\$9.99
2002 Condrieu, Mouton "Cote Chatillon"	\$35.99
2003 Cote Rotie, Joel Champet "La Valliere"	\$37.99
2001 Ex-Voto Ermitage Rouge or Blanc, Guigal.....	\$189.00
2001 Crozes Herm, Combiér "Clos des Grives"	\$29.99
2003 Crozes Herm, Colombier "Cuvee Gaby"	\$21.99
2001 Crozes Herm, Pavillon-Mercuroil (Stephane Cornu).....	\$22.99
2001 Albert Belle Crozes Hermitage "Cuvee Louis Belle"	\$25.99
2001 St-Joseph "l'Olivaie," Pierre Coursodon.....	\$29.99
2001 Cornas "VV," Alain Voge	\$44.99

Freaky Good

As many of you probably already know, 2003 was a "freakish" year for many wine growing regions in France. Unprecedented warm weather and drought-like conditions resulted in wines of atypical power and concentration, although often at the expense of balance and acidity. One region that weathered the inferno and emerged victorious was the Northern Rhône. The reds in particular are muscular, thick yet balanced examples of syrah that will appeal to both old- and new-world wine fans alike.

This month K&L is very pleased to offer a limited amount of the **2003 Crozes Hermitage, Domaine du Colombier, "Cuvee Gaby"** (\$21.99). This 12-hectare (30 acres) domaine spreads over the two communes of Tain l'Hermitage and Mercuroil and has been family owned since the First World War. In 1990 Florent Viale joined his father Gabriel in the winemaking process, and in 1991 they decided to begin bottling their own production rather than sell to the local co-op. The vineyard, located on stony hillside, is planted with old vines

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

2003 Goats do Roam Red	\$8.99
2004 Indaba Chardonnay	\$8.99
2004 Neil Ellis "Sincerely" Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.99
2003 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2003 Goats do Roam Villages Red.....	\$11.99
2003 Glen Carlou Chardonnay	\$11.99
2001 Mischa Estate Shiraz	\$14.99
2003 Rudera Chenin Blanc	\$17.99
2002 Diversity Gamma (de Toren)	\$17.99
2004 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$18.99
2004 Mulderbosch Chardonnay	\$21.99

New Zealand

2004 Matua Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$7.99
2004 Babich Unwooded Chardonnay Hawkes Bay	\$8.99
2003 Seven Terraces Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2004 Huia Pinot Gris or Sauvignon Blanc	\$14.99
2004 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marl-91 points <i>Spectator</i> ..	\$14.99
2003 Sherwood Marlborough Pinot Noir	\$14.99
2004 Kennedy Point Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$15.99
2004 Neudorf "Nelson" Sauvignon Blanc	\$16.99
2004 Craggy Range Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$18.99
2003 Amsfield Central Otago Pinot Noir	\$27.99
2003 Kumeu River Chardonnay-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$27.99

Australia

2001 Wynn's Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	\$10.99
2002 Water Wheel "Memsie" Shiraz-Cabernet-Malbec	\$12.99
2002 Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley	\$12.99
2003 Peter Lehmann Clancy's Red Blend	\$13.99
2003 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz	\$14.99
2002 Twelve Staves Grenache, McLaren Vale	\$14.99
2002 Eagle Vale Margaret River Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc ..	\$14.99
2004 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier	\$15.99
2003 Longwood Estate "Sheep Shearer" Shiraz	\$16.99
2003 Craneford "Allyson Parsons" Shiraz.....	\$16.99
2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc	\$16.99
2002 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet/Shiraz	\$18.99
2002 Wolf Blass Shiraz "Gold Label"	\$19.99
2002 Bleasdale "Frank Potts" Red, Langhorne Creek.....	\$24.99
2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Cabernet	\$27.99
2002 Hewitson "Mad Hatter" Shiraz.....	\$31.99
2003 Parson's Flat Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon	\$33.99
2003 Spinifex "Esprit"	\$34.99
2000 Penley Estate Res Cab, Coonawarra-92 pts Parker	\$49.99
2001 Elderton "Command" Shiraz	\$64.99

(50-55 years of age): syrah for the red and marsanne for the white. The grapes are harvested by hand. The Cuvée Gaby is 100% syrah named in honor of Florent's father, Gabriel. This selection of old plots sees new wood and has the stuffing to take it. Denser than the regular Crozes rouge, like a dry vintage port with blueberry, morello cherry and cocoa powder flavors, well-oaked with typical roasted meat nuances. If big, concentrated and fleshy wines turn you on then run, don't walk, to your favorite wine merchant (hopefully us!) and pick up some of these '03s. I promise that you will thank yourself later!

—Mulan Chan

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC CABERNET

1974 Montelena Sonoma	\$149.95	1986 Cain Five Napa Red	\$89.00	1992 Bryant Family Napa	\$450.00
1974 Robert Mondavi Res (1.5L) ..	\$299.00	1986 Dunn Napa	\$89.95	1992 Cain Five Napa Red (1.5L).....	\$225.00
1978 Beaulieu Vineyard Private Res	\$99.00	1986 Jordan Alexander Valley	\$69.95	1992 Caymus Napa Valley	\$89.00
1978 Clos du Val Napa	\$69.95	1986 Joseph Phelps Insignia	\$139.00	1992 Leonetti Columbia Valley	\$110.00
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (1.5L)	\$299.95	1986 Laurel Glen Sonoma Mount	\$69.95	1992 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..	\$110.00
1980 Opus One Napa	\$249.00	1986 Pahlmeyer Caldwell	\$149.00	1993 Burgess Vintage Selection	\$44.99
1981 Caymus Napa	\$99.95	1986 Ridge York Creek Napa	\$69.00	1993 Cardinale Red (Napa/Sonoma)	\$99.00
1981 Kenwood Artist Series (1.5L)	\$239.95	1986 Silver Oak Bonny's	\$169.00	1993 Dunn Napa (1.5L)	\$239.00
1981 Laurel Glen Sonoma Mount	\$69.00	1986 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..	\$129.95	1993 Heitz Trailside	\$79.99
1982 Caymus Estate Napa	\$99.00	1986 Silver Oak Napa	\$139.00	1993 Niebaum Coppola Rubicon	\$69.95
1982 Spottswoode Napa	\$89.00	1986 Spottswoode Napa	\$109.00	1993 Silver Oak Napa	\$125.00
1983 Caymus Special Selection	\$199.00	1986 William Hill Res Napa	\$69.00	1993 Silver Oak Napa (1.5L).....	\$325.00
1983 Dunn Howell Mountain	\$119.00	1987 Caymus Special Selection	\$199.00	1993 Silver Oak Napa (6L).....	\$1,199.00
1983 Dunn Napa	\$79.00	1987 Pahlmeyer Caldwell	\$149.00	1993 Silverado Res Napa	\$125.00
1983 Opus One (1.5L)	\$199.00	1987 Robert Mondavi Napa	\$59.95	1994 Beaulieu Vineyard Private Res	\$99.99
1983 Opus One (soiled labels)	\$169.00	1987 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..	\$125.00	1994 Groth Res Napa	\$199.00
1984 Beringer Private Res Napa	\$125.00	1988 Beringer Private Res Napa	\$99.00	1994 Joseph Phelps Insignia	\$149.00
1984 Dominus Napa	\$129.00	1988 Caymus Special Selection	\$169.95	1994 Peju H.B. Estate Bottled Napa	\$99.00
1984 Montelena Estate Napa (1.5L)	\$299.00	1988 Heitz Martha's	\$99.95	1994 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..	\$129.00
1984 Ridge Monte Bello	\$159.00	1989 Caymus Special Selection	\$169.95	1994 Stag's Leap "SLV"	\$125.00
1984 Robert Mondavi Res Napa	\$99.00	1989 Robert Mondavi Res Napa	\$59.00	1994 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"	\$225.00
1984 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..	\$129.95	1990 Groth Res Napa	\$169.95	1994 Stag's Leap "Fay"	\$125.00
1985 Château Montelena Napa	\$139.00	1990 Joseph Phelps Insignia	\$129.00	1995 Cardinale Meritage	\$99.00
1985 Dunn Howell Mountain	\$179.00	1990 Pahlmeyer Caldwell	\$149.00	1995 Dalla Valle Maya	\$475.00
1985 Jordan Alexander Valley	\$69.95	1990 Ridge Monte Bello	\$129.00	1995 Dunn Howell Mountain	\$119.00
1985 Laurel Glen Sonoma Mount	\$69.00	1990 Silver Oak Bonny's (1.5L)	\$399.00	1995 Groth Res Napa Valley	\$179.00
1985 Mayacamas Napa	\$99.95	1990 Stag's Leap "Cask 23" (1.5L) ..	\$499.00	1995 Jordan Alexander Valley	\$59.95
1985 Ridge Monte Bello	\$179.00	1990 Stag's Leap "Fay"	\$120.00	1995 Silverado Vineyards Limited ..	\$120.00
1985 Robert Mondavi Res (3L)	\$549.00	1990 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Napa	\$69.95	1995 Stag's Leap "Fay"	\$125.00
1985 Shafer Hillside Select	\$249.95	1990 Whitehall Lane Morisoli	\$79.95	1996 Broman	\$69.95
1985 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..	\$129.00	1991 Beringer Knights Valley	\$39.95	1996 Bryant Family Napa	\$599.00
1985 Silver Oak Napa	\$149.00	1991 Groth Res Napa	\$169.00	1996 Cardinale	\$120.00
1985 Spottswoode Napa	\$149.95	1991 Heitz Martha's	\$139.00	1996 Dominus Napa Valley	\$119.00
1985 Stag's Leap "SLV" Napa	\$99.00	1991 Kenwood Artist Series	\$69.95	1996 Silver Oak Napa	\$125.00

White Burgs Beware!

Tucked away on the eastern border of France is one of the most untouched and beautiful wine growing regions in the country. The Jura, and its most well-know appellation Arbois, are not household names, not by a long shot, and perhaps that should not change as there is not much wine made in this isolated region. Here, traditional Burgundian varietals (chardonnay and pinot noir) are cultivated, along with a few indigenous grapes with names like savagnin and trousseau. This month I am very pleased to introduce you to the wines of Domaine Andre and Mireille Tissot, one of the region's most conscientious, passionate and terroir-driven properties located. The vineyards are in Montigny-Les-Arsures and are cultivated bio-dynamically by Stephane Tissot without the use of synthetic or chemical pesticides. Yields are exceptionally low here. Only natural yeasts are used, and the wine is bottled without filtration. The result of Stephane's hard work and dedication is a range of truly mind-boggling wines, which are not only delicious but also incredibly expressive and unique. In fact, I challenge any premier cru white Burgundy to go mano a mano with one of Tissot's Arbois gems! The **2002 Stephane Tissot Jura-Arbois "La Mailloche"** (\$29.99) hails from a single east-facing parcel on predominantly clay-marl subsoil. This Jurassian chardonnay (a varietal cultivated in the Jura for the last four centuries) exhibits notes of golden flowers, beeswax and quince, all enveloped in a nervous mineral core! The **1999 Stephane Tissot Jura-Arbois "Les Bruyères"** (\$34.99) is deeper still, with nuances of hazelnut, marzipan and hints of roasted barley. The wine manages to find a perfect equilibrium between richness and acidity, and for this reason will go down in my book as one truly awesome rendition of chardonnay. If you are a lover of white Burgundy, or perhaps a champion of all things misunderstood and under appreciated, you must try these wines.

