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Dear Wine Club members,

This month, for the first time in our history, we are “cost-averaging” the two wines for the Signature Red Collection. One of the wines will cost \$28.95 for the re-order and the other wine will cost \$19.95. We have always kept the reorder prices on both wines equal as we have very specific price parameters and usually end up paying roughly the same price for both wines. This month, we are sending out the 2002 Lancaster Estate Red, a wine that sells for \$65 a bottle through the winery. We have previously sent out vintages of this wine and not had to charge more for the re-order, but they raised their price and we thought the wine was too good to pass up.

The other Signature Red wine is a 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape that we imported directly. Robert Parker awarded 92 points to this wonderful example of Châteauneuf from a very ripe vintage. We knew that if we were going to charge more for one wine, we had to make sure that the companion for that month was a stellar wine in its own right and I believe we succeeded magnificently. I encourage even non-Signature members to try a bottle of this wine. We bought a lot of it, so there should be enough for all of our club members.

As I mentioned last month, the landed cost for imported wines, particularly from countries using the Euro, has been rising. Although, as one of our members rightly pointed out, there are still excellent values available, our strict parameters exclude many wines. We not only want to provide outstanding wine, but we do our best to ensure that we have the lowest price in the entire country on any wine that we sent out to a wine club. This aspect prevents us from making a deal on many wines that are otherwise good value. To make it into the wine club, it has to be great value, not just good.

This month, our Premium Club offers two wonderful wines from Grant Burge in Australia, and our Best Buy Club offers two Rhône-style wines from California, one of which lists for \$30 through the winery!

“Within the bottle’s depths, the wine’s soul sang one night.”

—Charles Baudelaire

Cheers,

Dave Rosenzweig
Wine Club Director

I have an important note about an increase in shipping costs: Beginning in August, the shipping rates will increase. I don’t have the exact increases as this newsletter goes to print, but I believe they will be no more than one dollar per monthly shipment.

Signature Red Wine Club

The Signature Red Wine Club offerings for this month include one of Alexander Valley's finest Cabernets and a brilliant Châteauneuf with big Parker points!

2003 Chante Cigale Châteauneuf-du-Pape

This fantastic wine is available for only \$19.95 on re-order.

Domaine Chante Cigale, with 102 acres of land located between Orange and Avignon within the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, has been owned and operated by the Sabon Favier family for several generations. The wines produced by this Domaine are classic, well made, and reasonably priced. Recently Christian Favier passed the reins to his son, Alexandre, who is fast becoming a rising star of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Still in his early twenties, he has already been lauded by notable journalists Steve Danzier in the US and Jancis Robinson in the UK.

The soils of the vineyard are made up of clay and chalk covered with a layer of the classic large pebbles (*galets*) found in this area, which naturally keep yields low. The vines are over 45 years old and situated near the plateau de Carbières, close to Château Montredon. Harvesting is by hand, with selective sorting of the grapes. The grapes undergo a traditional long *cuvaison* (the maceration of the grape skins during fermentation of red wine in order to transfer aroma, color, and tannin to the wine) at a high temperature and with extended maceration on the skins. This is followed by aging for 14 to 18 months in *foudre* (large oak barrels), with 10% in new barrels and 30% in concrete vats.

A number of our staff members visited this winery and each came away much impressed.

Here are Robert Parker's notes: "The 2003 Châteauneuf -du-Pape shows superb quality with a big, sweet nose of tapenade, ground pepper, kirsch, blackberry, and licorice. The wine has great fruit, full body, tremendous density, and a layered, full-bodied palate with even a hint of truffle emerging. This wine should drink well for up to a decade." 92 points. (02/06)

Try with traditional lamb or lentil-and-vegetable moussaka, and any rich hot-pot that heavily features herbes de Provence or similar aromatic herbs.



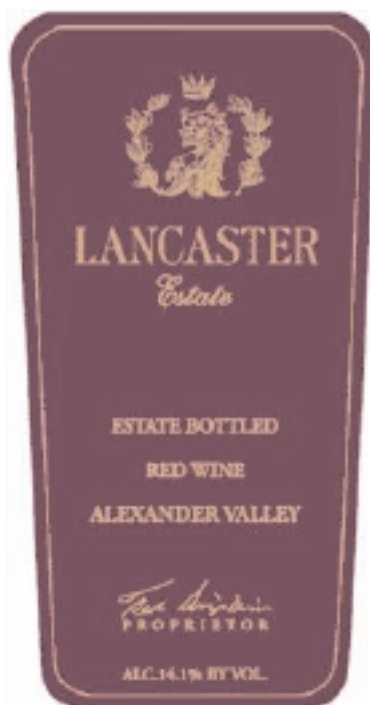
2002 Lancaster Estate Red, Alexander Valley

This brilliant wine is available for \$28.95 on re-order.

