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Dear Wine Club Members,

School is out and summer vacation is in full swing. Please let us know if you would like for us to hold your wine or delay shipments to accommodate your vacation schedule. I will be taking my own vacation from mid-July through the beginning of August. During my absence, my colleague Nadia Dmytriw (nadiadmytriw@klwines.com) will be filling in for me and will be able to assist you in resolving any issues you might have.

This month, we are very happy to offer the 2003 Lancaster to the Signature Red Club. We received many requests for an encore presentation of Lancaster. We are pairing the new-world Lancaster with the old-world 1999 Coufran, a lovely cru bourgeois from Haut-Medoc. The 1999 vintage is showing well right now and we are glad to be able to offer a wine with a bit of bottle age at such a reasonable price.

Our Premium Club pairs a South African Cabernet Sauvignon with a Napa Valley Chardonnay. The 2001 Etienne Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon is decidedly old-world influenced. The wine is restrained and elegant with a nice core of cassis fruit framed by earthy notes. The 2006 Flora Springs Chardonnay is a wonderfully refreshing wine from one of our favorite Napa Valley producers.

The Best Buy Club has two wines that we were very glad to get. The Watershed Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon is a great summer wine. It is light and crisp with citrus and tropical fruit notes. The red is the 2001 Gianni Paoletti Merlot from the Napa Valley. It has wonderfully expressive dark Merlot fruit framed by firm structure. This wine is no wimpy Merlot; it has character to spare. This wine's original retail price would make it a contender for the Signature Red Club but we were able to get a really great deal on it and make it available in the Best Buy Club.

I hope you enjoy this month's selections!

Cheers,

Thornton Jacobs  
Wine Club Director  
K&L Wine Merchants

# Signature Red Wine Club

## 1999 Château Coufran, Haut-Médoc

Château Coufran is located at the northern end of the Haut-Médoc just north of Saint-Estèphe, overlooking the River Gironde to the east. The vineyard lies west of the D2 road near the village of Cadourne, on one of the finest hillsides in all of the Médoc. Château Coufran was classified as a Cru Bourgeois Supérieur in 2003. In the mid-18th century it was an estate of the family of the Comte de Verthamon, who was one of the best known of the great Médocain proprietors of the 18th and 19th centuries. The present château building, built in the late 18th century, is typical of that period. In 1868, Château Coufran was sold to the Celerier family, in whose hands it remained until 1924, when it was purchased by Louis Miaillhe, father of present proprietor Jean Miaillhe. The Miaillhe family is one of Bordeaux's oldest and most respected négociants, established since 1818 on the Place de Bordeaux, and one of Bordeaux's most prominent proprietors. Château Siran, the first of several estates the family would acquire, was purchased by Frédéric Miaillhe in 1891. Siran was followed by Coufran and then by Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse de Lalande, the proprietor of which, Mme. May de Lencquesaing, is Jean Miaillhe's cousin.

Louis Miaillhe's fellow Bordelais regarded his decision to purchase Château Coufran as lunacy. Being at the northern fringe of the Haut-Médoc and over 30 miles from the city of Bordeaux, Coufran was at that time considered nearly in the wilderness. But the vineyard location, overlooking the Gironde from one of the Médoc's finest gravelly ridges, was excellent. Louis Miaillhe made another decision that was revolutionary in the Médoc: he completely replanted Coufran's vineyards to Merlot in contravention to the dominance of Cabernet Sauvignon in the area. Time has vindicated his decisions.

Château Coufran is situated on 162 contiguous acres of dry, sandy, gravel ridges, the continuation of the gravel outcroppings of Saint-Julien and Saint-Estèphe. The soils are fairly typical for the left bank so close to the Gironde. A total of 75 hectares (190 acres) is under vine, planted at 8000 vines/ha, with the vines averaging forty years of age. Yields are typically 36 hl/ha. The breezes rising from the Gironde cool the vineyard and disperse the clouds, creating a superb climatic environment. Technical improvements to vinification equipment have helped to reinforce Coufran's reputation for reliable consistency.