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FRENCH REGIONAL

2004 C. du Languedoc L. Miquel "Nord Sud" Viognier	\$9.99
2003 C. du Languedoc L. Miquel "Nord Sud" Syrah	\$9.99
2004 C. du Languedoc H. Beaulieu Picpoul de Pinet.....	\$9.99
2004 C. de Provence Chateau du Rouet Blanc.....	\$11.99
2004 C. de Provence, Commanderie de Peyrassol Rosé	\$14.99
2004 Domaine Pellehaut Cuvee Harmonie Rosé	\$8.99
2003 C. du Roussillon D. Gauby "Les Calcinaires" Blanc	\$19.99
2003 C. du Roussillon D. Gauby "Les Calcinaires" Rouge	\$20.99
2001 Corbieres D. Serres Mazard "Cuvee Henri Serres"	\$13.99

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2001 Altamura, Napa	\$54.99
2001 Arbios, Napa	\$24.99
2001 Benziger, Sonoma	\$12.99
2001 Beringer "Private Reserve"	\$99.00
2001 Burgess, Napa	\$29.99
2001 Ch Montelena Estate	\$109.00
2001 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$36.99
2001 Ch St Jean "Cinq Cepages"	\$59.98
2001 Clos du Val, Napa.....	\$21.99
2001 Dominus, Napa	\$99.00
2001 Dominus "Napanook"	\$29.98
2001 Eagles Trace, Napa.....	\$62.99
2001 Eberle, Paso Robles	\$16.99
"A juicy, appealing Cabernet, with soft tannins and easygoing cherry, licorice and spice aromas and flavors," <i>Spectator</i> .	
2001 Estancia Meritage	\$21.99
2001 Flora Springs "Trilogy"	\$44.99
2001 Flora Springs, Napa	\$21.99
2001 Franciscan "Magnificat"	\$32.99
2001 Frank Family, Napa	\$36.99
2001 Groth, Napa	\$39.98
2001 Hetiz, Napa	\$29.98
2001 Hess Collection, Napa	\$34.98
2001 Iron Horse, Alexander Valley ..	\$24.99
2001 Jordan, Alexander Valley.....	\$39.99
2001 Joseph Phelps, Napa.....	\$38.98
2001 Kenwood, Sonoma.....	\$11.99
2001 Kuleto, Napa	\$44.99
2001 Lancaster, Alexander Valley	\$54.99
2001 Merryvale "Starmont," Napa	\$19.99
2001 Merryvale Napa "Profile"	\$79.98
2001 Miner Family, Napa	\$44.99
Deep, dark, rich and extremely focused, this is truly what great Oakville Cab is all about!	
2001 Mount Veeder, Napa	\$32.99
2001 Niebaum Coppola "Rubicon" ..	\$89.99
2001 Page Napa Red Blend.....	\$54.99
2001 Paradigm, Napa	\$49.99
2001 Pine Ridge "Stag's Leap"	\$59.98
2001 Pine Ridge Rutherford.....	\$27.99
2001 Provenance, Rutherford	\$27.99
2001 Quintessa, Rutherford	\$89.99
2001 Robert Craig "Affinity"	\$32.99
2001 Robert Mondavi "Oakville"	\$29.98
2001 Ruston, Napa	\$39.99
2001 Silverado, Napa	\$29.99
2001 Smith Madrone, Napa	\$32.99
2001 Spring Mountain "Elivette"	\$69.98
2001 Spring Mountain Estate.....	\$42.99
2001 St. Clement, Napa	\$24.99
A great buy in high quality Napa Cab!	
2001 St Clement "Oroppas"	\$39.98
2001 St Supéry, Napa	\$21.99
2001 Stag's Leap Winery, Napa	\$34.99
2001 Stonestreet "Legacy"	\$49.98
93 points from Robert Parker!	
2001 Stonestreet, Alexander Vly	\$17.99

2001 Terra Valentine, Napa	\$26.99
2001 Trefethen, Napa	\$34.99
2001 Veraison, Napa.....	\$46.99
2001 Villa Mnt Eden "Tall Trees"	\$10.99
2001 Volker Eisele Estate, Napa	\$34.99
2001 Von Strasser, Diamond Mnt	\$54.99
2001 White Cottage, Napa	\$49.99
2001 William Harrison, Napa	\$28.99
2001 William Hill, Napa.....	\$14.99
2002 Alexander Valley	\$14.99
2002 Anders Conn Vly Right Bank ..	\$29.99
91-93 points from Robert Parker.	
2002 B. R. Cohn, California	\$14.98
2002 Beringer Founders'	\$6.99
2002 Buehler Estate Napa.....	\$29.99
2002 BV Rutherford	\$19.99
2002 Caymus Special Select	Inquire
2002 Chappellet, Napa	\$39.99
2002 Chimney Rock "SLD"	\$44.98
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex. Vly	\$16.99
2002 Darioush, Napa	\$59.99
2002 Far Niente, Oakville.....	\$89.99
2002 Franciscan, Oakville	\$21.99
2002 Fritz, Dry Creek.....	\$23.99
Concentrated ripe black cherry, currant and mint flavors are typical of this terraced vineyard.	
2002 Hawk Crest, California	\$9.99
2002 Hess Estate, Napa	\$16.99
2002 Hess Select, California.....	\$12.99
2002 Honig, Napa	\$28.99
2002 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"	\$10.99
2002 Justin "Isosceles"	\$44.99
2002 Kalinda, Knights Valley.....	\$14.99
Lush, fruit forward, easy drinking Cabernet from one of the venerable Napa estates!	
2002 Kenefick Ranch, Napa	\$59.99
2002 LAventure Optimus	\$41.99
A blend of 50% syrah, 46% cabernet sauvignon and 4% zinfandel, just over 15% alcohol.	
2002 Meyer, Napa	\$37.99
2002 Paul Hobbs, Napa	\$71.99
2002 Pine Ridge "Oakville"	\$49.99
2002 Reynoso, Alexander Vly	\$14.99
Fruit-driven without sacrificing elegance.	
2002 Revana, Napa	\$84.99
2002 Simi, Alexander	\$21.99
2002 Stag's Leap "Artemis"	\$39.99
2002 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$32.99
2002 Versant, Napa.....	\$74.99
2002 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$34.98
2003 Avalon, Napa	\$9.99
2003 Avila, Santa Barbara	\$9.99
2003 Covenant, Napa (Kosher)	\$74.99
2003 Esser, California.....	\$7.99
2003 House Wine, Washington	\$9.99
2003 Joel Gott, California	\$12.98
2003 Kirkham Peak, Napa	\$19.99
Deep ruby in color. Perfume and exotic aromas explode from the nose with cassis, blackberries	

and currants that carry over into the mouth!

2003 Liberty School California	\$11.99
2003 McManis, California	\$7.99
2003 Stephen Vincent, California	\$8.99
2003 Twenty Bench, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Waterbrook Melange	\$10.98

SYRAH/PETITE SIRAH

2001 Clos Mimi "Bunny Slope"	\$49.99
2001 K Vintners "Milbrandt"	\$27.99
2002 Chalone, Estate	\$27.99
2002 Columbia Crest Reserve	\$18.99
2002 Concannon, Central Coast	\$7.99
2002 Edna Valley "Paragon".....	\$10.99
2002 J. Runquist Paso Robles	\$23.99
2002 K Vintners "Morrison"	\$41.99
2002 Kahn, Santa Ynez	\$27.99
2002 Melville, Santa Rita	\$19.99
2002 Neyers "Cuv d'Honneur"	\$39.98
92 points from Robert Parker!	
2002 Ojai, Santa Barbara	\$22.99
2002 Seven Hills, Columbia Vly.....	\$16.99
2002 Sobon Estate.....	\$9.99
2002 Tobin James "Rock & Roll"	\$14.99
2002 T Vine Napa Petite Sirah	\$30.99
2002 Unti, Dry Creek	\$24.99
Northern Rhône fanatics will love this!	
2003 Alban Central Coast Syrah	\$34.99
2003 Andrew Murray Estate Syrah ..	\$19.98
2003 Bogle Cal Petite Sirah	\$8.99
2003 Concannon CC Petite Sirah	\$11.99
2003 Hahn Central Cst Syrah.....	\$9.98
2003 Rock Rabbit Central Coast	\$9.99
2003 Stolpman Estate	\$19.99

DOMESTIC WHITES

2003 Alban Central Cst Viognier	\$21.99
2003 B.Doan Le Cigare Blanc	\$17.99
2003 Cold Heaven "S&B" Viognier ..	\$22.99
2003 Conundrum	\$19.99
2003 Erath Pinot Gris.....	\$10.99
2003 Ethan Central Coast Viognier ..	\$17.99
2003 F.Tannahill Dragonfly Gwrtz ..	\$21.99
2003 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc	\$15.99
2003 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$16.99
2003 Ponzi Pinot Blanc	\$12.99
2003 Sheldrake Point Riesling	\$15.99
2003 Tablas Creek "Cote de Tabl"	\$19.99
2003 Tremani RR Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2003 Vinum "CNW" Chenin Blanc	\$7.99
2004 A to Z Pinot Gris (Ore)	\$10.99
2004 Elk Cove Pinot Gris	\$13.99
2004 FishEye CA Pinot Grigio	\$5.99
2004 Jezebel Willamette Blanc	\$12.99
2004 Miner "Simpson" Viognier	\$18.99
NV Sokol Blosser "Evolution No.9" ..	\$13.99

CHARDONNAY

2001 Blackford, Sonoma	\$19.99
2001 Chalk Hill, Sonoma	\$32.98
2002 Beaugard "Bald Mnt"	\$11.99
From the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Bald Mountain chardonnay is crisp with a unique balance of green apple, lemon and honeysuckle	
2002 Beringer "Private Reserve"	\$19.99
2002 Bernardus, Monterey	\$14.99
2002 Buehler, Russian River	\$9.99
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$29.99
2002 Chalone Estate	\$19.99
2002 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"	\$18.99
2002 Gainey, Santa Barbara	\$12.99
2002 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$27.98
2002 Jordan, Russian River	\$19.98
2002 Logan, "Sleepy Hollow"	\$12.99
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$17.99
2002 Mer Soleil, Central Coast	\$34.99
2002 Morgan, Monterey	\$15.99
2002 Mount Eden "Wolff Viney"	\$14.99
Originally planted in 1976, by Edna Valley wine Pioneer Andy Macgregor, the Wolff Vineyard is one of the oldest in the entire Central Coast of California.	
2002 Murphy Goode, Sonoma	\$11.99
The apricot and pear aromas and flavors of this clean, fresh Chardonnay are highlighted with just the right hint of oak.	
2002 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$14.99
2002 Paige 23 "White Hawk Vin"	\$16.99
2002 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"	\$21.99
2002 Porter Creek "George's Hill"	\$17.99
"Intriguing flavors of peach, pear, spices and minerals," Stephen Tanzer	
2002 Ramey, Carneros	\$29.98
2002 Robert Young, Alexander Vly ..	\$24.99
2002 Rodney Strong "Chalk Hill"	\$11.98
2002 Sonoma Cutrer "Cutrer"	\$29.99
2002 Sterling Reserve, Napa	\$29.99
2002 Taylor Family, Stag's Leap	\$16.99
2002 Thomas Fogarty, Santa Cruz	\$19.99
2003 Ambullneo, "Big Paw"	\$46.99
2003 Benziger, Carneros	\$9.99
2003 Beringer, Napa	\$9.98
2003 Beringer "Private Reserve"	\$19.98
New vintage!	
2003 Brewer Clifton Chards	Inquire
2003 Cinnabar, Monterey	\$13.99
2003 El Molino, Napa	\$39.99
2003 Far Niente, Napa	\$34.99
2003 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$27.99
2003 Foxglove, Edna Valley	\$9.99
Bob Varner (of Varner Wines) creates this delightful Chardonnay by sourcing fruit from a variety of places, all of which are in Edna Valley.	
2003 Frei Brothers, Russian River	\$12.99
2003 Grand Cru, California	\$4.99
2003 Groth, Napa	\$19.98
2003 Hahn, Monterey	\$8.99

2003 Hartford, Sonoma	\$16.99
2003 Hawkcrest, California	\$7.99
2003 Heitz, Napa	\$12.99
Never overly oaky or buttery, Heitz's 2003 Chardonnay is another in a line of balanced, crisp, food-friendly whites from Heitz!	
2003 Heron, California	\$7.99
2003 Hess Collection, Napa	\$16.99
2003 Hess Select, California	\$8.99
2003 Hestan, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Hollywood & Vine "2480"	\$39.99
2003 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco	\$10.99
2003 Keller "La Cruz"	\$23.99
2003 Kendall Jackson Vint Res	\$9.98
2003 Kendall Jackson Grand Res	\$14.98
2003 Landmark "Overlook"	\$21.99
2003 L'Angevin, Russian River	\$36.99
2003 Lewis Barcaglia Lane	\$49.99
2003 Lockwood, Monterey	\$9.99
2003 Lynmar, Russian River	\$19.99
2003 MacRostie, Carneros	\$15.99
2003 Margaret's Vineyard, Cal	\$5.99
2003 Merryvale "Starmont"	\$15.99
2003 Meyer, Napa	\$32.99
2003 Miner Family, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Newton "Red Label"	\$17.98
2003 Nickel & Nickel	Inquire
2003 Neyers, Carneros	\$24.99
2003 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"	\$21.98
2003 Robert Keenan, Napa	\$18.99
90 points Parker: "...very Chablis-like..."	
2003 Shafer "Red Shoulder"	\$34.99
2003 Simi, Sonoma	\$12.99
2003 Solitude, Carneros	\$23.99
2003 Sonoma Cutrer, Russian Rvr	\$17.99
2003 Smith Madrone, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Talley Estate, Arroyo Grande ..	\$24.99
2003 Tantara "Talley/Rincon"	\$31.99
2003 Taz, Santa Barbara	\$12.99
2003 Toasted Head, Dunnigan Hills ..	\$10.99
2003 Trefethen, Oak Knoll	\$21.99
Aromas and flavors of tropical fruit, mango and Fuji apple spiced with hints of tarragon pave the way for a palate that is lush and crisp.	
2003 Villa Mt Eden Bien Nacido	\$12.99
2003 Vine Cliff Carneros	\$23.99
2003 West Slope, Edna Valley	\$11.99
2003 Wild Horse, Central Coast	\$12.99
2003 ZD, Napa	\$21.98
2004 Acacia, Carneros	\$15.99
2004 Bogle, California	\$7.98
2004 Cartledge & Browne, Cal	\$8.99
2004 Edna Valley Vineyards	\$10.99
2004 Esser, California	\$7.99
"Loads of tropical fruits flavors, luscious rich, but-tery tones and bright acidity," Martin Reyes	
2004 Keller "Oro de Plata"	\$17.99
NV Hamacher "H," Willamette	\$14.99