Located at the southern tip of the Alexander Valley, Lancaster Estate rests in the foothills of the western Mayacamas Mountains at the confluence of the Chalk Hill and Knights Valley appellations. It was founded in 1994 by Ted Simpkins, who had a vision of a classic, Bordeaux-style wine estate: a small, family winery that would produce one wine created from estate vineyards planted and sustained in harmony with the land. Growing grapes of five related varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec & Petite Verdot), Lancaster Estate has the flexibility to vary the blend in each vintage and produce the best possible wine. "There is no room in my life for complacency," says Ted. "Every day you have the chance to be a better person, a better manager or, if you're truly blessed, to make better wine. Today, we make beautiful wine. As we grow and learn more about the land, we'll improve the way we do things, and the wine will become even more beautiful."

Jennifer Higgins completed her biochemistry studies at UC Davis in 1992, and then lived in Italy for two years gaining restaurant and wine-sales experience. She has been a part of the winemaking team at Lancaster since 1999, ascending to the position of winemaker in June 2004. She oversees all winemaking and vineyard activities at the estate. "My winemaking philosophy reflects evolution," says Jennifer. "Every decision I make, every day, is made to ensure the highest standard of quality. By continually raising the bar, extracting the maximum character from the vineyard, I am able to craft a wine which best reflects this estate."

The 2002 Lancaster is a blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 2% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot. The fruit was sorted by hand, pressed, fermented, and aged in Lancaster's caves for 22 months in tight-grained French oak barrels and then aged an additional 14 months in bottle. Aromas of black cherries, lavender, and vanilla bean lead the way to layers of black fruit, lush textures, and a long, polished finish. This is a wonderful example of Alexander Valley Cabernet at its finest. Drink now after giving it about an hour's aeration or hold for eight to ten years.



Signature Red Club, July 2006 wine re-orders

For the month of July, 2006, these selections are available to Signature Red Club members only. Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Chante Cigale Châteauneuf-du-Pape @ \$19.95 per bottle

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Lancaster Estate Red, Alexander Valley @ \$28.95 per bottle

Premium Wine Club

For the Premium Wine Club we have two wines from the brilliant Grant Burge. We imported these directly from Australia.

Grant Burge Wines

Established in 1988, Grant Burge Wines has grown to become one of the top ten privately owned wine companies in Australia. Grant Burge is a fifth-generation winemaker absolutely committed to the Barossa Valley. He strongly believes that fine wines are born in the vineyard and that vineyards are the cradle of wine quality. Grant began his career as a cellar hand at Glenloth winery in McLaren Vale and his first winemaking job was at Southern Vales Winery in the same region. His first business coup was to develop the Barossa winery, Krondorf, in partnership with Ian Wilson. That process established Grant's winemaking reputation, but he then made the harder jump to become an independent force.

The Grant Burge Wines offering is based around individual vineyard selections from the finest vineyards in the Barossa. Each of his Barossa vineyards having different climates, soils and characters, Grant matches them with suitable grape varieties, ensuring harvests of the best quality fruit. His most recent vineyard addition is Corryton Park in the cooler climate of the Eden Valley. Grant Burge has been awarded every major trophy and medal in Australia (including the Jimmy Watson, Stodart, Brisbane Club and Montgomery trophies) and the Cellar Door overlooking the banks of the picturesque Jacobs Creek was awarded Vogue Entertaining Winery of the Year.

Prices vary from \$10 for the Barossa Vines range to \$100 for Meshach Shiraz, the company's flagship wine. Named for Grant's great-grandfather who ignited the family's passion for winemaking, Meshach is considered a worthy contender for the title of "Australia's best wine." All of Grant Burge Wines' reds are produced at the Illaparra Winery, which Grant purchased in 1993; white wines are vinified at his Barossa Vines Winery purchased in 1999.



Grant and Helen Burge.