Destemmed grapes are fermented in water-cooled, temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks at an initial temperature of 26°C (79°F), rising to 30°C (86°F) for the last third of the process. A post-fermentation maceration of 16 to 21 days is followed by pressing, with most of the press wines incorporated after malolactic fermentation is complete. Aging in oak barriques, of which one-fourth to one-third are new, lasts from 13 to 18 months depending on the vintage. An egg-white fining and light filtration precede bottling. The predominance of Merlot at Château Coufran, together with a "plummy" quality to the wine, has led some to refer to Coufran as the "Pomerol of the Médoc." Its exceptional charm lies in its approachability when young without sacrifice of longevity.

The 1999 Coufran has a deep color and earthy, aromatic black fruit on the nose. On the palate is a combination of initial red currant and raspberry flavors followed by sweet, plummy, dark-fruit notes set in a firm but ripe tannic structure. The wine is marked by a seductive, smoky, plummy richness. It's well-balanced with a nice elegant finish.

**The 1999 Coufran can be reordered for only \$19.99 per bottle.**



## **2003 Lancaster Cabernet Sauvignon**

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. Lancaster Estate was founded in 1994 by Ted Simpkins, a veteran of the California wine business and long-time friend of K&L. Ted 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. The property consists of 24 vineyard blocks, which are subdivided into 27 distinct sub-blocks. The vineyard is planted exclusively to the classic Bordeaux varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. Growing five varietals gives Lancaster Estate the flexibility to vary the blend in each vintage to produce the best possible wine. The wines are made by the dynamic young winemaker Jennifer Higgins, who completed her biochemistry studies at UC Davis in 1992 and then lived in Italy for two years. She has been a part of the winemaking team at Lancaster since 1999 and ascended to the position of winemaker in 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 2003 vintage was marked by a warm, long growing season that led to consistent concentration in varietal maturity. Overall, this vintage yielded high-quality fruit with dense tannins and firm acidity. The 2003 Lancaster Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is entirely estate-grown, -produced and -bottled. The harvest lasted from September 18 through October 29. The final blend was 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 3% Malbec, and 1% Petit Verdot. The wine was aged 22 months in French oak barrels, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered to retain purity of expression. The wine exhibits lush black cherry and plum, accented with cloves, anise, and violets. Soft, supportive tannins provide structure for the rich fruit, and layers of complexity carry over the long finish. This wine is very approachable now. Enjoy it with a range of summer fare.

**The 2003 Lancaster can be reordered for only \$28.99 per bottle.**



# Premium Wine Club

## 2001 Etienne Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa

Etienne le Riche lives and works in the Jonkershoek Valley just outside Stellenbosch, not far from the area's other monumental winemaker, Neil Ellis. Etienne's ancestors arrived in the Cape in 1698 from Thimaraais, a town in Normandy. A degree in Oenology and Viticulture from Stellenbosch University, two years in research and twenty productive years at Rustenberg gave Etienne an impressive record in the industry and the impetus needed to start up his own venture. Since 1997 Etienne has been producing superb wines from the exceptional fruit of the Jonkershoek valley at his historic homestead on the beautiful "Leef op Hoop" (Live with Hope) farm. Because Etienne does not have his own vineyards, the fact that he chooses the right grapes is of the utmost importance. It's probably the secret to his success. Not being limited to one vineyard or region, he has the luxury of finding the best viticulturists, the best grapes and the best soil.

He processes about 60 tons of grapes, of which 80% are Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot. The small size of the estate allows him to follow every step of the process personally. Etienne's commitment to specializing in Cabernet Sauvignon has reaped rich rewards, in the quality of the wines themselves and in the numerous awards he has gathered over the years. "Focus on one thing and do it to the best of your ability," is his motto. Despite the accolades, Le Riche remains unassuming. He explains away his success with three simple rules: stay involved, keep up to date, and only make changes when they are for the better.

The 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon uses 100% Stellenbosch fruit from the sub-regions Jonkershoek and Firgrove. The grapes were received at the back of the cellar, fully de-stemmed and immediately put into open, concrete vats to ferment. If necessary, Etienne can cover the tubs and even hermetically seal them, but he prefers to leave the wine to ferment in open tanks for about five days on the skins. Manual plunging for color extraction and regular pump-overs are applied. The wine is then pressed very gently and all the press wine is added to the free run for greater complexity. After secondary fermentation in tank, the wine is transferred to barrels for maturation in French oak barrels (mainly Nevers oak) for 18 to 24 months depending on the type of barrel. Every year 50% new barrels are bought. The barrels are medium toasted to temper the oak influence. The wine receives mild filtration only prior to bottling. Etienne bottles his wines using his own small, hand-operated machine.