FUME/SAUVIGNON BLANC

2002 Chalk Hill, Sonoma	\$21.99
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$15.99
2002 Ruston, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Bernardus, Monterey	\$10.99
One of our favorites here at K&L! Hints of grass, lemon and apricot.	
2003 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly	\$10.99
2003 Chateau St. Jean, Sonoma	\$8.99
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$16.99
2003 Husch, Mendocino	\$9.99
2003 Kalinda, Lake County	\$9.99
Lip-smacking tropical fruit, crisp acidity!	
2003 Kenwood, Sonoma	\$7.99
2003 Mason, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Mayacamas, Napa	\$22.99
2003 Morgan, Monterey	\$10.99
2003 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"	\$6.98
2003 Peter Franus Carneros	\$16.99
2003 Saracina, Mendocino	\$21.99
2003 Selene "Hyde Vineyard"	\$23.99
2003 St Supéry, Napa	\$13.99
2003 Sterling, Napa	\$9.99
2003 Voss, Napa	\$14.98
2004 Crocker Starr, Napa	\$22.99
Aromas of lime, exotic citrus blossoms, minerals and guava.	
2004 DeSante, Napa	\$16.99
2004 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$14.99
2004 Geyser Peak, California	\$7.99
2004 Girard, Napa	\$12.99
2004 Groth, Napa	\$13.99
2004 Honig, Napa	\$11.99
Combines New Zealand and Loire styles!	
2004 Joel Gott, California	\$9.99
2004 Pomelo, California	\$9.99
Made by Randy Mason, clean and fresh!	
2004 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast	\$7.99
2004 Two Wives, Napa	\$14.99

DOMESTIC SPARKLERS

1998 J Wine Company 1.5L	\$67.99
1998 Schramsberg Reserve	\$54.99
1999 Argyle Willamette Valley Brut ..	\$16.99
1999 Domaine Carneros 1.5L	\$36.99
1999 J Wine Company	\$23.99
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	\$32.99
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage" Rosé	\$54.99
2001 Domaine Carneros Brut	\$18.99
2001 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuv"	\$24.99
2001 Schramsberg Blanc Noir/Blc	\$24.99
2002 Schramsberg Brut Rose	\$26.99
2004 Sofia Coppola Blanc de Blanc ..	\$16.99
NV Domaine Chandon Brut	\$14.99
NV Domaine Chandon Noir	\$14.99
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc Noir	\$14.99
NV Mumm, Napa Brut Prestige	\$13.99
NV Roederer Estate	\$16.99

MERLOT

2001 Atalon, Napa	\$24.99
2001 Ch St. Jean, Sonoma	\$17.98
2001 Columbia Crest Grand Estate	\$8.99
2001 Paradigm, Napa	\$38.99
2001 Rombauer, Napa	\$24.99
2001 Stonestreet, Sonoma	\$14.99
2001 Swanson, Napa	\$24.99
2002 Burgess, Napa	\$13.99
2002 Chappellet, Napa	\$29.99
2002 Cinnabar, Paso Robles	\$15.99
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex	\$16.99
2002 Dynamite, North Coast	\$11.98
2002 Echelon, California	\$8.99
2002 Emmolo, Napa	\$18.99
2002 Etude, Napa	\$44.99
2002 Flora Springs, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Franciscan, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Januik, Washington	\$22.99
2002 L'Ecole No. 41 Columbia Vly....	\$29.99
2002 Markham, Napa	\$15.98
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.99
2002 Nickel & Nickel.....	Inquire
2002 Provenance, Carneros	\$19.98
2002 Seven Hills, Columbia Vly.....	\$18.99
2002 Simi, Alexander Valley	\$16.99
2002 Sineann "Hillside," Wash.....	\$29.99
2002 Taft Street, Sonoma	\$9.99
Great value for an everyday red, this medium-bodied wine shows generous cherry aromas with touches of oak.	
2002 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$22.98
2003 Bogle California.....	\$6.98
2003 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek	\$12.99
2003 McManis, California	\$8.99

MISC DOMESTIC REDS

2001 Palmina Stolpman Nebbiolo	\$29.99
2001 Robert Sinskey Cab Franc	\$32.99
2001 William Harrison Cab Franc	\$27.99
2002 Bennett Lane "Maximus"	\$25.99
From the winemaker of "The Prisoner."	
2002 Bogle "The Phantom"	\$13.99
2002 Decoy Napa Red Blend	\$23.99
2002 Graff Family Mourvèdre	\$16.99
2002 Hess Collection Mnt Cuvee	\$29.99
2002 Paraduxx Napa Red	\$39.99
2002 Shypoke Charbono	\$17.99
2002 Tablas Creek Cotes de Tablas ..	\$18.99
2002 Vino Noceto Sangiovese	\$14.99
2003 Boeger El Dorado Barbera	\$12.99
2003 Bonny Doon Sangiovese	\$11.99
2003 Garretson Paso Mourvedre	\$12.99
2003 J. Runquist Barbera	\$17.99
2003 Porter Creek Carignane.....	\$14.99
2004 Boony Doon Clos du Gilroy	\$9.99
NV Ch Routon California Vintage Port (.375ml)	\$9.99

PINOT NOIR

2002 Amici, Mendocino	\$31.99
2002 Au Bon Climate "Knox"	\$37.99
2002 Chalone Estate, Monterey	\$21.99
2002 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"	\$19.99
2002 Chehalem Reserve	\$46.99
2002 Domaine Serene "Evanstad" ..	Inquire
2002 Elk Cove, Willamette	\$18.99
2002 Etude, Carneros	\$36.99
2002 Roessler "Dutton Ranch".....	\$34.99
2002 Row Eleven, Santa Maria.....	\$24.99
The 2002 from Santa Maria is made from mostly Pommard clones from Bien Nacido Vineyards	
2002 Walter Hansel "South Slope"....	\$27.99
2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley.....	\$14.99
2003 Acacia, Carneros	\$19.99
2003 Adelsheim "Elizabeth's Res"	\$32.99
2003 Argyle, Willamette Valley	\$16.99
2003 Broadley Estate	\$24.99
2003 David Bruce, Central Coast.....	\$15.98
2003 Erath, Oregon	\$12.99
2003 Flying Goat "Soloman Hills"....	\$32.99
Fills the glass with hints of smoke, black cherry, raspberry and vanilla flavors.	
2003 Francis Tannahill "Hermit".....	\$32.99
2003 Frei Brothers, Russian River	\$15.99
2003 Hartford, Sonoma	\$18.99
2003 Hirsch Estate, Sonoma.....	\$59.99
2003 Jezebel, Oregon	\$19.99
2003 Joseph Swan "Cuvee de Trois" ..	\$19.99
A bit riper and deeper than the '02, this wine is drinking great now!	
2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast	\$12.98
2003 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande	\$17.99
A silky weighty texture of bold berries and subtle oak, this Pinot moves effortlessly across the palate into a long, lingering finish.	
2003 MacMurray Ranch, Sonoma	\$14.99
2003 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99
2003 McKinlay, Willamette Valley	\$13.99
2003 Migration, Anderson Valley	\$26.99
2003 Pelerin "Rosella's Vineyard"	\$32.99
2003 Ponzi, Willamette Valley	\$26.99
2003 Rex Hill "Kings Ridge"	\$13.99
2003 Roessler Cellars "Bluejay"	\$29.99
2003 Shea Wine Cellars, Willamette	\$32.99
2003 Siann, Oregon	\$29.99
2003 St. Innocent "Shea Vineyard" ..	\$31.99
Intense and concentrated, offering smoke, earth, black cherry and cola aromas that follow through on the long, lush palate.	
2003 Talley, Arroyo Grande	\$29.99
2003 Tantara "Dierberg"	\$39.99
2003 Tantara "Gary's Vineyard".....	\$49.99
2003 J. Wilkes "Solomon Hills"	\$36.99
2003 Willakenzie, Willamette Vly	\$16.98
2004 Avila, San Luis Obispo.....	\$9.99
2004 Esser, California.....	\$9.99
2004 O'Reilly, Oregon	\$14.99
2004 Parker Station, Santa Barbara..	\$10.99

ZINFANDEL

2001 Cloud 9 "Seity," Amador	\$29.99
2001 Joseph Swan "Fрати"	\$23.99
2001 Klinker Brick "OV," Lodi.....	\$14.99
2001 Little 8 Ottimino, RR.....	\$29.99
2001 Pezzi King "Maple"	\$27.99
2001 Storrs "Rusty Ridge"	\$23.99
2002 Atrea Old Soul Red	\$23.99
2002 Carol Shelton "Monga"	\$21.99
A tremendously complex Zin coming from 84-year-old vines!	
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$24.99
2002 Chiarello "Giana," Napa	\$26.99
2002 Cline, California	\$7.98
2002 D-Cubed, Napa	\$22.99
2002 Dashe Cellars, Dry Creek	\$18.99
2002 Five Vintners, California	\$14.99
2002 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"	\$21.99
2002 J. Runquist "Z," Amador	\$20.99
The Zinfandel grapes used to produce "Z" hail from the Massoni Ranch, which was planted at the turn of the century. Try with ribs!	
2002 Limerick Lane, Russian River ..	\$19.99
2002 Marietta, Sonoma	\$14.99
2002 Montevina Terra d' Oro	\$18.99
2002 Nickel & Nickel "Ponzo"	\$44.98
2002 Norman "The Monster"	\$18.99
2002 Peter Franus, Napa.....	\$21.99
2002 Porter Bass, Russian River.....	\$26.99
2002 Rancho Zabaco Dry Crk Res	\$15.99
2002 Ravenswood "OV" Sonoma.....	\$12.99
2002 Renwood "Sierra Series"	\$9.99
2002 Renwood "Old Vines"	\$13.99
2002 Rombauer, El Dorado	\$21.99
2002 Rusina, Alexander Valley.....	\$19.99
2002 S.E. Chase "Hayne"	\$34.99
2002 Storybook "Mayacamas"	\$25.99
2002 T Vine "Brown Vineyard"	\$27.99
Big and inky, it has loads of ripe, raspberry/blackberry fruit followed by a deep rich body and cinnamon and clove spice	
2002 Unti Vineyards, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2003 Alexander Valley "SinZin"	\$16.99
2003 Amphora "Mounts" Dry Crk....	\$17.99
2003 Bogle Old Vine.....	\$8.98
2003 Buehler, Napa.....	\$11.99
2003 Earthquake, Lodi	\$23.99
2003 Markey, Dry Creek.....	\$27.99
2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"....	\$12.99
2003 Neyers "Pato Vineyard"	\$26.99
2003 Ridge Zin's	Inquire
2003 Rosenblum "Carla's"	\$21.99
2003 Seghesio, Sonoma	\$14.98
2003 Sobon "Rocky Top"	\$12.99
2003 Tin Barn "Gilsson Vineyard"....	\$24.99
2003 Tobin James "Ballistic"	\$14.99
A blend of many of Paso Robles' best zin vineyards, this wine is geared toward the big, jammy yum category of Zinfandel!	
2004 Windmill Old Vine Lodi	\$9.99

Trey's Picks

It is that time of year, when Cabernet proves to be king once again! Why now? The 2004 Bordeaux campaign is in full swing, and we are currently working with two successful California Cabernet vintages: '01 and '02. Never mind the heat, drink Cab! Although, I would suggest you pour yourself a glass of rosé while you are buying your case of Cab! For those of you who are looking for a good buy under \$30 the **2001 Benziger Reserve Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon (\$29.99)** is good place to start. This wine is loaded with classic Cab aromas and flavors of cedar, mint, black cherry and red currants. This is not that new wave, flabby and fat style Cab. This wine has complexity, focus and harmony. A great buy for under \$30! Another wine that fits into the same style of Cab is the **2002 Anderson's Conn Valley Right Bank Red (\$29.99)**. Tasted blind, this would be a tough wine to pick out as being from Napa. Its aromas and texture could fool you into thinking it is from Bordeaux. A blend of 60% cabernet franc and 40% merlot, this medium-bodied wine shows flavors of red cherries, cedar, lead-pencil and strawberries. It is fresh and bright and is very approachable right now. If big, juicy, full-throttle Napa Cab is more your style, the **2002 Revana Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$84.99)** is right up your alley. This is the second release of what sure is to become a highly sought-after wine. Winemaker Heidi Peterson Barrett has nurtured these grapes through each phase of their fermentation, barrel aging and blending; focusing on minimal handling with a goal of creating a wine with richness, elegance and distinctiveness. The wine shows big, dark and intense flavors of mocha, black currants, spicy oak and bittersweet chocolate. The tannins are present but are juicy and silky. This wine will be at its best in a few years but if you must drink it now give it some air. —Trey Beffa

Even Miles Would Love this Merlot!