2004 Grant Burge Barossa Miamba Shiraz

The fruit for this wine is grown mainly in Miamba vineyard, which is situated next to Filsell vineyard at the southern end of the Barossa, near Lyndoch. Growing conditions were excellent, allowing the varietal characters to fully develop and produce grapes of intense concentration and flavor. After crushing and destemming, the fruit was fermented in stainless-steel tanks for seven days, with temperatures peaking at 28°C early in the fermentation, then brought down to 22°C, and pumped over three times a day. The wine was partly barrel fermented using 50% new American oak, with the remainder matured for 18 months in one- and two-year-old American hogshead barrels. This wine is deep crimson and red, with rich, dark berries, cherry liquor and smoky oak on the nose. The dense fruit flavors carry through to the palate, combining with vanilla oak. Soft, balanced tannins and good acidity provide great length, with a lingering flavor of subtle licorice. Drink now with some aeration, or hold for up to ten years. Great choice with game meats.



Cameron Vale Vineyard, one of the Grant Burge estates.

2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve

This lovely white wine is exclusive to K & L.

The Eden Valley is a cool-climate region nestled between 400 and 600 meters in the Barossa Range, part of the Mount Lofty Range. It is actually not a valley but takes its name from the township of Eden Valley. The region has one sub-region, High Eden in the south. The main towns are Moculta, Keyneton, Eden Valley and Springton. It is rough, rocky country that belies its ability to produce wines of great delicacy and finesse.

This is 100% Pinot Gris, virtually all of it coming from Eden Valley; 0.3% comes from the Barossa Valley. The grapes were hand-harvested and then fermented on the lees in stainless steel tanks. A small percentage was aged in three-year-old barrels and then added to the final blend to add a bit of complexity. Although this wine sees barely any oak, it is surprisingly rich and creamy with flavors of pear and citrus that are framed by good acidity. This is lovely to drink by itself, but pairs beautifully with pasta with a cream sauce, mushroom risotto, or grilled pork tenderloin. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

Premium Wine Club, July 2006 wine re-orders

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve @ \$13.99 per bottle

Best Buy Wine Club

This month's Best Buy Wine Club selections include a Syrah that lists for \$30 through the winery and a wonderful Rhône-style white from California.

2001 Ca'na Syrah, Contra Costa

This wine comes from a winery that I had not heard of before. Ca'na is owned by the Tamayo family. Here is a bit of its history, written by owners Jeff and Sara Tamayo:

Ca'na Wine began as a dream of ours. Having collected fine wines for many years we always thought one day we would own our own winery. When wine grapes began being planted all around us we did our research and decided now was the time. It is a decision we should have made years ago.

A famous person once wrote "find a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." Well, we finally found that job, and the love affair began.

We have been blessed with being associated with some talented people in the Napa Valley. One such individual has been Charles Hendricks. Charles as our head winemaker has been instrumental in helping us attain the quality we wished to achieve. Charles is also currently involved in creating other extraordinary wines for Viader, Regusi and others. He always told us that fine wine starts in the vineyard, so it has been our pleasure to do our part and grow the best grapes we possibly could.

We have been fortunate to have acquired some land in St Helena in the Napa Valley. To produce wines from two regions has been exciting and fun. The small vineyards in St Helena will also proudly bear our Ca'na name. Ca'na (pronounced "Cay-na") is a biblical name with historical significance. Ca'na was a name of a city where a Marriage Feast was held. History states that at this particular wedding they ran out of wine for their guest. One of the attendees was none other than Jesus, the son of God. Jesus performed his first miracle and turned six jars of water into wine. Being a perfect man, he was capable of only producing a perfect product. No doubt the great wine critics of today would have given it a perfect score!

We at Tamayo Family Vineyards enjoy and appreciate great wines and want to share that love with you. It's true we strive to make a wine for our enjoyment, but more importantly for yours.

This 100% Syrah is the flagship wine of Ca'na. The wine was aged for 19 months in a combination of 60% new American oak and 40% once-used American oak barrels.

This is a lovely Syrah, with dark berry and plum flavors. It's very well balanced between the fruit and the earth components. The wine is easy to drink on its own, but would also pair well with cassoulet and other richly flavored dishes. The winery sells this for \$30 a bottle, making this a ridiculously great value.



