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Right from the Château

Rarities from the cellars of Château Cos d' Estournel and they are all rated 95 points.

1985 Château Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe**\$189.99** 95 points Robert Parker: "The 1985 is cast from the same mold as the 1982 and 1953 vintages. ...Anticipated maturity: now-2010." (10/94)

1986 Château Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe**\$139.99** 95 points Robert Parker: "Highly extracted wine, with a black/ruby color and plenty of toasty, smoky notes... Anticipated maturity: 1996-2010." (10/94)

1989 Château Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe\$149.99 95 points *Wine Spectator.* (03/92)

1990 Château Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe**\$159.99** 95 points Robert Parker: "The 1990 will charm tasters with its flashy display of opulent Merlot..." (Bordeaux Book, 1998)

1995 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe.....**\$109.99** 95 points Robert Parker: "A wine of extraordinary intensity and accessibility, the 1995 Cos d'Estournel is a sexier, more hedonistic offering than the muscular, backward 1996..." (02/98)

—Clyde Beffa, Jr.

The Farmer And The Traveller: A Tale

The Traveller was never jaded to the images of vineyard life...the grapevines lined upon on dusty roads, the brilliant yellow mustard fields, and the mish mash of architecture that housed the various wineries. He had been down many roads like this one.

The Traveller loved wine. He loved the romance of it, the soil. Beauty could be found in the gnarly trunks of the ancient vines, standing stout and defiant, bearers of miserly amounts of tiny black berries. The Traveller found beauty in all manner of things on this road. The clusters of bees flying in random formations. The shimmer of the summer heat. The perfect rows of grapevines, lined up like headstones in a military cemetery. This was the growth of the soil. This was the cradle of viticulture. It was absolute, universal.

The Traveller was a student of wine, and he knew how fortunate he was that each passing year brought a new harvest, and with it fresh experiences. In addition to the well known grape varietals, The Traveller reveled in the more esoteric offerings: the fresh vibrance of the rosé wines, the top hat and tails elegance sparkling wines. Syrah and mourvèdre he loved, as they spoke of the earth. And riesling in tall green bottles. Inside each, genies at the ready to grant the smell and taste of late spring and early summer.

Stopping at a very large and beautiful winery, The Traveller tasted the selections. He was told of the wonderful reviews the wines had been

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Don't be Afraid...

2002 offered challenges to Rhône Valley winemakers, but Domaine Soumade surpassed those and then some! See page 7.

Marc Colin: What Burgundy!

Dazzling 2003 white Burgundies from Marc Colin. Check out Keith Wollenberg's article on Page 19.

Tears of Christ

And other treasures from Campania's master, Mastroberardino. See Greg St. Clair's column on page 20.



given. He found glasses full of sweet and simple fruit and scents of shaved oak, not unlike the smell from the wood grinders that the tree services used. He thanked the server and continued down the road, stopping at each winery along the way.

Glasses were poured, and the simple, sweet fruitiness was revealed again and again—was indeed expected by now—with familiar scents of dry oak trees wafting through the air. Information on the technicalities of the harvest was put forth. The winery people were common in their pride for the laminated press clip-

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pings pasted to the countertops, each with number scores in large print.

The Traveller pondered what he had tasted this day. Goblets of lush, aromatic juice topped by oakiness, like whipped cream on a sundae.

But he was perplexed. People the world over had cellars in which to store their wine. But these wines...they were so simple and fruity. They had not the capacity to develop, so why put them in a cellar? These wines were like little clowns with painted faces. Entertaining, to be taken at face value, and no more.

The Traveller pondered this. He looked up and down the road. The wineries seemed to wink at him and return his gaze. Would all of their doors open to reveal the same brightly coloured juice, so sweet and creamy, with a cherry of oak on top? Would each and every room have a laminated review followed by a winning score in larger print?

Just then an old red truck motored by, tires bald from overwork. The driver was weathered and wore an old straw hat. The passenger had years as well, and wagged his tail as he hung his head out of the window, using his tongue to catch the breeze.

The truck turned down a dusty lane, the bright summer sun not able to pierce the grime on its red paint. Curiosity won out over weariness. The Traveller followed.

At last he arrived at a small yellow house. There were sunflowers potted in halved wine barrels, tulips and poppies as well. All manner of farming implements waited in the yard, experienced and ready to be animated. The Farmer was at the large wooden barn, and he waved as he crossed the yard. They met halfway. The Farmer had calloused hands and a firm grip. He invited the Traveller to the barn, which stood to the left of the house. It was silent and dark. A familiar winey smell permeated the air, like



grape juice and wine and vinegar all mixed together. The big barn was cloaked in a monasterial silence.

The Traveller was invited to sit down on an old wood box and taste The Farmer's wines. Corks were extracted from bottles with labels depicting a painting of an old horse pulling a wooden wagon. Lifting his glass toward the light at the open door, he saw hues the colour of violets and heirloom tomatoes. He smelled scents of herbs and wildflowers, cherries and plums and smoky meats. There was even a whiff of a box of cigars and quite pleasing. The flavours were all of that and more: a dash of bittersweet chocolate, hints of coffee and something else...the flavour of the earth where he was standing, in the middle of this tiny vineyard.

They talked for hours, The Farmer and The Traveller, of frost and sunlight. Of trellises to attain the best balance of exposure to the sun. Of the different qualities of soil from this vineyard to his neighbours'. And The Farmer spoke of the value of patience. Patience, he said, was the difference between making a great wine or a poor one. Judging the rain is a tricky thing, he said. Panic and harvest too early, and you could have green, unripe qualities and a hollow character that will only get worse over time. Sure, if the grapes hang and the rains come there is another set of problems. But the reward for the risk should be the very best wine that can be made.

The Traveller told of his journeys. He spoke of the beautiful wineries he had visited on this day, and of the wines he had tasted. The Farmer shook his head sadly and patted the grey muzzle that had wagged its way into the barn. But The Farmer said something that surprised The Traveller. He said

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Two Exciting Dinners in the Fall

Mark September 15 and October 25 down on your calendars and reserve your places starting in June. On September 15, we will have a **Château Montelena** dinner at the Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay and then on October 25 the **"Fete de Bordeaux"** dinner at the Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco. This dinner will feature the wines from the great 2003 vintage, and Anthony Barton will be our special guest. Tickets for both go on sale in June.

2003 BORDEAUX FUTURES

| Exceptional vintage for collectors. Check out our 16-page Vintage |
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| Report. Scores are from The Wine Advocate. |
| Beausejour-Becot, St-Emilion (90-92)\$44.99 |
| Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion (89-91+) |
| Beychevelle, St-Julien (88-90)\$32.99 |
| 89-91 points Spectator: "currant, mineral and berry character. Full- to medi- |
| um-bodied, with fine tannins and a reserved finish. Delicious already." |
| Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (85-88)\$34.99 |
| Canon-La-Gaffelière, St-Emilion (87-89)\$49.99 |
| Cantemerle, Médoc |
| Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac-Léognan\$19.99 |
| Chauvin, St-Emilion (90-92) |
| Robert Parker: "Impeccably well-made by Madame Ondet, the inky/ruby/pur- |
| ple-colored 2003 offers up beautiful aromas of jammy black fruits intertwined |
| with licorice, smoke, and graphite." VALUE!! |
| Chasse-Spleen, Moulis\$23.99 |
| According to the Wine Spectator: "A pretty Moulis with raspberry, cherry and |
| berry character. Medium body and silky tannins" |
| Clos du Marquis, St-Julien (90-92)\$37.99 |
| VALUE!! Don't miss this. |
| d'Issan, Margaux (88-90+)\$29.99 |
| d'Aiguilhe, Cotes du Castillon\$19.99 |
| Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-Léognan (88-90)\$29.99 |
| Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (93-95) |
| Ferriere, Margaux\$27.99 |
| Figeac, St-Emilion\$59.99 |
| Fombrauge, St-Emilion (90-92)\$24.99 |
| Gigault "Cuvee Viva," Blaye (87-89)\$14.99 |
| Goulee, Médoc (87-89)\$26.99 |
| Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (91-94) |
| Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (86-88??) |
| Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (89-91)\$33.99 |
| Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac\$25.99 |
| Haut-Bages-Electal, Faunace |
| Robert Parker: "with racy, noble, restrained aromas of sweet cherries, black |
| currants, damp earth, and new wood. Medium-bodied, with spicy oak, low |
| acidity, and clean, refreshing fruit" |
| Haut-Brion, Pessac (95-98)\$279.99 |
| Joanin Becot, Cotes du Castillon (90-92)\$20.99 |
| Robert Parker: "A brilliant effort from the Cotes de Castillon, a sleeper of the |
| vintage" VALUE!! |
| La Couspaude, St-Emilion (90-92)\$45.99 |
| La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande-de-Pomerol (88-91)\$26.99 |
| 89-91 points Wine Spectator: "Bright blackberry and wet earth, with hints of |
| crushed currants. Full-bodied and chewy, with plenty of tannins and a medium |
| finish. Impressive." |
| La Lagune, Médoc\$32.99 |
| Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (98-100)Inquire |
| Larcis-Ducasse, St-Emilion (88-91)-Super VALUE!!\$29.99 |
| Lascombes, Margaux (91-93)\$36.95 |
| Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (94-96+)\$169.99 |
| 95-100 points Wine Spectator: "Very complex. Layers of cashmerelike tan- |
| nins, turning to leather. Warm and inviting, yet rich and powerful; fantastic |
| purity, yet voluptuous. This is what exciting wine is about." |
| Les Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan (88-91)\$39.99 |
| Malartic-Lagravière, Pessac-Léognan (88-91)\$29.99 |
| Margaux, Margaux (96-100)Inquire |
| Monbousquet Rouge, St-Emilion (90-92)\$29.99 |
| Montlisse, St-Emilion (88-90)\$24.99 |
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| Robert Parker: "Perhaps the finest wine this estate has yet made" | |
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| Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac (95-98)\$25 95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Complex aromas of blackberries, citrus and tobacco. Currants. Subtle nose yet complex" | |
| Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$2 | 29.99 |
| Palmer, Margaux (88-91)\$11 | 1 4.99 |
| Pape-Clément Rouge, Pessac (92-94)\$6 | 59.99 |
| Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe (87-89)\$2 | 26.99 |
| Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (93-95)\$9 | 98.99 |
| Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac 1.5L (93-95)\$19 | 9.99 |
| 95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "This tastes like crushed grapes and red frui It's big and rich, full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, long finish. Jui wine. A cross between the 1995 and 1996. In fact, it could be better than 2000. Wonderful." | |
| Potensac, Médoc (88-90)\$1 | 9.99 |
| Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper)\$2 | |
| Rausan-Segla, Margaux (88-90)\$4 | 19.99 |
| Rouget, Pomerol (87-90)\$2 | 24.99 |
| Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac-Léognan (90-92)\$3 | 39.99 |
| St. Pierre, St-Julien (90-92)\$2 | |
| Talbot, St-Julien (88-90)\$3 | 32.99 |
| Sauternes: voluptuous like the 1990s | |
| Climens, Barsac (.375ml \$37.99) | mire |

| Climens, Barsac (.375ml \$37.99) | Inquire |
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| Doisy-Védrines, Sauternes (89-92) (.375ml \$14.99) | \$29.99 |
| Guiraud, Sauternes (90-93) (.375ml) | \$21.99 |
| Lafaurie-Peyraguey, Sauternes (89-93)(.375ml \$19.99) | \$39.99 |

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What's Happening, Happening, Happening!

At my home we say this all the time as a little joke because there are always so many things happening! The same thing occurs every day, even before the doors open at K&L. A tornado of great wines are purchased by our very capable wine buyers. And it's exciting. Let's fly around a bit this month and visit some of my big favorites.

Of course we start with Bordeaux, where the 2002 vintage is arriving and is showing well. With the exception of a few top estates it is clear that for the most part 2002 will provide good early drinking and nice prices. 2002 Ch.L'Evangile (\$103.99), the great Pomerol estate, is outstanding—fragrant merlot fruit of great purity with a perfect touch of wood. 2002 Ch. Malartic-Lagraviere (\$24.99) is making brilliantly shining wines of late that are loaded with fresh, bright fruit that feature raspberry and passion fruit aromas. Fantastic balance, this wine begs to be drunk young. From just down the road, 2002 Ch. Latour-Martillac (\$20.99) is back on the top of its game producing wines with deep dark fruit on the rich and powerful side. This wine can cellar for a few years no problem, but it was great six hours after opening. The always complex wine from 2002 Roc de Cambes (\$26.99) is just that. The deep ripe cherry fruit is soft and exotic with dusty, earthy, wild animal aromas. After that, you are probably ready for the perfection of Ch. Lafite Rothschild's second wine Carruades. The 2002 Carruades de Lafite (\$36.99) is in a fruiter style with its upfront sweet fruit; of course it retains the Lafite backbone of wood and balance. Give all of these young wines plenty of aeration if you want to drink them young or hold 3-5-7 years. 2002 Ch. Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (\$13.99) is blowing everyone away with its lovely tropical aromas that melt into the sweet lush taste of this value dessert wine.

Here are a few others not to be missed. Starting with Anne Pickett's outrageous deal on the **2003 Las Rocas Garnacha (\$7.99)**. You have got to be kidding me. I bought two cases! Also I'm just wild about Susana Balbo's deeply flavored Argentinean rosé, the **2004 Dominio del Plata**, **Crios, Rosé of Malbec (\$9.99)**. Greg St.Clair's **1998 Villa Le Prata Brunello de Montalcino** (**\$39.99**) is lovely and ready to go. Champagne Gary Westby's single vineyard offerings from Le Clerc Briant are distinctive and exciting, as are wines of Launois. From Trey's corner of California, I love the purity of fruit exuding from the 2002 from Provenance in Napa as well as the great value from the deeply flavored **2002 Whitehall Lane Cabernet Sauvignon (\$34.98**)

 Please feel free to contact me anytime on the wines of Bordeaux or to see what's happening at ex

 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com. Cheers and Go Giants!

Bordeaux for Spring Drinking

2001 Bordeaux continue to impress in terms of both overall quality and value. Here are four 2001s I am collecting to cellar and to drink, plus one classic from the incredible 2000 vintage.

2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (\$79.99)

An elegant but packed wine showing currant and raspberry fruit, licorice and mineral on a long, fresh finish. This refined wine clearly shows that Cos is at the top of their game. Enjoy now with decanting or cellar 10-15 years. 93 points from Robert Parker.

2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe (\$26.99)

The 2nd wine from Cos d'Estournel is spicy, perfumed and silky. This easy to drink beauty has loads of sweet crushed berry fruit and is just right to drink now while its older sibling ages to perfection in your cellar.

2001 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (\$49.99)

This seamless 2nd Growth is beautifully aromatic, wonderfully structured and packed with finesse. Currants and mineral abound in the rich mid palate. Try this and find out what Bordeaux connoisseurs worldwide already know: Ducru-Beaucaillou consistently produces wine of First Growth quality. 92 points from *Wine Spectator*.

2001 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe (\$24.99)

Lovers of Lynch-Bages flock to this meaty, herbal and spicy Cru Bourgeois. With lots of red fruits, mineral and earth, this raspberry-scented wine is drinking well now but has the stuffing for mid-term cellaring.

2000 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac (\$30.99)

Probably the best wine this 5th Growth has ever produced! This is tight and dark with licorice, herbs, graphite and plenty of deep, dark fruit and ultra-fine tannin. If you want affordable, classic Pauillac at a great price, this is your wine. 91 points from *Wine Spectator*.