One of the best perks of being in this business so close to the wine country is getting into the wineries and vineyards on a regular basis to keep in contact with the soul of the wines we sell. On a recent visit with Bob Pellegrini of Olivet Lane and Cloverdale Ranch, the soul of his wine lineup was wonderfully evident, carrying on a 70-year family tradition. The spectacular Olivet Lane property in the Russian River is the source of the **2002 Olivet Lane Chardonnay (\$14.99)**, and you may know that we LOVE this property. Extremely hard to get and high priced wineries covet this vineyard, and beg for these grapes, but you can get them for a song here. Plus, this is the best vintage in recent memory; the chard is rich and full with ripe apple to tropical fruit. Minerals and yeast notes add complexity while great acidity maintains structure. This is the kind of chardonnay that everyone will love and I doubt there is a better chard for under \$15. We also tasted the **2002 Cloverdale Ranch Merlot (\$16.99)**, which is an equally spectacular success. Beautiful and easy to drink yet luscious and compelling with ripe red berry fruits, cocoa, mocha and a long smooth-as-silk finish. Comfortably at home paired with some lamb chops, or kicking back with friends drinking it on its own, few merlots compare to this. If only Miles had tasted this Merlot...Next, one our perennial favorites has hit its best vintage as well, the **2002 Cloverdale Ranch Cabernet (\$16.99)**. Showing wonderful layers of silky rich fruit, long and lingering, lovely structure and light notes of sweet herbs. Where can you find a cabernet of this quality even close to this price? Answer: You can't! If you have not yet tried the Cloverdale, you've got to taste this one, and if you're already a fan you'll flip for the '02.

Cheers!

—Shaun Green

San Francisco Focus

It is my continuing quest to let you know of all the great small California wineries that are available at K&L. This month, I want to share with you **Ruston Family Vineyards**. It is a small Napa Valley winery located just west of St. Helena. The family has been farming this land since 1941, when the site was planted with prunes and walnuts. Today, the land is planted with four of the great Bordeaux varietals. They use estate fruit and purchase other fruit from the likes of Stagecoach Vineyard and Kenefick Ranch. The total production for the seven wines they produce is about 7,000 cases. Quoting Mr. Robert Parker, "Consumers take note, Ruston Family Vineyards merits significant attention." We currently have two wines in stock:

2002 Napa Sauvignon Blanc (\$19.99)

This wine is a medium-bodied, well-balanced delight. Oak is used to give the wine depth and body but never shows on the palate. The wine has bright melon and grapefruit flavor with good acidity. The winemaker is Joshua Krupp (he also makes the wine at Veraison and Kenefick Ranch), who joined the winery in 2002.

2001 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$39.99)

The 2001 is a perfect balance of fruit and structure. This wine is soft and very user friendly. It can be opened tonight or put in the cellar for a few years. 77% cabernet sauvignon, 21% merlot and 2% cabernet franc. The merlot gives a great softness while the franc adds just a little to the nose. This is the last Napa made by that Philippe Melka. Not one to be missed.

See you in the City...

—Mike Jordan

Spotlight on Three New Labels

You haven't seen these labels before, but the vineyards and producers are anything but rookies. Let's take a look:

Named after a giant Malaysian citrus fruit thought to be ancestor to the grapefruit, the **2004 Pomelo California Sauvignon Blanc (\$9.99)** is an absolute winner in the summertime sipper category. It's made by talented winemaker Randy Mason with grapes from an up-and-coming area known for surprisingly good whites, Lake County. The result is a zippy, remarkably juicy wine with mouthwatering grapefruit and lemongrass flavors. And yes, it's in a screwcap, so no corked bottles!

You've never heard of this label before, but trust me, you've tasted their wine. Some of the biggest and best names in Sonoma have been buying their fruit for over a decade—with customers spending upwards of 60 bucks for some. Now, in its first vintage under the owner's name, the **2002 Reynoso Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$14.99)** is priced almost comically low. Can I tell you there's hardly a better Alexander Valley cabernet for the money than this? Texturally distinctive, as Alexander Valley should be, this wine is sultry and supple, with gorgeous fruit and an impressive, stylish depth. More than any recent Cab recommendation, I see people running back to buy a case after trying just one bottle!

Now, let me introduce you to a stirring new Zinfandel project. If you're a big fan of "Old Vine Zin," well here's the granddaddy of them all. Sourced from a famous Amador County vineyard that documents show already existed in 1869, the **2001 Cloud 9 "Seity" Amador Zinfandel (\$29.99)** is one of the best Zins I've had this year. Can a wine with 15.5% alcohol still be impeccably balanced? Absolutely! Winemaker Scott Harvey has crafted a powerful, rich, almost majestic wine that shows its elegance and finesse in the ways only truly mature vineyards can. Treat yourself like a king this July and have this on the back porch with ribs!

—Martin Reyes

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile, Argentina

2004 Concha y Toro Xplorador Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) ..	\$5.99
2003 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Two Brothers Tattoo Red (Chile)	\$7.99
2002 Bodega Cicchitti Cabernet/Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Concha y Toro Casillero del Diablo (Chile)	\$7.99
2002 Budini Cabernet (Argentina)	\$8.99
2002 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Reserva Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2003 Fin del Mundo, Postales Cab/Malbec (Argentina).....	\$9.99
2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios, Rosé of Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2002 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina)	\$10.99
2002 Bodegas Salentein Syrah (Argentina).....	\$12.99
2002 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Merlot (Chile)	\$12.99
2003 Auka Mendoza Merlot (Argentina)	\$12.99
2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios, Torrontes (Argentina)	\$12.99
2003 Concha y Toro, Pirque Marq de Casa Concha (Chile)	\$13.99
2003 Concha y Toro Marq de Casa Concha Cab (Chile)	\$14.99
2003 Mapema Tempranillo (Argentina)	\$14.99
2003 Fin del Mundo, Malbec, Patagonia (Argentina).....	\$14.99
2003 La Posta Bonarda or Malbec (Argentina).....	\$17.99
2002 Catena Malbec or Cabernet (Argentina)	Inquire
2002 Mapema Malbec (Argentina)	\$18.99
2002 Concha y Toro, Terrunyo, Carmenere (Chile)	\$24.99
2004 Altos Las Hormigas V Hormigas Res Malbec (Argentina)	\$24.99

Portugal/Spain

2003 Palacio de Menade, Cuevas de Castilla, Cuvee RS, Rueda	\$6.99
2003 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2003 Panarroz, Jumilla	\$7.99
1999 Marques de Riscal Tempranillo	\$7.99
2003 Atazuri, Artazu, Navarra	\$8.99
2000 Marques de Arienzo, Rioja, Crianza	\$8.99
2001 Conde de Valdemar Crianza Rioja	\$9.99
2002 Seguras Viduas Creu de Levit	\$9.99
2003 Naia Rueda Blanc	\$9.99
2003 Vina Sila "Las Brisas" Rueda.....	\$9.99
2003 La Legua	\$10.99
2002 Castell del Remei Gotim Bru	\$10.99
2003 Gramona Gessamie	\$10.99
2001 Lorinon Crianza, Rioja	\$12.99
2002 Cellers del Roure, Les Alcusses	\$12.99
2003 Adegas Condes de Albarei Albariño	\$13.99
2000 Sierra Cantabria Crianza Rioja	\$13.99
2001 Bodegas del Muni, Corpus del Muni Vina Lucia	\$14.99
2001 Biurko, Los Valles, Rioja	\$14.99
2002 Dominio de Tares, Bierzo	\$14.99
2003 Rozaleme, Utiel Roquena	\$14.99
2004 Txakoli Txomin Etxaniz	\$14.99
2001 Bodegas Montebaco, Pago Senda Misa Crianza.....	\$16.99
2001 Capcanes Costers del Gravet, Monstant.....	\$17.99
2001 Venus la Universal, Monstant-Was \$34.99	\$24.99
2002 Vall Llach Embruix, Priorat	\$27.95
1997 Roda I Riserva, Rioja	\$29.99
2001 Bodegas Lan Edicion Limitada.....	\$39.99
2001 Campo Eliseo, Toro.....	\$45.99

Bargains from El Mundo Hispano!

2004 Tres Ojos Rosado, Calatayud (\$6.99) *Si vas a Calatayud* (if you go to Calatayud), you will have top wines made from old-vine Grenache! This rosé from Tres Ojos is awesome! Packed with ripe berry fruit and as fragrant as the wild thyme that grows in the vineyards, this wine will charm you as much as the famous Dolores, "la Flor de Calatayud."

2004 Basa Rueda Blanco (\$8.99) Super hot Spanish winemaker Telmo Rodriguez shows his considerable skills in this bright lively wine from Rueda. From the aromas of lemon verbena and lime peel to the citrusy flavors and long crisp finish, the Basa is sure to please. Enjoy it with everything from sushi to spicy Cajun shrimp!

2003 Hecula Yecla (\$9.99) Everybody's favorite bargain red from Yecla is back! I can't say enough about the good work that the Castanos and Eric Solomon have done at this property. I guess three years of 90 points or more from Mr. Parker says something! Their latest offering is packed with ripe berry fruit and spice.

2002 Cellers del Roure, Les Alcusses (\$12.99) A terrific blend of monastrell (40%), tempranillo (40%) and cabernet sauvignon (20%), the Alcusses is deep and rich in color with loads of black currant and black berry fruit followed by toasty oak and a long smooth finish. This versatile red would be great with anything from the grill. As they say in Spain, it is *fino y facil de beber* (fine and easy to drink).

2003 Bianchi Famiglia Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina (\$12.99) Our #1 selling South American wine! Packed with ripe black cherry and currant fruit, the Bianchi Cab has everything going for it that top Napa Valley Cabernets do, except the price!

Buen Cata!

—Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

Jim C's View Down Under

2004 Goldwater "New Dog" Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand (\$14.99) This wine was formerly known as "Dog Point." The fruit is from the same vineyard that has supplied them (and Cloudy Bay) for years. The aromatics offer bold citrus notes with snap pea and green bean accents. On the palate there are melon and fig flavors supported by fine acidity and length.

2004 Pike & Joyce Sauvignon Blanc Adelaide Hills South Australia (\$17.99) Neil Pike has fashioned wine for many years in the Clare Valley, and his new venture with the Joyce family, with their own long history of viticulture, is turning out some great cool-climate wines. The bouquet shows elements of citrus, pear, minerals and a hint of lemongrass. There is good mid-palate weight and a creamy texture that complement the super balance and length.

2002 Five Geese Shiraz McLaren Vale South Australia (\$19.99) Sue Trott, one of Australia's veteran women vigneron, is coaxing some pretty serious fruit from her Blewitt Springs vineyards. The nose is full of toffee, blueberry, spice cake, minerals and milk chocolate. On the palate, the wine is seamless with notes of cassis and licorice that come into play, melting into a silky texture with juicy defining acidity that is the hallmark of great McLaren Vale Shiraz!

2001 Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon Stellenbosch South Africa (\$19.99) From winemaker Kevin Arnolds, the bouquet shows ripe black cherry fruit with notes of tobacco, earth, cedar and dark currant. These flavors follow on the palate with "Rutherford dust" like tannins, great balance and length. This is REAL wine with character that is not always found at this price point.

Cheers!