2004 Purisima Canyon Roussane/Viognier

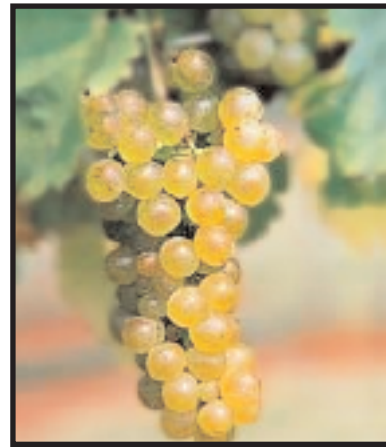
This wonderful white wine is bottled under one of our private labels and was blended from two distinct lots of Roussane and Viognier, each coming from different wineries. This wine is easily better as a whole than the sum of its parts.

This California wine is typical of the white wines produced in the Southern Rhône Valley. With the exception of the wines from Condrieu and Château-Grillet, virtually all Rhône Valley whites are made from blends. Although many of the white wines are blends of Roussane and Marsanne, Viognier is increasingly either being added to the blend or blended alone with Roussane.

Viognier (shown at right, above) is a poor-yielding grape that is quite difficult to grow, being susceptible to a whole range of pests and diseases. It's crucial to pick this grape at optimum ripeness. If it is harvested too early and under-ripe the resulting wine can be thin, dilute and unbalanced, while if it's picked too late the wine will lack the grape's distinctive peach and honeysuckle aroma. Viognier has been on the charge in the Southern Rhône and the Languedoc throughout the 1990s and is now a key component of many white Côtes du Rhône wines.

Roussane (shown at right, below) is one of the Rhône Valley's most important white grape varieties. It too is a particularly difficult grape to cultivate; it produces very small yields and is highly susceptible to rot. It is also difficult to ripen, and seemingly prone to oxidation at every opportunity. Roussane's name comes from its russet-colored skin and it produces richly aromatic wines, often with fruit characteristics of lime and blossom. It is grown less extensively in the southern Rhône although it is one of the permitted varieties in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. There are plantings of Roussane in the Languedoc and Rousillon; in the last decade the grape has also been cultivated with particular success in California, where it is produced both as a single varietal and as a component of Rhône-style blends.

This wine is a blend of 58.4% Roussane and 41.6% Viognier. The Roussane came from ten-year-old vines from a vineyard in Lodi. The wine was 100% tank fermented and was left *sur lie* for 6 months. (*Sur lie* means on the lees. This process adds richness and flavor.) The Viognier came from 20-year-old vines from a dry-farmed vineyard in Clarksburg and also was tank fermented. Neither grape was aged in oak barrels.



Best Buy Wine Club, July 2006 wine re-orders

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_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Ca'na Syrah, Contra Costa @ \$8.49 per bottle

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Purisima Canyon Roussane/Viognier @ \$8.49 per bottle

Re-order Form

As a member of a K&L Wine Club, you have the opportunity to order previous offerings of any of our clubs. The following pages contain the full "backlist" of each club. Please note the prices for each wine. The phone number to place orders is 800-247-5987. Dial extension 2740 for wine-club-related questions. The order desk is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We have a voice-mail system, and if we can't take your call immediately we will return it as soon as possible. In addition, you can e-mail us at theclubs@klwines.com.

Signature Red Club: Previous Offerings

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_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Leeuwin "Art Series" Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River @ \$23.95 per bottle
This 100% Cabernet has garnered some outstanding writeups from a variety of reviewers, including Stephen Tanzer, who awarded it 92 points, and Phillip White, who awarded it 95 points in his listing of Australia's top 100 wines. Lovely aromas of cassis, plums and a hint of earth lead to a lush palate that picks up some raspberry notes. The wine will benefit from decanting an hour or two in advance, and will hold for another six to eight years. Excellent with grilled Tri-Tip.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa @ \$23.95 per bottle
This blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, and 14% Cabernet Franc was aged for 23 months in various French oak barrels, 53% of which were new. Aromas of cassis, vanilla and cedar lead to a lush, inviting palate where black cherries come into play. The finish is long with velvety tannins. Drink now and over the next eight to ten years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Merryvale "Reserve" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa @ \$23.95 per bottle
The 2001 "Reserve" Cabernet is a blend of 91% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Merlot, aged for eighteen months in French oak barrels, 75% of which were new. The grapes come from a few different vineyards, including Merryvale Estate, Beckstoffer-Vineyard Georges III, and ToKalon. Lovely aromas and lush fruit are the first impressions. Cherry and cassis are the main flavors, balanced by a hint of mocha and earth. The wine will benefit from an hour of aeration and can be cellared for up to five to seven years. Try it with Prime Rib.