BORDEAUX 1996-2004

| 1996 Hauts de Pontet\$21.9 | |
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| 1996 Mouton-Rothschild (3L)\$849.0 | 0 |
| 1996 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$31.9 | 9 |
| Quite forward for the vintage-enjoy now. | |
| 1996 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$26.9 | 9 |
| 1996 Pagodes de Cos\$39.9 | |
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| 1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$52.9 | 9 |
| 92 points <i>Spectator</i> and \$20 less than 2003. | |
| 1997 Gloria, St-Julien\$19.9 | 9 |
| 1997 La Lagune\$21.9 | 9 |
| 1997 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol\$24.9 | 9 |
| 1997 Pichon Baron, Pauillac\$39.9 | |
| 1997 Reserve de Comtesse\$25.9 | |
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| 1998 Camensac, Médoc\$16.9 | 9 |
| Outstanding value. | |
| 1998 Cantemerle, Médoc\$21.9 | 9 |
| One of our favorite "value" properties. | |
| 1998 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac\$54.9 | 9 |
| 1998 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$44.9 | |
| This could be the best second wine of the vintage. | |
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| 1998 Poujeaux, Moulis-A steal\$19.9 | |
| 1999 Bellegrave Vander Voort, Paul \$24.9 | 9 |
| Their best to date-quite silky. | |
| 1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$29.9 | 9 |
| 1999 Carillon d'Angélus, St-Emilion \$24.9 | 9 |
| 1999 Cos d'Estournel (1.5L)\$115.0 | |
| 1999 Les Gartieux du Pichon-Lalande, | Č |
| Pauillac\$21.9 | 0 |
| A Pichon-Lalande wine with toasty aromas and | 9 |
| flavors. Small production. Rare in the U.S. | |
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| 1999 Pavie-Macquin, St-Emilion\$39.9 | |
| 1999 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$26.9 | \mathbf{n} |
| Another excellent wine from this property. | 9 |
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| 1999 Pichon Baron, Pauillac\$39.9 | |
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—Steve Bearden

| 2000 Fourcas Hosten, Listrac\$14.99 2000 Grange-neuve, Pomerol\$29.99 2000 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac\$65.99 2000 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac\$41.99 92 points <i>Spectator:</i> "Best HBL ever. Lots of cur- rate burd and hear express and fluwer. Full bad |
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| rant bush and berry aromas and flavors. Full-bod- ied, with compacted fruit and a silky tannin" 2000 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$379.00 |
| 2000 La Forge, St-Emilion\$49.00 |
| 2000 La Grace Dieu, St-Emilion\$19.99 |
| Lush, ripe fruit on the palate with obvious cedary |
| oak notes, and a long finish. |
| 2000 La Lagune, Médoc\$39.99 |
| 2000 La Mission-Haut-Brion\$369.00 |
| 2000 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$279.00 |
| 2000 La Mouleyre, St-Emilion\$19.99 Easy drinker-toasty and forward |
| 2000 Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe\$39.99 |
| 2000 Lanon-Kochet, St-Estephe\$59.59 2000 Lamothe Bergeron\$16.99 |
| 2000 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$144.99 |
| 2000 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac\$30.99 |
| 91 points <i>Wine Spectator:</i> "Very pretty aromas of |
| crushed fruit, with raspberry and blackberry char- |
| acter. Full-bodied, yet fine and silky, with a long, |
| delicious finish. Very balanced red. I can't remem- ber tasting a better Lynch-Moussas. Best after |
| 2009." |
| 2000 Malescot-St Exupery, |
| Margaux\$64.99 |
| 2000 Meyney, St-Estèphe\$28.99 |
| 2000 Montlisse, St-EmilionInquire |
| 2000 Palmer, Margaux\$179.99 |
| 2000 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$62.99 |
| 2000 Pensees de Lafleur, Pomerol\$69.99 2000 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$31.99 |
| 2000 Pichon Baron, Pauillac\$11.99 |
| 2000 Pichon Lalande, Pauillac\$169.99 |
| 2000 Poumey, Pessac\$29.99 |
| According to Robert Parker: "delicious plum, |
| anise, and tobacco nose possesses soft flavors, |
| and plenty of fruit and glycerin." |
| 2000 Puy Arnaud, Côtes Castillion\$16.99 |
| Excellent value from 2000 vintage. |
| 2000 Réserve de Comtesse, Pauillac\$36.99 Outstanding wine. Ready soon. |
| 2000 Trimoulet, St-Emilion\$19.99 Old-school winemaking at its best. |
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| 2001 Angélus, St-Emilion |
| 2001 Beausejour-Duffau (1.5L)\$79.99 |
| 2001 Bon Pasteur, Pomerol\$49.99 |
| Big score, little price! Value! |
| 2001 Branon, Pessac\$49.99 |
| 2001 Branon, Pessac (1.5L)\$99.99 |
| 2001 Calon-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$36.99 |
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| Half the price of the 2003! |
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| BURDEAUX 1990-2004 | |
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| Exceptional wine-flavorful and complete. | |
| 2001 Canon-La-Gaffeliere (1.5L)\$89.99 | 9 |
| 2001 Cantemerle, Médoc\$19.9 | |
| An absolute steal and a mid-term ager. | |
| 2001 Cap de Faugeres, Côtes\$16.9 | 9 |
| 2001 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac\$39.9 | |
| 2001 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion\$219.00 | |
| 2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$79.9 | 9 |
| One of the best of the vintage. Superb value. | |
| 2001 de Franc les Cherisiers\$13.9 | 9 |
| Hubert de Bouard of Angelus fame made this | |
| spectacularly delicious red. | |
| 2001 d'Armailhac, Pauillac\$25.9 | |
| 2001 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge\$31.9 | 9 |
| Elegant and refined-this goes in Clyde's cellar. | |
| 2001 Ducru Beaucaillou, St-Julien\$49.9 | 9 |
| 2001 du Moulin, Haut-Médoc\$18.9 | 9 |
| According to the <i>Spectator</i> : "Good berry and mineral character in this medium-bodied red with | |
| silky tannins and a fresh finish" | |
| 2001 Ferrand-Lartique, St-Emilion\$26.9 | 0 |
| 2001 Haut Vigneau, Pessac\$15.9 | |
| 2001 Haut Vigneau, Pessac | |
| 87-89 points, Parker. Clyde scores it 92 points. | , |
| 2001 Haut-Brion, Pessac | 0 |
| 2001 Haut-Brion, ressac | |
| Lovely scents of earth, mineral and toast. Lively, | |
| the currant, plum, oak and coffee flavors are | |
| sweet. 89 points, Spectator. | |
| 2001 La Couspaude, St-Emilion | |
| (1.5L)\$69.99 | |
| 2001 l'Arrosée, St-Emilion\$29.9 | |
| 2001 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$159.9 | 9 |
| #7 in the Spectator's Top 100 for 2004. 96 points | |
| and a Collectibles designation from <i>Spectator</i> . | _ |
| 2001 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$159.99 | |
| 2001 La Roche Amavinum\$18.99 | |
| 2001 Lascombes, Margaux\$44.99 | |
| 2001 Latour, Pauillac\$169.99 | |
| 2001 Léoville-Barton, St-JulienInquir 2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$79.9 | |
| 94 points Spectator: "Very floral and perfumed | , |
| with violets, roses, berries. Full-bodied, with ultra- | |
| fine tannins and racy finish" | |
| 2001 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien\$38.99 | 9 |
| 2001 le Bon Pasteur, Pomeral\$49.9 | 9 |
| 2001 l'Enclos du Lezongars, Côtes\$15.9 | 9 |
| UK's Sunday Times: "Ideal Christmas claret ,,, | |
| Serious but seductive, with ripe mulberry fruit and fine tannins. One of Bordeaux's rising stars, | |
| so buy now while you still can." | |
| 2001 l'Hermitage, St-Emilion\$49.9 | 9 |
| 2001 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac\$44.9 | |
| 2001 Magrez Fombrauge, | |
| St-Emilion\$98.99 | 9 |
| 2001 Margaux, Margaux\$179.9 | |
| 2001 Montlisse, St-EmilionInquir | |
| 2001 Montrose, St-Estèphe\$49.9 | |

| 92-94 points Wine Spectator: Sweet and ripe fruit |
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| with silky tannins and a long finish. Refined. |
| Almost like 1996." |

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| 2001 Mouton-RothschildInquire |
| 2001 Nenin, Pomerol\$39.99 |
| 2001 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$24.99 |
| 2001 Pagodes de Cos\$26.99 |
| 2001 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$36.99 |
| 2001 Pavie-Macquin, St-Emilion\$44.99 |
| 2001 Peby Faugeres, St-Emilion\$69.99 |
| 2001 Petrus, Pomerol |
| 2001 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$49.99 |
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| 2001 Pichon-Lalande, PauillacInquire |
| 2001 Potensac (1.5L)\$29.99 |
| 2001 Quinault d'Enclos\$44.99 |
| 2001 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac\$2699 |
| Outstanding wine to drink in a few years or |
| decant and serve now. |
| 2001 Rol Valentin (1.5L)\$79.00 |
| 2001 Seigneurs d'Aiguhle\$11.99 |
| 2001 Valandraud, St-Emilion\$146.99 |
| 2002 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac\$36.99 |
| 2002 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac Inquire |
| 2002 de Pez, St-Estèphe\$19.99 |
| 2002 Filet Rouge, FronsacInquire |
| 2002 Gigault Cuvee "Viva"\$14.99 |
| 2002 Grand Enclos du Cerons Rouge\$19.99 |
| 2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$33.99 |
| 2002 La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de |
| Pomerol\$28.99 |
| 2002 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien\$28.99 |
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| 2002 Langoa-Barton (1.5L)\$58.99 90 points <i>Wine Spectator:</i> "Beautiful aromas of |
| licorice, currants and berries follow through to a |
| medium- to full-bodied palate, with silky tannins |
| and a seductive finish. Well-crafted. Not over- |
| done. Best after 2007." (03/05) |
| 2002 Latour Martillac, Pessac\$20.99 |
| 2002 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$103.99 |
| 2002 Malartic-Lagraviere, Pessac\$24.99 |
| 2002 Mongravey, MargauxInquire |
| 2002 Roc de Cambes, Cote Bourg\$26.99 |
| 2002 Vieux Château Certan, Pomerol |
| (1.5L)\$124.99 |
| White Bordeaux/Rosé/Sauternes |
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| 2001 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac\$24.99 |
| 2002 Marjosse Blanc, Entre dx Mers\$8.99 |
| This new, outstanding property under the leader- |
| ship of Pierre Lurton (Cheval Blanc director) has made an outstanding white. 85% semillon and |
| 15% sauvignon blanc from the Entre deux Mer |
| part of Bordeaux |
| 2004 Rosé de Calon-Ségur\$10.99 |
| One of our favorite summertime sippers is in! |
| 1999 d'Yquem, Sauternes\$139.99 |
| 2000 d'Yquem, SauternesInquire |
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| 2001 Rabaud Promis, Sauternes\$39.99 2002 Doisy Vedrines, Sauternes\$25.99 |
| ZULLZ LIDISV VERTINES NAUTERNES \$75.99 |
| 2002 Donsy vedrifies, Sutternes |

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Red Bordeaux

Just Arrived-Cos d' Estournel

1985 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe ...\$189.99 95 points Robert Parker: "The 1985 is cast from the same mold as the 1982 and 1953 vintages. Forward, with a fabulously scented bouquet of toasty new oak and concentrated red and black fruits (especially black-cherries), it is rich, lush, long, and full-bodied. Already delicious, it should age beautifully for 12-18 years. Anticipated maturity: now-2010." (10/94)

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

95 points Robert Parker: "Highly extracted wine, with a black/ruby color and plenty of toasty, smoky notes in its bouquet that suggest ripe plums and licorice. Evolving at a glacial pace, it exhibits massive, huge, ripe, extremely concentrated flavors with impressive depth and richness. It possesses more power, weight, and tannin than the more opulent and currently more charming 1985. Anticipated maturity: 1996-2010." (10/94)

1989 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$149.99 95 points Wine Spectator. (03/92) According to Robert Parker: "The 1989 Cos d'Estournel will, in all likelihood, prove to be an outstanding wine... It is a medium-bodied, rich, concentrated wine displaying an impressive color, and a nose of super-ripe black fruits, toasty oak, and licorice. It tastes like a blend of the 1985 and 1982."

1990 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe ...\$159.99 95 points Robert Parker: "The 1990 will charm tasters with its flashy display of opulent Merlot (about 40% of the blend) mixed with ripe Cabernet Sauvignon. It was one of the more forward 1990s in the tasting, which no doubt accounted for its precocious showing. This super-concentrated wine possesses a roasted herb, sweet, jammy black fruit-scented nose, with noteworthy opulence and succulence. Pure and full-bodied, this concentrated wine conceals more tannin than it is presently revealing. The wine is open, flattering, and impossible to resist. It will continue to mature for 15-20 years. Last tasted 11/96." (1998)

1995 Cos d' Estournel, St-Estèphe .. \$109.99 95 points Robert Parker: "A wine of extraordinary intensity and accessibility, the 1995 Cos d'Estournel is a sexier, more hedonistic offering than the muscular, backward 1996.(02/98)

| 1970 La Lagune, Médoc | \$120.00 |
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| 1970 La Mission-Haut-Brion | \$169.00 |
| 1970 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L) | \$399.00 |
| 1975 Haut-Brion, Pessac | \$279.00 |
| 1976 Latour, Pauillac | \$199.00 |
| 1986 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L) | \$189.99 |
| 1986 Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe | \$59.99 |
| Robert Parker 88 points: "one of the e best wines made during the eighties." | estate's |

1986 Meyney (1.5L)\$139.00 1989 Beausejour-Duffau (1.5L)\$169.00 88 points Robert Parker: "This spicy, tannic, medium to full-bodied 1989 is promising ..." This wine

is perfect right now.

1989 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$64.99 91 points Wine Spectator: "...firm tannins and long, silky-textured, minty, berry finish ... "

1989 La Louviere, Pessac\$59.99 1989 Talbot, St-Julien\$64.99 90 points Robert Parker: "The 1989 Talbot may not be so backward and closed as the 1989 from its sister chateau, Gruaud-Larose, but it is a fascinating wine that resembles the 1982, although the 1982 possessed more weight and extract. The 1989 is more elegant, with none of the exotic spice and meaty, leathery aromas of the 1982.

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

1994 Gruaud-Larose, , St-Julien......\$29.99 Sweet and lovely with backbone to burn.

1994 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$16.99 A great value, 10-year-old inexpensive Bordeaux.

1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$34.99 Robert Parker: "...sweet, smoky, cassis-scented nose, supple, round tannin...excellent richness..."

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| 5L)Inquire |
| \$29.99 |
| \$19.99 |
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Sauternes

| 1991 d'Yquem | \$159.00 |
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| 1997 d'Yquem (.375ml) | |
| 2000 d'Yquem | \$279.99 |

Champagne

| 1976 Rene Collard Cuvee Reserve\$74.99 |
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| 1991 Philipponnat Clos Goisses\$109.00 |
| 1995 Laurent Perrier Vintage\$34.99 |
| 1996 Dom PérignonInquire |
| 1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Cuvee |
| Alexandra Rosé\$89.99 |
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<u>Tokaji</u>

| 1995 Tokaji Aszu 5 puttonyos, | |
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| Disznoko | \$28.99 |
| 1995 Tokaji Aszu 6 puttonyos, | |
| Hetszolo | \$34.99 |
| 1996 Tokaji Aszu 5 puttonyos, | |
| Hetszolo | \$27.99 |
| 1998 Tokaj Classic Tokaji Aszu | |
| 5 puttonyos | \$39.99 |
| 1999 Tokaji Aszu 3 puttonyos, | |
| Hetszolo | \$15.99 |
| Port | |
| 1950 Kopke Colheita | \$299.00 |

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| 1958 Warre\$ | 5179.00 |
| 1960 Krohn Colheita | .\$84.95 |
| 1963 Cockburn\$ | 6169.00 |
| 1963 Croft\$ | 5159.99 |
| 1963 Dow\$ | 5219.00 |
| 1963 Graham\$ | 5299.99 |

| 1963 Warre | \$209.00 |
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| 1966 Krohn Colheita | |
| 1970 Dow | |
| 1970 Fonseca | \$179.00 |
| 1970 Graham | \$159.99 |
| 94 points Wine Spectator. | |
| 1970 Quinta do Noval | \$99.99 |
| 1970 Warre | \$119.99 |
| 1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita. | \$84.99 |
| 1977 Graham | \$129.99 |
| 1977 Taylor | \$144.99 |
| 1977 Warre | |
| 1978 Krohn Colheita | \$43.99 |
| 1985 Fonseca | \$88.99 |
| 1994 Krohn Colheita | \$21.99 |
| 1997 Dow LBV | \$17.99 |
| 1997 Offley Boa Vista (.375ml) . | \$19.99 |
| 1997 Ramos Pinto LBV | \$13.99 |
| 1999 Taylor LBV | \$17.95 |
| 2000 Croft | \$44.99 |
| 2000 Fonseca | \$79.99 |
| 2000 Krohn LBV | \$12.99 |
| 2000 Quinta do Noval "Silval" | \$32.99 |
| Dow "Trademark" | \$13.99 |
| Ramos Pinto Collector | \$13.99 |
| Quinta do Tedo Ruby Reserve #3 | \$1\$16.99 |
| Krohn 20-yr-old Tawny | \$39.99 |
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SHERRY/MADEIRA

| Hidalgo La Gitana Manzanilla |
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| (.500ml)\$8.99 |
| Antonio Barbadillo Manzanilla\$9.99 |
| Antonio Barbadillo Amontillado\$9.99 |
| Hidalgo Napolean Cream\$11.99 |
| Cossart Gordon Rainwater\$11.99 |
| Tio Pepe Fino\$13.99 |
| Barbeito 5 year Verdelho "Rainwater" |
| Madeira\$16.99 |
| Hidalgo Pedro Ximmenez Viejo\$18.99 |
| A Barbadillo "San Rafael" Oloroso\$22.99 |
| A Barbadillo "Laura" Mosc Muscat \$22.99 |
| Gonzalez Byass Apostles Muy Viejo Palo |
| Cortado (.375ml)\$24.99 |
| Gonzalez Byass del Duque Muy Viejo |
| Amontillado (.375ml)\$24.99 |
| Gonzales Byass Matusalem Muy Viejo |
| Oloroso Dulce (.375ml)\$24.99 |
| Lustau "Pata de Gallina" Oloroso\$27.95 |

Lustau "Pata de Gallina" Oloroso\$27.95 Hidalgo Jerez Cortado Palo Cortado \$28.99 Hidalgo "Pastrana" Amont Viejo\$29.99 A Barbadillo "Principie" Amont\$30.99 Henriques & Henriques 10 yr Sercial\$33.99 A Barbadillo "Obispo" Palo Cortado\$39.99 Sacristia de Garvey "Museo" CreamInquire Sacristia de Garvey Onana Amont .. Inquire Garvey Grd Orden Pedro Ximmen ...\$54.99

