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Dear Wine Club members,

Summer is here, or just around the corner. If you're concerned about the effects of summer heat on your wine as it travels from our warehouse to you, you may be able to change your shipping method to air—if that is an option. Unfortunately, due to the vagaries of state laws, shipping by air isn't an option for every state. If you have any concerns, feel free to contact me to discuss what we might do. Those of you who live the Bay Area may choose to pick up your wines each month at one of our two locations.

This month I'm going to update you on how we make our wine selections for each month. Some of you have noticed, particularly in the Signature Red Collection, that we have been sending out a high percentage of California wine. There are a number of reasons for this, but suffice it to say that the majority of our members are quite happy with receiving these wines. They certainly account for the bulk of re-orders. I have heard from a few members, however, who would prefer to have a broader selection, encompassing wines from other parts of the world. I agree! Circumstance has made that more difficult lately, however.

We have a number of direct imports from France and Australia that we have been waiting to receive. Each of the last three months, we've expected to receive an import that did not make it overseas in time for club deadlines. The same thing happened this month; we were able to replace the missing wine with a really good Cabernet. Each time this happens, we have had to select a replacement, and due to the strong value of the Euro vs. the dollar, it is much harder these days to find real value in imports once they have landed. Keep in mind that we require that the vendor severely cut their normal wholesale price for inclusion in our clubs. That is much harder to do once the wine has landed. We are able to control the costs much more effectively by directly importing wines, or from setting up the buy through the vendor before the wine is shipped. We can then combine different wines on one shipment, saving a tremendous amount to the bottom line. Domestic wines are much easier to find at the value we require, particularly when we are limited as to time. Please know, however, that we insist on maintaining quality in our choices, and that regardless of how or why we make a selection, the high quality of the wine is of paramount importance.

*It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend; one's present or future thirst; the excellence of the wine; or any other reason.*

—Latin saying

Cheers,

Dave Rosenzweig  
Wine Club Director

# Signature Red Wine Club

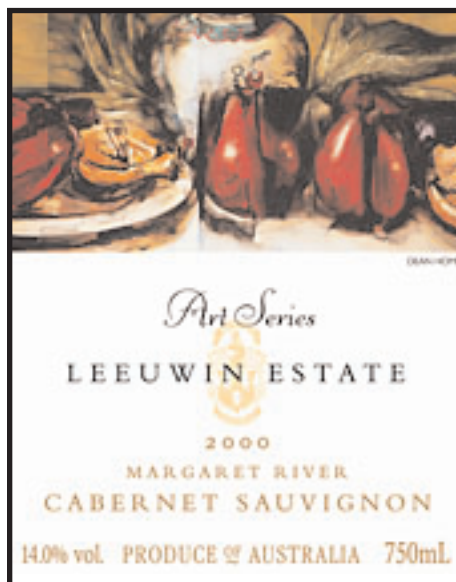
The Signature Red Wine Club offerings for this month include two wonderful Cabernets, one from Australia and one from Napa.

## 2000 Leeuwin “Art Series” Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River

Here is the first of a series of Australian wines that we will include over the next four or five months. Leeuwin Estate is a family-owned and -operated winery in Western Australia’s picturesque Margaret River district, south of Perth. One of the icons of Australian wineries, it has earned an international reputation for wines that rank alongside the world’s finest. In 1972, following an extensive search for the area most suitable for producing the best varietal wines in Australia, legendary American winemaker Robert Mondavi identified the future site of the Leeuwin vineyard. Less than 6 km from the ocean, Leeuwin Estate is approximately midway between Cape Naturaliste to the north and Cape Leeuwin, Australia’s most southwesterly point. With oceans on three sides changing water temperature by only two degrees between summer and winter, the district has its own microclimate. Protected from extremes of temperature, Leeuwin’s vineyards are frost-free during the critical spring growing period. The mean daily maximum and minimum temperatures during the summer season are very similar to those of Bordeaux. The significant difference is that here the season opens slightly earlier and closes slightly later, providing vintners with greater latitude to ripen their fruit.

Originally a cattle farm, Leeuwin Estate evolved under the direction of Denis and Tricia Horgan, with Robert Mondavi acting as consultant and mentor. Since its inception in 1974, the winery’s mission has been the pursuit of excellence, to produce wines that rank with the best in the world. On three occasions Leeuwin has been included in *Wine & Spirits* magazine’s prestigious category of “International Winery of the Year,” and included in the prestigious French publication *100 Vins De Legende* as one of the world’s great wine legends. Robert Parker calls Leeuwin Estate “one of the benchmarks, if not the reference point winery in Margaret River.”