—Jimmy Chanteloup

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

- NV Charles Baur Cremant d Alsace**\$14.99
An elegant and rich sparkler with a fine bead and fruity nose, perfect for parties and holiday gatherings!!
- 2002 Gewürztraminer, GC Pfersigberg, Charles Baur**\$19.99
Very classy, lots of soil character. Properly dry, full of vibrant, refreshing acidity, never cloying, yet still pungently spicy.
- 2002 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur**\$10.99
- 2002 Riesling, Domaine Allimant Laugner**\$13.99
- 2002 Riesling, Domaine Weinbach Cuvee St. Catherine**\$35.99
- 2003 Muscat, Becker Grand Cru Froehn**.....\$17.99
- 2002 Riesling, Becker Grand Cru Froehn**.....\$18.99
- 2000 Gruenspihl de Bergheim, Marcel Deiss**\$55.99

Loire

- 1994 Savennieres Roche Aux Moines, Domaine Aux Moines** \$19.99
- 1995 Vouvray, Philippe Foreau Moelleux Clos Naudin**\$42.99
- 2002 Chinon, Couly Dutheil Clos de l'Echo**\$25.99
The domaine's masterpiece, the Clos de l'Echo is a wine of grand proportion, complex, structured, and very age worthy.
- 2002 Anjou Blanc, Domaine Vincent Ogereau**\$12.99
- 2002 Anjou Rouge, Domaine Vincent Ogereau**\$9.99
- 2002 Pouilly-Fume, Domaine Cailbourdin "Les Cris"**\$18.99
- 2002 Saumur-Champigny, Filliatreau La Grand Vignole**.....\$15.99
- 2002 Saumur-Champigny, Rene Noel Legrand La Chaintre** ..\$13.99
Pure ripe expression of franc, showing chocolate and mineral
- 2002 Vouvray Sec, Vincent Raimbault**\$13.99

The 15th Page Man: Summertime Thing

As you read this I will be in Germany tasting and evaluating the 2004s that have not already made it here. This vintage so far promises to be one of brightness and clarity of flavor, wines that are more north/south than they are east/west, a bit like the 2002s, which I love so much and can't stop buying. These are wines with good structure and acidity, fine delicate aromatics and all in all a very classical good German vintage that will age well.

Speaking of the 2002s, we just received another shipment of these wonderful yet under-appreciated wines just in time for some summer drinking.

The **2002 Florian Weingart Schloss Fürstenberg Kabinett (\$18.99)** is from one of our new favorite guys in the Mittelrhein, heck, one of our favorite guys period. This was just re-released, and the extra couple of years in bottle have done it good. This is the wine to reach for when you are looking for a zingy, stone- and red-fruit-infused ripper to take the edge off the summer heat. If your mood is more introspective and Zen like, I suggest the **2002 Selbach Oster Zeltinger Sonnenuhr Kabinett (\$19.99)**. Picture yourself on a cool morning, mist in the air, sitting near a stream of crystal clear water listening to its soothing voice...and this wine, a pure Mosel stunner. Poised, elegant, pure and very mineral. Then for sheer, ridiculous quality and one of my personal favorite estates in the Mosel, try the **2002 Schmitt-Wagner Longuicher Maximiner Herrenberg Kabinett (\$19.99)** from 108-year-old ungrafted vines. This is a small estate (3.5 hectares) and one that you should know. If you like sleek, spicy, mineral wines with a hint of minty-grassiness, an ageless charm and clarity unmatched, these are for you. Not to mention the absolute steal (steel, too) that these wines represent and the FACT that they age better than Sophia Loren. Drink Riesling, Be Happy!
—Jeff Vierra

GERMANY/AUSTRIA

We have an extensive selection of outstanding German wines, the following is a sampling of our complete inventory which you can view at www.klwines.com.

Germany

- 2003 Langwerth Von Simmern Riesling Qba**\$9.99
- 2003 Fred Prinz Hallgartener Jungfer Kabinett**\$16.99
- 2002 Staatsweinguter Kloster Eberbach Steinberger Kabinett** \$10.99
- 2004 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Klosterlay Spätlese**\$18.99
- 2004 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" Riesling**\$14.99
Rippling with zingy grapefruit and currant aromas with a haunting wiff of spice!!
- 2004 Weingut Spreitzer Oestricher Doosberg Spätlese**\$18.99
- 2003 Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Pittermännchen Kabinett** \$21.99

Austria

- 2004 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss**\$13.99
- 2002 Leithner Grüner Veltliner "Privat"**\$14.99
- 2002 Peter Schandl Pinot Blanc**.....\$14.99
- 2002 Weingut Pfaffl Grüner Veltliner "Goldjoch"**\$16.99
- 2002 Weingut Schmelz Riesling "Stein am Rain" Federspiel** ..\$17.99
- 1999 Prager Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Achleiten"**\$18.99

Why be Afraid? Why Not Roll with It?

The wines of Austria are some of the most expressive and diverse in the world. A land that can provide such a multitude of character not only inspires me but gives me the feeling of security. I choose what wines to drink based on my moods, and I know that I can find the perfect wine for my moody personality, whatever it may be.

There are times when I need something to focus on, something that I can dive into and ponder on what the future has in store for me, how things are going to evolve and change into something completely different than it is today. When we received the **2002 Emmerich Knoll Riesling Smaragd Loibenberg (\$34.99)** my first thought was, uh oh, this wine will intrigue and haunt me for years to come. Subtle pepper aromas surrounded by cool melon and a juicy mineral finish is what this pure expression of Riesling teased me with. With a line of grace surrounded by a powerhouse of character, this beauty will only get better with time.

On the days that I am "living for the moment" I choose a wine that has a bright and happy feeling to it, but with a touch of backbone too (nobody wants to be a pushover). I want something that has it all today! The **2003 Paul Lehrner Claus (\$16.99)**, a blend of 85% zweigelt and 15% blaufrankisch, is a happy, go-lucky wine that offers smoky nuances of fresh herbs, warmth and vitality. Something that I can drink and say to myself, quietly of course, everything is going to be alright!!!

And, of course, the selfish mood. You know the one: "I have this and you don't type of thing." The times when you find yourself telling your friends, good luck finding this, but I have it! With only 125 cases imported into the country and with well-needed bottle age, the **1999 Prager Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Achleiten" (\$18.99)** has exactly what you need. This one starts you off with a blast of spicy, fresh citrus aromas, hitting the palate with a thick bright texture and finishing you off with a solid structure of cleansing acidity and minerals.

Here's to moods, bad, good and everything in between! —Eric Story

The Hills are Alive with the Wines of Norway

I've just flown back from a tour of the Norwegian wine country, and boy is my flagon sagging!

Exhaustive touring of the Cloudberry region (the Bodo area, where the midnight sun makes it possible to harvest eight times in one season). My brother Pedder traveled with me, for he did prison time in Stavanger and speaks the language. My cousin Jay was invited, mostly because he looks like John Tesh and got us free drinks at every major watering hole, no small feat at nine bucks U.S. a throw. But this was serious business. If you know me, you know that jeg betyr forretning. I mean business!

We began in Bergen (a good place to be from) and made our way toward the Chardnafjord, Merlafjord and Cabafjord where these noble varietals were born. It was intimate, traveling in an old Fjord Fjarlane, but dicey as the gjas stasjons were fjev and fjar between.



JOE, AKA COREY HEART, ENJOYING THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

Bergen is a land of fish. Go figure. The vineyards are steep. So are the prices. So steep (the vineyards) that the oxen have both of their right legs cut off at the knee so they could stand straight. I thought it was pretty extreme too.

Sjavingon Blanc is the favorite drink here, and goes with everything from shrimp to whale. Pedder concurred that the whale was quite easy—to throw up. As Pedder slept in the Fjord (the car) Jay and I visited Oslo.

Oslo is known for Bromsteskevin or Flower pot wine. The local dare-devils, called the Dansende Polse or Dancing Hot Dogs, scale the walls to every flat in the city to harvest grapes from vines grown in flower pots. Sometimes there is actually pot in the pots, and the result is a wine with a heady kick that goes well with Jarsberg and repeated listenings to Sgt. Pepper.

We rest under the stars with a flask of **1986 Cos d'Estournel (\$139.99)**. The '86 Cos is two things: a densely concentrated and well-balanced success story with a bowl of ripe black plums, deep red color and fresh green herbs. It is also in stock—paramount for sales. Pedder throws up the last of the whale. Tomorrow is Bodo, the highlight of the tour. I am en plugg I dritt, which is loosely translated as a pig in something.

Bodo, land of the O's with slashes. Total production here is eighty trillion tons...per year, the equivalent of five thousand gallons per capita, just under the Norwegian average. We step out of the Fjord (the car) in wonder. In the tasting room it is free drinks all around, with the Norskies chanting Jjohn Tjesh.

We see two harvests in the midnight sun, and this is before sjupper. We peruse the wine llist for just the right bottle(s) and find the **1985 Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon (\$69.95)**. Soft, elegant and kissed with cedar and forest floor aromas (lots of that here), the wine is perfect at this very moment. And in stjock, always a plus.

Jay orders Lutefisk. I go with the Laks. Pedder orders the whale...

Happy Independence to the USA...and Norway! 100 years of freedom from Swedish rule! Skol!

—Joe Zulgelder

Jim's July Gems

Finally, spring reared its lovely face two weeks ago with some nice warm days and cool evenings (it's June 1st), after a long wet and cold two months (the wettest and coldest winter/spring since 1997/98). As the old saying goes, better late than never! What amazes me the most, though, is how speedily the North Coast vineyards have bounced back and evolved, particularly those that were affected by the frost of mid-April, including our vineyard in the Anderson Valley.

We just received in two wonderful very serious Kalinda wines last week (end of May) that are "Must Buys" for you, our very serious wine customers. First, there is the **2003 Kalinda Sonoma Zinfandel (\$9.99)**, comprised mostly of Alexander Valley and Dry Creek Valley fruit. Deeply colored, its opulent, highly aromatic nose is loaded with blackberry, raspberry and spicy clove-like tones with a touch of cedary oak as a supporting element. In the mouth, you will be treated to a classic Zin, with bright, flashy, lush, broad fruit characteristics, soft, ripe tannins that are nicely integrated and a big, long finish. This gem is not overdone or overripe (it is only 13.5% alcohol), and should drink well for the next two to three years. The famous Healdsburg winery asked us not to reveal who they are. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

Our new **2002 Kalinda Knight's Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$14.99)** is also from a famous St Helena Cabernet producer that wishes to remain unidentified. Deep ruby, inky in color, the nose explodes from the glass to fill the room with cassis, black currants, blackberries, chocolate and vanilla bean. This huge, complex, deeply flavored Cabernet is lush, fruit forward, and round with soft, silky tannins, and a finish that seems to last forever. Although you will be able to consume this gem near-term, it has a ton of structure to allow it to easily age another five to ten years. Sooo, Anderson, who do you think

produced this gem? "What; are you, dumb? Who has the most acreage planted to Cabernet in Knight's Valley?" (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

If you loved the 2002 Senaillet for its richness and exceptional Burgundian chardonnay character, than you will be more impressed with the **2003 Domaine de la Croix Senaillet St-Veran (\$14.99)**. From its lovely aromatics of honeysuckle and white peach to its wet-stone minerality, which carries nicely over the palate, this lovely communal Macon bottling by the Maurice Martin family is a great buy. Excellent structure with good acidity, richness and lushness on the palate that leads to a mouthwatering finish. This will be one of our two house whites for the month according to Anderson. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

Our French Regional wine buyer, Mulan Chan, recently brought in two excellent gems by Laurent Miquel from the Langudoc area of Southern France. The **2004 Laurent Miquel Viognier Coteaux du Languedoc "Nord Sud" (\$9.99)** is a lovely white gem with lush, honeysuckle to peach aromas, intense palate impressions of floral fruit, yet finishing dry, and crisp. This will be our second house white for the month according to Anderson. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷) The real star is the **2003 Laurent Miquel Syrah Coteaux du Languedoc "Nord Sud" (\$9.99)**. Gondolas full of character for your money with this puppy. To quote Mulan: "Aged in new French oak, the 2003 Syrah is spicy and rich, with a pleasantly peppery bite and toasty notes on the nose and palate." She is being modest! As I wrote at the beginning of this column, this is for you very serious wine-minded buyers. The wine is unique, and it is a wonderful gem. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

If you have any questions regarding these wines, you can email us at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy this month's gems!