¹⁹⁹⁴ Palmer, Margaux\$79.99 According to the Wine Spectator: "Exuberant aromas of new wood, chocolate and tobacco. Medium- to full-bodied, yet wonderfully refined ... "

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Alsace/Loire Valley

| <u>Alsace/Loire Valley</u> | |
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| 2002 Pinot Noir, Charles Baur-Elegant, ripe, and delicious\$12.99 | |
| NV Cremant d'Alsace, Charles BaurInquire | |
| 2002 J.P. Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn\$16.99 | |
| 2002 J.P. Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru\$18.99 | |
| 2001 J.P. Becker Riesling Grand Cru Froehn\$18.99 | |
| Check our website for notes on these three new arrivals. | |
| 2002 Riesling, Grand Cru, "Eichberg," Charles Baur\$16.99 | |
| Nuances of peach, Kaffir lime, and guyaba are absolutely intoxicating. This is a spectacular example of Alsatian Riesling. | |
| 2003 Sauvignon Blanc Haut Poitou, Demoiselles de Brizay\$9.99 | |
| 2001 Sancerre Grand Pichot, Pierre Cherrier\$15.99 | |
| Red Bordeaux/Sweet Wines | |
| 2001 Château Delord, Premiere Cotes de Bordeaux\$9.99 | |
| "Provides fresh cherry-like fruit, soft tannins, and is just a joy to consume on a regular basis at a great price," Jim Barr | |
| 2000 Château de Birot, Premiere Cotes de Bordeaux\$10.99 | |
| Lots of structure, with broad fruit and complexity, with a roasted coffee bean to cassis nose, soft tannins, moderate complexity and near-term drinkability. | |
| 2000 Château de Viaud, Lalande-de-Pomerol\$14.99 | |
| Spicy, lively wine. Rich and ripe. Enjoy over the next ten years. | |
| 2000 Fournas de Bernadotte, Pauillac\$14.99 | |
| This special cuvee is delicious. Made by the Pichon-Lalande crew. | |
| 2001 Château Haut Vigneau, Pessac\$15.99 | |
| Soft and fruity on the palate with some underlying mineral notes. Owned by Eric Perrin (son of Anthony Perrin of Carbonnieux fame). | |
| 2000 Château Caronne St Gemme, Haut-Médoc\$15.99 Absolutely delicious 2000-superb value. Enjoy now. | |
| 2001 l'Enclos du Lezongars, Cotes de Bordeaux\$15.99 Superb value with good extraction and forward fruit. Fine balance. | |
| 2001 Château Bois Martin, Pessac | |
| 2002 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Rouge, Graves\$19.99 Elegant, with mineral notes and red fruit aromas, this wine has ripe berry flavors and smooth, velvety tannins. | |
| 2000 Château Pressac, St-Emilion\$26.99 | |
| Quite rich and full-bodied wine. Decant one hour or cellar a few years. | |
| 2002 Petit Védrines, Sauternes (.375ml)\$10.99 | |
| 2001 Petit Védrines, Sauterne-Second wine of Doisy-Vedrines\$22.99 | |
| Southern France/Rhône | |
| 2000 Côtes du Rhône Rosé "Toques," Vignerons Beaume\$6.99 | |
| 2003 Côtes du Ventoux Res Rouge, Beaumont du Ventoux\$8.99 | |
| Aromas of very ripe blackberries with notes of peppers and garrigue. It is subtle in the mouth with a good structure, finishing with soft and ripe tannins. | |
| 2003 Beaumes de Venise "Chapelle Notre Dame d'Aubune"\$9.99 | |
| 2001 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Montfaucon\$9.99 Bold, ripe and rich with tons of berry fruit and smooth, integrated tannin. | |
| 2003 Vacqueyras, Domaine Mas du Bouquet\$10.99 Bright raspberry flavors meshed with underlying spiciness. | |
| 2003 Côtes du Rhône, Château Malijay\$10.99 Made from a small selection of syrah that was thought enough of to be vinified | |
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separately. The palate is lush and dense, with savory fruit and delectable spice.

- 2003 Rasteau Rosé, Domaine Girasols\$10.99 The rosé is a lighter, fresher version of the reds with pink fruit flavors.
- 2001 Valreas "Domaine du Val Des Rois," Bouchard\$11.99
 Syrah rather than grenache is the dominant varietal. Moderately rich palate is focused with bright red and dark berry fruit, earth and a touch of spice.
 2000 Vacqueyras, Cecile Chassagne\$11.99
 Very ripe and spicy with jammy raspberry flavors. Delightful and affordable.
 2001 Corbieres Domaine Serres "Cuvee Henri Serres"\$13.99
 A blend of old-vine syrah and carignan aged for one year in barrique. Serious wine, with dark fruit backed by chewy tannins, hints of oak and herbal spice.

| 2001 Côtes du Rhône "Baron Louis" Domaine Montf | aucon\$14.99 |
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| 2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols | \$15.99 |
| 2001Côtes du Rhône "VV," Domaine Girasols | \$16.99 |
| Three of our favorites back in stock. | |
| 2001 Sablet Reserve "VV," JC Chassagne | \$14.99 |
| White/Red Burgundy | |
| 2003 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Champy | \$16.99 |
| This offers a bit more toasty oak than is typical in Burgundy. | |
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2002 Marsannay Rouge, Maison Champy......\$17.99 Lovely weight, good balance& spiciness are hallmarks of this classic Marsannay.

Domaine Soumade

I'm as guilty as the next guy. It is all too easy to write off a wine by just looking at its vintage. 2002 in the Rhône immediately made me think of rain. Rain brings dilution and rot, a duo that the best winemakers have a hard time dealing with. Then it dawned on me who made these wines, Domaine Soumade. Concentration has never been an issue with them. If there was a farmer/winemaker who was up to the challenges of the 2002 vintage it surely was André Romero. It is a little strange to think of merlot and cabernet sauvignon being grown in the Rhône Valley, but the proof is in the pudding. This could be heresy, but these are convincing reasons to think there could be a future for them here.

The **2002 Domaine Soumade Merlot (\$10.99)** has lots of dark ripe fruit with earthy undertones on the nose. It is medium bodied with surprising richness; the palate has plenty of dark cherry and plum fruit with toasty oak and hints of earth.

The **2002 Domaine Soumade Cabernet Sauvignon (\$10.99)** shows aromas that are fuller with more lift and bright fruit tones. It is medium- to full-bodied with dark and red fruits that are backed up by some serious tannin, this wine is no pushover.

For kicks I opened a bottle of the 2001 and the 2002 "Prestige." The 2001 Domaine Soumade Côtes du Rhône Rasteau, "Prestige" (\$19.99) has really changed over the past year; it is longer, tight and closed in but wonderfully rich and expressive. The nose is bright with plenty of fruit and a lot of spice. The palate is deep with good structure and complexity. Great to drink tonight but it still has places to go. The 2002 Domaine Soumade Côtes du Rhône Rasteau, "Prestige" (\$19.99) has a nose that is deeper and darker than the 2001 but not as complex. It is bold and rich on the palate with great purity to the fruit tones. Not as spicy but with more punch, this will definitely get better with time, or fire up the grill and drink this with some BBQ tonight!

²⁰⁰² St-Aubin, Murgers Dent de Chien, 1er Cru, Champy\$29.99 A nose of toasty oak, slate and minerals. On the palate it has nice richness, great length and finishes with a nice spiciness, balance and minerality.

RHÔNE VALLEY

| 2001 Côtes du Rhône, Guigal\$9.49 |
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| 2003 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Mordoree\$9.99 |
| 2002 Côtes du Luberon, Dom Citadelle "Cataignier"\$9.99 |
| 2003 Rasteau, Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Verquiere\$9.99 |
| Outstanding value-spicy and full-flavored red for under \$10. |
| 2002 Cabernet, Domaine Soumade\$10.99 |
| 2002 Merlot, Domaine Soumade\$10.99 |
| 2003 Côtes du Rhône, Château Malijay\$10.99 |
| Spicy, full flavored and totally delicious. |
| 2002 St-Peray, Domaine de la Fauterie\$11.99 |
| 2003 Rasteau, Coteaux du Travers\$11.99 |
| 2003 Ch de Saint Cosmos "Little James," Basket Press\$11.99 |
| 2003 Côtes du Rhône "Cuvee Romaine," Dom Garrigue\$12.49 |
| 2003 Côtes du Rhône, Oriel\$12.99 |
| 2001 Ch Montmirail Vacqueyras, "Deux Freres"\$15.99 |
| 2003 Gigondas "Les Deux Juliette's," Domaine Montmirail\$17.99 |
| 2001 Rasteau Prestige, Domaine Soumade-90 points, Parker\$19.99 |
| 2002 Rasteau Prestige, Domaine Soumade\$19.99 |
| 2002 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Senehaux\$19.99 |
| See Scott's write-up on this beauty. Superb value! |
| 2001 Montirius, Vacqueyras\$20.99 |
| 2003 Cairanne, Domaine Richaud\$24.99 |
| 2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Gardine\$24.99 |
| 2001 Gigondas "Laurel," Patrick Lessac\$26.99 |
| 2000 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Duclaux\$29.99 |
| 2001 St-Joseph "l'Olivaie," Pierre Coursodon\$29.99 |
| 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Roger Perrin\$29.99 |
| 2002 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux \$34.99 |
| 2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux \$37.99 |
| 92 points Stephen Tanzer and 90 points Parker. |
| 1999 Cornas "La Geynale," Robert Michel\$44.99 |
| 2001 Cornas "VV," A Voge\$44.99 |
| 2001 Gigondas "Ventabren," Moulin de Gardette (1.5L)\$49.99 |
| 2001 Châteauneuf, Bosquet des Papes "Chante Merle"\$49.99 |
| 91-94 points Robert Parker. |

Beauties from the Southern Rhône

2003 Domaine de Verquiere, Côtes du Rhône Rasteau (\$9.99) A lovely, fragrant nose of raspberries and black cherries. Sweet fruit in the mouth, the result of a blend of 70% grenache and 30% syrah. Perfectly balanced. A gloriously fruity finish with delicate spice box notes.

2003 Domaine Mas de Bouquet, Vacqueryras (\$10.99) The appellation for this wine was created as recently as 1990. A similar blend to the Domaine de Verquiere (65% grenache and 35% syrah) yet intriguingly different. Elegant raspberry fruit in the mouth that integrates with the spicy undertones flawlessly. Rich and round with just a slight hint of earth in the background.

2003 Château de Sainte Cosme "Ltttle James" Basket Press VdP (**\$11.99**) This is a fun little wine with a really big name. The basket press referres to a press type used since the Middle Ages. This involves a wooden disc that presses grapes into a wooden "basket" and the juice then escapes through the staves into a tray below. A nose of red berries and white pepper. Quite big in the mouth with dark red fruits, some cassis, and herbal notes. Rich and fleshy. 89 points from Robert Parker.

2001 Château La Gardine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape (\$24.99) I have been a fan of this wine for a long time and buy it year after year. A lovely

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

| 2003 Goats do Roam Red | \$8.99 |
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| 2004 Neil Ellis "Sincerely" Sauvignon Blanc | \$10.99 |
| 2003 Porcupine Ridge Syrah | \$10.99 |
| 2002 Brampton Shiraz | \$11.99 |
| 2003 Glen Carlou Chardonnay | \$11.99 |
| 2001 Mischa Estate Shiraz | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Warwick "Professor Black" Sauvignon Blanc, Stellen . | \$15.99 |
| 2003 Rudera Chenin Blanc | \$17.99 |
| 2004 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc-91 points Wine Spectator . | \$18.99 |
| 2001 Rustenberg John X Merriman-91 points Wine Spectator | \$26.99 |
| 2001 Kevin Arnold Shiraz, Stellenbosch | \$29.99 |
| 2001 Rust en Vrede Estate Red | \$34.99 |
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New Zealand

| 2004 Babich Unwooded Chardonnay, Hawkes Bay | \$8.99 |
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| 2004 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough Delicious, dry, crisp Sauvignon Blanc. Very focused with lime undertones. | |
| 2004 Lawson's Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc | .\$12.99 |
| 2004 Huia Pinot Gris or Sauvignon Blanc | .\$14.99 |
| 2004 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marl-91 points Spectator | \$14.99 |
| 2002 Griffin Estate Pinot Noir | .\$14.99 |
| Smoky dark plum and ripe strawberry fruit enhanced by notes of toffee, earth and a hint of bacon. | clove, |
| 2002 Showwood Marlhorough Dinot Noir | \$14.00 |

| 2003 Sherwood Marlborough Pinot Noir | \$14.99 |
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| 2004 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough | \$15.99 |
| 2003 Kumeu River Chardonnay-91 points Wine Spectator | \$27.99 |

<u>Australia</u>

| 2002 Step Rd Shiraz Langhorne Creek | \$11.99 |
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| 2002 Water Wheel "Memsie" Shiraz-Cabernet-Malbec | \$12.99 |
| 2002 Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley | \$12.99 |
| 2003 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz or Barossa Cuv | \$14.99 |
| 2002 Twelve Staves Grenache, Mclaren Vale | \$14.99 |
| 2003 Longwood Estate "Sheep Shearer" Shiraz | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Craneford "Allyson Parsons" Shiraz | \$16.99 |
| 2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Hewitson "Ned and Henry's" Shiraz | \$17.99 |
| 2002 Bleasdale "Frank Potts" Red, Langhorne Creek | \$24.99 |
| 2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Cabernet | \$27.99 |
| 2002 Branson Coach House "Grenock Block" Shiraz | \$39.99 |
| 2000 Penley Estate Reserve Cabernet, Coonawara | \$49.99 |
| 2002 d'Arenberg "Coppermine Road" Cabernet-93+ pts, Parke | r \$56.99 |
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| 2002 amenders Coppermite Roud | |
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| 2001 Elderton "Command" Shiraz | \$64.99 |
| 1999 Penfolds Grange Hermitage | \$174.99 |
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nose of dark red and black fruits, vanilla and violets. In the mouth, it is medium- to full-bodied with black cherry and boysenberry fruit. Nice nuances of chocolate in the finish. A bargain for every cellar!

2002 Château Marcoux, Châteauneuf-du-Pape (\$34.99) Classic Châteauneuf-du-Pape from a difficult vintage. Lively nose of black cherries and strawberry fruit. In the mouth blackberries and anise rule. Rich and lush, yet balanced and exciting. No fining, filtering or destemming used in the production of this very interesting wine. A unique effort that works well with barbecued foods, roasted chicken and traditional Provençal and Mediterranean foods. Enjoy!

-Scott Beckerley

OLD & RARE CALIFORNIA WINES

1958 Beaulieu Vineyards PR.......\$699.00 97 points *Wine Spectator*. "This big, Port-like wine is a blockbuster that betters the '51.

| 1969 Heitz Martha's Napa\$399.00 |
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| 1969 Robert Mondavi Napa\$79.00 |
| 1974 Robert Mondavi Res (1.5 L)\$299.00 |
| 1974 Robert Mondavi Res (3L)\$549.00 |
| 1977 Ridge 'York Creek' Napa\$49.95 |
| 1978 Caymus Special Selection\$379.00 |
| 1978 Clos du Val Napa\$69.95 |
| 1978 Mayacamas Napa\$129.95 |
| 1978 Robert Mondavi Res (1.5L)\$299.95 |
| 1978 Robert Mondavi Res (3L)\$650.00 |
| 1978 Stags Leap Slv\$99.95 |
| 1979 Heitz Napa\$69.00 |
| 1979 Jordan Alexander Valley\$69.95 |
| 1979 Niebaum Coppola Rubicon\$79.95 |
| 1980 Caymus Estate Napa\$110.00 |
| 1981 Caymus Special Sel (1.5L)\$399.00 |
| 1981 Caymus Estate Napa\$99.95 |
| 1982 Beringer Private Res (9L)\$1,799.00 |
| 1982 Beringer Private Res (1.5L)\$275.00 |
| 1983 Dunn Howell Mountain (5L) \$899.00 |
| 1983 Heitz Martha's Napa\$99.95 |
| 1983 Opus One Napa (1.5L)\$399.00 |
| 1983 Silver Oak Napa (3L)\$549.00 |
| 1984 Beringer Private Res Napa\$125.00 |
| 1984 Dominus Napa Red\$149.00 |
| 1984 Montelena Estate Napa (1.5L)\$339.95 |
| 1984 Ridge Monte Bello\$159.00 |
| 1985 Arrowood Sonoma\$79.95 |
| 1985 Buena Vista Reserve Sonoma\$59.95 |
| 1985 Caymus Special Selection\$299.00 |
| 1985 Caymus Special Sel (1.5L)\$799.00 |
| 1985 Dominus Napa Proprietary\$149.00 |
| 1985 Far Niente (5L)\$699.00 |
| 1985 Heitz Martha's Napa\$299.00 |
| 1985 Jordan Alexander Valley\$89.95 |
| 1985 Mayacamas Napa\$99.95 |
| 1985 Shafer SLD Hillside Select\$249.95 |
| 1985 Sterling Reserve Napa\$79.95 |
| 1985 William Hill Reserve Napa\$59.00 |
| 1986 Beaulieu Vineyard Private R\$99.99 |
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1993 Silver Oak Napa (1.5L).....\$325.00 1993 Silver Oak Napa Valley (6L)\$1,199.00 1993 Snowden Napa\$69.95 1993 Stonestreet Legacy\$49.95 1993 Whitehall Lane Morisoli Res\$49.00 1994 Araujo Eisele Vineyard Napa \$349.00 1994 Caymus Special Selection\$225.00 1994 Caymus Special Sel (1.5L)\$499.00 1994 Dunn Napa Valley (1.5L)\$275.00 1994 Newton\$69.00 1994 Peju H.B. Estate Bottled Napa \$99.00 1994 Quintessa Rutherford\$129.00 1994 Raymond Generations Res\$49.95 1994 Silver Oak Napa (6L)\$1,300.00 1994 Stags Leap SLV\$125.00 1994 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Fay .. \$125.00 1995 B R Cohn Special Selection\$79.95

FRENCH REGIONAL

| 2003 d'Oupia "Les Heretiques" VdP\$7.99 Dark, ruby-colored, the wine is wonderfully clean and pure, with an exuberant personality and gobs of rich, peppery, red and black fruit. |
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| 2003 Mas de Guiot\$10.99 |
| Grenache-syrah blend that exhibits tons of violets, backcurrant and licorice spice. |
| 2003 Borie la Vitarele "Les Terres |
| Blanches" Saint Chinian\$13.99 |
| A blend of syrah, grenache and carignan, this wine offers tremendous bang for the buck with overflowing flavors of blackberry, spice and chocolate. |
| 2001 Corbieres, Cuvee Henri Serres \$13.99 Syrah and carignan. It is at once rich and well-bal- anced, exhibiting nuances of black currant, bitter- sweet chocolate and espresso bean. |
| 2001 Mathieu Cosse "Le Petit Sid" |
| Cahors16.99 |
| 2001 Ch. d'Estoublon, Les Baux de |
| Provence\$17.99 2001 Ch. Cedre "Le Prestige" Cahors\$17.99 |
| 2001 de la Bastide Banche Bandol\$19.99 |
| 2001 Chloe, Jean Louis Denois\$19.99 |

Tasting Schedule for May, 2005.