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Stella Maris Red, Washington @ \$23.95 per bottle
This is a lovely blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, and 5% Malbec. This wine in the style of right-bank Bordeaux is very well balanced, with notes of ripe plum, cherry and cassis, along with hints of vanilla, cloves and chocolate. The addition of Malbec gives this wine a lush mouthfeel and contributes to the generous finish. Drink now with an hour's aeration, or hold for eight to ten years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Ruston Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford @ \$23.95 per bottle
This is a classic Rutherford Cabernet, with its telltale "Rutherford dust" component that makes wines from this region so desirable. The wine is big and robust, but also silky smooth and balanced. Flavors of blackberries and boysenberries predominate, with hints of earth and dust on the finish. The complexity of the wine benefits from the addition of 10% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot and 3% Merlot. Drink now with an hour or two of aeration, or hold for eight to ten years.

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

This wine consists of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged 18 months in French oak barrels. Blended after aging from their vineyards in Oakville and Calistoga with a small amount of fruit from Rutherford, the wine shows aromas of currants, vanilla and spice with a palate that adds cherries and plums with a hint of chocolate on the lush finish. Drink now and over the next five to seven years. Serve with roast leg of lamb.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Gigondas “Cuvée Ventabren” Moulin de la Gardette @ \$23.95 per bottle

This cuvée is 70% Grenache from very old vines, 20% Syrah and 10% Cinsault, with the latter two fermented together. This is a wine that ages gracefully, showing fruit and spice in youth and developing more character and complexity with age as the oak recedes. The wine has notes of minerals, black cherries, raspberries and spice. This is a medium- to full-bodied wine, with an elegant richness. Drink now with some aeration for its youthful fruit and spice, or hold for five to seven years and let the wine develop additional complexity. Try with hearty stews.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Roth Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley @ \$23.95 per bottle

BACK IN STOCK This small-production, single-vineyard wine is a blend of 76% Cabernet and 24% Merlot. The wine has been aged for 21 months in French oak barrels, 50% of which were new. Aromas of black cherry, chocolate and spice lead to a palate that is at once restrained and deep. This is a Bordeaux-style wine that matches beautifully with a grilled rib eye. Aerate this wine for one to two hours for drinking now. You can hold it for eight to ten years.

Premium Wine Club: Previous Offerings

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_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Pura Vida Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle

This is a very lush wine in which the fruit sings on the palate. The judicious use of oak makes this an ideal Cabernet for spring and summer drinking. It's not heavy handed, but smooth and comforting on the palate. Drink now and over the next three to five years. Great with grilled hamburgers.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Tin Pony Chardonnay, Green Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle

This 100% Chardonnay is barrel fermented with 30% undergoing malolactic fermentation. It is rich in flavor and creamy on the palate. Flavors include pears and apples and a hint of honey. Great choice with Dungeness Crab. Drink now and over the next two to four years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Kirkham Peak Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle

Sourced from Stuhlmuller vineyard near Healdsburg along the Russian River, this 2003 is rich and extroverted, showing powerful aromatics of cassis, blackberries and dark chocolate. Lush and very full bodied on the palate, this balanced wine is complex, well-structured and extremely long in the warm, round, drawn-out finish. Drink now and over the next four to six years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Noël LePrince Pouilly-Fuissé @ \$13.99 per bottle

The 2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noël LePrince, is from the two most famous villages in the Mâcon, full of bright minerality and rich character. It shows the French oak barrels it was fermented in, but is not dominated by the oak. Balanced and elegant, clean and crisp, this is a delightful value. Only a special purchase direct from the grower in France makes your Club price possible.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Pellegrini Zinfandel, Russian River Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle

This Zinfandel was aged for nine months in a combination of French and American oak, one-third of which was new barrels. This wine shows classic Russian River Valley traits: deep, dark fruit aromas with flavors of blackberry and spice. The palate shows a smooth texture that is rich and inviting, with a full body, leading to a lingering finish. Drink now or over the next three to five years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Leeuwin “Siblings” Australia @ \$13.99 per bottle