—Jim, Anderson, and Eby

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut-Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	\$22.99
Marguet-Bonnerave "Cuvee Reserve"	\$24.99
Michel Dervin Brut.....	\$24.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$24.99
Ariston Brut Rose-	\$25.99
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé-It's finally back!	\$25.99
Launois "Sable" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Laurent Perrier Brut	\$27.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!	\$26.99
Tarlant Brut Zero-See Gary's column!	\$26.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut (1.5L \$56.99)-Delicious	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve Champagne	\$27.99
1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$28.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
1998 Launois Brut Blanc de Blanc.....	\$29.99
1998 Ariston Vintage Brut.....	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Chèvres Pierreuses" Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Crayères" Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Clos des Champions"	\$29.99
1999 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé	\$29.99
1999 Michel Dervin Vintage Brut Champagne.....	\$29.99
1996 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$32.99
Veuve-Clicquot Brut-One of the nation's best prices!	Inquire
Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Lallement Brut.....	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige Champagne	\$39.99
1996 Laurent Perrier Brut	\$39.99
Fleury "Carte Rouge" Brut-Biodynamic. Beyond organic!	\$34.99
René Geoffroy Brut Rosé	\$39.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$39.99
Laurent Perrier Ultra Brut	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-One of our best	\$39.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé (1.5L \$110.00)	\$49.99
Lallement Brut Réserve	\$49.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	\$59.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"-The new '96, '95, '93 cuvee!	\$74.99
Cattier Clos du Moulin 1er Cru Brut	\$77.99
1996 Dom Perignon	Inquire
Krug Grand Cuvee.....	\$104.99

Champagne (continued from page 2)

favorite producers of Blanc de Blancs is Franck Bonville, located in Avize, one of the best villages for chardonnay in Champagne. The current batch of **Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs Champagne** (\$23.99) is irresistible. It combines the plump juiciness of a ripe pear with the rapier minerality of real Chablis. It is the most "moreish" Champagne that I can think of... My wife questioned the size of the bottle, suspecting we had received less than a full ration because of the greed with which we consumed it. Also from this producer we have the dry, mineral and mile-long **1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blancs Champagne** (\$27.99), the very scarce and extraordinarily age-worthy **1996 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blancs Champagne** (\$32.99) and the incomparable old-vine Franck Bonville Cuvee Les Belles Voyes Champagne (\$59.99).

Another great chardonnay producer in Champagne is Launois, located in the village of Mesnil. It took more than a year of begging to get these wines for K&L, as Mr. Bernard Launois was already selling his entire production in Europe where the wine has quite a cult following. His most unique Champagne is the **Launois "Sable" Brut Blanc de Blancs** (\$25.99), which is made to only three atmospheres of pressure as opposed to the six that are customary in Champagne. This is a very rich style for a Blanc de Blancs with excellent apple and brioche flavors. It is almost impossible for me to tell that it has lower carbonation, but a comparison to the **Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blancs** (\$25.99), which is identical in every way except for the pressure, is one of the most intriguing pairs in the store. We also have the much more concentrated and serious **1998 Launois Brut Blanc de Blancs Vintage Champagne** (\$29.99), for those who like to cellar their Champagne.

K&L has recently published a brochure on the small producer Champagne that we carry. If you would like me to send you one, please email me at garywestby@klwines.com, and I can email you back a PDF, or drop a printed copy in the mail. Please include your physical address if you would like a hard copy. I also keep an email list of Champagne fans, so if you would like to be the first to know about new offerings please let me know and I will add you. Also, please do not hesitate to call or write me if you are traveling to France. I would love to tempt you with a list of fantastic places in Champagne to visit! I am here every day except Thursday and Friday and am eager to answer any questions you might have. A toast to you!

—Gary Westby

Hot! Hot! Hot!

2003 Côtes du Rhône Reserve, Domaine Grand Veneur (\$9.99) A great little bargain of a wine that is composed of 70% grenache, and a 30% blend of mourvèdre, syrah and cinsault. A perfumed nose of red and black fruits (raspberries and blackberries), with pepper and licorice notes. Full-bodied and tasty with a slight hint of tannin on the finish. Priced just right for just about any meal!

2003 Lirac, Château de Segries, "Cuvee Reserve" (\$9.99) The return of a customer favorite! The 2003, due to the heat of the vintage, leaves its past subtlety behind in favor of a more fruit-driven wine this vintage. A luscious nose of currants, anise and pungent, lush earth. Medium to full-bodied with a juicy finish. A blend of 50% grenache, 30% syrah, 10% cinsault, 5% mourvèdre and 5% carignan. Great with any and all barbecued foods.

The **2003 Côte Rotie, Joel Champet, "La Viallière"** (\$37.99) has been described by certain writers as the most Burgundian of Côte-Roties. According to Robert Parker: "... exhibiting sweet, broad, raspberry and black currant fruit intertwined with hints of peaches and apricots...this low acid effort possesses excellent texture, moderately high alcohol, and a long, concentrated, supple finish.

2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Grand Veneur (\$24.99) 90 to 92 points from Robert Parker. Dark colors of garnet and purple. A lush nose of cassis, boysenberries, anise and smoke accents. Weighty on the palate with opulent black fruits, subtle spices and vanilla. An unbelievable wine that will age for at least eight more years, if so desired. The ultimate bargain Châteauneuf-du-Pape! Reserve this one for heartier meals such as roasted lamb or beef. —Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY

2002 St Bris (Sauvignon), Moreau & Fils-Chablis minerality	\$9.99
2002 Petit Chablis, Moreau & Fils	\$11.99
2003 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud	\$12.99
2002 Pouilly-Vinzelles, "En Paradis," Louis Latour	\$13.99
2002 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet	\$13.99
This is a staff and customer favorite. And it is now at an even better price!	
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Pierre Morey.....	\$14.99
Lovely and bright, with classic acidity, but lots of length and weight.	
2002 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Marc Jomain.....	\$15.99
2002 Rully Blanc, Joseph Drouhin	\$15.99
2002 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Champy	\$16.99
From Puligny, Meursault and Rully, with bright minerality and gentle tosatiness.	
2003 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud	\$16.99
2003 Bourgogne Chardonnay "La Combe", Marc Colin.....	\$17.99
2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$17.99
2002 Chablis, Domaine Long Depaquit	\$18.99
2002 St-Aubin, Domaine Patrick Miolane-Was \$25.99 elsewhere	\$20.99
2002 Marsannay Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$21.99
2003 Rully, "Mont Palais," 1er Cru, Dom J-Marc Boillot	\$23.99
2002 St-Aubin, "Sur Gamay," 1er, Dom H. Prudhon	\$26.99
Burghound Key Buy: "Perfumed white flower & lovely peach and pear notes."	
2002 Pouilly-Vinzelles "Les Quarts," Dom La Soufrandie	\$27.99
2002 St-Aubin, "Murgers Dent de Chien," 1er Cru, Champy..	\$29.99
The vineyard next to Puligny Champs Gain, 1er Cru. Concentrated and mineral-driven.	
2002 St-Aubin, "Murgers Dent de Chien," 1er Cru, M.Colin..	\$29.99
2002 St-Aubin, "Charmois," 1er Cru, Marc Colin	\$29.99
The Charmois is next to Chassagne-Montrachet and is rich and creamy, while the Dents de Chien is next to Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru, and shows more minerality and a bit more angularity, while still showing the rich character of 2003.	
2002 Santenay, La Commme, 1er Cru, Michel Coutoux.....	\$31.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Morey-Coffinet	\$34.99
2002 Morey-St-Denis Blanc, Domaine Amiott	\$35.99
2003 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Les Encégnières," M. Colin	\$39.99
From just below Bâtard-Montrachet, rich and oily, with a long powerful finish.	
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, Les Enseignères, H. Prudhon	\$39.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, Les Enseignères, Champy	\$39.99
From directly below Bâtard and Bienvenues-Bâtard. Rich, concentrated and poised.	
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, "Folatières," 1er Cru, G Chavy	\$41.99
2002 Meursault, Santenots, Dom Marquis d'Angerville.....	\$41.99
2003 Meursault, Rougeots, Domaine Deux Montilles	\$44.99
Rich, concentrated and a bit nutty. Lovely focus and balance.	
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet, Vieilles Vignes, Bernard Morey	\$46.99
2002 Meursault, "Les Corbins", Bitouzet-Prieur	\$46.99
Also available in half bottles, at \$23.99.	
2002 Meursault, Domaine François Mikulski.....	\$47.99
2002 Meursault, Clos du Cromin, Bitouzet-Prieur	\$49.99
2002 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$52.99
2003 Meursault, Boucheres, Deux Montilles	\$54.99
2002 Meursault, "Gruyaches," Jean-Philippe Fichet.....	\$56.99
1996 Meursault, "Tillets," Domaine Guy Roulot	\$59.95
2002 Chassagne Montrachet, "Maltroie," 1er Cru, M. Colin ..	\$64.99
2002 Morey-St-Denis, "Mont Luissants," 1er, Dom Dujac	\$64.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, "Folatières," 1er, M. Colin	\$69.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, "Pucelles," 1er, Olivier Leflaive	\$69.99
2002 Meursault, "Poruzots," 1er Cru, F. Mikulski	\$69.99

2002 Nuits-St-Georges Blanc, Clos L'Arlet, 1er Cru, Dom L'Arlet	\$69.99
2002 Meursault, "Charmes," 1er Cru, F. Mikulski	\$73.99
2002 Corton Blanc, Grand Cru, Chandon de Briailles.....	\$73.99
2002 Meursault, "Genevrières," 1er Cru, F. Mikulski	\$78.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, De Montille	\$94.99
2003 Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$179.95
2003 Chevalier-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$199.95
2002 Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin.....	\$375.00

Loire, Alsace and Beyond: Greatest Loire Red!!!

Maison Couly-Dutheil is undeniably one of the finest estates of Chinon and a champion of the maligned cabernet franc, with 80 acres of prime Chinon vineyards as well as 7 hectares of Saumur and Saumur-Champigny. The estate's Chinon holdings are impressive indeed as they spread over three distinct Chinon terroirs: Sand and gravel along the Vienne River, which produce light and fruit driven wines; siliceous slopes and plateaus, which impart a certain finesse and elegance to Chinon; and finally, clay and limestone slopes, which produce Chinon's most serious and profound wines. The Domaine's masterpiece, the Clos de l'Echo, lies within this calcareous clay soil intermixed with quartz pebbles, and is the stuff of legend. This walled vineyard and its castle earned its nomenclature from the echo sent back by the castle walls. Once reputedly owned by the great French satirist Francois Rabelais and his family, the vineyard was purchased in 1952 by the Couly-Dutheil family and re-planted the following year. The Clos de l'Echo is a wine of grand proportion, complex, structured and very age worthy. We have just received directly from the estate some older vintages in Magnum and 750ml along with the extraordinary 2002 vintage of which Clive Coates commented "...Very good concentrated fruit. Excellent grip. This is going to be very fine. Drink 2012-2040"

These wines evolve into the pinnacle of elegance with haunting aromas of rich plummy fruit, sweet herbs, spice and earth, yet still very fresh, vibrant and complex with intensity and length unmatched by all but the top properties in Bordeaux. I can't recommend them highly enough, though I will say that you should let the older wines rest at least 4-6 weeks before drinking as they literally just got off the boat.

Enjoy!