The 2001 Etienne Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon displays good color and weight. On the nose, the wine presents a core of dark cassis fruit supported by an earthy, mushroomy nose. On the palate, the wine has plenty of spicy Cabernet fruit followed by a focused finish. This wine is enjoyable now and will continue to evolve over the next five to ten years.



*South Africa's Stellenbosch is one of the most captivating winegrowing regions in the world.*

## 2006 Flora Springs, Napa Valley Chardonnay

Flora Springs, named after the family matriarch, is a true family winery that epitomizes the rewards of hard work, dedication and teamwork. It all began over 20 years ago when Jerry and Flora Komes bought their first vineyard. Their retirement project became a lifetime passion for their son John Komes and daughter Julie Garvey, and their respective families. John quickly talked the family (including another brother, Mike Komes) into making wine. Julie worked side-by-side with John for the first two years they made the wines. Julie's husband Pat Garvey took over the vineyard side of things. In 1980, Ken Deis was hired as winemaker and he has been part of the family ever since.

The Komes family believes that great winemaking begins in the vineyard and only continues in the winery. True to this philosophy, the family has over 500 acres of vineyards in eight distinct locations in the Napa Valley, giving them the advantage of being able to guide the winemaking process from the ground up: selecting the site, the varietal, the planting method, and every detail that is vital to obtaining great fruit each year.

The Napa Valley is not very large, sometimes running as narrow as a mile and expanding to five miles wide and 35 miles long. Within that finite area it has tremendous diversity. Over the past twenty years, the Komes family has studied these differences and purchased its eight unique vineyards, which yield far more fruit than this winery can use itself. Given the quality of the vineyards, the fruit is in high demand and 70 percent of it is sold to other top wineries. Keeping only the best fruit for themselves enables the family to concentrate on making the best wine possible rather than just the most wine possible.

Winemaker Ken Deis is always looking for ways to improve the wines. First of all, he trusts his senses: the feel of the berry in his fingers, the flavor of the fruit, the fermentation smells, and then the taste of the wine as it evolves. But Ken also reaches for the edge, searching for a different yeast, a better pump-over technique, a gentler way to handle fruit. He and the Flora Springs production staff are always looking to new and better ways as they strive for the best expression of the vineyards in the wines. Ken must also understand the vineyard fruit source, so for more than two decades he has collaborated with Pat Garvey and the vineyard team as they farm and hand-pick the best fruit that the 650 acres of Flora Springs vineyards have to offer.

The 2006 Napa Valley Chardonnay contains fruit from the Cross Roads Ranch Vineyard, the P&J Vineyard and the Lavender Hill vineyard. The Crossroads Ranch vineyard is part of the renowned Oakville Appellation. Afternoon breezes and early morning fogs that course along Conn Creek conspire with distinct soils to make this a very unique vineyard that can produce both red and white wines of superior quality. The P&J Vineyard has been a prime source for the Barrel Fermented Chardonnay and Estate Chardonnay since the first vintage in 1978. Located adjacent to the Napa River, it benefits from the cool breezes and summer fogs that follow the river from the San Pablo Bay. Frequently, the fruit from this vineyard is the last white grapes picked which indicates a slower maturation and therefore results in a well-developed fruit character. The Lavender Hill Vineyard is located at the end of Bayview in the Carneros Appellation. It is a lush hill knoll, part of an alluvial fan that yields small, flavorful clusters. Carneros is an ideal place to grow Chardonnay because of its proximity to the San Pablo Bay and the almost constant breezes that blow off the bay.

The 2006 Flora Springs Napa Valley Chardonnay has a clean, gold-green hue and nice nose of spicy pear with a bit of tropical fruit. On the palate, the wine has good weight without being too heavy. The hint of toasted oak shows a deft hand. It has a nice acid core that keeps it refreshing and makes it an especially good dinner companion. Enjoy this as an apéritif with calamari before dinner or with any fish or shellfish main course.



