

3005 El Camino, Redwood City, CA 94061

Phone (650) 364-8544 x5 then 1

or (800) 247-5987 x5 then 1

Fax (650) 364-4687

theclubs@klwines.com

July 3, 2004

Dear Wine Club Member,

Once again, I do not have a firm date for the integration of the club database and the retail/website database. Apparently, the software still needs de-bugging. All I can say is keep checking our website. We will announce the changes on the homepage when it happens.

Please note that I will be in Spain for the first two weeks of July. The wine clubs will be closed for business from June 29 through July 4. Shaun Green will be available to take reorders and make changes to your account from July 5th through July 14th. I will be back on July 15th.

I have heard positive responses from many of our members regarding the new format for this newsletter. Many members have bought wine from a club other than the one they belong to and taking best advantage of being a wine club member. All wine club wines are available at a lower cost than anywhere else in the country. Feel free to call or email me with any questions about a wine in our re-order list that you have not tasted, though might be interested in. I will be happy to discuss any wine available. The Best Buy wines are excellent for use at parties and weddings. We will continue to protect the current month's wines for only members of that club, but wines that appear on the reorder lists at the end of each issue are open to all members.

For those of you who live in the San Francisco Bay Area, or perhaps who might be visiting, we have some wonderful winemaker dinners coming up. On September 8th, we will be presenting an evening with Chuck Wagner and his sons, Charlie and Joseph, and the wines of Caymus Vineyards. We will taste library wines as well as the still unreleased 2002 Special Selection. This event will be held at the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay.

On October 22nd and 23rd, we will be presenting a dinner featuring the wines of Second Growth Chateau Cos d'Estournel. Owner Jean-Guillaume Prats will be in attendance to discuss the vintages. This event will take place at Spago in Palo Alto on Friday, October 22nd and at the University Club in San Francisco the following night. These dinners are tremendous fun with great food, wine and people. Feel free to check out our website or call me for more information.

Cheers,

Dave Rosenzweig

Wine Club Director

Signature Red Wine Club

The Signature Red Wine Club offerings for the month of July 2004 both come from Napa and include a Bordeaux blend and one of California's finest Merlots.

2000 Flora Spring's "Trilogy", Napa

We are thrilled to present this wine during the 25th anniversary year of Flora Spring's Winery and vineyards.

Flora Springs is very much a family endeavor. Even the name of the winery is based on familial connections. Flora is the mother of the family and the springs refer to a water source on the property that has flowed uninterrupted regardless of periods of drought. Jerry and Flora Komes bought the first vineyard back in 1977. What began as a retirement project for Jerry and Flora became a lifetime passion for their son John Komes, and daughter Julie Garvey, and their families. John quickly talked the family (including another brother Mike Komes) into making wine. Julie worked alongside John during the first two years as a husband and wife winemaking

team. Julie's husband Pat Garvey took over the management of the vineyard. In 1980, Ken Deis was hired as winemaker and he has been part of the family ever since. When Jerry and Flora first bought the property, only 50 of the more than 300 acres on the property were planted. Today over 600 acres are producing 8 different varietals, across 4 appellations in the Napa Valley (Carneros, Oakville, Rutherford and St. Helena) as well as a vineyard in the Pope valley. Only the top 20% of the fruit is actually used for wines under the Flora Spring's brand. The rest is sold to other wineries.

The 2000 Trilogy is a blend of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 7% Malbec. The grapes come from Komes Ranch, the vineyard that surrounds the winery. Located at the northern boundary of the Rutherford appellation, the 500-foot hillside vineyard slopes down to the valley floor and offers variations in temperature, soil and types of vines. Winemaker Ken Deis believes this vintage is one of the best blends they have ever produced, which is remarkable considering the top awards that this wine has received since the first vintage in 1984. It was recently reviewed at the annual meeting of the Meritage Association with glowing remarks:

"[The 2000 Trilogy] . . . grabs you immediately with forward smells of berries, herbs and oak, and doesn't let go until the last traces of its softly lingering finish are gone." Mike Dunne, Sacramento Bee

I find the wine to be very lush and inviting, with aromas of black fruits and a palate with black cherry, cassis and hints of toffee. The finish lingers gently and the overall impression is one of great elegance. Drink now and over the next 3 – 5 years. Excellent with Lamb tenderloin.