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.



## 2001 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

This wine replaces a direct import that hasn't made it to our shores on schedule. Truly, it's our good fortune. When I had two of my colleagues taste this wine, each independently replied, "This is a slam dunk! Great choice for the club." (Of course, the phrase "slam dunk" has lost some of its positive connotations these last few years....)

Ray Signorello Jr. began his journey as winemaker and vineyard owner in the Napa Valley during the mid-1980s. Ray's father, Ray Signorello Sr., had bought a 100-acre estate on the Silverado Trail in the Napa Valley in the mid-1970s. Father and son worked side by side, establishing the winery's reputation for excellence, until Ray Sr. died in the fall of 1998.

The Signorellos' original plan was to grow high-quality grapes to sell to existing wineries, but the harvest of 1985 created a change in the plan. The bountiful crop allowed the Signorellos to custom crush the excess grapes, and this opportunity demonstrated what fabulous wine their vineyards were capable of producing. The decade of the nineties proved pivotal for Signorello Vineyards. In 1990 they began their first planting of red varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Syrah.

Signorello Vineyards' style of winemaking is based on the idea of "winegrowing" implicit in the French word *vigneron*. A vigneron is a wine grower; the definition emphasizes the idea that everything done by the grower in the vineyards is intimately connected to the winemaking. Ray Signorello Jr. devotes intense attention to the vineyards and the wine in order to produce varietals that are softer and subtler than typical California wines, with complex fruit and balanced structure.

We have previously sent out the 1999 Merlot and the 1999 Cabernet from Signorello, as well as the 2000 Cabernet. That 1999 was the last Merlot vintage released by Ray; he wanted to develop his Cabernet Sauvignon wines to an even higher level by using his Merlot and Cabernet Franc only to blend with the Cabernet Sauvignon. He has succeeded magnificently.

This blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, and 14% Cabernet Franc, was aged for 23 months in a combination of different 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.



## Signature Red Club, June 2006 wine re-orders

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\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa @ \$23.95 per bottle

# Premium Wine Club

For the Premium Wine Club we have a wonderful Chardonnay made by Iron Horse and an excellent Cabernet.

## 2003 Tin Pony Chardonnay, Green Valley

This wine is made by Iron Horse and is currently only available to you! Iron Horse is one of Sonoma County's most prestigious small, independent, family-owned estate wineries. Founding partners Audrey and Barry Sterling first saw it in the pouring rain in February 1976. Driving down Ross Station Road, they were sure they were lost until they crested the knoll and the view opened up to 300 acres of gentle rolling hills and a wall of trees behind that looked to them like Camelot. Incurable romantics, and having extraordinary vision, they bought the property in just two weeks. Having lived in France, the Sterlings knew the cool, foggy climate was exactly what they were looking for to grow Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. And, as a native San Franciscan, Audrey Sterling had spent part of her summers on the Russian River and was familiar with the area.

There were 110 acres in vine at the time, originally planted by Forrest Tancer when he was working for Rodney Strong. Forrest and the Sterlings became partners, upgraded the vineyard, engineered an elaborate frost-protection system, built the winery and produced their first vintage of Estate Chardonnay in 1978. The winery officially opened in 1979 with the first vintage of Estate Pinot Noir, on Barry Sterling's 50th birthday. The first vintage for the Sparkling Wines was 1980.

The name Iron Horse came from a train that stopped at Ross Station at the turn of the 20th Century. The logo, the rampant horse on a weathervane, came from an actual weathervane that was unearthed when they were leveling the ground to build the winery.

Here are notes from the winemaker:

"Tin Pony represents a special lot of wine, especially pulled out of the master blend to be bottled separately under its own label. It is called Tin Pony because it is the "little brother" to Iron Horse. The wine is from the excellent 2003 vintage; the grapes are estate grown, and vinified in the same manner as the higher priced Estate and Corral Vineyard bottlings, expressing the bright, focused, clean, sweet-tart, lingering flavors of cool, foggy Green Valley. The grapes for this Chardonnay come from two distinct vineyard sites on the estate—each farmed individually and harvested by hand to achieve the greatest possible uniformity of maturity. Thirty-five percent of the fruit comes from our Thomas Road Vineyard and 65% from Block L, which is one of our favorite sites on the property."