*The Flora Springs Winery in the Napa Valley.*

**Premium Wine Club wines can be reordered for only \$13.99 per bottle.**

# Best Buy Wine Club

## 2001 Paoletti Merlot

Gianni Paoletti was born in Venice, Italy and learned to love great food from an early age. He still has vivid childhood memories of his mother's going to the Rialto Market every morning and buying fresh vegetables, meat and fish to cook for her family. After high school he went to work in a restaurant and soon realized his life's calling. He then went to England and worked at the famous L'Ecu de France. In 1963 he decided to come to America and eventually ended up in Hollywood, where he worked as a chef in some fine restaurants. In 1972 he opened his own restaurant. As the owner of Peppone in Brentwood, he has become a fixture in the Los Angeles restaurant world and very successful. His life-long love of great food and wine eventually led him to the Napa Valley, where he realized his dream of producing his own wines.

Paoletti Vineyards is located in the Calistoga district of the Napa Valley, an ideal location for making great reds. Gianni purchased the Silverado Trail Vineyard, where the winery is located, in 1989. The winery is situated between Sterling Vineyards to the west and Cuvaison Winery on the east with Clos Pegase Winery to the north. Gianni's goal was to produce the finest Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, so he replanted the vineyard to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sangiovese. Currently 36 acres of this vineyard are planted to vine. His desire to improve the quality and complexity of his wine led him to purchase a second vineyard in the Calistoga area that has been replanted to Merlot, and recently a third vineyard, which will be planted to the Bordeaux varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, Merlot and Malbec.



*The Paoletti Winery in Calistoga.*

The grapes for the 2001 Merlot come from the second vineyard on Tubbs Lane just north of the town of Calistoga, right across from Chateau Montelena. The fruit underwent a 12-day maceration and the wine was then matured for 25 months in 50% new French oak and 50% one-year-old cooperage. The final blend was 84% Merlot with an additional 16% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine was bottled on January 21, 2002. This wine has a dark, smoky, plummy nose and a deep, rich color. It has good extraction and medium body. The initial attack is full of deep, black-berry fruits ringed by firm tannins. The finish is fine and long. You may find some sediment in this wine as a result of the bottle aging. This is perfectly natural and simply indicates that the wine is mature. Enjoy this wine with a hearty grilled steak.

## 2006 Watershed Semillon / Sauvignon Blanc

The Margaret River wine region, in the southwest of Western Australia, is renowned for the production of world-class wines and is at the forefront of the Australian wine industry, even though it has been only forty years since the first vines were planted there. The first type of wine to win acclaim in the region was Cabernet Sauvignon. Today Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Shiraz and Semillon are also of consistently high quality. The Margaret River, a unique region within the Australian viticultural world, is located approximately midway between Cape Naturaliste to the north and Cape Leeuwin, Australia's most southwesterly point. With a temperate ocean on three sides, the district has its own distinct microclimate.

Being about six km from the ocean strongly defines the climate at Watershed and in Margaret River in general.

The mean annual temperature range is only 7.6 C, and the climate can best be described as Mediterranean.

Protected from extremes of temperature, the vineyards are frost-free during the critical spring growing period.

The mean daily maximum and minimum temperatures during the summer are very similar to those of

Bordeaux. The significant difference is that in Margaret River the season opens slightly earlier and closes slightly

later, providing vintners with greater latitude to ripen their fruit. The soils were mostly formed in situ as a result of long periods of weathering. Granite has decomposed to form iron-rich clay, which precipitates to the surface forming gravelly loams. The soil is extremely permeable when moist, but will readily shed this moisture. As overall water capacities are low, there is a general need for irrigation among the vines. There is little rainfall between October and April so this means a dry ripening and harvesting season.