2000 Sterling "Three Palms" Merlot", Napa

I am somewhat surprised though very pleased that we were able to secure this wine as a monthly selection. Sterling vineyards is one of the premier names in California wine, and the Three Palms vineyard is perhaps the best known vineyard for Merlot in California.

Sterling Vineyards produced the first vintage-dated Napa Valley Merlot in 1969. That historic Merlot brought worldwide recognition to Sterling Vineyards, and the high standard of quality maintained over three decades is still evident today.

Peter Newton founded sterling vineyards in 1964 with the purchase of 50 acres of vineyards in Calistoga. The first wine was produced in 1969 and the winery was built in 1972. Today, after a series of ownership changes, the Diageo Corporation owns the winery. Head of winemaking Rob Hunter's passion for wine started as a child when he worked with his father to make Robert Hunter Sparkling Wines. Rob eventually graduated from UC Davis with a degree in enology and later worked for Groth, Robert Keenan, Lyeth and Markham wineries before joining Sterling in 1997 as the director of winemaking.

Three Palms Vineyard lies one-half mile southeast of the winery, on the outwash of Selby Creek where it spills out of Dutch Henry Canyon and across the Silverado Trail. For millennia, when Selby Creek flooded, rocks and small boulders were carried on to the vineyard, creating an alluvial fan soil type. The rocky soil stresses the vines, creating intense and concentrated fruit more typical of a mountain vineyard. In addition, the rocks tend to retain heat longer and more efficiently, insulating the fruit at night. These elements work together to create a unique microclimate and an incredible vineyard from which to source grapes.

This wine is a blend of 86% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernt Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. Aged for 18 – 24 months in a combination of French and American oak. The French oak lends spice and vanillan elements and the American oak adds maple, caramel and cocoa notes. The wine is a deep ruby color with aromas of cherries and vanilla oak. The palate is a lush blend of black cherries, berries and cocoa and with a hint of leather. Overall, the wine is very well balanced and just a joy to drink. Try with marinated Flank steak. Drink now and over the next 4 – 6 years.

Please note our Special Offer of the 2000 Dominus Estate, available to all club members. See page 12 for details.

Signature Red Club, July 2004 wine re-orders

For the month of July 2004, these re-order selections are available to Signature Red Club members only.

6 bottles Signature Red Club wine: \$144.00 (\$24.00/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

12 bottles Signature Red Club wine: \$280.00 (\$23.33/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Flora Spring's "Trilogy", Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Flora Spring's "Trilogy", Napa

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Sterling "Three Palms" Merlot", Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Sterling "Three Palms" Merlot", Napa

Premium Wine Club

The July 2004 selections for the Premium Wine Club include Sauvignon Blanc from Mendocino and a Cabernet from Napa.

2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

Christopher and Kristine Williams established Wattle Creek Winery in March 1994. The 56-acre vineyard and winery are located just south of the town of Cloverdale in Sonoma County. Natives of Australia, the Williams' sought and found property strikingly similar to the warm Barossa Valley in southern Australia in order to create the best possible marriage between geography and the varieties now produced at Wattle Creek. Prior to embarking on this venture, they hired Phil Freese, a highly regarded winery consultant with worldwide experience. Phil, along with vineyard managers Ulises Valdez and Jack Florence Jr., has been instrumental in developing what has now become the Wattle Creek Winery. The winery's name is derived from Australia's wattle tree, a member of the Acacia family with distinctive yellow blossoms. Images of these blossoms can be seen on Wattle Creek's labels. Current winemaker, Michael Scholz came from St. Suprey in September of 2001. He gained experience and honed his diverse winemaking talents while working at several wineries in Australia, South Africa and the U.S. including Peter Lehmann Wines, Stellenbosch, Iron Horse and St. Supéry. It was at St. Suprey where he earned great acclaim for his winemaking talents.

Michael strives for elegant yet intense wine flavors and aromas. Being Australian, Michael appreciates the crisp Sauvignon Blancs of the Southern Hemisphere, and works to achieve a similar style while encouraging the great natural qualities of Wattle Creek's vineyards. This 100% Sauvignon Blanc, from The Mendocino ranch vineyard, shows lovely aromas of lime, lemon and citrus that follow through to the palate with a crisp, vibrant feel. This wine is more about the ripe refreshing fruit, than the occasionally herbaceous quality of Sauvignon Blanc. This is a great summertime wine, excellent with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years.