—Jeff Vierra

Now in Stock

2002 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de l'Echo	\$25.99
1995 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de l'Olive	\$28.99
1989 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de l'Olive	\$84.99
1993 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de l'Echo (1.5L)	\$84.99
1988 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de l'Echo (1.5L)	\$139.99
1985 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de l'Echo (1.5L)	\$129.99

RED BURGUNDY

2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Maison Boisset.....	\$12.99	2002 Vosne-Romanée, “Chaumes,” 1er, Dom Jean Tardy	\$59.99
2001 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus-Brochon.....	\$15.99	2002 Aloxe-Corton, “Moutottes,” 1er Cru, Edmund Cornu....	\$58.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Edmund Cornu	\$16.99	2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Boudots,” 1er, Dom Jean Tardy.....	\$59.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Montre Cul, Dom Bouvier.....	\$16.99	2002 Vosne-Romanée, Les Beaumonts, Maison Champy.....	\$64.99
2002 Hautes Cotes de Nuit, Dames de Vergy, Dom Guyon	\$17.99	2002 Vosne-Romanée, “Suchots,” 1er Cru, Maison Champy ..	\$67.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Heresztyn	\$18.99	2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Pruiliers,” 1er Cru, Henri Gouges	\$69.95
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Patrice Rion	\$18.99	2002 Corton Pougets, Grand Cru, Domaine Jadot.....	\$69.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Pierre Morey	\$18.99	2002 Volnay, “Mitans,” 1er Cru, Domaine de Montille	\$71.99
2002 Cotes de Nuits Villages, Vaucrains, L. Jadot.....	\$20.99	2002 Vosne-Romanée, “Suchots,” 1er cru, Jerome Chezeaux..	\$72.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge, Louis Latour	\$20.99	2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, “Cazetiers,” 1er Cru, Faiveley	\$74.99
2002 Marsannay, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$21.99	2002 Gevrey-Cham, “Combe aux Moines,” 1er Cru, Faiveley ..	\$74.99
2002 Ladoix, Vieilles Vignes, Dom Edmund Cornu	\$25.99	2002 Pommard, Grands Epenots, 1er, Dom. Pierre Morey	\$74.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge, Bernard Morey.....	\$26.99	2002 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Dom. Louis Remy.....	\$99.95
Fine, elegant and very fresh. Delightful red from Chassagne.		2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Combe d’Orveau, 1er, Faiveley	\$99.95
2002 Marsannay, Les Longeroies, Domaine Bruno Clair	\$28.99	2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Dom Hubert Lignier.....	\$99.95
2002 Marsannay, Ouzeloy, Joseph Roty	\$29.99	2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Michel Gros	\$108.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, V. V., Dom. Gerard Seguin.....	\$29.99	2002 Latricieres Chambertin, Domaine Louis Remy	\$109.99
2002 Volnay, Domaine Jean-Marc Boillot	\$29.99	2001 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Domaine Rouget	\$114.99
2002 Mercurey, “Clos des Myglands,” Faiveley	\$29.99	2002 Grands Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Dom V Mongeard	\$118.99
2002 Pernand-Vergelesses, “Les Vergelesses,” 1er, Chandon Briailles	\$34.99	2002 Clos Vougeot, “Maupertuis,” Grand Cru, Tardy	\$124.99
2002 Volnay, Grand Poisots, Domaine Louis Boillot	\$36.99	2002 Chambertin, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$149.95
2002 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jerome Chezeaux	\$36.99		
2002 Pernand-Vergelesses, “Les Fichots,” 1er, Dom Rollin	\$38.99		
2002 Beaune, “Marconnets,” 1er Cru, Albert Morot	\$38.99		
2002 Beaune, Vigne Franches, 1er, Louis Latour	\$39.99		
2002 Gevrey-Cham, “Champeaux,” 1er Cru, Olivier Guyot.....	\$38.99		
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Heresztyn	\$39.95		
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Maison Boisset	\$39.99		
2000 Gevrey Chambertin, Justice, Domaine Vougeraie	\$39.99		
2002 Beaune, “Vigne Franches,” 1er Cru, Louis Latour	\$39.99		
Also available in half bottles at \$20.99. Bright fruit, focused, ripe and balanced.			
2002 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jean Grivot	\$40.99		
2002 Pommard, Domaine Louis Boillot	\$41.99		
2002 Volnay, Santenots, Domaine Matrot.....	\$41.99		
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Chaliots,” Domaine Michel Gros	\$43.99		
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret	\$43.99		
2002 Aloxe Corton, Vercots, 1er, Dom. Antonin Guyon	\$44.99		
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros	\$44.99		
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn	\$44.99		
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Guyon.....	\$44.99		
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet, Clos St. Jean, Ramonet	\$44.99		
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, Ostrea, Domaine Trapet	\$45.99		
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Boudots,” 1er, Jerome Chezeaux	\$46.99		
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Richemone,” 1er Cru, Moillard.....	\$46.99		
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Henri Gouges	\$46.99		
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, Bas de Combes, Dom Jean Tardy	\$47.99		
2002 Vosne-Romanée, Vigneux, Domaine Jean Tardy	\$47.99		
The NSG comes from the Vosne border, and the Vosne from the heart of the village. Both are very rich, elegant and lovely Burgundies.			
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Les Athets, Dom Jean Tardy	\$47.99		
2002 Gevrey-Cham, Champs Chenys, Joseph/Philippe Roty ..	\$49.99		
2002 Pommard, Clos des Commaraine, Jadot	\$53.99		
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Fremiers, VV, Louis Remy	\$54.99		
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, “Clos Prieur,” 1er Cru, Gelin	\$56.99		
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Chenes Carteaux,” 1er Cru, Dom Henri Gouges	\$56.99		

Pour Votre Plaisir

A Quick Report from Burgundy

As I write this, I am getting ready to go to Burgundy to taste some of the 2004 whites, as well as to attend a tasting of 1995 Burgundies to see how the vintage is doing. While there I will also get a chance to wish Clive Coates well in his well-deserved retirement in Beaujolais. We will have more to report about many of these things later.

Meanwhile, we have two wonderful wines to offer you from Burgundy for your summer drinking. The first is a dry sparkling rosé. The **Cremant de Bourgogne Rosé, Perle d’Aurore, Louis Bouillot (\$11.99)** is a blend composed of 65% chardonnay and 35% pinot noir. The charming ‘eye of the swan’ color comes from the addition of pinot noir to the wine when the lees are disgorged, following the traditional fermentation in the individual bottle, in the champagne method. On the palate it is very rich and fruity but dry on the finish. The mousse is explosive, with a very creamy palate impression. It shows just a hint of the earthiness of a pinot noir from Burgundy. This is charming dry rosé, subtle and delightful.

The second wine is one of those amazing deals that come along from time to time, allowing those of us in love with Meursault to have an everyday drink we can afford. Domaine Guy Bocard is a grower-producer in Meursault, known for his elegant style and love of terroir. He describes new oak as being like salt in great cuisine, essential, but as he puts it: “If you can taste the oak then I’ve used too much.” His **2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Guy Bocard (\$16.99)** is a mini-Meursault, from 35-year-old vines in the family vineyards below Meursault Limozin, Sous la Velle and Les Durots. This makes the wine rather a cross-section of the village and remarkably complex for a Bourgogne Blanc. Lovely and spicy, with classic Meursault flavors, this will become a favorite for everyday drinking, at least while it lasts. A Santé. —Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

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2000 Brunello di Montalcino Pre Arrival

2000 Poggiarellino	\$29.99
2000 Baricci	\$36.99
2000 Pian dell'Orino	\$39.99
2000 Sesta di Sopra	\$42.99
2000 Cupano.....	Inquire
2000 Valdicava	Inquire
2000 Villa le Prata.....	Inquire
2000 Casanuova delle Cerbaiae	Inquire
2000 Fuligni	Inquire
2000 Il Poggione.....	Inquire
2000 Capanna.....	Inquire
2000 La Gerla	Inquire
2000 Piancornello.....	Inquire
2000 Collosorbo	Inquire
2000 Donatella Cinelli Colombini.....	Inquire
2000 Argiano	Inquire
2000 Camigliano	Inquire
2000 Lisini	Inquire

Tuscany

2004 Maritima Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"	\$7.49
2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano	\$9.99
2003 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano.....	\$11.95
2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti Classico.....	\$14.99
2001 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico	\$16.99
2001 Carobbio Chianti Classico-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.....	\$16.99

2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Terre di Tufi.....	\$15.99
2001 Felsina Chianti Classico-Best in a decade!	\$17.99
2000 Il Molino di Grace Chianti Classico	\$20.99
2001 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano	\$20.99
1999 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva-90 points Parker	\$20.99
2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano	\$21.99
Truly wonderful Vino Nobile and drinking perfectly now! Spectacular vintage.	
2001 Fonterutoli Chianti Classico.....	\$23.99
1999 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia"	\$26.99
2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti "Torre a Destra"	\$28.99
Superb Chianti, great drinkability. 94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	
2000 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano "Asinone"	\$27.99
91 points Robert Parker.	
1995 Felsina Vin Santo (.500ml)	\$29.99
2000 Castello della Paneretta Terrine	\$30.95
1999 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Ris "Coltassala"	\$33.99
1999 Felsina "Fontalloro"-100% sangiovese	\$36.99
1999 Il Molino di Grace Chianti Classico Ris "Margone"	\$39.99
2001 Castello della Paneretta "Quattrocentenario"	\$47.99
2001 Tenuta Belguardo "Maremma"-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$53.99

Montalcino

1999 La Mannella Brunello	\$38.99
1999 Verbena Brunello-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99
Big, ripe, fruit, balanced, drinkable and really good!	
1999 Donatella Cinelli Colombini Brunello.....	\$39.99
1999 Piancornello Brunello-3 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$42.99
1999 Donatella Cinelli Colombini "Prime Donne"-94 pts <i>WS</i> ..	\$49.99

Piedmont

2003 Marengo Moscato d'Asti	\$11.99
2003 Cascina Val de Prete Barbera d'Alba Serra de Gatti	\$15.99

La Pergola Spostata

Certain wines demand their uniqueness or inherent quality be identified and described. Generally in my articles I'm more thematic. I provide broad, regional strokes with my descriptive brush or in depth winery profiles. This month we're going to switch gears, I'm just going to give you a list of the wines that are thrilling me. I'm sure you'll find them as thrilling as I do!

Unique. The 1999 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Grandi Annate (\$49.99) is clearly unique. If you have had Vino Nobile di Montepulciano before you'll have no idea what this wine is like. If you are a lover of powerful, ripe fruit flavors this wine is for you. My first recollection of this wine reminded me of opening a jar of extraordinarily good European jam, not a single fruit but a fusion of sweet ripeness, a complex savory character that I think is unparalleled in Italian wine making. Although the wine seems by description to be more of a Napa Valley fruit bomb, I was truly surprised to find that after seven hours of being open it had an underlying balance, structure and central focus that I would not have thought possible on first taste and smell. This wine has the potential to age but is currently wildly drinkable and incredibly sensual.

The 2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti Classico Riserva "Torre a Destra" (\$26.99) is a Chianti for everyone. I appreciate Chianti for its sangiovese linearity, the verve, brightness, food-pairing ability and finish. Yet so many people I talk to are looking for a wine to

drink more as a cocktail and are less concerned about its food pairing ability. This wine has everything: It is openly decadent, lush, dense and full, with a sweet, satiny feel on the palate that is extraordinarily seductive. I don't like obvious wood character without underlying support but this wine wears its French oak component like a delicate silk blouse, giving everything yet hiding nothing. The classic structure, however, gives the wine freshness, balance and a long finish that allows it to be a wonderful match for food.

If I were to think of white wines that excite me the 2003 Bucci Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi (\$17.99) is one of the first to come to mind. The verdicchio grape is not well known, however when grown and vinified with great care it can produce exceptional results. From in the Marche region of Italy, which faces the Adriatic, this wine is the fruit of an exceptionally hot year. My general reaction to exceptionally hot year white wine is one of...well...ugh... simple, flabby, alcoholic with no balance. This wine is breathtaking, no overpowering varietal character like you'd get in gewürztraminer or sauvignon blanc. In fact, you need to take time to absorb the flavor spectrum. The wine's power and intrigue comes from the richness on the palate. It is obvious, yet the dynamic, mineral-laden center gives such incredible balance, the opulence seems an afterthought. This will match extraordinarily well with grilled fish and will age very well for another 3-5 years. —Greg St. Clair

ITALIAN WINES

Super rich 2003 vintage! Mario Roagna's new vineyard source is fabulous!

- 2003 Cascina Val de Prete Arneis "Luet"\$15.99
 2003 Monchiero Carbone Arneis "Recit"-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$15.99
 This is so good it doesn't seem possible to be Arneis!
 2002 Produttori del Barbaresco Nebbiolo delle Langhe\$16.99
 2001 Cascina Castle't Barbera d'Asti Superiore "Passum"\$24.99
 Stunning Barbera from dried grapes, incredible richness and great drinking!
 2001 Cascina Val de Prete Barbera d'Alba "Carolina"\$29.99
 One of our favorite barrique-aged Barbera. Supple, ripe and showing great concentration.