The Watershed winery is situated just 4.8 km south of the town of Margaret River on the main regional highway and at the turnoff to Leeuwin and Voyager Estates. The winery is a unique new venture that allows smaller investors and wine lovers fractional ownership of vineyards and the winery, with professional staff making the wine. Watershed is responsible for the single largest initial vineyard planting in the region, with 117 hectares under vine. Sixty percent of vines are currently made up of red varieties, 40% being white varieties. The first wines were released in 2002. Watershed made the innovative decision to bottle all their white varietal wines under screw cap, not traditional cork, thus reducing the risk of spoilage due to cork taint and also embracing progressive technology. This is an approach that I believe more wineries should embrace.

The 2006 Watershed blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon is one of the classic Margaret River wine styles. The wine displays aromas of melon, citrus, lychees and gooseberry. On the palate citrus and tropical fruit flavors continue, balanced by a crisp acidity level. This is a pleasant wine to drink on its own but also a suitable companion with food, particularly Asian cuisine. Enjoy this wine this summer.



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## Champagne Club: Previous Offerings

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2000 Marguet Pere et Fils Grand Cru Brut Champagne @ \$39.95 per bottle  
Benoit Marguet is one of the most passionate young vigneron in all of Champagne and is dedicated to pushing the quality envelope on all of his wines. He practices organic viticulture that gives the vines and the resulting wines an extra level of depth and complexity that we think you will greatly appreciate. This wine has a majestic equilibrium of the disparate elements. On the palate, the wine opens with ripe fruit notes framed by hints of dried fruit, nuts and honey that blend together into a harmonious whole. The finish is long and very fine. The wine can be kept up to 20 years in a good cellar. Enjoy as an apéritif or as the main dinner wine with seafood or white meats

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of Deutz @ \$27.95 per bottle  
The Deutz Brut Classic is from the renowned house based in Ay located at the base of the Montagne de Reims in the Marne valley. This is a classically styled Champagne that combines finesse with persistence. On the nose, the wine is rich with yeasty, bready notes. On the palate, the initial impression is of red fruits and then turns into crisp citrus and honey notes. The finish is crisp and clean.

## Signature Red Club: Previous Offerings

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Leeuwin Cabernet Sauvignon @ \$23.95 per bottle  
Robert Parker calls Leeuwin Estate “one of the benchmarks, if not the reference point winery in Margaret River” and gave this wine 91 points, writing, “The outstanding 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Art Series boasts spicy, subtle French oak, cedar, spice box, black currant aromas and flavors gently touched by licorice and herbs. This attractive, medium-bodied Cabernet exhibits layers of richness, a graceful, restrained personality, decent acidity, noticeable but sweet tannin, and a long finish. Enjoy this beauty over the next decade.” *Wine Advocate* #161(10/05) The wine will benefit from decanting an hour or two in advance, and will hold for another six to eight years. So start the summer out right by heading to the patio, opening a bottle of the Leeuwin Cab and throwing some steaks on the barby. Enjoy!

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Hess Collection Mount Veeder Mountain Cuvée @ \$23.95 per bottle  
The 2004 Mount Veeder Mountain Cuvée has complex aromas of cassis, cedar, and mint. Black cherry on the palate is expressive of mountain fruit, while finished tannins provide an underlying structure which will continue to evolve with proper cellaring. This wine complements a wide variety of main dishes from grilled meats to baked dishes with tomato-based sauces.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Chateau Bellegrave, Pauillac @ \$23.95 per bottle  
The wine has deep color and a typical Pauillac nose with cassis and dark berry aromas predominating along with roasted coffee notes. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied and alive with good fruit and acid balance. There is enough fruit to consume while young yet enough substance to age well for a number of years. I would serve this wine alongside a beef stew with mushrooms or a leg of lamb.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Moulin de Gardette, Cuvée Ventabren, Gigondas @ \$23.95 per bottle  
The Cuvée Ventabren is composed of 70% Grenache from very old vines, 20% Syrah and 10% Cinsault. The wine has a beautiful garnet color with a gorgeous nose of cherry, licorice, wet stones and a hint of bacon. On the palate, it is a medium bodied, opulent wine that possesses great depth, length and persistence. Although the wine has great ageing potential, the sweet fruit and spice give it a lot of immediate appeal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2002 Amici Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley @ \$23.95 per bottle  
This is composed of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot 2% Petit Verdot. The addition of a small amount of Merlot and Petite Verdot adds richness to the mouth feel and increases the aromatics of the wine. The color is opaque and the wine has very soft tannins, which allow the currant-blackberry flavors to take center stage on the palate. Enjoy this wine tonight with all manner of hearty fare, and toast to your *buoni amici!*