2000 Frazier 'Lupine Hill' Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

Bill Frazier first planted grapes on the Lupine Hill Estate in 1990 and started Frazier Winery in 1995 with the hiring of John Gibson, formally the winemaker at Stags Leap Wine Cellars for over 10 years. Among many great wines, John was responsible for the incredible Cask 23 Cabernet. John was attracted to Frazier's hillside vines, perched high on a hill in the Coombsville area of the Napa Valley, and planted in a rich volcanic soil with close spacing similar to Bordeaux vineyards. John's style is to make a full-bodied wine with soft tannins that can be enjoyed now, but has the structure to be laid down for many years. The Cabernets have the depth and finish of

classic Bordeaux. Operations in the winery are very similar to that of Opus One. The grapes are handled with extreme care and are sorted through many times before they reach the crusher. The Lupine Hill label began when John Gibson came aboard and chose to downgrade certain portions of the wine before final blend. John's extremely exacting standards meant that a lot of this outstanding, if not perfect, wine was being sold to other winemakers. The main difference is the wine that John downgraded was not as deep and rich as he preferred for the flagship wine. Bill Frazier decided that he would rather bottle the wine under an alternate label, with a more approachable style and thus was born Frazer "Lupine Hill" wines. The name, Lupine Hill, refers to the Blue-purple Lupine flower that can be seen growing wild over the entire hill. This is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot, aged for 18 months in a combination of new and used French and American oak. Aromas of strawberries and earth lead to a deep palate with notes of black currants and red meat. The wine will benefit from at least one hours aeration and will hold for 4 – 6 years. Try with Lamb tenderloin. Incidentally, the Wine Spectator lists this for \$45!

We don't want you to miss any shipments! Please get in touch with us:

- Whenever you change your credit card number or the expiration date changes.
- Whenever you change shipping addresses or phone numbers.
- If you will be away when the shipment arrives during the first two weeks of the month. We will hold the shipment until you are there to receive it.
- To give us your e-mail address. Through e-mail, we can let you know of Wine Club memberonly specials in a more timely fashion than through the Club newsletter.

Premium Wine Club, July 2004 wine re-orders

For the month of July, 2004, these re-order selections are available to Premium Wine Club members only.

6 bottles Premium Wine Club wine: \$82.00 (\$13.66/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

12 bottles Premium Wine Club wine: \$162.00 (\$13.50/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Frazier 'Lupine Hill' Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Frazier 'Lupine Hill' Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

Best Buy Wine Club

This month's Best Buy Wine Club selections are a Syrah from Dry Creek Valley and a Chardonnay from Anderson Valley.

2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek

Here is a wonderful Syrah under our Purisima Canyon Label. As many of you know, Purisima Canyon, like Kalinda, is a house label in which the wines are made by wineries that wish to remain anonymous due to the low cost we sell these wines.

Dry Creek, located in northern Sonoma County, has a history of grape growing and winemaking that is among the oldest in California. The region's national reputation for wine may be modern,

but the roots of Dry Creek Valley quality go back more than 125 years, to the first vineyard established in 1870. Dry Creek Valley was among the first regions to receive formal recognition as an AVA (American Viticultural Area) in 1983, enabling local wineries to put the Dry Creek Valley appellation on their labels. Nearly 6,000 acres of vineyards now carpet the valley, providing exceptional fruit to more than 25 wineries. Though primarily known for Zinfandel, the local growers have realized that the Mediterranean climate is also ideally suited for Rhone varietals such as Syrah. Syrah first came to California, and probably Dry Creek Valley, in the 1860s like petite sirah and zinfandel, but over the years, it languished and largely disappeared. There were only 83 acres total in the state in 1977 and 139 acres in 1988. By 1992, the total had risen to 1000, but now more than 14,000 acres are planted in the variety.

This is a blend of 95% Syrah from Dry Creek and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon from Sonoma's Green valley. The Syrah was aged in 25% new oak with a ratio of 75% American and 25% French. The balance of wood was 1-year old barrels. The cab is from 100% new French oak. The wines were both in oak for 24 months. A lovely nose of dark fruits and berries leads to a palate that echoes those flavors and add hints of vanilla and spice. The Cabernet adds a lovely depth and the finish is smooth and lingering. This would be a great choice with hamburgers right off the grill. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years.