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.



*Fog in a vineyard at Iron Horse, Sonoma County.*

## 2003 Pura Vida Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

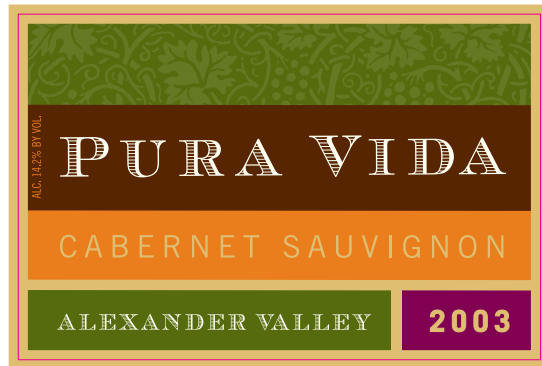
Pura Vida comes to us from one of our negociants. He came in a few months ago with this wine and offered it to us for inclusion in the club, but refused to tell me where the grapes came from. He was sworn to secrecy, but when we tasted this Cabernet, we all thought that it was too good to pass up.

Here is the extent of the information he was able to provide; the information in parentheses is from me.

This is 100% Cabernet from the Alexander Valley, harvested 26 September 2003 at 26.4 degrees brix. (The 26.4 degree sugar level indicates that the grapes were picked at full ripeness). The vineyard yielded 1.7 tons per acre (quite low yield, often a good sign of top-flight grapes) and is planted on a hillside with a south-southeast aspect. Fermented in tank and finished secondary in used French oak.

(The tank fermentation and use of only used oak indicates that the winemaker felt that the fruit was so good, he would not want to overwhelm it. Used oak is much milder in its effect on the wine than is new oak.)

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 too heavy handed, but smooth and comforting on the palate. Drink now and over the next three to five years. Great with grilled hamburgers.



## Premium Wine Club, June 2006 wine re-orders

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

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

# Best Buy Wine Club

This month's Best Buy Wine Club selections include a superb Sauvignon Blanc and a juicy, ripe red from Southern France.

## **2003 Handley Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley**

We were fortunate to be able to purchase this wine for the clubs. Handley is not a large producer, but is very well respected. Their wines can be found on wine lists in top restaurants across the country.

Milla Handley is one of the pioneering female winemakers in California. After earning a degree in Fermentation Sciences in 1975 at the University of California at Davis, Milla worked for winemaker Richard Arrowood at Chateau St. Jean. Following the birth of her first child in 1978, Milla moved to the remote winemaking region of Anderson Valley, where she became assistant winemaker to Jed Steele at Edmeades Winery. Milla struck out on her own in 1982, making the first Handley Cellars Chardonnay in her basement. At that time, Anderson Valley was still uncharted viticultural territory. "I was captivated by its possibilities," Handley says. "Anderson Valley's beauty and isolation appealed to me. My husband Rex and I felt that Anderson Valley was a good place to raise children. The people here possessed an independent spirit, and I felt I could follow my own course, somewhat removed from the entrenched winemaking culture. I wanted my wines to capture the essence of this extraordinary place."

Handley owns two vineyards, one in Anderson Valley and the other in Dry Creek. The Anderson Valley vineyard experiences cool foggy nights and bright sunny days, the perfect climate for the 12 acres of Pinot Noir, 13 acres of Chardonnay, and five acres of Gewürztraminer planted there. All of Handley's Estate Chardonnay and sparkling wines are produced entirely from fruit from this vineyard. The Dry Creek vineyard is planted in Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, and Viognier. Its deep sandy loam and warmer overall temperatures give the Dry Creek wines a much different character from that of the Anderson Valley wines.

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.



## 2004 Domaine Verquiere Rasteau

We have featured this wine a few times in the past. This is still one of our favorite producers from the area.

Domaine de Verquière is a small, family-owned winery that produces marvelous field blends in the Rhône Valley of France. The Chamfort family has owned this estate for three generations, beginning with Grandfather Edmund, who sold the wine he produced in large barrels to local wine merchants. Edmund's son Louis took over and began to sell the wine after bottling it; Louis also bought some adjacent vineyards and extended the estate. Finally, Louis's son Bernard took over and began to export the wines. Each succeeding generation has increased both the quality and the visibility of the family winery.

The estate is located in the town of Sablet, a lovely village still encircled by ramparts and seven 14th-century towers. The town itself is built in concentric rings surrounding the church steeple. In 23 BC, Pliny used to glorify the virtues of wines coming from hillsides running alongside the Ouvèze River, along the town of Sablet.