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

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

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

## **Premium Wine Club: Previous Offerings**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley @ \$13.99 per bottle  
Stylistically, the wine represents a balance between fruit, oak, and mouthfeel. The wine has a nice deep color without the murkiness that often indicates an over-extracted, manipulated wine. On the nose, initial aromas of red and black currants lead into darker coffee, spicy oak and dusty tannin notes. On the palate, the wine has good cassis fruit balanced with nice acidity and well integrated tannins. This is a lovely, elegant rendering of classic Napa cabernet. Enjoy with all sorts of red meat especially summer barbeque.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Dry Creek Vineyard Fumé Blanc DCV3 @ \$13.99 per bottle  
The 2004 Dry Creek Vineyard Fumé Blanc DCV3 is a single, estate vineyard bottling of 100% Sauvignon Blanc. The vineyard, known as DCV3 (Dry Creek Vineyard #3), is the oldest on the estate and has produced thirty-three vintages of Sauvignon Blanc. The fermentation was performed cold in stainless steel tanks at 52°F for 21 days. There was no barrel aging. The wine has a good aging potential of up to 5 years. On the nose, there are aromas of grass, Meyer lemon and grapefruit. On the palate, the wine displays subtle spicy notes with plenty of palate cleansing citrus and herbaceous qualities. The finish is laser-like, with sharp, focused flavors. Serve chilled and pair with oysters, seafood, goat cheese, smoked trout or cold poached salmon. It also goes great with spicy Mexican food.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Chateau Fonréaud, Lustrac @ \$14.99 per bottle  
Plenty of dark fruit with ripe, well-integrated but present tannins and a good balance of fruit and acid. The wine is ripe but not overly so given the vintage and notes of earth and mushroom round out this classic Cru Bourgeois. Enjoy this wine with any kind of roasted or grilled red meat. In the November 2006 issue of *Decanter* magazine, the 2003 Fonréaud was given 4 of 5 stars (17.33 points/20) and was Highly recommended.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of Scharffenberger Brut @ \$12.99 per bottle  
All the fruit for Scharffenberger Brut undergoes 100% malolactic fermentation, which produces a wine that is rich and round with a vanilla-cream character. On the nose, the wine has toasty and doughy notes with hints of coconut.

On the palate, the initial attack is focused, with a limey citrus impression. The wine broadens over the mid-palate to emerge with fuller, richer, pineapple and tropical fruit notes. *Wine & Spirits* magazine gave the Scharffenberger Brut 90 points and declared it one of the 100 best values of the year. Enjoy this wine as an apéritif or with any white meat.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Montfaucon Cuvée Baron Louis Côtes du Rhône @ \$13.99 per bottle  
The blend is 40% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 15% Syrah, 10% Carignan, 10% Mourvèdre and 10% Counoise. This wine is a tantalizing blend of the sweet and savory. Smoke and ash frame dark plums, morello cherries and licorice. Warm, generous, and deliciously full-bodied, this spectacular Côtes du Rhône drinks like a mini Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It could age for several years, yet, it tastes fabulous now. This Baron Louis would be spectacular with a Moroccan tagine or couscous.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Peregrino Reserve Grenache @ \$13.99 per bottle  
The wine has a deep and brilliant reddish-purple color and an intense aroma that combines ripe fruit, a slight hint of mineral and the toasted, smoked notes from the wood. On the palate, the wine initially has a slightly sweet taste in the mouth with a concentrated flavor and potent structure. It is ample and fleshy. The finish is long and persistent. The tannin is present but ripe and fruity. This will be rounded off as the wine ages in the bottle. Enjoy this wine with all manner of roast meat and hard cheeses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve @ \$11.99 per bottle—**Special price!**  
The grapes for this 100% Pinot Gris were hand-harvested and then fermented on the lees in stainless steel tanks. A small percentage was aged in three-year-old barrels and then added to the final blend to add a bit of complexity. Although this wine sees barely any oak, it is surprisingly rich and creamy with flavors of pear and citrus that are framed by good acidity. This is lovely to drink by itself, but pairs beautifully with pasta with a cream sauce, mushroom risotto, or grilled pork tenderloin. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