All tastings are from Noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. Please join us in the San Francisco store for Thursday evening tastings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. These tastings, special dinners and other events are listed in the "local events" section of our website, www.klwines.com.

Saturday, May 7: *Italy*. Mike Parres and Greg St. Clair take us on a journey through Italy with great new releases. Both red and white wines to be poured. Ten wines to be presented. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, May 14: California Zinfandels in Redwood City and French Burgundies in San Francisco. In Redwood City, Trey and Martin will pick their favorite Zins. Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA. In San Francisco, Eric and Keith will present their current favorites from new arrival red and white Burgundies. Twelve wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, May 21: *Bordeaux!* Clyde, Ralph and Steve set up our monthly Bordeaux tasting, which will be based on the 2002 vintage. Ten wines (one white, eight red and one Sauternes) to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, May 28: Southern Rhône Wines. Mulan and Kirk pick out the hottest new releases from the Rhône region. We will focus on the Southern Rhône for this tasting. Expect great Châteauneuf-du-Papes! Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA. Scott Beckerley

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

| 2000 Dominus, Napa\$64.99 |
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| 2000 Heitz, Napa\$29.99 |
| 2000 Silver Oak, Napa\$99.00 |
| 2000 St Clement, Napa\$17.99 |
| 2001 Amici, Napa\$34.99 |
| 2001 Atalon, Napa\$24.98 |
| 2001 BR Cohn "Olive Hill"\$41.99 |
| 2001 Benziger, Sonoma\$12.99 |
| 2001 Cain Five, Napa\$79.99 |
| 2001 Cam Five, Napa |
| 2001 Ch Montelena, Napa\$36.99 |
| 2001 Ch Nionelena, Napa |
| 92 points from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> ! |
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| 2001 Clark Claudon, Napa\$84.99 |
| 2001 Clos du Val, Napa\$21.99 |
| 2001 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Valley \$16.99 |
| 2001 Corison, Napa\$54.99 |
| 2001 Cornerstone "Hwl Mnt"\$79.99 |
| 2001 Dominus, Napa\$99.00 |
| A layered mid-palate and a long finish. |
| 2001 Estancia Meritage\$24.99 |
| 2001 Flora Springs "Trilogy"\$44.99 |
| 2001 Flora Springs, Napa\$21.99 |
| 2001 Franciscan "Magnificat"\$32.99 |
| 2001 Frank Family, Nap\$36.99 |
| 2001 Groth, Napa\$39.98 |
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| 2001 Hetiz, Napa\$29.98 |
| 2001 Hess Collection, Napa\$34.98 |
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| 2001 Stuhlmuller, Alexander Vly\$27.99 |
| 2001 Terra Valentine, Napa\$26.99 |
| 2001 Trefethen, Napa\$34.99 |
| 2001 Turnbull, Napa\$29.99 |
| 2001 Veraison, Napa\$46.99 |
| 2001 Vine Cliff, Oakville\$49.99 |
| 2001 Volker Eisele Estate, Napa\$34.99 |
| 2001 Von Strasser, Diamond Mnt\$54.99 |
| 2001 White Cottage, Napa\$49.99 |
| 2001 William Harrison, Napa\$28.99 |
| 2001 William Hill, Napa\$14.99 |
| 2002 Alexander Valley\$14.99 |
| 2002 Anders Conn Vly Right Bank\$34.99 |
| 2002 Avalon, Napa\$9.99 |
| 2002 Barnett, Spring Mountain\$54.99 |
| 2002 Beringer Founders'\$6.99 |
| 2002 Buehler Estate Napa\$29.99 |
| 2002 Cadence "Ciel du Cheval"\$39.99 |
| 2002 Cakebread, Napa\$49.98 |
| 2002 Caymus "Special Select"Inquire |
| 2002 Chappellet, Napa\$39.99 |
| 2002 Chimney Rock "SLD" |
| 2002 Duckhorn, Napa\$54.99 |
| 2002 Dynamite, North Coast\$10.99 |
| 2002 Far Niente, Oakville\$89.99 |
| 2002 Francis Coppola Claret\$12.98 |
| 2002 Franciscan, Oakville\$21.99 |
| 2002 Fritz, Dry Creek\$23.99 |
| Concentrated ripe black cherry, currant and mint |
| flavors are typical of this hillside vineyard. |
| 2002 Hawk Crest, Califorina\$9.99 |
| 2002 Hess Estate, Napa\$16.99 |
| 2002 Hess Select, California\$12.99 |
| 2002 House Wine "Lot 2"\$9.99 |
| A blend of 56% merlot, 42% syrah and 2% |
| cabernet sauvignon. |
| 2002 Hyde de Villaine "HdV"\$47.98 |
| 2002 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks" |
| 2002 Justin, Paso Robles\$18.99 |
| 2002 Justin "Isosceles" |
| 2002 Kenenck Kanen, Napa |
| 2002 Liventure Optimus |
| 2002 Liberty School, Camorina |
| The second wine from Hestan. |
| 2002 Shafer, Napa\$47.99 |
| 2002 Sinaici, Napa |
| 2002 Stag's Leap "Artemis"\$39.98 |
| 2002 Stephen Vincent, California\$8.99 |
| 2002 Tobin James "Notorious"\$14.99 |
| Big, juicy Paso Robles Cab! |
| 2002 Twenty Bench, Napa\$14.99 |
| 2002 Veraison "Synchrony" |
| 2002 Viader, Napa\$69.98 |
| 2002 Whispering Dove, Oakville\$29.99 |
| 2002 Whitehall Lane, Napa\$34.98 |
| 2002 X Winery, Napa\$17.99 |
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| 2002 ZD, Napa | \$29.98 |
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| 2003 Avila, Santa Barbara | \$9.99 |
| 2003 Esser, California | \$7.99 |
| 2003 Joel Gott, California | \$12.98 |
| 2003 Kirkham Peak, Napa | \$18.99 |
| It's back and better than ever! | |
| 2003 McManis, California | \$8.99 |

SYRAH/PETITE SIRAH

2001 Clos Mimi "Bunny Slope"\$49.99 2001 EXP Dunnigan Hills\$10.99 2001 K Vintners "Milbrandt"\$27.99 This small production wine out of Washington will knock your socks off! Classic smoky spicy fruit. 2001 Martella "Hammer"\$19.99

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| 2002 Bogle California Petite Sirah\$7.98 |
| 2002 Bonny Doon "Le Pousseur"\$11.99 |
| 2002 Chalone, Estate\$27.99 |
| 2002 Concannon, Central Coast\$7.99 |
| 2002 J. Runquist Paso Robles\$23.99 |
| 2002 K Vintners "Morrison"\$41.99 |
| 2002 Kahn, Santa Ynez\$27.99 |
| 2002 Ojai, Santa Barbara\$22.99 |
| 2002 Seven Hills, Columbia Vly\$16.99 |
| 2002 Sobon Estate\$9.9 |
| 2002 Tobin James "Rock & Roll"\$14.99 |
| 2002 T Vine Napa Petite Sirah\$30.99 |
| 2002 Unti, Dry Creek\$24.99 |
| 2003 Amphora, Dy Crk Petite Sir\$26.99 |
| 2003 Drew "Sixth Sense", S.B\$24.99 |
| 2003 Earthquake Petite Sirah\$29.99 |
| 2003 Hahn, Central Coast\$8.99 |
| 2003 Margerum Colson Caynon\$29.99 |
| 2003 Rock Rabbit Central Coast\$9.99 |
| 2003 Stolpman, Estate\$19.99 |
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DOMESTIC WHITES

| 2002 Brandborg Umpqua Riesling\$11.9 | 9 |
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| 2002 Gregory Graham KV Viognier \$26.9 | 9 |
| 2002 Tablas Creek "Beaucastel"\$29.9 | 9 |
| 2003 Alban Estate Viognier\$32.9 | 9 |
| 2003 Cold Heaven Viognier\$22.9 | 9 |
| 2003 Conundrum\$21.9 | 9 |
| 2003 Erath Pinot Gris\$10.9 | |
| 2003 Ethan Central Coast Viognier \$17.9 | |
| 2003 F.Tannahill Dragonfly Gwrtz\$21.9 | |
| 2003 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc\$15.9 | |
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| 2003 Poet's Leap Riesling\$21.9 | 9 |
| 2003 Poet's Leap Riesling\$21.9 2003 Ponzi Pinot Blanc\$12.9 | |
| 2003 Ponzi Pinot Blanc\$12.9 | 9 |
| 2003 Ponzi Pinot Blanc\$12.9 2003 Sheldrake Point Riesling\$15.9 | 9 |
| 2003 Ponzi Pinot Blanc\$12.9 2003 Sheldrake Point Riesling\$15.9 This Riesling was too good to pass up. From NY! | 9 9 |
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CHARDONNAY

| 2001 Baileyana "Firepeak Cuvee"\$19.99 |
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| 2001 Buehler "Reserve" RR\$19.99 |
| 2001 Chalk Hill, Sonoma\$32.98 |
| 2001 Olivet Lane, Russian River\$14.99 |
| 2002 Amici, Napa\$23.99 |
| 2002 Beauregard "Bald Mnt"\$11.99 |
| From the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Bald Moun- |
| tain chardonnay is crisp with a unique balance of |
| green apple, lemon and honeysuckle |
| 2002 Beringer "Private Reserve"\$19.99 |
| 2002 Bernardus, Monterey\$14.99 |
| 2002 Buehler, Russian River\$9.99 |
| 2002 Ch Montelena, Napa\$29.99 |
| 2002 Chalone Estate\$19.99 |
| 2002 Columbia Crest Grand Estate\$8.99 |
| 2002 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"\$18.99 |
| 2002 Fisher "Whitney's Vineyard"\$39.99 |
| 2002 Gainey, Santa Barbara\$12.99 |
| 2002 Grgich Hills, Napa\$27.98 |
| 2002 Handley, Dry Creek\$14.99 |
| 2002 Hyde de Villaine "HdV"\$44.98 |
| 2002 Jordan, Russian River\$19.98 |
| Jordan believes the best chardonnay fruit in the |
| Sonoma valley is being grown in the Russian River. |
| After tasting this wine we might agree! |
| 2002 Jospeh Phelps "Ovation"\$42.99 |
| 2002 Lambert Bridge, Sonoma\$13.99 |
| 2002 Landmark "Overlook"\$19.99 |
| 2002 Logan, "Sleepy Hollow"\$12.99 |
| 2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$17.99 |
| 2002 Mer Soleil, Central Coast\$34.98 |
| Very rich and silky in the palate with a hint of citrus on the finish. |
| 2002 Morgan, Monterey\$15.99 |
| 2002 Murphy Goode\$11.99 |
| 2002 Paige 23 "White Hawk Vin" \$16.99 |
| 2002 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"\$21.99 |
| 2002 Ramey "Hyde" & "Hudson" Inquire |
| 2002 Ramey, Carneros/RR\$29.98 |
| 2002 Robert Young, Alexander Vly\$24.99 |
| 92 points from Robert Parker: "A beautiful nose of white currants, peaches, and pears" |
| 2002 Rodney Strong "Chalk Hill"\$11.98 |
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| 2002 Sterling Reserve, Napa\$29.99 2002 Taylor Family, Stag's Leap\$16.99 |
| A favorite of Jim Barr's! |
| 2002 Testarossa "Castello"\$21.99 |
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| 2002 Thomas Fogarty, Santa Cruz\$19.99 2002 ZD, California\$21.98 |
| 2002 ZD, Camornia |
| 2003 Ambullneo, "Big Paw"\$15.99 |
| Lush, tropical fruit balanced by a bright, clean |
| acidity and hints of toast, Knock your socks off! |
| 2003 Benziger, Carneros\$8.99 |
| 2003 Bogle, California |
| 2003 Cakebread, Napa\$34.99 |
| 2003 Cambria Katherine's Vineyard \$12.98 |
| 2003 Cartlidge & Browne, Cal\$8.99 |
| 2003 Clos du Bois, California\$8.99 |
| 2005 Clos du Bois, California\$8.99 |

| 2003 Edna Valley Vineyards\$10.9 | |
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| 2003 Esser, California\$7.9 | 99 |
| Formerly of Cuvaison, Manfred Esser struck out | |
| on his own to create a brand combining quality | |
| and value! | |
| 2003 Far Niente, Napa\$31.9 | |
| 2003 Foxglove, Edna Valley\$9.9 | 99 |
| 2003 Frei Brothers, Russian River\$12.9 | 99 |
| 2003 Frog's Leap, Napa\$19.9 | 98 |
| 2003 Grand Cru, California\$4.9 | |
| 2003 Groth, Napa\$19.9 | |
| 2003 Hahn, Monterey\$8.9 | |
| 2003 Hartford, Sonoma\$15.9 | |
| 2003 Hawkcrest, California\$6.9 | |
| 2003 Heitz, Napa\$12.9 | |
| 2003 Heron, California\$7.9 | |
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| 2003 Hess Collection, Napa\$16.9 | |
| 2003 Hess Select, California\$8.9 | |
| 2003 Hestan, Napa\$44.9 | 99 |
| The Cabernet got 95 points from Parker! Don't wait for this one to get rated. Take our word for | |
| it. it's delicious! | |
| 2003 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco\$10.9 | 00 |
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| 2003 Kali Hart, Monterey\$9.9 2003 Keller "La Cruz"\$23.9 | |
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| 2003 Kendall Jackson Vint Res | |
| 2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast\$12.9 | |
| 2003 Lewis Barcaglia Lane\$49.9 | |
| 2003 Lockwood, Monterey\$9.9 | |
| 2003 MacRostie, Carneros\$15.9 | |
| 2003 Margarett's Vineyard, Cal\$5.9 | |
| 2003 Merryvale "Starmont"\$15.9 | |
| 2003 Miner Family, Napa\$24.9 | |
| Decadent, richly woven fruit flavors are the result | |
| of carefully chosen vineyard sites in Napa. | |
| 2003 Newton "Red Label"\$17.9 | |
| 2003 Nickel & NickelInqui | |
| 2003 Neyers "Thieriot Vineyard"\$39.9 | 99 |
| 93-95 points from Robert Parker! | |
| 2003 Patz & Hall "Hyde"\$44.9 | 99 |
| 2003 Patz & Hall "Dutton"\$36.9 | 99 |
| 2003 Robert Keenan, Napa\$18.9 | |
| 90 points Parker: "very Chablis-like" | |
| 2003 Round Hill, California\$5.9 | 99 |
| 2003 Rusack, Santa Barbara\$16.9 | |
| 2003 Shafer "Red Shoulder"\$34.9 | |
| 2003 Simi, Sonoma\$12.9 | |
| 2003 Solitude, Carneros | |
| 2003 Sonoma Cutrer, Russian Rvr\$17.9 | |
| Smooth, ripe Chardonnay that is fruit forward bu | |
| nonetheless rich and complex. | L |
| 2003 Talley "Oliver's Viney"\$19.9 | 00 |
| 2003 Taz, Santa Barbara\$19.3 | |
| 2003 Taz, Santa Barbara | |
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| 2003 Trefethen, Oak Knoll\$21.9 | |
| 2003 Villa Mt Eden Bien Nacido\$12.9 | |
| 2003 West Slope, Edna Valley\$9.9 | |
| 2003 Wild Horse, Central Coast\$11.9 | |
| NV Hamacher "H," Oregon\$14.9 | 99 |