This wine comes from the nearby town of Rasteau, one of the Côtes du Rhône villages. Rasteau is a village of Upper Vaucluse winegrowers, perched 200 meters above sea level on a mound between plains and forests. The houses spread out at the foot of a beautiful 12th century Romanesque church, and the ruins of a 12th century château overlook the village. In addition to their fine Côtes du Rhône wines, Rasteau is also known for Vins Doux Naturel, sweet, fortified wines made primarily of Grenache. Those wines are sold as Appellation Rasteau Contrôlée.

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.

### Best Buy Wine Club, June 2006 wine re-orders

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Domaine Verquière Rasteau @ \$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](mailto:theclubs@klwines.com).

## Signature Red Club: Previous Offerings

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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 2003 Summerland Pinot Noir "Chamisal," Santa Maria @ \$23.95 per bottle  
This 100% Pinot Noir from the Chamisal vineyard provides lovely aromas of cinnamon spice leading into a palate with loads of berry fruit, which lasts right through the long finish. This is very easy to enjoy on its own, but would be great with grilled pork chops with a side of wild mushrooms. Drink now and over the next four to six 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 2003 Craneford Shiraz, Barossa @ \$23.95 per bottle

This 100% Shiraz is a mouth-filling wine with aromas of leather, spice, plum Christmas cake, and chocolate. Soft tannins and full flavors lead to a finish with lingering dark chocolate, cherry, and mocha flavors. Robert Parker scores it 92 points! Drink now and over the next three to five years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Schweiger Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mountain @ \$23.95 per bottle

This is a big, dark, deeply flavored wine, with notes of chocolate, coffee, blackberry, earth, and a host of other flavors, brilliantly supported by a fine tannic structure. Often, wines from Spring Mountain require years of cellaring to let the tannins integrate more fully. This wine will benefit from aeration for an hour or two, but it is almost silky in the mouth. You may also cellar this for at least eight to ten years. Just a great wine.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Morlanda "Crianca," Priorat @ \$23.95 per bottle

This lovely red shows black cherries and dark spice marked by a lovely minerality. The mouth-feel is lush and complex and the finish is long and tasty. Wonderful now with some aeration, the wine will continue to improve for three to five years and hold for up to ten years. This is a great choice for a rich veal stew or pepper steak. Think big flavors. *The Wine Spectator* gave it 89 points and listed its price as \$48.

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

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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 2000 Newton "Special Cuvée" Napa Merlot @ \$13.99 per bottle

This wine consists of 87% Merlot and 13% Cabernet Franc. Flavors of dark cherries, cassis, vanilla and a nice toasty note glide over the tongue with a lush mouth-feel that leads to a lingering finish. Newton really knows how to make outstanding Merlot. Drink now and over the next three to five years. Try with lamb chops or roast pork loin.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2003 Flora Springs Soliloquy, Napa @ \$13.99 per bottle

The Oakville vineyard continues to produce grapes that are ripe, juicy and delicious. In the 2003 Soliloquy, tropical fruit in the aromas leads to flavors of melon, fig and gooseberry with just a hint of vanilla. The finish is smooth and long, with just a hint of tartness to give it that extra "zing" at the end. It is an incredibly well balanced wine, refreshing and complex at the same time. Great choice with sea bass or roast chicken.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2004 Domaine de la Maurelle, Gigondas @ \$13.99 per bottle

This wine is a blend of 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre. Wonderful aromas of rich black fruit and leather lead to a palate where those flavors are echoed and a little spice is added to the mix. This has a lovely combination of elegance and power. Good choice with hearty beef stews and strongly flavored cheeses. Drink now and over the next four to seven years.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle(s) of 2001 Domaine Lareau "Cuvée des Genets," Savennieres @ \$13.99 per bottle

The Cuvée des Genets is aged almost completely in tank and is easy to get to know much earlier than most Savennieres. This wine consists of 100% Chenin Blanc aged for 18 months, 90% in tanks and 10% in oak. The wine is redolent of acacia honey, butter, and almonds, with a mineral backbone that is classic Savennieres. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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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### **2004 Weingut Pfaffl Gruner Veltliner, Austria @ \$11.99 per bottle—Special pricing**

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**

### **2003 Ey Muscat de Rivesaltes "Vigne lo Clavell" \$13.99**

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)