## **Best Buy Wine Club: Previous Offerings**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Jean-Louis Denois Grenache Noir @ \$9.49 per bottle  
The 2005 Denois Grenache Noir is brilliant ruby in color. The nose also displays classic Grenache characteristics of licorice, black cherry, and violet. A note of crushed rocks adds a lovely minerality and depth to the sweetness of the fruit. On the palate the wine is light and vibrant and offers bright acidity. This Grenache is the perfect light and refreshing summer red. It would complement a light first course, salads and antipasti.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Bleasdale Verdelho @ \$9.49 per bottle  
Verdelho may be a new varietal to some of you. It is a white grape grown throughout Portugal, though most associated with the island of Madeira. The grape has also been highly successful in the vineyards of Australia. Unlike the wines of Madeira, Australian Verdelho are dry white wines which are fresh and aromatic, and quite suitable for lunchtime or summer drinking. The 2005 Bleasdale Verdelho exhibits aromas of orange blossom, melons and tropical fruits. On the palate, ripe citrus and pineapple notes combine rich and lively fruit with excellent acid balance and freshness. This wine makes a great aperitif for a warm summer evening.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Montfaucon Côtes du Rhône @ \$8.49 per bottle  
The blend is 50 % Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 15% Syrah, 10% Carignan, 10% Counoise from old vines. The 2004 Château Montfaucon has immediate appeal. It has a lovely deep garnet color. The nose is very plummy at first. Then, black cherry, licorice and a subtle smoky character come into play. There's ample fruit and spice on the palate. From start to finish it is seamless and simply delightful. Like a leisurely summer's day, the wine is easy, light and smooth. Make this your next house wine!

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Château Peyraud, Premières Côtes de Blaye @ \$8.49 per bottle  
The 2005 Peyraud is 100% Merlot and has a clear garnet color. The nose shows bright berry and liqueur aromas. The wine is medium bodied with bright cherry flavors and some earthiness, framed by well-integrated tannins and good acidity. The wine has nice length with some dark cocoa notes on the finish. In this age of monster Bordeaux, it is very nice to find a wine like this: very aromatic and bright and perfect for consumption now and over the next three years. It would make a good match with lamb or simply prepared beef dishes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Domaine L'Attilon Caladoc @ \$8.49 per bottle

Bright fuchsia in color, this wine is equally bold on the palate. Fragrant, heady and firmly structured, it packs quite a punch! With dusty floral scents, violet, garrigue and spice, this wine clearly hails from the south. The wine is sweet and luscious on the attack, and the firm tannins give body and definition to the wine. Sweet plummy fruit, violets and spice dominate all the way through to the finish. Enjoy with roasted meats and hard cheeses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2006 Domaine L'Attilon Chardonnay @ \$8.49 per bottle

The 2006 Domaine L'Attilon Chardonnay is a surprisingly delicious treat. On the nose this wine is redolent of ripe pear, luscious lemon, and white nectarine. Bright and citrusy on the palate, it has plenty of snappy acidity. The purity of fruit and refreshing acidity make it delightfully balanced and vibrant. Infinitely versatile, this wine makes a great apéritif, and can be paired with anything from canapés and salad to shellfish and light white fish.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Richmond Grove Cabernet-Merlot @ \$8.49 per bottle

The Weathervane is a delicious blend of Cab and Merlot, aged in a combination of French and American oak for 12 months. It is a gorgeously perfumed wine, with notes of blackberry, eucalyptus and even saffras. The palate boasts flavors of blackberry, eucalyptus and black pepper, with an incredibly lively mouth feel. This is a great-value Aussie blend that will be great as an apéritif or with a wide range of fare.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2005 Richmond Grove French Cask Chardonnay @ \$8.49 per bottle