FUME/SAUVIGNON BLANC

| 2002 Chalk Hill, Sonoma\$21.99 |
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| 2002 Ch St Jean, Sonoma\$8.99 |
| 2002 Husch, Mendocino\$9.99 |
| 2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$15.99 |
| 2002 Ruston, Napa\$19.99 |
| A favorite in our SF store! |
| 2002 Flora Springs "Soliloquy"\$17.99 |
| 2002 Wattle Creek, Mendocino\$17.99 |
| 2003 Bernardus, Monterey\$10.99 |
| One of our favorites here at K&L! Hints of grass, lemon and apricot. |
| 2003 Cakebread, Napa\$19.99 |
| 2003Chance Creek, Redwood Vly\$11.99 |
| 2003 Frog's Leap, Napa\$12.98 |
| 2003 Geyser Peak, California\$6.99 |
| 2003 Grgich Hills, Napa\$16.99 |
| 2003 Honig, Napa\$11.99 |
| 2003 Kalinda, Lake County\$9.99 |
| Lip-smacking tropical fruit, crisp acidity! |
| 2003 Kenwood, Sonoma\$7.99 |
| 2003 Mason, Napa\$14.99 |
| 2003 Morgan, Monterey\$9.99 |
| 2003 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"\$6.98 |
| 2003 Peter Franus Carneros\$16.99 |
| 2003 Saracina, Mendocino\$21.99 |
| 2003 Selene "Hyde Vineyard"\$23.99 |
| 2003 St Supéry, Napa\$13.99 |
| Intense varietal characters explode out of the |
| glass: lemon, green lime and kiwi, along with slight gooseberry aromas. |
| 2003 Sterling, Napa\$9.99 |
| 2003 Voss, Napa\$14.98 |
| 2003 Work, Napa |
| 2003 Work, Napa |
| 2004 Greyser Peak, Camorina |
| 2004 Groth, Napa |
| Made by Randy Mason! |
| 2004 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast\$7.99 |
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| 2004 Two Wives, Napa\$14.99 2004 Whitehall Lane, NapaInquire |
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DOMESTIC SPARKLERS

1998 Schramsberg Reserve\$54.991999 Argyle Willamette Valley Brut\$16.991999 Domaine Chandon "Etoile"\$27.991999 J Wine Company\$23.991999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"\$32.991999 Roederer "l'Ermitage" Rosé\$4.992000 Schramsberg B de B/B de N\$23.992001 Domaine Carneros Brut\$18.992001 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuv"\$14.99NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Noir\$14.99NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc Noir\$13.99NV Roederer Estate\$16.99NV Scharffenberger\$14.99

MERLOT

| 2001 Atalon, Napa\$24.99 |
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| 2001 Chateau St. Jean, Sonoma\$17.98 |
| 2001 Columbia Crest Grand Estate\$8.99 |
| 2001 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex\$16.99 |
| 2001 Havens, Napa\$21.99 |
| 2001 Paradigm, Napa\$38.99 |
| 2001 Robert Sinskey, Carneros\$21.99 |
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| 2001 Sterling, Napa\$18.98 |
| 2001 Stonestreet, Sonoma\$14.99 |
| 2001 Stonestreet, Sonoma |
| 2002 Burgess, Napa\$13.99 |
| 2002 Chappellet, Napa\$29.99 |
| 2002 Cinappenet, Hapa |
| 2002 Chinabar, 1 aso Robies |
| 2002 Emmolo, Napa\$18.99 |
| Rich lush and pleasantly spicy in the mouth! |
| 2002 Flora Springs, Napa\$17.99 |
| 2002 Franciscan, Napa\$17.99 |
| 2002 L'Ecole No. 41 Columbia Vly\$29.99 |
| 2002 Markham, Napa\$15.98 |
| 2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$19.99 |
| 2002 Nickel & NickelInquire |
| 2002 Provenance, Carneros\$19.98 |
| 2002 Seven Hills, Columbia Vly\$18.99 |
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| Ripe black fruits surrounded by complex oak |
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MISC DOMESTIC REDS

2003 McManis, California\$8.99

| 2001 Dom Chandon Pinot Meunier \$26.99 |
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| 2001 Palmina Stolpman Nebbiolo\$29.99 |
| 2002 Boeger El Dorado Barbera\$12.99 |
| 2002 Decoy Napa Red Blend\$23.99 |
| 2002 Four Vines "Anarchy"\$21.99 |
| Syrah (42%), zinfandel (29%) and mourvèdre (29%). |
| 2002 Graff Family Mourvèdre\$16.99 |
| 2002 Hess Collection Mnt Cuvee\$29.99 |
| 2002 Paraduxx Napa Red\$39.99 |
| 2002 Shypoke Charbono\$17.99 |
| 2002 Tablas Creek "Cote de Tab"\$18.99 |
| 2002 Vino Noceto Sangiovese\$14.99 |
| 2003 Boeger El Dorado Barbera\$12.99 |
| 2003 Bonny Doon Big House Red\$7.99 |
| 2003 Carlisle "Three Birds" Red\$24.99 |
| 2003 Garretson Paso Mourvedre\$26.99 |
| 2003 Porter Creek Carignane\$14.99 |
| 2003 Unti Dry Creek Barbera\$24.99 |
| 2004 Boony Doon Clos du Gilroy\$9.99 |
| Routon Vintage Char. Port (.375ml)\$9.99 |

PINOT NOIR

| 2001 Benton Lane, Oregon\$13.98 |
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| 2001 Domaine Serene "Evanstad"\$39.99 |
| 2001 Iron Horse, Green Valley\$24.99 |
| 2001 Willakenzie "Pierre Leon"\$32.99 |
| 2002 Andrew Rich, Willamette\$24.99 |
| 2002 Beaux Freres, WillametteInquire |
| 2002 Brandborg, Umpqua Valley\$17.99 |
| 2002 Brandborg, Cinpqua vaney\$17.55 2002 Chalone Estate, Monterey\$21.99 |
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| 2002 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"\$19.99 |
| 2002 Chehalem Reserve\$46.99 |
| 2002 Esser Cellars, California\$9.99 |
| This great value Pinot shows flavors of strawber- ries and spicy herbal notes. |
| 2002 Etude, Carneros\$36.99 |
| 2002 Handley, Anderson Valley\$17.99 |
| 2002 Ponzi Reserve, Willamette\$42.99 |
| 2002 Porter Creek "Fiona Hill"\$24.99 |
| 2002 Rex Hill, Willamette Valley\$18.99 |
| 2002 Row Eleven, Santa Maria\$24.99 |
| The 2002 from Santa Maria is made from mostly |
| Pommard clones from Bien Nacido Vineyards |
| 2002 Taz, Santa Barbara\$19.99 |
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| 2002 Varner "Hidden Block," S.C\$36.99 |
| 2002 Witness Tree "Vint Sel"\$34.99 |
| 92 points from the Wine Spectator! |
| 2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley\$15.99 |
| 2003 Acacia, Carneros\$19.99 |
| 2003 Adelsheim "Elizabeth's Res"\$32.99 |
| 2003 Ambullneo "Bulldog Res"\$74.99 |
| 2003 Argyle, Willamette Valley\$16.99 |
| 2003 Au Bon Climat, Santa Barb\$16.99 |
| 2003 Avila, San Luis Obispo\$9.99 |
| 2003 Broadley Estate\$24.99 |
| 2003 Cambria "Julia's"\$14.99 |
| 2003 Carter "Hillblock," Oregon\$36.99 |
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| 92 points from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> Insider! |
| 2003 David Bruce, Central Coast\$15.98 |
| 2003 Elk Cove "Mt. Richmond" \$29.99 |
| 2003 Frei Brothers, Russian River\$15.99 |
| 2003 Hartford, Sonoma\$18.99 |
| Complex aromas and a dense, sweet mouthfeel. |
| 2003 Elk Cove "Mt. Richmond" \$29.99 |
| 2003 Jezebel, Oregon\$19.99 |
| 2003 JELEDEL, OTEGOIL |
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| 2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast\$12.98 |
| 2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast\$12.98 2003 Lachini "S," Willamette Vly\$31.99 |
| 2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast\$12.98 2003 Lachini "S," Willamette Vly\$31.99 2003 Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands\$34.99 |
| 2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast\$12.98 2003 Lachini "S," Willamette Vly\$31.99 2003 Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands\$34.99 2003 McKinlay, Willamette Valley\$13.99 |
| 2003 La Crema, Sonoma Coast\$12.98 2003 Lachini "S," Willamette Vly\$31.99 2003 Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands\$34.99 2003 McKinlay, Willamette Valley\$13.99 2003 Migration, Anderson Valley\$26.99 |
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ZINFANDEL

| 2001 Cloud 9 "Seity", Amador\$29.99 |
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| 2001 Franus "Brandlin Ranch"\$21.99 |
| 2001 Hendry "Hendry Rnch"\$14.99 |
| 2001 Klinker Brick "OV," Lodi\$14.99 |
| Deliciously rich and ripe, with a silky finish. |
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| 2001 Little 8 Ottimino, RR\$29.99 |
| 2001 Pezzi King "Maple"\$27.99 |
| 2001 Storrs "Rusty Ridge"\$23.99 |
| 2002 Amici "Old Vine," Napa\$29.99 |
| 2002 Atrea Old Soul Red\$23.99 |
| 2002 Ch Montelena, Napa\$24.99 |
| 2002 Cline, California\$7.98 |
| 2002 D-Cubed, Napa\$22.99 |
| 2002 Dashe Cellars, Dry Creek\$18.99 |
| 2002 Four Vines "Old Vine" |
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| 2002 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"\$21.99 |
| 2002 Hendry "Block 7"\$26.99 |
| 2002 J. Runquist "Z," Amador\$20.99 |
| 2002 Montevina Terra d' Oro\$18.99 |
| 2002 Nickel & Nickel "Ponzo"\$44.98 |
| 2002 Norman "The Monster"\$18.99 |
| 2002 Porter Bass, Russian River\$26.99 |
| 2002 Quivira, Dry Creek\$16.99 |
| 2002 Rancho Zabaco"Dancing Bull"\$6.98 |
| 2002 Renwood "Sierra Series" |
| 2002 Renwood "Old Vines" |
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| 2002 Ridge, Geyserville\$27.99 |
| 92 points Robert Parker! 84% zinfandel, 12% carignan, and 4% petite sirah. |
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| 2002 Rombauer, El Dorado\$21.99 |
| 2002 Seghesio "Old Vines" \$26.99 |
| 2002 Storybook Mnt "Mayacamas"\$25.99 |
| 2002 T Vine, Napa\$26.99 |
| "High tones of raspberries and cherries are found |
| in this 2002 Zinfandel with notes of spice and a |
| sweet melody that sticks with you," Mike Jordan |
| 2002 Unti Vineyards, Dry Creek\$21.99 |
| 2003 Alexander Valley "SinZin"\$16.99 |
| 2003 Amphora "Mounts" Dry Crk\$17.99 |
| 2003 Bogle Old Vine\$8.98 |
| 2003 Carlisle "Fava Ranch"\$29.99 |
| 2003 Earthquake, Lodi\$23.99 |
| 2003 Gamba "Old Vine" RR\$34.99 |
| 2003 Hartford, Russian River\$27.99 |
| 93 points from Robert Parker! |
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| 2003 Joel Gott "Dillan Ranch"\$21.99 |
| 2003 Joel Gott, California\$13.99 |
| 2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"\$12.99 |
| 2003 Neyers "Pato Vineyard"\$26.99 |
| 2003 Rosenblum "Sauret"\$14.99 |
| 2003 Seghesio, Sonoma\$14.98 |
| 2003 Sobon "Fiddletown"\$16.99 |
| 2003 Sobon "Rocky Top"\$12.99 |
| 2003 Sobon Kocky rop |
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| 2003 Tobin James "Ballistic" |
| 2003 Windmill Old Vine Lodi\$9.99 |
| "Outrageously lush and supple," Shaun Green |
| |
| NV Rosenblum Vintners XXVII\$7.98 |

Trey's Picks

May means the weather is getting warm and once again our palates are craving fresh, bright and clean white wines to quench our thirst. This month we have a nice variety of "poolside sippers" that are sure to please even the most discerning palates. When I think of a poolside sipper I usually think of Sauvignon Blanc first. The 2004 Pomelo California Sauvignon Blanc (\$9.99) was handcrafted by winemaker Randy Mason. The fruit for this wine was sourced from the up-and-coming Lake County region northeast of Napa. The wine is fresh, bright and shows subtle grapefruit and floral nuances. Chardonnay can sometimes be a bit heavy, but the 2003 Heitz Cellars Napa Chardonnay (\$12.99) is as clean as a whistle. The wine is balanced, crisp and food-friendly. Pear skin and minerals keep you coming back for more, and the extremely reasonable price point doesn't hurt, either! Chardonnay lovers will love the next two. The 2002 Murphy Goode Chardonnay (\$11.99) is barrel fermented in a combination of French and American oak and goes through malolactic fermentation, which adds a slightly rounder texture. Apricot and pear aromas and flavors of this clean, fresh Chardonnay are highlighted with the oak. The 2003 Taz Santa Barbara Chardonnay (\$12.99) is ripe but balanced by nice acidity, and is delightful with or without food. For those of you who like to mix things up a bit, the next two wines are for you. The 2003 Sheldrake Point Finger Lakes (Cayuga) Riesling (\$15.99) brings New York wines back into K&L. This Riesling is a crisp, fruity wine presenting aromatic flavors of Granny Smith apple, lime and pineapple with every tantalizing mouthful. This delicious white will go with a variety of foods. Finally, the 2003 Tremani Russian River Pinot Gris (\$14.99) is a wine that screams for food. Only 725 cases were made of this little gem. *—Trey Beffa*

Oregon Gems from Willakenzie

Bernie and Ronni Lacroute started Willakenzie in 1991, naming the winery for the famous sedimentary Willakenzie soils in the Willamette Valley, highlighting their aim in winemaking: Sustainable farming and passionate focus on bringing out the characteristics of terroir, clones and the beauty of pinot, since that's all they grow...noir, gris, blanc and meunier (ok, and some gamay). To accomplish this, there are now six single-vineyard Pinot Noir bottlings, and a Willamette Valley cuvee. Here are a couple from this terrific winery.

The **2003 Willakenzie Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (\$16.98)** highlights the general style of winemaking, rather than one specific site. It shows plenty of bright and forward fruit, which seems to be typical of the 2003s, juicy deep black cherry and plum fruits, even plumper than the extremely popular 2002, yet with a nice balance, good minerality and just a touch of ash. Very ready to drink, easy to pair, this goes with anything from salmon to pork roasts.

The **2002 Willakenzie "Triple Black Slopes" Pinot Noir** is a powerhouse. Super steep vineyards (hence the ski slope reference) produce immensely dense, chunky and much blacker fruit, lots of spices, noticeable licorice, sweet tar, granite-y minerals. This is a real show stopper here. All the '02s sell out quickly, so don't wait if you want to try a real monumental Oregon pinot. The massive nature of this wine calls for richer meatier dishes; lamb stew comes to mind. I suspect this wine will be consumed fairly quickly, but it will improve for 5+ years. (Parker gave it 90 points with a note that it may eventually receive more).

-Shaun Green

San Francisco Focus

I wanted to continue my look at smaller wineries in California by telling you a little bit about **Unti Vineyards.** The vineyards were planted in 1990 by George, Linda and Mick Unti in the Dry Creek Valley. The 55 acres they have don't include cabernet, merlot or chardonnay but varietals such as barbera, grenache, zinfandel and sangiovese. Almost all the wines are blended with several different varietals, which gives them great balance and complexity. The Unti's take great pride in the 5,400 cases they produce, and it shows in every bottle.

2002 Dry Creek Syrah (\$24.99) This wine is one of my top three Syrahs released this year. The wine is comprised of Unti's best lots from five Northern Rhône clones of syrah (along with 5% grenache) planted in the estate's bench land block. This syrah is big, bold and balanced. All Syrah fans including you Northern Rhône fanatics will be blown over with its complex aromatics and flavors reflecting its diverse sources. It was aged in French oak barrels and puncheons (30% new).

2002 "Benchlands" Syrah (\$28.99) This is the big boy. The 2002 Syrah comes from Unti's lowest-yielding vines within the Eastside Bench vineyard. It is Unti's biggest, richest, most exotic Syrah to date. The wine was aged entirely in French oak barrels, 25% new, and bottled unfined and unfiltered.

2003 Dry Creek Barbera (\$21.99) This is the second vintage of Barbera from Unit's low-yielding 2-acre vineyard. The wine's deep color, exotic fruit aromas, juicy mouthfeel and zippy acidity will remind you of a modern style Barbara from Italy's Piedmont region. This is the wine that will bring respect back to the Cal-Ital varietals. Look for the great rosé this summer!