2003 Kalinda Chardonnay, Anderson Valley

This Chardonnay comes from...I really wish I could tell you. One of my favorite wineries has produced this wonderful Chardonnay from Anderson Valley. Alas, I am sworn to secrecy. Most of you are very familiar with this producer and I would be strung from the rafters if they found out I let out the secret.

Anderson Valley, located in Mendocino County approximately 100 miles north of San Francisco, is blessed with an exceptional and unique viticultural climate. The combination of warm, sunny days and cool, foggy nights allows the grapes from this region to develop to the height of their varietal character. Beginning in the mid 1800s and continuing to the present day, Anderson Valley's wine industry has enjoyed a quiet, gradual evolution. Originating with the small plantings of European immigrants, it has today become an appellation of its own, producing wines of distinctive character. In the mid-1960s, despite advice to the contrary, Dr. Donald Edmeades planted 24 acres of varietal grapes. Other growers followed suit, finding that with the right cool season varietals and viticultural practices, premium wine could be produced. In 1983, Anderson Valley became officially recognized as an appellation of its own. The planted acreage in Anderson Valley consists primarily of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Gewürztraminer.

This is a typical Anderson valley Chardonnay, with citrus and pear aromas followed by a juicy palate with hints of lemon, fig and cedar. The finish is crisp and lively with notes of spice.

Good choice with Roast chicken. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years.

Best Buy Wine Club, July 2004 wine re-orders

For the month of July 2004, these re-order selections are available to Best Buy Wine Club members only.

6 bottles Best Buy Wine Club wine: \$52.00 (\$8.66/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

12 bottles Best Buy Wine Club wine: \$100.00 (\$8.33/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Kalinda Chardonnay, Anderson Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Kalinda Chardonnay, Anderson Valley

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 club’s wines* (directly under the individual club’s “Previous Offerings” headline). For this month, we still require a minimum order of six bottles, but you may select three bottles of two different wines to meet the minimum requirement. (We are in a transitional period with our new software; see page 1.) Our phone numbers for the Wine Club are (650) 364-8544 ext 5 then 1, or outside the 650, 415, 510, and 408 area codes (800) 247-5987 ext. 5 then 1. The order desk is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We have a voice mail system, and if we can’t take your call immediately we will return it as soon as possible. In addition, you can e-mail us at theclubs@klwines.com.

Signature Red Club: Previous Offerings

6 bottles Signature Red Club wine: \$144.00 (\$24.00/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

12 bottles Signature Red Club wine: \$280.00 (\$23.33/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Flora Spring’s “Trilogy”, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Flora Spring’s “Trilogy”, Napa

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Sterling “Three Palms” Merlot”, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Sterling “Three Palms” Merlot”, Napa

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

Consisting of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot, the wine was aged for 20 months in French oak, 57% of which was new. Lovely aromatics lead to a palate with loads of plum and black currant fruit with a hint of coffee. The finish is lush and satisfying. Drink now and over the next 5 – 7 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Best’s Great Western Bin 0 Shiraz, Victoria

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Best’s Great Western Bin 0 Shiraz, Victoria

An elegant and structured wine, rich in blackcurrant and berry flavors, with forward aromas and a complex palate. Silky tannins and gobs of fruit give the wine great character and boldness. Drink now with an hour or two of aeration or hold for 8 – 12 years. Try with Barbecue ribs.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Dominus “Napanook”, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Dominus “Napanook”, Napa

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

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, aged for 20 months in French oak barrels. The aromas take a while to develop but show lovely notes of black cherry, vanilla and cedar. The palate echoes those flavors and adds a hint of mocha and chocolate. The finish is lush and long. Drink this now after giving it one to two hours of aeration, or hold it for six to eight years. A good choice with rack of lamb.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Saint-Julien, St-Julien

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Saint-Julien, St-Julien

This wine is made from Château Pichon-Lalande’s vineyards in St-Julien. The 1999 shows a nose of plums with cedar oak. The palate is smooth and lush with cassis and black cherry flavors along with some earthy characteristics. This is excellent for drinking now and over the next four to seven years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1996 V Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino, Piedmonte