This wine is a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, vinified with no oak interference. Here are Robert Parker's notes: “Their venture into Loire Valley-inspired Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, the 2004 Siblings, is a crisp, medium-

bodied, aromatic effort possessing terrific fruit intensity, wonderful definition, and loads of honeyed cantaloupe-like fruit. This cuvée has never seen a day of oak, and is all the better for it. Enjoy it over the next several years. (90 points.)” This makes a great match with most fish dishes.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Van Enoo Syrah, Santa Ynez Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle

This wine consists of 100% Syrah, aged for 22 months in French oak, 40% new barrels. This is rich, deep and full-flavored Syrah, with the typical notes of blackberries and pepper that mark Syrah. Drink now and over the next five to seven years. To guarantee the character and quality of every bottle, Van Enoo Vineyards has incorporated the use of the Stelvin (screwcap) closure, which prevents cork taint.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Weingut Pfaffl Gruner Veltliner, Austria @ **\$11.99 per bottle**

This is a lively Gruner Veltliner, with a typical peppery tone complemented by aromas of citrus fruits. It is very clear and stimulating, racy and slimly structured, yet has a pronounced mineral finish. Drink this now and over the next twelve years with light meals, roasted birds, simply prepared white fishes or trout; or for a real treat, with fresh asparagus or other vegetables. This really will match an incredible variety of food.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Weingut Spreitzer Oestricher Doosberg Spätlese @ **\$11.99 per bottle**

The 2004 Weingut Spreitzer Oestricher Doosberg Spätlese is spicy and juicy, full of violet and iris aromas, very clean and polished with a tangy and, yes, snappy mouthfeel. The firmness is there, albeit in the background; it just helps to sharpen the flavors and add length to this most charming of wines. You can drink this wine now and over the next 20 years or so.

Best Buy Wine Club: Previous Offerings

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_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Handley Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley @ \$8.49 per bottle

Part of this award-winning, 100% Sauvignon Blanc was aged in French oak (only 10% new), and the rest was fermented in stainless-steel tanks. The barrel fermentation delivers a round texture to the wine, while the tank fermentation emphasizes the fruit and mineral qualities. Lovely aromas of melon and mango lead to a palate where grapefruit, lime and a hint of jasmine add to the mix. This is a wonderful wine to pair with food and works particularly well with a creamy risotto, and also with roast chicken. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Domaine Verquière Rasteau @ \$8.49 per bottle

This is a typical Côtes du Rhône blend of Grenache (70%) and Syrah (30%). Aromas of truffle and berry lead to a palate with more berry flavors and a hint of raspberry and spice. This is a deep, thoroughly enjoyable wine that is meant to be drunk now and over the next three to four years. This would be a great choice with beef stew and game meats. Also good with hard cheeses that are not too salty. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Jean-Luc Colombo “Les Abeilles” Côtes du Rhône @ \$8.49 per bottle

This is a blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 20% Mourvèdre from 25-year-old vines. The grapes are harvested manually, then de-stemmed, lightly crushed and fermented in stainless-steel tanks. The wine is aged 20% in new oak for nine months before bottling. This winemaking method allows for a fuller expression of the fruit, without domination by oak. This is a complex wine with berries, licorice, and spice, all framed by silky tannins.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Trocard Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux @ \$8.49 per bottle

This wine is only made in exceptional years, as the winery normally concentrates on its red wines. When the weather permits and the vintage is very strong, they make this wonderful, dry white wine. The wine consists of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon. It is crisp and racy, with rich fruit flavors of lemon and honey, with a nice minerality. Drink now and over the next two years. Great choice with grilled fish. Also good with roast chicken.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Red Diamond Shiraz, Washington @ \$8.49 per bottle

This wine consists of 97% Shiraz and 3% Viognier, aged for twelve months in a combination of French and American oak. A wonderful nose of raspberries leads to a palate of more berries with a hint of pepper and chocolate. The finish is juicy and long and will leave you wanting another sip. This is a good everyday drinking wine, matching well with Pasta Pomodoro and pork. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Valdubon, Ribeira Del Douro @ \$8.49 per bottle

The 2004 Valdubon is made from 100% Tinto Fino, the local name for their clone of Tempranillo, and aged for a couple of months in a mix of new American and French oak. Smoky oak and vanilla aromas blend with ripe cherry and currant fruit. The ripe red fruit on the palate is balanced with acidity and a little kick of tannin on the finish. With all that fruit and charm, the Valdubon is easy to enjoy right away, but it also has plenty of depth to keep for a couple of years in the cellar.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Sebastiani Chardonnay, Sonoma @ \$8.49 per bottle