See you in the City...

-Mike Jordan

Esser Cellars to the Rescue!

The French term "negociant" refers to the practice of purchasing grapes from anonymous growers and making wine under a proprietary label. Sadly, due to the proliferation of mass-produced, mediocre labels, including one that rhymes with "carl's spa," people too often assume that negociant wines mean low quality. There are, in fact, several great California negociants that produce spectacular wine, often at a fraction of the cost of more prestigious labels. One extraordinary example that I'd like to tell you about is **Esser Cellars**. With over 30 years of wine industry experience, Manfred Esser has crafted a lineup of wines under \$10 that come with big, heaping spoonfuls of "Wow!"

Every Esser wine we carry completely outperforms its price bracket... it's kinda scary actually. First, let me introduce you to your new house chardonnay, 2003 Esser Cellars California Chardonnay (\$7.99). This gives chardonnay lovers everything needed for basic daily subsistence--loads of tropical fruits flavors, luscious rich, buttery tones and bright acidity, all at one heck of a price. Now, rather than describe the next one let me just tell you about something that happened recently: I was at a lunch a few weeks ago where everyone brought a pinot under \$50 to taste blind. The 2002 Esser Cellars California Pinot Noir (\$9.99) was a shocking performer, beating out some \$30 efforts. In fact, a few people pegged it as their overall favorite! Lastly, the 2003 Esser Cellars California Cabernet Sauvignon (\$7.99) is the true, classy Cabernet you wanna drink, not just mindlessly sweet, oaked-out juice passed off as Cabernet that dominates this price point. I'm not saying you'll confuse these three wines for world-class efforts. That's not their point or their ultimate goal. One thing's for sure, however, when it comes to world-class value Esser Cellars is unmatched by any California negociant I've tasted to date. Enjoy! -Martin Reyes

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile, Argentina

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| 2003 Concha y Toro Xplorador Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)\$5.99 |
| 2003 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)\$7.99 |
| 2003 Two Brothers Tattoo Red (Chile)\$7.99 |
| 2002 Bodega Cicchitti Cabernet/Malbec\$7.99 |
| 2003 Concha y Toro Casillero del Diablo (Chile)\$7.99 |
| 2002 Budini Cabernet (Argentina)\$8.99 |
| 2002 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Reserva Malbec (Argentina) |
| 2003 Fin del Mundo, Postales Cab/Malbec (Argentina)\$9.99 |
| 2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios, Rosé of Malbec(Arg)\$9.99 |
| 2002 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina)\$10.99 |
| 2003 El Felino Malbec (Argentina)\$10.99 |
| 2002 Felipe Rutini Malbec (Arg)-90 points Spectator\$11.99 |
| 2002 Bodegas Salentein Syrah (Argentina)\$12.99 |
| 2003 Auka Mendoza Merlot (Argentina)\$12.99 |
| 2002 Valentin Bianchi Malbec (Argentina)\$12.99 |
| 2003 Concha y Toro, Pirque Marq de Casa Concha (Chile)\$13.99 |
| 2003 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Chard (Chile)\$14.99 |
| 2003 Concha y Toro Marq de Casa Concha Cab (Chile)\$14.99 |
| 2003 Mapema Tempranillo (Argentina)\$14.99 |
| 2003 Fin del Mundo, Malbec, Patagonia (Arg)\$14.99 |
| 2002 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Merlot (Chile)\$17.99 |
| 2003 La Posta Bonarda or Malbec (Argentina)\$17.99 |
| 2002 Catena Malbec or Cabernet (Argentina)Inquire |
| 2002 Encierra Colchagua Valley (Chile)\$22.99 |
| 2002 Concha y Toro, Terrunyo, Carmenere (Chile)\$24.99 |
| 2002 Altos Las Hormigas V Hormigas Res Malbec (Arg)\$24.99 |
| 2001 Almaviva (Chile)\$59.99 |
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Portugal/Spain

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| 2003 Bodegas Castano Monastrell, Yecla\$5699 |
| 2001 Sierra Cantabria Tinto, Rioja\$6.99 |
| 2003 Las Rocas de San Alejandro, Garnacha, Calatayad\$7.99 |
| 2003 Muga Rosado\$7.99 |
| 2003 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud\$7.99 |
| 2003 Panarroz, Jumilla\$7.99 |
| 2003 Atazuri, Artazu, Navarra\$8.99 |
| 2003 J & F Lurton, Rueda Blanco\$8.99 |
| 2000 Marques de Arienzo, Rioja, Crianza\$8.99 |
| 2003 Naia Rueda Blanc\$9.99 |
| 2003 La Legua\$10.99 |
| 2003 Borsao, Tres Picos, Garnacha\$11.99 |
| 2001 Lorinon Crianza, Rioja\$12.99 |
| 2000 Sierra Cantabria Crianza Rioja\$13.99 |
| 2003 Adegas Condes de Albarei Albariño\$13.99 |
| 2000 Sierra Cantabria Crianza Rioja\$13.99 |
| 2001 Bodegas del Muni, Corpus del Muni Vina Lucia\$14.99 |
| 2002 Dominio de Tares, Bierzo\$14.99 |
| 2001 Bodegas Montebaco, Pago Senda Misa Crianza\$16.99 |
| 2001 Capcanes Costers del Gravet, Monstant\$17.99 |
| 1995 Marques de Arienzo Gran Reserva Rioja\$23.99 |
| 2001 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto\$24.95 |
| 2001 Logos I, Navarra\$24.99 |
| 2001 Venus la Universal, Monstant-Was \$34.99\$24.99 |
| 2002 Vall Llach Embruix, Priorat\$27.95 |
| 1997 Roda I Riserva, Rioja\$29.99 |
| 2001 Bodegas Lan Edicion Limitada\$39.99 |
| 2001 Campo Eliseo, Toro\$45.99 |
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Great Bargains from El Mundo Hispano!

2003 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud (\$7.99) This great grenache from Northern Spain is a real winner! Packed raspberry and blackberry fruit and a hint of white pepper spice, it has good body and a long finish. Enjoy this wine with a garlicky roast chicken!

2003 J. & F. Lurton, Rueda, Blanco (\$8.99) 90 points from the *Wine Spectator*! This Rueda white is bold and racy with aromas of citrus and lime peel and a long, crisp finish. Absolutely one of the best choices in a white wine for summertime sipping!

2001 Conde de Valdemar Crianza Rioja (\$9.99) A perennial favorite bargain red here at K&L, the 2001 offering shows all the depth and concentration of this great vintage. From the black cherry fruit and vanillan oak to supple mouth feel, this Rioja is a real crowd pleaser. This is the perfect red for lamb chops!

2002 Castell del Remei Gotim Bru (\$10.99) 89 points Robert Parker: "One of the great values in the marketplace, even with the fright-fully weak American dollar, is the 2002 Gotim Bru…" I agree! Big rich and easy to drink, this red from Catalunya has plenty of ripe black currant fruit with a smattering of oak on the finish. Make this red your house wine. Many K&L regulars already have!

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

Buen Cata!

—Anne Pickett (anne@klwines.com)

Jim C's View Down Under

The **2001 Mischa Estate Shiraz, Wellington, South Africa (\$14.99)** is elegant with notes of smoke, blueberry, blackberry, cola, cedar and licorice. On the palate, this wine is sleek and well balanced with fine length. A special purchase allows us to sell this wine at almost half the normal price. This is a superb VALUE.

2002 Step Road "Black Wing" Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, Australia (**\$6.99**) This is a rocking little wine for the money, and is perfect for any parties where a case purchase is needed. The bouquet is full of smoky blackberry, licorice, dark chocolate and a hint of pepper. The tannins are soft and supple with the finish juicy and long. It's tough to beat at this price, and it got 89 points from Robert Parker.

2003 Hewitson "Miss Harry" GSM, Barossa, Australia (\$17.99) 2002 Hewitson "Mad Hatter" Shiraz, McLaren, Australia (\$31.99) 2003 Hewitson "Old Garden" Mourvèdre, Barossa, Aust (\$31.99) With the exception of the Miss Harry, these are some new and LIM-ITED offerings from Dean Hewitson. Replacing the L'Oizeau in the portfolio, the Mad Hatter shows great purity and classic McLaren Vale silkiness. The aromatics offer notes of black raspberry, red licorice, meats, earth, pepper, dark chocolate and roasted grains. On the palate, the wine has seamless balance with good structure and very good length. The Old Garden was planted in 1853 and may be the oldest mourvèdre vineyard on the planet. The wine is dense with blue and blackberry fruits, nutmeg spice and a meaty note. Miss Harry... what can I say? Notes of black cherry, blackberry, pepper and licorice abound with great balance and length. It's 47% grenache, 40% shiraz, 13% mourvèdre and 100% kicking. 91 points Robert Parker. -Jim Chanteloup

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| 2003 Fred Prinz Hallgartener Jungfer Kabinett | .\$16.99 |
| 2002 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Kabinett | .\$18.99 |
| 2003 Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Pittermännchen Kabinett | \$21.99 |
| 2003 Joh. Jos. Prüm Graacher Himmelreich Spätlese | .\$21.99 |
| 91 points Wine Spectator. | |
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2003 Weegmüller Haardter Bürgergarten Spätlese**\$29.99** 92 points Pierre Rovani writing for the *Wine Advocate*.

The 15th Page Man: Vollenweider

Daniel Vollenweider has definitely earned himself a prominent spot on our shelves in the past three vintages, and I think he should be given the same chance in your cellars. This is a young grower to watch!! He has garnered all kinds of press in Germany and is causing quite a stir in the sleepy Mosel with his chiseled, pure style of Riesling from old ungrafted vines and steeply terraced vineyards of blue and red slate in the long neglected Goldgrube vineyard in Wolf.

"Vollenweider is enthusiastic, tireless and open-minded, and has already begun to leave his mark in the Mosel, impressing his neighbors and the critics with consistent quality. He plans soon to replant some of the steepest portions of the Goldgrube that have lain fallow for more than a generation, thus leaving a very visible mark on the landscape and little doubt that he is here to stay," says David Schildknecht, German wine writer for Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar. We are pleased to be able to offer a relatively broad selection of these rare Mosel gems; I hope you give him a chance.

The 2002 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Kabinett (\$18.99) is a style of Mosel wine sadly disappearing, a true Kabinett, lithe and taut with almost salty, briny mineral flavors and a bright, focused acidity that perks up the palate and gets your salivary glands working overtime. There is no lack of fruit here, but it plays a supporting role in this essay on slate and structure. Will keep well if you can keep away from it. The 2001 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Spätlese (\$25.99) is now starting to show itself to be a deep and complete wine that brings to mind great Wehlener Sonnenuhr with its creamy elegance and signature slate aromas. Full and rich on the palate with explosive honeyed vanilla pastry and baked apple flavors, never tiring or ostentatious, very precise and long, just brimming with minerality. Will keep and improve for many years to come. The 2002 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Spätlese (\$22.99) also shows aromas of slate scented with lemony custard and vanilla. Yet for all this wine's creaminess there is great delineation of flavor. There is great balance at the heart of this wine, an inner peace if you will, that is serene and delicately wrought.

In the 2003 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Spätlese Gold Cap .375ml (\$21.99) we have one of the great successes of the vintage. A yee-ha, full-throttle Spätlese that is most definitely flirting heavily in the Auslese ripeness category. I love what Schildknecht says, especially the highlighted part: "Aromas of apple jelly, quince, pear nectar and honey lead to a rich, honeyed, yet buoyant and elegant mouthful of refined fruit and slate. The finish is luscious and juicy and manages to refresh while **depositing a load of honey, fruit essences and wet stone**, as well as a smoky wisp of noble rot. Potential 2 stars." Perfect... Give 'em a shot! Your German wine nut... —Jeff Vierra

LOIRE

1994 Savennieres Roche Aux Moines, Domaine Aux Moines \$19.99 1995 Vouvray Moelleux "Clos Naudin," Philippe Foreau.......\$42.99 2003 Muscadet Sèvre Maine Sur Lie, Domaine de la Pepiere....\$8.99 2002 Anjou Rouge, Domaine Vincent Ogereau\$9.99 2003 Muscadet VV, Clos des Briords, Domaine Pepiere\$10.99 2003 Saumur Blanc "Julian Fouet," Domaine Fouet\$11.99 2002 Anjou Blanc, Domaine Vincent Ogereau\$12.99 2003 Touraine Gamay, Clos Roche Blanche\$12.99 2002 Saumur-Champigny, Rene Noel Legrand La Chaintre ...\$13.99 Pure ripe expression of franc, showing chocolate and mineral 2002 Vouvray Sec, Vincent Raimbault\$13.99 2003 Muscadet "Expression de Gneiss," Guy Bossard\$13.99 2002 Saumur-Champigny Filliatreau La Grand Vignole\$15.99 2002 Sancerre Domiane Daulny, Clos de Chaudenay VV\$16.99 2003 Coteaux du Lavon, Chateau Soucherie Y. Tijou\$16.99 2002 Montlouis "Les Choisilles," François Chidaine\$18.99 Dry long and intensely mineral, from distinct plots all left to ripen late and vinified in a bold rich dry style. Chidaine is the top! 2002 Pouilly-Fumé "Les Cris," Domaine Cailbourdin\$18.99 2003 Vouvray, Le Bouchet Demi-Sec François Chidaine\$19.99 2003 Montlouis, Clos Habert Demi-Sec François Chidaine....\$21.99 60 year old vines, earthy, mineral-scented, sweet, pear flavors and a rich finish. 2003 Saumur-Champigny "Cuv Lisagathe," Château Hureau \$24.99

2002 Sancerre Le Chene Marchand, R&M Crochet\$26.99

Here We Go...

The question, why Austrian wines? The answer, purity of passion. Austria is a place filled with people who respect and admire the land from which they are born. The winegrowers are no different. Being surrounded by a world (the wine world) that is dominated by mass producing, mass marketing, and frankly, uncaring conditions, the wines of Austria are a deep, cleansing breath of fresh air. As consumers we are lucky to have wines that come from grower/producers who look at wine the old-fashioned way, a symbol of their soul, family, village and country. These are people who understand that wine, first and foremost, comes from the earth. The vineyard is a sacred place. Being able to recognize this, while being meticulously attentive to Mother Nature, is a true art form. When help is needed, it is only done in a meaningful, natural process, only to aid and support the ecological equilibrium within. Then, the same philosophy is taken to the cellar, where the practices mirror those of the vineyard. This is where the winemaker can either show off the harvest that Mother Nature has provided, or manipulate it into something completely different to make a quick buck.

I would like to highlight two different wines from two different producers not motivated by the quick buck. Let's start with the newly priced **2002 Weingut Pflaffl Grüner Veltliner "Goldjoch" (\$16.99)**. From a producer located on the outskirts of Vienna, where three growing regions come together: the Weinviertel, the Donauland and Vienna proper. Two thirds fermented in wood, this wine has it all: aromas of spiced fruit and nuts and a mouth feel that is rich and sexy, finishing off with that classic lip-smacking, grüner acidity. Next, the **2003 Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner "Kamptaler Terrassen" (\$17.99)** comes entirely from the terraced vineyards of Kamptal and tank fermented in stainless steel. These loam- and loess-laden terraces are the reason behind the rich, spicy and powerful flavors of this expressive beauty. You can match either of these with anything from wok-fried vegetables to roasted pork. Lieben der Neigung! —*Eric Story*

The Farmer and The Traveller ... continued from page 2

that the big wineries needed to have cash-flow wines that were generic and simple. Pure economics, he said. But these wines should not be passed off as the best a winery has to offer. Cash flow wines and flagship wines are entirely different things. The former adheres to the taste of the public. The latter to the taste of the soil.

Should the world be perfect, said The Farmer, money would be made with the 'vin ordinaire' and reputation would be made with the 'Grand Cru.' And ultimately, a winery would be valued by reputation.

To illustrate this, The Farmer spoke of his sojourn to Bordeaux many years ago. The vignerons he visited knew the histories of the harvests and could always draw on parallels for their decision making. Some would sell off inferior juice rather than tarnish their hard earned repu-

tations. They used the past to help in the present. And their pride in the present would help in the future. That, said The Farmer, is the secret to winemaking.

Over a hearty handshake, the farmer said to come by any time, and rap on the rear door should no one answer the front. And off he went into the vineyard, as there was still much work to be done. Back on the road, The Traveller was light as a feather, for he had found what he



was looking for: a wine true to its origins. A taste of the earth, unique to this speck of land and this one only. This was the growth of the soil.

The Traveller took one last look at the beautiful wineries up the road...

Jim's May Gems

So many of you have asked if we will get a crop this year from our vineyard at our Anderson Valley Barr Family Vineyard. The answer to that is several-fold, and the truth in this matter is that it will try to give us a crop this year. What we do with it is totally dependant on the way the vineyard looks in four to seven weeks. The upper half of the vineyard looks as if it is going into its third leaf, which it is. The bottom half looks like a healthy five-to-six-year-old vineyard ready to take on the world. For those of you who understand hillside vineyards, this is consistent. So, our options are to drop everything, allow the bottom half to selectively produce and drop the upper half, drop a certain amount of the upper half and be selective about the bottom half, etc., etc. The options are numerous. Chris and I will make that decision soon, as will Jeff Vierra and Eric Story about the riesling (remember we have six rows of riesling there. Jeff and Eric talked me into that).