_____ 12 Bottles of 1996 V Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino, Piedmonte

A subtle nose of berry and herbs leads to a palate of dried cherries and a touch of spice. Aerating the wine will open up hidden aspects and add a lush and warm character to the mouthfeel. Try with Veal Osso Buco. Drink this now after giving it two to six hours of aeration, or cellar it for eight to twelve years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Amici Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Amici Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine spent 24 months in French oak, 40% of which was new. Aromas of black fruits and sweet vanilla spice. Layers of blackcurrant and other dark fruits along with bittersweet chocolate drench the palate. Drink now or hold eight to ten years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1997 Château Phélan-Ségur, Saint-Estèphe

_____ 12 Bottles of 1997 Château Phélan-Ségur, Saint-Estèphe

This wine is among the more supple and elegant examples of Saint-Estèphe. The fruit, soil and oak all harmonize to produce a lovely wine that speaks clearly of its origins. The flavors include cassis and blackberry with a hint of earth and tobacco. Drink now (give it an hour's aeration) and over the next three to five years. Wonderful with lamb chops.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards Reserve "Tapestry," Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards Reserve "Tapestry," Napa

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc, aged for 20 months in a combination of American and French oak. Aromas of berries, black cherries and a hint of mint lead to a palate where notes of vanilla and coffee join the flavor mix. Delicious today with a bit of aeration, the wine will hold for at least seven to ten more years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1998 Clos du Val Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 1998 Clos du Val Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

Pure flavors of cassis and berry, with floral aromas and an earthy minerality. This wine has elegance and balance along with firm tannins. You can drink it now, one or two hours after decanting. This wine will hold for at least seven to ten years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Chapoutier Châteauneuf-du-Pape "la Bernardine"

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Chapoutier Châteauneuf-du-Pape "la Bernardine"

This wine is deeply colored and has spicy aromas of black cherries and plums, leading to a complex palate where coffee notes, spice, and licorice join the mix. This is delicious served with marinated tri-tip. Drink it now with some aeration or hold for another seven to ten years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Lancaster Estate, Sonoma

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Lancaster Estate, Sonoma

A lush, deeply rich red blend with notes of black cherry, plum and cassis. Perfect balance and smooth tannins lend elegance. Drink this now after aerating it for an hour, or hold it for eight to ten years.

Wonderful with Filet Mignon. **Lists for \$75 on The Wine Spectator website.**

Premium Wine Club: Previous Offerings

6 bottles Premium Wine Club wine: \$82.00 (\$13.66/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

12 bottles Premium Wine Club wine: \$162.00 (\$13.50/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Griffin Pinot Noir, Marlborough

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Griffin Pinot Noir, Marlborough

. Lovely plum and cherry aromas lead to a palate in which a touch of oak and earth are added to the mix. This wine would pair beautifully with Turkey or Salmon. Drink now and over the next 3 – 5 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Pascal Jolivet "Attitude", Loire Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Pascal Jolivet "Attitude", Loire Valley

This wine shows juicy fruit flavors of apple and grapefruit balanced by a refreshing minerality and grassiness. This is a very clean and crisp wine, excellent for warm spring and summer days. A great choice with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Edgewood Estate Syrah, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Edgewood Estate Syrah, Napa
100% Syrah aged in French oak for nineteen months. The complex nose shows hints of black cherries, spice and violets. The palate echoes those flavors and adds black pepper and plums to the mix. This deep, full-bodied wine will benefit from one to two hours of aeration and can be held for eight to ten years. Great with game.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Kalinda Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Kalinda Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

100 % Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is elegant, yet has great structure. The flavors are of cassis and black cherry integrated with toasty oak. An excellent choice served with rack of lamb. Drink now or hold for five to eight years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Louis Tête Pouilly-Fuissé, Burgundy

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Louis Tête Pouilly-Fuissé, Burgundy

A distinctively rich nose of flowers, apples and minerals leads to a palate with apple and vanilla framed by minerals. Although it has crisp and focused flavors, the palate impression is one of creaminess, similar to a California Chardonnay. This is a great choice to serve with shellfish and fish. Drink now and over the next two to four years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Leeuwin "Siblings," Margaret River

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Leeuwin "Siblings," Margaret River