In the glass the wine is medium straw-yellow with green hues. On the nose, there are notes of white peach and citrus fruit with a very subtle hint of nutty oak and buttery complexity. On the palate, the wine reveals peachy fruit flavors with fresh citrus notes. The French oak flavors contribute subtle vanilla, spice and cedar notes which harmonize with the fruit. The texture is soft and creamy yet balanced by a fresh acid finish. Enjoy this wine as an apéritif or with a wide range of fare including seafood and poultry.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Denois Merlot @ \$8.49 per bottle

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

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

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

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**2004 Caymus Napa Cabernet Sauvignon only \$59.99 (regular K&L price \$64.99)** 92 points Robert Parker: "The up-front, sexy 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa reveals the vintage's ripe headiness along with loads of glycerin, a juicy, fat texture, a dark ruby/purple color, and abundant cassis, herb, licorice, and smoke characteristics. Drink it over the next decade." (12/06) A burst of black fruit aromas, the essence of perfect summer berries. Sweet, ripe blackberry flavors with an undertone of mocha and toasted oak. Balancing acidity and a fine, chalky texture carry through to an exceptionally long finish, with no falling off of the rich fruit flavors. From first sip to last, nothing is missing.

**2005 Conundrum California White Table Wine - Only \$18.99 (regular K&L price \$20.99)** Maybe they should rename this wine "Simply Yum." It's hardly a conundrum anymore. Once again a blend of popular and esoteric white grapes (including in no special order: Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier and Muscat), the 2005 is a quintessential sipper offering copious amounts of ripe, silky fruit, tropical in nature, along with vanilla notes, honeysuckle and melon. This is a great summertime wine.

**2005 Anwilka Constantia Stellenbosch South Africa - Only \$32.99 (Regular K&L Price \$35.99)** Anwilka Vineyard is a joint venture between Bruno Prats, former owner of Château Cos-d'Estournel; Hubert de Bouïard de Laforest, co-proprietor of Château Angéus in Bordeaux; and Lowell Jooste of Klein Constantia Estate. Located in the prime red wine region of Helderberg in Stellenbosch, the vineyard was purchased in 1997, and production of Anwilka wines commenced in 2005. According to Robert Parker: "Fabulous... this is the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa.... This debut release, the 2005, a blend of 37% syrah and the balance cabernet sauvignon, is world class stuff, exceptional wine." 90 points from Stephan Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*: "(63% cabernet sauvignon and 37% shiraz; a joint project of Bruno Prats, Hubert de Bouard and Klein Constantia's Lowell Jooste) Ruby-red. Aromas of raspberry, currant, licorice and spicy oak. Suave on entry, then broad and fine-grained in the middle, with a sneaky intensity to the flavors of raspberry and spice. A tad medicinal and dry on the back half, finishing with fine tannins and some chocolaty oak." (Mar/Apr 07)

**2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine de Marcoux  
Club Price only \$44.99 (Regular K&L Price \$49.99)**

90-93 points Robert Parker: "The 2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition, or "Cuvée Classique" as they often say in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, tips the scales at 14.7% natural alcohol. It reveals a dense ruby/purple color, a big, sweet nose of crème de cassis, blackberry, and white flowers, beautiful texture, refreshing acidity, and plenty of definition as well as intensity. It should drink well for a good 10 years or more."

**2003 Château Clarke, Lustrac - Club Price only \$23.95 (Regular K&L Price \$27.99)**

This has a very dense inky/purple color and charming aromas of intense ripe fruit with pure blackcurrant, cherry and plum jam along with subtle wood and mocha notes, espresso, toasted white bread, licorice and hints of chocolate and spices. On the palate there's a pure attack of powerful fruit followed by a deep mid palate with low acidity and ripe tannins, and a textured and fleshy finish. Beautiful harmony, with impressive concentration and balance.

**2003 Fourcas Hosten, Lustrac - Club Price only \$13.95 (Regular K&L Price \$15.99)**

The vineyards of Fourcas-Hosten are planted with 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The average age of the vines is 25 years. The wines spend one year in barrel before release. This is a classically styled wine from a very hot, ripe vintage. The wine shows lovely cassis and black cherry flavors, balanced by firm tannins and excellent acidity. This is not an in-your-face style of wine, but rather a medium-bodied, complex wine that is best complemented at the dining table. Try this with Filet Mignon. Drink now with an hour's aeration or hold for up to ten years.