If you were distraught about not being able to purchase the 2002 Kirkham Peak Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, which I wrote up in February and which sold out in ten days (350 cases), you can take solace in the fact that we have another Cabernet from another Napa Valley cult Cabernet producer. The **2003 Kirkham Peak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$19.99)** is far and away one of the best Cabernets ever produced for us. Deep ruby in color, the perfume and exotic aromas explode from the nose with cassis, blackberries and currants that carry over into the mouth, all of which is underscored by a vanilla-bean tone as well as cedar. In the mouth, you will be treated to a warm, lush, complex, broad-tasting wine with moderate, yet round, ripe tannins, layers of concentrated fruit and an everlasting finish. Soooo, Anderson, a few Nickles for your thoughts as to what you feel about this lovely Cabernet. The little guy has told me, as with the 2002, this gem needs to be stockpiled in your cellars by the case load Some time later...

It was the grandest tasting of the year, and all of the wineries had submitted their wares to be judged. The wines, anonymous in their little bags were lined up on long tables covered with white linen. No one would know what the wines were until the end of the tasting, when the winner would be announced.

At the dais sat a panel of twenty tasters, representing the most influential wine professionals in the state.

The tasting had been exhaustive. Notes were taken. Opinions shared. And now the judging was over.

The host of the event strode to the podium. He secured his spectacles to the bridge of his nose. He rustled papers, and finally looked to the rapt audience and made a short speech, thanking the tasting panel and the patience of the crowd. He explained that only the top ten wines would be revealed, in ascending order.

One by one the wines were unveiled and applauded. Before the identity of the last, the host said that this was the first time in the long history of the event that there was a unanimous agreement from the panel. This wine was the best of the year. A truly great wine that will surely prove itself again and again as it passes from youth to its zenith. The bag was taken off.

The applause was thunderous amidst murmers of surprise.

Imagine, all of the attention focued on one bottle of wine. With its little label.

Bearing a painting of an old horse, pulling a wooden wagon.

The final shipment of the **2003 Kalinda Lake County (Knights Valley) Sauvignon Blanc (\$9.99)** has arrived. For those of you who have loved this cleanly produced, crisp, grapefruit- to lime-like, New Zealand-style killer SB, these few cases are the last of it, and you should procure some immediately. (

In spite of the strength of the Euro, there are still some fantastic buys to be had out of Europe. Yes, even from France. The best of the best values are coming from Southern France, specifically from the Rhône Valley. And a perfect example of that is the **2001 Domaine du Val des Rois (Emmanuel Bouchard) Valreas "Signature" (\$11.99)** with its pure expression of spicy white pepper to black raspberry fruit on the nose and in the mouth. This grenache (70%) and syrah (30%) blend sees no wood, yet offers a lovely richness and fullness found in other wines at two to three times this price. According to Anderson, this will be one of our house reds for the month. (********)

The **2000** Château Beaumont Haut-Médoc (\$17.99) is from a property that has produced delicious Cabernet-driven wines since 1986, when they were acquired by Grands Millésimes de France (Château Beychevelle). The 2000 provides opulent aromas of cassis, blackberries and blueberries, underscored by a coffee-bean tone. This complex yet soft wine will be a treat to consume for the next six to eight years. Robert Parker, Jr., has written in his latest Bordeaux book that the Beaumont "is a wine to seek out for the cunningly made, yet extremely attractive, crowd-pleasing style." (**********)

Feel free to email us at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy these gems!

-Jim, Anderson and the furry little black one, Eby

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Bonville Champagne is Back!

The Bonville family owns 50 acres of property in Avize, Cramant and Oger, all grand cru villages in the Cotes de Blancs area of Champagne. This is the best area in Champagne for chardonnay grapes, and all of the wines that we have from Bonville are Blanc de Blancs (literally translated as "white from white") made only from chardonnay. The family sells some fruit, and it was through one of their grape clients, De Meric, that I had the fortune to be introduced to Olivier Bonville.

Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs Champagne

(\$24.99) Their current batch of non-vintage is blended from three very good years: '97, '98 and '99. This Champagne has exotic ripe fruit aromatics, and as the glass warms up there are also traces of clean clay and earth, just like in great Chablis! On the palate the Champagne has great fruit and a wonderful full texture.

1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blancs Champagne (**\$28.99**) In another decade, 1998 would have been considered a great vintage in Champagne. With 1990, 1996, 1995 and 1999 all garnering so much attention there has been precious little spotlight left for this excellent harvest. The best area for 1998 was the Cotes de Blanc and this is a wonderful bottle of Champagne. It is racier and cleaner than the 1996 vintage, but still has great richness.

1996 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blancs Champagne (\$32.99) One of the greats from the best vintage of the decade. It is nervy, complex and has a clean toastiness that is hard to put a finger on, but extremely easy to drink! This wine has it all: concentration, length and brilliant well-delineated flavors. It is drinking well now, but will cellar for more than ten years if you choose to lay it down.

Franck Bonville Cuvee Les Belles Voyes Champagne (\$59.99) This is one of the best Champagnes we carry regardless of price. Only 3000 bottles were made. We were lucky enough to get 120. The vines were planted in 1938 and the vineyard is ideally located in the mid slope of this Grand Cru village. The wine is made entirely from the 1997 harvest. Olivier Bonville ferments and ages the juice in old oak casks before bottling. The only wine I can compare it to is the Clos de Mesnil from Krug. It is the perfect Blanc de Blanc, rich and taut at once, and any words that I use to describe it will not do it justice.

These wines should arrive about a week before you get this newsletter and will be a little bit shaken from the trip. I would recommend not opening the non-vintage for a couple of weeks, the 1998 and 1996 a month or six weeks, and the Belles Voyes for two or three months.

-Gary Westby

Good Schist!

Borie La Vitarele is a relatively new domaine located in the Languedoc appellation of Saint Chinian. Cathy Planes and Jean-Francois Izarn made their first wine in 1990, and have been garnering raves from the international wine press for the past several years. After tasting their current lineup I could not agree more. For me, the Borie wines exemplify perfectly the delicate relationship that must exist between balance, terroir and hedonistic pleasure. Izarn has chosen to concentrate exclusively on making concentrated yet elegant red wines from the predominantly schistous soil of eastern Saint Chinian. The varietals here are the usual suspects—varying percentages of grenache, syrah, mourvèdre and a bit of carignan. Izarn vinifies each varietal separately, destalks and gives the wines a 40-day cuvaison. Pigeage (punchdown) and remontage (pumping over) is also a daily practice. Elevage takes place over the course of 12 months on the fine lees. Izarn eschews the use of new wood in all of his cuvees. Folks, these wines are the package! Both wine novices as well as jaded connoisseurs will jump up down for them. They are really that good!

The **2003 Borie la Vitarele "Les Terres Blanches" Saint Chinian** (**\$13.99**) is a blend of syrah, grenache and carignan offering flavors of blackberry, spice and chocolate, with crushed raspberry aromatics and a whiff of mineral. This wine is the song of the South, evoking the warmth, generosity and beauty of a region unlike any other.

The **2001 Borie la Vitarele "Les Cres" Saint Chinian (\$22.99)** is a well-endowed red (a blend of syrah, grenache and mourvèdre) possessing a deeper and more rugged beauty that will evolve into something sublime with a few years of cellar time. Herbs de Provence, black olive, roasted meat. Need more descriptors? Izarn's "Les Cres" proves that Saint Chinian can produce world-class wines of great power and concentration. Vive La Languedoc! —*Mulan Chan*

WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

| 2002 St Bris (Sauvignon), Moreau & Fils-Chablis minerality |
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| 2002 Petit Chablis, Moreau & Fils\$11.99 |
| 2003 St. Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$12.99 |
| 2002 Pouilly-Vinzelles, "En Paradis," Louis Latour\$13.99 |
| 2003 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Matrot\$14.99 |
| 2002 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Pierre Morey\$14.99 |
| 2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Etienne Sauzet-Was \$26.99\$15.99 |
| 2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Matrot\$15.99 |
| Rich an nutty Meursault character at a great price. |
| 2002 Chablis, Domaine Barat-Mineral driven and classic\$15.99 |
| 2002 Rully Blanc, Joseph Drouhin\$15.99 |
| 2002 Runy Diane, Joseph Drouini |
| From Puligny, Meursault and Rully, with bright minerality and gentle tosatiness. |
| 2003 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud \$16.99 |
| 2003 Fourny ruisse, Domaine des Nembrets, Dens Barraud (\$10.59) 2002 Bourgogne Blanc, "Les Champlains," Simon Bize\$17.99 |
| 2002 Sourgegne Blanc, Tes Champians, Shiftin Bize |
| 2002 Samt Bris (sauvignon), Dom. Ance & Onvier Devidor |
| 2001 Macon vinages, Les Bruyeres, Lapaus |
| 2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Joseph Koty |
| 2002 Chablis, Domaine Long Depaquit\$18.99 |
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| 2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine François Mikulski\$20.99 Bright, focused, with Meursault minerality. Very poised rather than rich and fat. |
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| 2002 St-Aubin, Domaine Patrick Miolane-Was \$25.99 elsewhere \$20.99 |
| 2002 Marsannay Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty\$21.99 |
| 2003 Rully, "Mont Palais," 1er Cru, Dom J-Marc Boillot\$23.99 |
| 2002 St-Aubin, "Chateniere," 1er Cru, Olivier Leflaive\$23.99 |
| 2001 Pouilly-Fuissé, Les Moulins, Domaine J.A. Ferret\$23.99 |
| 2002 St-Aubin, "Sur Gamay," 1er, Dom. H. Prudhon\$26.99 |
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Loire: Sweeties for the Cellar

What a rare pleasure it is to drink a great old late-harvest chenin blanc from the Loire Valley. They don't need much food, just your attention, which they will take even if at first you are unwilling to give it. I am offering you just that chance this month, granted you will have to buy the wines and keep them for the next 15-35 years, but now is the time to start, and you will be happy that you did. The big secret no one wants you to find out about...it was not honey in Pooh's pot, it was chenin. Like I said, now is the time to try. Following are three reasons why. Not only am I revealing secret cover-ups this month, I am going to include some scores from the anointed ones for your mainstream pleasure, just so you know I can still see the forest through the trees, also just to say "Hey, other people like these too..." Now on with it:

Reason #1 Drinking these wines make you taller, unless you are already tall then they make you better looking, and if you are already great looking and tall, you have no need for wine or me so just try the real reason: 2002 Pierre Yves Tijou Coteaux du Layon, 1er Cru, Chaume "Château Soucherie" (\$26.99) 94 points Wine Spectator: "Lovely gold-amber color, with rich pineapple, persimmon, orange peel and maple hints, followed by green tea and ginger notes on the juicy finish. Long, lush and alluring throughout. Drink now through 2020. 75 cases imported." Reason #2 You will be the envy of wine geeks the world over...oh great! And the 1995 Philippe Foreau Vouvray Moelleux (\$42.99) is already 10 years on its way. 91 points Robert Parker: "... This is an exceptionally well-made, gorgeously clean, well-focused, 100% chenin blanc wine that merits considerable attention." Jim Barr, when asked for a comment, says nothing but glances in the wine's direction. That is an endorsement of some kind, right? Reason #3 Having spent all this cash for the future is incentive to eat healthy and exercise so you can live long enough to enjoy these beauties. So cut the burgers and add the pricey but worth-every-last-cent 1997 Philippe Foreau Vouvray Moelleux Reserve (\$79.99) from one of the best sweet wine vintages of the '90s in the Loire. 95 points Pierre Rovani writing for Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The 1997 Vouvray Moelleux Reserve, a luxury cuvee crafted only in the finest vintages, displays scents of cumin, yellow plums, and loads assorted spices. It is a magnificently focused and balanced wine that is crammed with kumquats, blood oranges, quince, peach, candied grapefruit, and flowers. This medium-to-full-bodied, exceptionally pure and elegant wine will easily last 30 years. Bravo! Drink through 2029." As always, a plea-—Jeff Vierra sure. I await your comments.

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| 2001 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus-Brochon | \$15.99 |
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| 2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Bruno Clair | \$15.99 |
| 2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Mongeard-Mugneret | \$16.99 |
| 2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Edmund Cornu | \$16.99 |
| 2001 Ladoix, Desertaux Ferrand-Was \$24.99 | \$16.99 |
| 2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Montre Cul, Dom. Bouvier | \$16.99 |
| 2002 Hautes Cotes de Nuit, Dames de Vergy, Dom Guyon . | |
| 2002 Marsannay Rouge, Maison Champy | |
| 2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Heresztyn | |
| 2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Patrice Rion | |
| 2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Pierre Morey | |
| 2002 Ladoix, "Les Chaillots," Dom Prince de Mérode | |
| Lovely, bright cherry notes, spicy and charming. | |
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| 2002 Ladoix, Vieilles Vignes, Dom Edmund Cornu | |
| 2002 Chassagne Montrachet Rouge, Bernard Morey | |
| 2002 Marsannay, Les Longeroies, Domaine Bruno Clair | |
| 2002 Marsannay, Ouzeloy, Joseph Roty | |
| 2002 Volnay, Domaine Jean-Marc Boillot | |
| 2002 Mercurey, "Clos des Myglands," Faiveley | |
| 2002 Pernand-Vergelesses, "Les Vergelesses," 1er, Pavelot | \$32.99 |
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| Chandon Briailles | \$34.99 |
| 2002 Volnay, Grand Poisots, Domaine Louis Boillot | \$36.99 |
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Pour Votre Plaisir

Marc Colin's Whites

I just returned from Burgundy, where I had a chance to taste many 2003s and some 2004s. I will be posting a longer report to klwines.com, but the thumbnail is that there are some very rich 2003s and that quality varied from producer to producer and village to village. Nuits-St-Georges seems a bright spot, in particular. 2004 is a vintage with very high malic acid levels. Combined with the coldest winter in over 100 years, this resulted in wines that were not through malolactic fermentation and very hard to evaluate, but the fruit quality seems very high for the good vignerons. Once again, the producer really matters most.

One producer who did a superb job with both the 2003 and 2004 vintages is Pierre Yves Colin at Marc Colin. His wines have balance, poise and charm, with lovely length and beautifully pure fruit. He did add acid in 2003, before fermentation, but less than 1/3 the amount the oenologists were recommending, as he wanted it to seamlessly integrate. He also has a very large room in their new cave, which he chilled down and cooled the grapes overnight before fermentation during the intense heat of 2003. He also found that a racking in January opened the wines up and made them much fresher and more focused in character. His 2003 Bourgogne Blanc (\$17.99) is fresh, bright and very attractive for drinking any time. The 2003 St-Aubin "Charmois," 1er Cru (\$29.99) is located next to Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru and is ripe and round, with rich fruit and supple character. The 2003 St-Aubin, "Murgers Dent de Chien" (\$29.99) is adjacent to Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru, in a much cooler location, which give s it more minerality and grip. The 2003 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Les Encégnières" (\$39.99) comes from a vineyard directly below, and adjacent to, Bâtard Montrachet. It is forward and rich, with both charm and weight. His 2003 Meursault, "Narvaux" (\$41.99) is a cool site, high on the hillside above Genevrieres. It shows apple blossom and honeysuckle notes and lots of poise. The 2003 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Caillerets," 1er Cru (\$54.99) is long, lovely, very stylish and has a very persistent finish. The 2003 Puligny-Montrachet, "Folatieres," 1er Cru (\$69.99) is fragrant, aromatic, elegant and nicely detailed, with minerality and richness. A Santé.

-Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

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2000 Brunello di Montalcino Pre Arrival

| 2000 Poggiarellino\$29.99 | |
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| 2000 Baricci\$36.99 | |
| 2000 La Fortuna\$36.99 | |
| 2000 Pian dell'Orino\$39.99 | |
| 2000 Sesta di Sopra\$42.99 | |
| 2000 Valdicava | |
| 2000 Villa le PrataInquire | |
| 2000 Casanuova delle CerbaiaeInquire | |
| 2000 FuligniInquire | |
| 2000 Il PoggioneInquire | |
| 2000 CapannaInquire | |
| 2000 La GerlaInquire | |
| 2000 PiancornelloInquire | |
| 2000 CollosorboInquire | |
| 2000 Donatella Cinelli ColombiniInquire | |
| 2000 ArgianoInquire | |
| 2000 CamiglianoInquire | |
| 2000 LisiniInquire | |
| Tuscany | |
| 2003 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"\$7.49 | |
| 2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano\$9.99 | |
| 2003 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano\$11.95 | |
| 2001 Castello di Monastero Chianti Superiore\$12.95 | |
| What a value! Richness, drinakbility and complexity! | |
| 2001 Villa Antinori Toscano Rosso\$14.95 | |

Sotto La Pergola Inclinata

James Suckling of the *Wine Spectator* wrote in the November 30, 2003 issue: "Perfection is impossible to predict and difficult to describe. But presented with the evidence, I found it hard to deny. For the first time ever, *Wine Spectator* gives a 100-point vintage rating; it goes to Piedmont for its Nebbiolo-based reds in the 2000 vintage.100 point vintage!"