A blend of 64% Sauvignon Blanc and 36% Semillon. Fresh tropical fruit flavors along with a hint of spice are complemented by lovely scents of fresh cut grass, all leading to a refreshingly crisp finish. Excellent as an apéritif, this is also a beautiful match for fish and light chicken dishes. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Buehler Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Buehler Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

The aromas are pure black-cherry fruit with accents of cassis. A hint of chocolate and spice complements the fruit aromas. On the palate, the wine shows layers of deeply extracted flavors that carry through to a long finish. Drink now after giving it an hour's aeration, or hold for five to seven years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Bell Chardonnay, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Bell Chardonnay, Napa

The wine, which spent six months in a combination of new and used French oak, shows tropical fruit flavors and aromas of vanilla, and is crisp and refreshing on the palate. Malolactic treatment gives the wine a lovely buttery mouthfeel. Try with roast chicken, or fish with a beurre blanc. Drink now and over the next two to four years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Château Bois Martin, Pessac-Leognan

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Château Bois Martin, Pessac-Leognan

A typical Graves nose of mineral and earth leads to a marvelously smooth palate with sweet oak, cassis and plum. A very easy wine to enjoy due to its round tannins, this should be consumed now and over the next three to five years. Enjoy it with pork chops.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Château Le Thil Comte Clary Rouge, Pessac-Leognan

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Château Le Thil Comte Clary Rouge, Pessac-Leognan

70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. From the first aromas of cigar box, currant and earth, to the palate where black cherry and a hint of espresso are added to the mix, this is definitively Bordeaux. Drinkable now with a bit of aeration, this wine should hold for another seven to ten years. Try with steak and mushrooms.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Fourcas-Hosten, Lustrac Médoc

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Fourcas-Hosten, Lustrac Médoc

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Fourcas-Hosten, Lustrac Médoc

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Fourcas-Hosten, Lustrac Médoc

These two wines share lovely cherry and berry notes, with a hint of tobacco and spice. Each would benefit from aeration before serving to bring out hidden complexities. Both wines should hold for at least five to ten years and will probably be at their best from now to 2007.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Fournas Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Fournas Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc

This is lovely and elegant, with notes of cassis, coffee, toasty oak and a hint of cedar. Soft tannins and a long finish will have you finishing every last drop. Try with grilled filet mignon. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

page 10

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Felsner “Best of” Gruner Veltliner, Kremstal, Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$70**

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Felsner “Best of” Gruner Veltliner, Kremstal, Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$140**

This Gruner Veltliner is powerful, broad and fleshy, a mouth-filling experience. It’s balanced perfectly with just a hint of acidity on the palate, and shows the underlying minerality and spicy white-pepper nose associated with this varietal. Drink now or hold for up to fifteen years. A great match for a wide variety of foods.

Best Buy Wine Club: Previous Offerings

6 bottles Best Buy Wine Club wine: \$52.00 (\$8.66/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

12 bottles Best Buy Wine Club wine: \$100.00 (\$8.33/bottle plus shipping, plus tax in California.)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Renwood Viognier, “Select Series”, Lodi

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Renwood Viognier, “Select Series”, Lodi

94% Viognier, 4% Orange Muscat and 2% Pinot Gris. Aromas of citrus blossoms, pears and apricot lead to a rich creamy palate of ripe pears, lemon, peaches and apricots. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years. Great with Asian cuisine.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Nugan Family Shiraz, Southeastern Australia

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Nugan Family Shiraz, Southeastern Australia

Loads of blackberry fruit characteristics intertwined with notes of licorice and camphor. Dense and medium to full-bodied, with outstanding purity as well as flavor, it should drink well for 3-4 years. Try with Barbecue ribs.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River

100% varietal Sauvignon Blanc that clearly shows the classic, intense, passion-fruit and gooseberry aromas for which Marlborough is renowned. This is a wonderfully refreshing and flavorful Sauvignon Blanc, reminiscent of the Nobilo that we sent out a few months ago. A great wine for the spring and summer months.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17.5% Merlot, and 1.5% Petite Sirah. A wonderfully lush wine, with loads of fruit and soft tannins. A perfect red for summertime. Drink now and over the next two to three years. Great with hamburgers on a sunny day.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 V. Sassetti Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 V. Sassetti Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany

This wine, by Vasco of the famous Sassetti winemaking family, comes from the excellent 1999 vintage. A lovely nose of spice and cherries leads to a palate with notes of chocolate, berries and a hint of earth. The tannins are silky smooth and the finish is long and lush. This would be a great choice with pasta with a Bolognese sauce. Drink now and over the next three to four years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 La Posta Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 La Posta Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina

100% Cabernet Sauvignon from vines with an average age of over 30 years. It spent nine months in second-use French and American oak barrels. Notes of currants and black cherries with a hint of sandalwood lead to a palate of cassis and plums and a touch of earth. This is a great choice with hamburgers or roast chicken. Drink it now and over the next three to six years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Jean-Luc Colombo Syrah “Les Collines de Laure”

_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Jean-Luc Colombo Syrah “Les Collines de Laure”

100% Syrah. The nose exhibits a wide range of ripe red fruits with spicy overtones and silky tannins. The palate shows dark black and red fruits with a hint of spice. This is a rich and generous wine that is very easy to enjoy. Great with roasted meats and stews. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Semillon, North Coast

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Semillon, North Coast

The blend is a combination of mostly un-oaked Semillon and un-oaked Chardonnay. Deep, fruity aromas are reminiscent of Sauvignon Blanc, with white peach, guava and wet stone among the elements. On the palate, a hint of fig appears. An ideal wine with fish or simple roast chicken.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Davis Bynum “Boar-Doe,” Sonoma

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Davis Bynum “Boar-Doe,” Sonoma

63% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of mulberry and hazelnut, and smooth rich tannins of smoky tobacco and cedar. Black cherry flavors mixed with spice. Outstanding. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Arboleda Chardonnay, Chile

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Arboleda Chardonnay, Chile

100% Chardonnay. Aromas of tropical fruit and citrus lead to a palate that picks up coffee, butterscotch and coconut notes. Try with chicken in mushroom sauce. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Best’s Great Western Shiraz, Victoria **Special End-of-bin price: \$38**

_____ 12 Bottles 2001 Best’s Great Western Shiraz, Victoria **Special End-of-bin price: \$72**

Wonderful notes of blackberry and dark raspberry fruit, spice and vanilla. Refined tannins allow this wine to be enjoyed now, but it will continue to improve over the next three to five years. Enjoy it with barbecued chicken.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Felsner Gruner Veltliner “Kabinett,” Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$38**

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Felsner Gruner Veltliner “Kabinett,” Austria **Special End-of-bin price: \$72**

A wonderful crisp wine with flavors of grapefruit, white pepper and lentil matched with good underlying structure. Excellent acidity keeps the flavors lingering. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Bodegas Castano Monastrell, Yecla **Special End-of-bin price: \$38**

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Bodegas Castano Monastrell, Yecla **Special End-of-bin price: \$72**

This 100% Monastrell is a big, juicy red with plenty of blackberry fruit and spice. It is full on the palate with good zip and length on the finish. Outstanding.

Special Offers—Available to all club members!

2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

This is the flagship wine of Dominus Estate. Robert Parker says, “Christian Moueix and his talented winemaking team continue to rewrite the definition of a Napa Valley reference point wine.” The wine lists for \$99 on the *Wine Spectator* website. Although it can be found for less than that, we believe nobody else in the country is offering it at our member-only price of \$59.99. The 2000 vintage consists of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot. It is aged for 18 months in French oak barrels. This is a big, complex wine with flavors of black currants and dark fruit and notes of coffee and earth. The aromatics are a bit more open than the palate impressions at this early stage and the wine is still fairly tannic. It will require two to four hours of aeration if opened now. It can be held for eight to twelve years. Special Price: \$359.94 per 6 bottles; \$719.88 per 12 bottles (\$59.99 per bottle)

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

1999 Beaulieu Vineyards, Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet

The Georges de Latour vintages reach back to 1936 and over the years have proven one of the most consistently outstanding Cabernets in California. The 1999 has garnered numerous 90+ point scores and will cellar well for ten to fifteen years. You will not find a lower price for this wine anywhere else.

Special Price: \$269.70 per 6 bottles; \$539.40 per 12 bottles (\$44.95 per bottle)

_____6 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards, Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet

_____12 Bottles of 1999 Beaulieu Vineyards, Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet

page 12