Barolo/Barbaresco

- 2000 Massolino Barolo-92 points *Wine Spectator*\$35.99
 2000 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-92 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$43.99
 1993 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-(Yes, 1993!)\$47.99
 Complex, balanced, drinkable Barolo at an excellent price. What a concept!
 1998 Famiglia Anselma Barolo\$47.99
 2000 Elio Grasso Barolo Ginestra "Casa Mate"\$53.99
 1995 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$53.99
 1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$55.99
 1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$59.99

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

- 2003 Blason Pinot Grigio-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$8.99
 No better Pinot Grigio in this price range than the 2003 Blason, full, richly textured and full of flavor.
 2003 Blason Merlot\$8.99
 Blason's Merlot is chocolaty, ripe, super drinkable with considerable depth for a wine of this price range.
 1999 Rotari Brut Riserva "Metodo Classico"\$9.99
 2002 Blason Chardonnay.....\$9.99
 This Chardonnay is partially barrel-fermented and the tank portion is all "sur lie." A wonderful blend, balanced and drinkable, not woody but with some vanillin intrigue, and mineral finish. Closer to Mâcon than California.
 2003 H. Lun Schiava-It's sensational!\$13.99
 2003 Ermacora Tocai Friulano-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$13.99
 Rich, balanced, with delicate acidity and scintillating aromas of bitter almonds, apple and ripe pear highlighted by hints of tarragon. No oak.
 2003 H. Hun Lagrein Kretzer (Rosé)\$13.99
 Anytime is good for rosé, and Lagrein makes it the best!
 2000 Convento Muri-Gries Lagrein Scuro-1 Glass *Gamb Rosso* ..\$13.99
 2003 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$14.99
 This is Pinot Grigio worth looking for, powerful, complex and still easy drinking.
 2001 Blason "Venc" Chardonnay/Pinot Bianco\$14.99
 50% pinot bianco, 20% chardonnay both tank fermented and aged "sur lie," and 30% barrel-fermented chardonnay. The nose is fascinating, alternating between flower and fruit with hints of hazelnut and vanilla.
 2003 Ermacora Pinot Bianco-2 Red Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99
 Why drink Pinot Grigio when you can drink Friuli's best white: Pinot Bianco?
 2003 Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos"-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$17.99
 You won't believe the quality, power and body of this un-oaked masterpiece!
 2003 Valle Isarco Veltliner "Aristos"-3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$17.99
 2003 Cantina Terlan Pinot Grigio dell Alto Adige\$19.99
 2003 Niedrist Terlaner Sauvignon.....\$26.99
 2001 H. Lun "Albertus" Lagrein Riserva.....\$29.99
 2002 Tenuta Waldgries Lagrein Riserva\$32.99
 2002 Tenuta Waldgries Cabernet "Laurenz"\$32.99
 2000 Muri-Gries Lagrein "Abtei Riserva"-3 Glasses *Gamb Rosso* ..\$34.99
 2002 Niedrist Blauburgunder (Pinot Noir)\$34.99
 2001 Tenuta Waldgries Lagrein "Mirell"\$54.99

Sicily and Sardegna

- 2002 Arancio Grillo Bianco\$5.99
 2001 Arancio Nero d'Avola\$5.99
 2002 Arancio Syrah\$5.99
 2003 Colosi Bianco\$7.99
 2002 Colosi Rosso\$7.99
 2003 Cusumano Nero d'Avola\$8.99
 2003 Mancini Vermentino di Gallura\$11.99
 2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d' Avola.....\$12.99
 2003 Cantina di Gallura Vermentino di Gallura "Canayli"\$15.99
 2001 Valle dell'Acate Cerasuolo di Vittoria\$18.99
 2003 Palari "Rosso Soprano"\$24.99
 1999 COS Nero d'Avola Contrade "Labirinto"-Stunning!\$54.99

Lombardia, Umbria, Veneto and Other

- NV Ca' de Medici "Terra Calda"-Staff favorite!\$9.99
 2002 Marramiero "Dama" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo\$9.99
 2002 Cataldi Madonna Montepulciano d'Abruzzo\$13.95
 NV Col Sandago Prosecco Extra Dry Valdobbiadene\$13.99
 Excellent quality! Clean, bright, crisp, it should be on your table tonight!
 2000 D'Angelo Aglianico del Vulture\$14.99
 1999 Corteforte Valpolicella Superiore, Ripasso\$18.99
 2000 Luigi Righetti Amarone\$19.99
 2000 Scacciadiavoli Sagrantino di Montefalco-91 points Parker..\$34.99
 1999 Bruno Coati Amarone\$29.99
 2001 Antinori "Cervaro"\$37.95
 2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "M. Danieli"-2 Glasses *G Rosso*....\$39.99

Whites for July

2003 Bucci Verdicchio Classico dei Castelli di Jesi (\$17.95) This wine received 2 Glasses in the 2005 *Gambero Rosso*. A very elegant Verdicchio, with a nose brimming with luscious fruit and floral fragrances that spill over into the palate, which is dry with apricot and crisp green apple, earthy and mineral-driven. This will work well with sushi, seafood antipasti or just a porch and a good friend.

2004 Cascina Val de Prete Arneis "Luet" (\$15.99) This single-vineyard wine is made from Arneis, THE white grape from Piemonte that has really taken off. Its perfume is exotic, full of lychee nuts, lime and spice. The lush body amplifies the aromatics in the nose and comes together in a nice finish. A great aperitif wine and very enjoyable with most fish dishes.

Some estates have made Italian wine history. There aren't many of them, and they are often linked with the evolution or rediscovery of wines that, for some reason, have fallen into oblivion. Mastroberardino is one of the best-known examples. The 2003 Mastroberardino Fiano d'Avellino "Radici" (\$19.99) got 2 Full Glasses from the *Gambero Rosso* and 89 points from the *Wine Spectator*. A multitude of aromas, including pear, pineapple, toasted nut and honey. Excellent acidity, full-bodied with toasted hazelnuts and a bitter almond in the background with a long finish. Think aperitif with toasted nuts and dry cheeses, but this one also marries well with seafood.

The 2003 Mastroberardino Greco di Tufo "Nova Serra" (\$19.99) shows a very intense straw color. With a bouquet of apricot, pear, peach and a hint of lemon rind. It is forward and soft on the palate with fruit bursting out at every opportunity. Perfect for cocktail drinking now or for any vegetable-based dishes, raw seafood, sautéed clams and mussels. Salute!

—Mike Parres

DOMESTIC SPIRITS

Happy Birthday America! In celebration of the Fourth of July we are highlighting all the wonderful spirits made locally in the San Francisco Bay Area and in the Good Old U.S. of A.! —Susan Purnell

Bourbon/Rye

A. H. Hirsch 16-year Bourbon	\$79.99
Black Maple Hill, 14-year-old, Single Barrel Bourbon	\$48.99
Black Maple Hill, 16-year-old, Single Barrel Bourbon	\$61.99
Black Maple Hill, 18-year-old, Single Barrel Rye	\$69.99
Blanton's Bourbon	\$46.99
Bulleit Bourbon Frontier Whiskey	\$19.99
Elijah Craig 12-year-old Bourbon	\$17.99
Elijah Craig 18-year-old Bourbon	\$35.99
Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Bourbon	\$19.99
Evan Williams Single Barrel Bourbon	\$24.99
George Dickel Tennessee Whiskey #12, 90 Proof	\$17.99
Knob Creek Bourbon	\$24.99
Michter's US #1 Small Batch Bourbon	\$29.99
Michter's 10 Year Single Barrel Straight Bourbon	\$54.99
Michter's USA #1 Single Barrel Straight Rye	\$29.99
Michter's 10 Year Single Barrel Straight Rye	\$54.99
Old Forester Birthday Bourbon Fall 1995	\$36.99
Old Potrero Single Malt Straight Rye Whiskey	\$56.99
Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 15 year Bourbon	\$42.99
Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 20 year Bourbon	\$78.99
W. L. Weller 12-year-old Bourbon	\$16.99
Wild Turkey 10-year-old Russell Reserve Bourbon	\$26.99

Brandy

Osocalis Alambic Brandy	\$36.99
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Looking for something new and exciting! We have the pleasure of being the first store to carry Osocalis Alambic Brandy. Made locally in the Santa Cruz Mountains, this is a truly artisan brandy made with mostly colombar, pinot noir and other grape varieties.

Gin

Sarticious Gin	\$28.99
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We are so happy to have the Sarticious Gin back! It is now produced in Santa Cruz, and there will be articles regarding this lovely gin in Celebrator magazine and American Distiller. There is nothing better than local, hand-crafted spirits! To the people who make Sarticious Gin the name means passion and creativity. A commitment to the artful blend of the best juniper berries, organic orange and cilantro, and other fresh botanicals. It means small batches created with pride in a handmade Jacob Carl copper pot still. A very personal gin, one that we love to drink, love to share. To the people who enjoy Sarticious Gin, it means a different kind of passion. A passion for the gin's essence: complex, lively but not overpowering, all unfolding on the palate. Neat, shaken or chillin' over ice, Sarticious is sartorial, luscious!

Rum

Domaine Charbay Tropical Island Cane White	\$33.99
Domaine Charbay Tahitian Vanilla Bean	\$37.99

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Vermouth

Quady Vya Dry (375ml)	\$9.99
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This California vermouth has hints of lavender, sage orris and linden that furnish a note of coolness. Very high quality with excellent flavors.

Quady Vya Sweet (375ml)	\$9.99
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Imagine a warm tingling sensation and a spicy aroma. Cinnamon gives warmth while gentian, galangal and nutmeg add spice. Wines from orange muscat, colombar and valdepenas provide a fruity background.

Vodka

Blue Ice Idaho Potato	\$19.99
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Blue Ice Vodka is 100% potato vodka grown and distilled in Idaho, which produces a rich, mellow flavor with a hint of sweetness. Very fresh and clean with no glycerin. This also works well for those who have an allergic reaction to wheat-based vodka!

Domaine Charbay	\$25.99
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Domaine Charbay Blood Orange	\$19.99
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Domaine Charbay Key Lime	\$19.99
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Domaine Charbay Meyer Lemon	\$27.99
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Domaine Charbay Ruby Grapefruit	\$27.99
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Hangar One (220ml)	\$9.99
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Hangar One	\$30.99
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Hangar One "Buddha's Hand" Citron	\$33.99
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From St. George Spirits, these extraordinary vodkas are some of the finest we have ever seen produced. The "Buddha's Hand" is made from a very old citrus fruit. It has such wonderful aromatics that in China it is hung to perfume dwellings. Lively, elegant with amazing lemon-like flavors

Hangar One Infused Fraser River Raspberry	\$33.99
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It is very difficult to make truly outstanding raspberry vodka. Well, the folks at Hangar One have succeeded. The raspberries that were used to infuse this vodka come from the Fraser River Valley in British Columbia. If you have never tasted a raspberry from British Columbia, you have missed a treat. Try this, and give yourself a taste of the Pacific Northwest. It has delightful very fresh and intense aromatics that make you dream of summer and think of Cosmos!

Hangar One Kaffir Lime	\$33.99
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Hangar One Mandarin Blossom (220ml)	\$9.99
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Hangar One Mandarin Blossom	\$33.99
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Includes the flowers of the mandarin blossom, which brings across the delicate tangerine aromas perfectly. Imagine the care that must be taken with so fragile an ingredient! Elegant orange flavors with hints of sandalwood and spices.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 27

Whisky Dinner at Chantilly Restaurant in Redwood City, with Anthony Burnet and Ardbeg and Glenmorangie Single Malts.

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Educational Series on Independent Bottling

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Late October, join Lorne Mackillop and learn everything there is to know about the **Mackillop's Choice Single Malts** and some new and exciting happening at Glencadam and Tomintoul!

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	per glass
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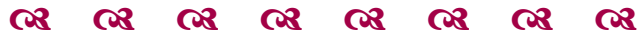
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I often hear from members of our Wine Clubs who are surprised that we offer certain wines at such low prices. Many of the wines we send out each month are well known and can be found in fine wine shops across the country. Sometimes the prices at your local wine shop can be three times or more what a Wine Club member pays. We are able to offer these gems for a number of reasons. It is ultimately the quality, however, that determines whether or not a wine becomes a monthly selection. We have many talented and specialized palates among our tremendous staff, and we use their abilities to help choose the winners. The employees at K&L can be quite vocal when a wine displeases them, and all comments are welcome. Those few wines chosen have certainly met the test.

We also often include some of our direct imports. With the Euro high, import prices continue to rise. Each year, we send our buyers to the country and region of their specialty, and they come back with wonderful wines that we directly import, resulting in huge savings. We are able to offer these wines at tremendous savings. As with our domestic purchases, the quality of the wine is of paramount importance.

Wine Club members are now able to take advantage of numerous special offers and Wine Club re-orders directly through our website. The benefits of being a Club member have dramatically increased, and we invite you to join one (or more) of our Clubs and see why we have so many happy, and oftentimes surprised, members. Cheers!

—Dave Rosenzweig

Prices are according to the *Wine Spectator* website listings as of 12/04.

SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

This is a Club for the connoisseur and the passionate wine lover. Two magnificent bottles of red will arrive each month. Though drinkable now, they would benefit from cellaring. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$30 and \$50 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$49.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$23.95 per bottle. Previous Signature selections (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices): 2000 Pine Ridge "Stags Leap" Cabernet (\$70), 2000 Signorello Cabernet (\$48) and 2002 Torbreck "The Steading."

PREMIUM WINE CLUB

This Club features a tremendous selection of wines from around the world. These wines show complexity and true varietal character. See below for two of our past selections. Usually, but not always, we include a white and a red. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$18 and \$30 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$29.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$13.99 per bottle. Previous Premium selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices) 2000 Frazier "Lupine Hill" Cabernet (\$45) and 2002 Torbreck "Juveniles" (\$29).

BEST BUY WINE CLUB

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