While personally skeptical of this proclamation of perfection I soon began to understand what Suckling was doing. Truly the wines of 2000 are very good, and like every vintage there are some folks who will like it and some who won't, all for very good reasons. My thinking is that for the novice Barolo drinker the 2000 vintage is a perfect primer, with its richer and more open wines, with less obvious tannins. Plus, overall most producers made very good wines, so blind choice still gets you a good bottle. I'd have to agree that the 2000 vintage is the best choice for an introduction to Barolo from all of the 1996 through 2001 vintages.

However, "classic"? Uhhh no, definitely not classic. All of the 1996 through 2001 vintages were outstanding, but not every wine was the most complete expression of the vineyard site in each vintage. I've tasted enough Barolo from these vintages to float a boat, and I've liked wines in every vintage. I have my personal favorites amongst the vintage styles, however, listening to my own palate, my colleagues and the producers themselves, the overall sentiment has

| 2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti Classico | \$14.99 |
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| 2001 Carobbio Chianti Classico-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Terre di Tufi | \$15.99 |
| 2001 Felsina Chianti Classico-Best in a decade! | \$17.99 |
| 2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano-Truly wonderful | \$19.99 |
| 2001 Villa le Prata Rosso di Montalcino | \$19.99 |
| 2001 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano | \$20.95 |
| 2000 Il Molino di Grace Chianti Classico | \$20.99 |
| 1999 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva-90 points Parker | \$20.99 |
| 2001 Fonterutoli Chianti Classico | |
| 1999 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia" | \$26.99 |
| 2001 Castello della Paneretta Chianti "Torre a Destra" | \$26.99 |
| Superb Chianti, great drinkability. 94 points Wine Spectator. | |
| 2000 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano "Asinone" | \$27.99 |
| 91 points Robert Parker. | |
| 2000 Felsina "Fontalloro"-100% sangiovese | \$29.99 |
| 1995 Felsina Vin Santo (500ml) | |
| 2000 Castello della Paneretta Terrine | |
| 1999 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Ris "Coltassala" | |
| 2001 Castello Nipozzano Chianti Rufina Ris "Montesodi" | |
| 1999 Il Molino di Grace Chianti Classico Ris "Margone" | |
| 2001 Castello della Paneretta "Quattrocentennario" | |
| 2001 Tenuta Belguardo "Maremma"-94 points Wine Spectator | \$53.99 |
| Montalcino | |
| 1999 La Mannella Brunello | \$38.99 |
| 1998 Villa le Prata Brunello | \$39.99 |
| A closeout special. This wine is FANTASTIC! Don't be fooled by the vinta | ge! |
| 1999 Verbena Brunello-91 points Wine Spectator | \$39.99 |
| 1999 Donatella Cinelli Colombini Brunello | \$39.99 |
| 1999 Piancornello Brunello-3 Glasses Gambero Rosso | \$42.99 |

been that if you give 2000 one-hundred points, then 2001 will have to be one-hundred-and-one points, it is that much more complete.

2001 is a vintage that seems to put the best of 1999, the powerful structure, the dense, focused and compact fruit with brighter, fresher character, along with the 2000 vintage's warmth, openness, softness, more mature fruit character and sweeter tannins and suppleness on the palate. 2001 is truly outstanding in my opinion. There is incredible concentration with extraordinary balance, stunning levels of complexity in the fruit, sensational length and finish. Sound good? Believe me, these are truly spectacular wines! We will begin to offer them on a pre-arrival basis toward the end of this month, if you'd like to be notified send an email to me greg@klwines.com, and you'll get the first notices.

Last June I spent three weeks traveling through Italy, spending an intensive four days in Avellino, about an hour east of Naples, visiting 15 wineries. The most stunning revelation was the quality of the "old" name in the area, Mastroberardino. Whites, reds (plus, we will be getting a rosé later), were of such high quality I was completely stunned. The **2003 Mastroberardino Lacryma Christi Bianco** (**\$14.99**) is just sublime. Dynamic, unoaked fruit with richness and balance at this price incredible. The counterpart, **2003 Mastroberardino Lacryma Christi Rosso (\$17.99**) is equally as exciting. Powerful, bold fruit and richness. A great value. —*Greg St. Clair*

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Piedmont

| 2003 Marenco Moscato d'Asti | |
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| 2003 Paitin di Pasquero Dolcetto d'Alba Sori Paitin | |
| 2003 Saracco Moscato d'Asti | |
| Super rich 2003 vintage! Mario Roagna's new vineyard source is fabulous | s! |
| 2003 Paitin di Pasquero "Sera Boella" Barbera d'Alba | .\$13.99 |
| 2003 Cascina Val de Prete Barbera d'Alba Serra de Gatti | .\$15.99 |
| 2003 Cascina Val de Prete Arneis "Luet" | .\$15.99 |
| 2003 Monchiero Carbone Arneis "Recit"-1 Glass Gambero Rosso | \$15.99 |
| This is so good it doesn't seem possible to be Arneis! | |
| 2002 Produttori del Barbaresco Nebbiolo delle Langhe | .\$16.99 |
| 2002 Poderi Colla Nebbiolo d'Alba | .\$17.99 |
| 2003 Banfi Brachetto Rosa Regale-A must try | .\$18.95 |
| 2001 Cascina Castle't Barbera d'Asti Superiore "Passum" Stunning Barbera from dried grapes, incredible richness and great drinkir | |
| 2001 Cascina Val de Prete Barbera d'Alba "Carolina" | |
| A favorite barrique-aged Barbera-supple, ripe and great concentration. | |
| Barolo/Barbaresco | |
| 2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella" | .\$25.99 |
| 2000 Massolino Barolo-92 points Wine Spectator | .\$35.99 |
| 2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin" | |
| 2000 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-92 points Wine Spectator | |
| 2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Vecchie Vigne" | |
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| 1993 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-(Yes, 1993!) | |

| Complex, balanced, drinkable Barolo at an excellent price. What | a concept! |
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| 1998 Famiglia Anselma Barolo | \$47.99 |
| 2000 Elio Grasso Barolo Ginestra "Casa Mate" | \$53.99 |
| 1995 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi" | \$53.99 |
| 1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi" | \$55.99 |
| 1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi" | \$59.99 |
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Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

| 2003 Blason Pinot Grigio-1 Glass Gambero Rosso | \$8.99 |
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| No better Pinot Grigio in this price range. Richly textured and full of flav | or. |
| 1999 Rotari Brut Riserva "Metodo Classico" | \$9.99 |
| 2002 Blason Chardonnay | \$9.99 |
| This Chardonnay is partially barrel-fermented and the tank portion is all A wonderful blend, balanced and drinkable, not woody but with some intrigue, and mineral finish. Closer to Mâcon than California. | sur lie. |
| 2003 H. Lun Schiava-It's sensational! | \$13.99 |
| 2003 H. Hun Lagrein Kretzer (Rosé) | \$13.99 |
| Anytime is good for rosé, and lagrein makes it the best! | |
| 2003 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio-1 Glass Gambero Rosso This is Pinot Grigio worth looking for, powerful, complex and still easy d | |
| 2001 Blason "Venc" Chardonnay/Pinot Bianco | |
| 50% pinot bianco, 20% chardonnay both tank fermented and aged "su and 30% barrel-fermented chardonnay. The nose is fascinating, alternat between flower and fruit with hints of hazelnut and vanilla. | ur lie," |
| 2003 Ermacora Pinot Bianco-2 Red Glasses Gambero Rosso | \$14.99 |
| Why drink Pinot Grigio when you can drink Friuli's best white: Pinot Biar | ico? |
| 2003 Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos"-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso | \$17.99 |
| You won't believe the quality, power and body of this un-oaked master | piece! |
| 2003 Valle Isarco Veltliner "Aristos" -3 Glasses Gambero Rosso | \$17.99 |
| 2003 Cantina Terlan Pinot Grigio dell Alto Adige | \$19. 99 |
| 2003 Niedrist Terlaner Sauvignon | \$26.99 |
| 2001 H. Lun "Albertus" Lagrein Riserva | \$29.99 |
| 2002 Tenuta Waldgries Lagrein Riserva | \$32.99 |
| 2000 Muri-Gries Lagrein "Abtei Riserva"-3 Glasses Gam Rosso | \$34.99 |

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| 2002 | Niedrist | Blauburg | under (P | inot No | ir) | \$34.99 |

Sicily and Sardegna

| 2002 Arancio Grillo Bianco | \$5.99 |
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| 2001 Arancio Nero d'Avola | \$5.99 |
| 2002 Arancio Syrah | \$5.99 |
| 2003 Colosi Bianco | \$7.99 |
| 2002 Colosi Rosso | \$7.99 |
| 2003 Mancini Vermentino di Gallura | \$11.99 |
| 2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola | \$12.99 |
| 2003 Cantina di Gallura Vermentino di Gallura "Canayli" | \$15.99 |
| 2001 Valle dell'Acate Cerasuolo di Vittoria | \$18.99 |
| 2003 Palari "Rosso Soprano" | \$24.99 |
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Lombardia, Umbria, Veneto and Other

| 2002 Luccarelli Primitivo | \$7 .99 |
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| NV Ca' de Medici "Terra Calda"-Staff favorite! | \$9.99 |
| 2002 Marramiero "Dama" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo | \$9.99 |
| 2002 Cataldi Madonna Montepulciano d'Abruzzo | .\$13.95 |
| NV Col Sandago Prosecco Extra Dry Valdobbiadene | .\$13.99 |
| Excellent quality! Clean, bright, crisp, it should be on your table tonight! | |
| 2000 D'Angelo Aglianico del Vulture | .\$14.99 |
| 2003 Bucci Verdicchio Classico dei Castelli di Jesi | .\$17.95 |
| 2003 Vallona Pignoletto | .\$17.99 |
| 1999 Corteforte Valpolicella Superiore, Ripasso | .\$18.99 |
| 2000 Luigi Righetti Amarone | .\$19.99 |
| 2000 Scacciadiavoli Sagrantino di Montefalco-91 points Parker. | \$34.99 |
| 2001 Antinori "Cervaro" | .\$37.95 |
| 2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "M. Danieli"-2 Glasses G Rosso | .\$39.99 |

Mike's May Picks

2001 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli" (\$17.95) offers blackberries, tobacco and mushrooms with herbs and oak in this mediumbodied wine. Fine tannins mingle with a touch of vanilla on the finish. Great with grilled chicken or intensely flavored dishes based on mature and spicy cheeses, such as gorgonzola or aged pecorino.

2001 Tenuta Belguardo Serrata (\$19.99) from the Marchesi Mazzei family (of Fonterutoli fame). Here we have a blend of 40% cabernet sauvignon, 40% sangiovese and 20% merlot aged in small French oak for 10 months. In this first vintage of the Serrata there is classic notes of ripe red fruits associated with Maremma, blackberries and cassis add to the structure, and the finish is solid with tannins that are beginning to soften and add to the complexity and length of this knock-it-out-of-the-ballpark wine.

2003 Hofstatter Lagrein (\$18.99) is a full-bodied wine for mediumterm cellaring (5-6 years). Full, bright ruby in color, this baby is immediately impressive due to the excellent equilibrium between intensity and complexity, between spice and small woodland berry fruits and violets. Its fragrance is striking, clear, captivating and fresh. Very harmonious on the palate with good tannin, full, broad, velvety, round and long, spicy on the finish with well-integrated acidity. Try this with meat lasagna, ravioli with duck sauce or roast pork.

2002 Poderi Colla Nebbiolo d'Alba (\$17.99) I haven't written off 2002 for Italy yet! There are some real hidden gems out there, like this one. 100% nebbiolo. Intense ruby red, the wine's bouquet clearly indicates the relationship with its "big brothers," Barbaresco and Barolo. Full-bodied, structured with firm yet pleasing tannins, its ideal expression is with food, which it matches beautifully as an all-around meal wine. Salute! —*Mike Parres*

SPECIALTY SINGLE MALTS

The Whisky Live in San Francisco, which happens every March is a wonderful event for any whisky lover to attend! Here is a selection of highlights from this year. —Susan Purnell

Bruichladdich 12 Year Islay Single Malt Whisky\$59.99 Currently a K&L exclusive in California! This will be replacing the 10 year. Refill Spanish oak casks. If you love the 15-year-old Bruichladdich, the 12-year old is its baby brother. Richer, sweeter and more complex then the 10-year old. Get the best bang for your buck with this malt! Tasting Notes From Jim McEwan: "Color: Bright golden syrup; Body: Medium weight and texture. Composed with beautiful balance offering the best combination from the Jerez and Kentucky casks; Nose: It's like walking into a garden/orchard after a shower of rain and the sun is warming the air. The floral/fruit notes are incredible. Pink candied almonds, soft marshmallow, Madeira cake, carnations, apple blossoms, lilac, myrtle. A beautiful citrussy aroma wraps it all up in fresh linen, but not before the mighty oaks play their part, adding weight, power and performance. Simultaneously strong and scintillating; Palate: The toasted sweet oak flavors bust onto the palate, confident in their quality, strong and flavorsome, flooding the palate with Islay character and warmth. You have to wait just a little for the richness and fruitiness to emerge. Look for lip-smacking black cherries towards the finish. An absolute thoroughbred; Finish: The interplay of oak and spirit plus its youth provide a finish of depth and finesse."

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- Benromach Traditional, Distillery Bottling Single Malt\$39.99 Tasting notes from Michael Jackson: "Colour: Pale, iridescent, greeny gold; Nose: Ozone. Flowery. Fresh mint. Herbal. Balsamic. Pine log fire; Body: Light. Drying; Palate: Earthy. Bison grass. Tree bark; Finish: Juniper. Lemon pith. Citric. Orange peels; Comment: Assertive aperitif."
- Benromach 24-year-old, Cask Strength, Disillery Bottling ...\$169.99 According to Michael Jackson: "Colour: Bright amber; Nose: Sweet toffee with tropical fruits - pineapple and kiwi fruit. Some dry grass and cedar wood elements; Body: Complex, rich and powerful; Palate: Powerful, very sweet - cloying, spices with burnt fruitcake flavors mellowing into leafy and dry grass; Finish: Gentle fruitiness with a hint of chocolate." 58.6%

| Dallas Dhu 22 year, Gordon & MacPhail S M Whisky | \$269.99 |
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| Glenrothes, 30 year, Gordon & MacPhail S M Whisky | \$174.99 |
| Port Ellen 20 year, Gordon & MacPhail S M Whisky | \$274.99 |
| Rosebank 12 year, Gordon & MacPhail S M Whisky | \$74.99 |
| Bowmore, Mackillop's Choice Single Malt Whisky | \$139.99 |
| Glen Albyn, Mackillop's Choice Single Malt Whisky | \$199.99 |
| Highland Park, Mackillop's Choice Single Malt Whisky | \$129.99 |
| Longmorn, Mackillop's Choice Single Malt Whisky | \$179.99 |
| Strathisla, Mackillop's Choice Single Malt Whisky | \$164.99 |

- **Port Ellen 21 year The McGibbon's Provenance\$189.99** Dark, rich mahogany color, with orange tints. Big, rich, Darjeeling tea, Christmas cake aromas. Equally rich palate: spice cake, toffee, smoked vanilla flavors mixed with the suggestions of oak and camp fires, which coat the mouth with lingering rich smoke. Still wonderfully fresh and lively with a rich lengthy sustained subtle Islay finish. A classic dram! What a crime they closed it! Sherry cask. 46%
- Ardmore 26-year-old, Grenache Cask, Murray McDavid......\$114.99 Auchroisk 10-year-old, Port Cask, Murray McDavid\$46.99 Pronounced "othroysk," which in Gaelic means 'ford across the red stream,' the distillery lies on the Mulben burn that flows into the Spey. The distillery first produced whisky in 1974 and was launched 12 years later as a single malt. The distillery won awards for its unique design, including one from the Angling Foundation for not "incommoding the passing salmon." This soft sweet dram is finely proportioned not unlike the elusive salmon that pass by.
- **Dufftown 10-year-old, Syrah Cask, Murray McDavid\$43.99** Dufftown is situated at the confluence of the rivers Fiddich and Dullan, tributaries of the mighty Spey. In this bottling there is a coming together of two types of cask that combined make something truly special. The long-term maturation in bourbon cask has been freshened with a proportion of short-term aging in syrah wine casks from the Languedoc region of Southern France imparting a gentle hint of spicy fruitiness to the spirit.

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| Vinotheque 550 | 428 | \$4325 | \$2689 |
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| Vinotheque 320 | 264 | \$4750 | \$2689 |
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Join One of Our "Wine of the Month" Clubs and SAVE \$\$\$

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

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

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

-Dave Rosenzweig

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

SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

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

PREMIUM WINE CLUB

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

BEST BUY WINE CLUB

A great way to learn about wines from around the world with a very high quality-to-price ratio. Usually we include a white and a red. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$10 and \$15 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$17.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$8.49 per bottle. Previous Best Buy selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices) 2000 Davis Bynum "Boar-doe" (\$18) and 2002 McDowell Syrah (\$16).



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