The grapes for this 100% Chardonnay were sourced from several sub-appellations of Sonoma County, principally from the Russian River Valley, Carneros, Sonoma Valley and Alexander Valley. The wine was aged for seven months in a combination of French, Hungarian, and American oak. I really like this style of Chardonnay, with only partial malolactic fermentation and a judicious use of oak. Aromas of apples and vanilla lead to a lovely palate with hints of tropical fruits added to the mix. This is a very food-friendly Chardonnay, but is particularly good with Dungeness crab or lobster. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Kalinda Mendocino Sauvignon Blanc @ \$8.49 per bottle

This 100% Sauvignon Blanc, made from Mendocino fruit by folks with Aussie roots, shows aromas of exotic citrus, fresh grapefruit and lime, which lead to a palate of ripe grapefruit and more lime framed by crisp acidity and a clean finish. Great choice with grilled rainbow trout and similar fish. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Jean Louis Denois Garrigues Blanc, Limoux @ \$8.49 per bottle

The 2004 Denois Garrigues Blanc is a complex blend of Grenache Blanc, Rolle (a.k.a. Vermentino), Muscat, Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay. These five cépages hail from several carefully selected parcels from the areas of the Gard, Herault, Roussillon and Limoux. The white grapes are carefully selected and then fermented in temperature-controlled tanks where they remain on the clean lees for two months to develop added richness and complexity. After two months in stainless steel, the wine is bottled with a light fining and filtration. The result is a pure and elegant wine that exhibits a vibrant freshness on the palate. Enjoy this wine now and over the next two years as a light apéritif, or with a nice grilled fish or salad.

cut of rare ahi tuna with tapenade.

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1999 Beringer “Private Reserve” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa \$59.99 per bottle (regularly \$79.99)

We purchased this wine directly from Beringer at a fabulous price for our wine club members. *The Wine Spectator* awarded 93 points to this wine with these notes: “Complex aromas of currant, herb, tobacco, olive and cedar lead to similar flavors in a rich, concentrated yet elegant presentation. Turns smooth and creamy, with vanilla, mocha and blackberry flavors peeking through on the finish. Best from 2005 through 2014.” (June 2003)

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This is a lively Gruner Veltliner, with a typical peppery tone complemented by aromas of citrus fruits. It is very clear and stimulating, racy and slimly structured, yet has a pronounced mineral finish. Drink this now and over the next twelve years with light meals, roasted birds, simply prepared white fishes or trout; or for a real treat, with fresh asparagus or other vegetables. This really will match an incredible variety of food.

2004 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Klosterlay Spätlese \$11.99 per bottle—Special pricing

The winemaker needs no introduction at this store since we have been heralding these wines since our first sip of '99 Drachenstein, but I like what Terry says about him: “Johannes Leitz has it all. He's a perfect expression of my holy trinity of value: soil, family, artisanality.” This wine is intensely fragrant, full of sweet herbs, lavender and grapefruit peel, high-toned and vibrant on the palate, with a refreshing raciness and minerality that begs you to drink more. A very precise and balanced wine with clean flavors and a long spicy finish. You can drink this over the next 20 years or more. — Jeff Vierra, K&L German & Austrian wine buyer

2003 Ey Banyuls “Vigne d'en Traginer” \$24.99 per 375 ml bottle

2003 Ey Muscat de Rivesaltes “Vigne lo Clavell” \$13.99 per 375 ml bottle

These two dessert wines are spectacularly good. When we tasted them, we were blown away by the richness and brilliance of these dessert wines. As soon as these came in, a number of our staff members grabbed a bottle of each for their personal use. I can't recommend these highly enough! The newly created Ey brand encompasses only high quality Single Vineyard Wines selected from different Catalan winemakers from the Roussillon and is the result of a three-year study of the Roussillon wines, visiting and meeting almost 50 of the top wineries in the region.

2002 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe \$89.99 (Regularly \$99.99)

95-100 points from *The Wine Spectator*: “This is very exceptional. The team at Cos worked hard on the 2002, and it shows. Intense aromas of crushed berries, with wet earth and licorice. Full bodied, with super fine tannins and a long, subtle finish. This is impressive, firm and powerful.” (April 2003)