

# Wine News

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# K&L Hollywood Grand Opening Tasting

This fantastic event will be held at the K&L Hollywood store (1400 Vine Street) on Saturday, June 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Wineries attending will include Caymus Vineyards, Château Montelena, WH Smith, Lewis Cellars, Ridge Vineyards, among others! \$65 advance purchase and \$85 at the door.

# More Favorite Bordeaux-New to Old

**2003** Château d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon (\$31.99) Ralph's pick for 2003 right bank values. 91 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "Aromas of blackberry, spices, chocolate and meat follow through to a full-bodied palate, with lots of juicy fruit. Luscious finish. Gorgeous."

**2003 Château Malescot Ste-Exupery, Margaux (\$48.99)** 92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Plenty of blackberry and floral aromas with hints of new wood. Full-bodied, chewy and rich with round tannins and a long finish. Very tight. Lovely silky texture. Best after 2009."

**1997 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac (\$32.99)** This wine is delicious right now. According to the *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderfully aromatic, with beautiful plum and toasted oak character on the nose. Mediumbodied, with velvety tannins and a medium, fruity finish." (01/2000).

**1999** Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Pessac (1.5L) (\$109.99) Clyde loves this wine! Direct from property. 90 points Parker: "There are loads of fruit and charm as well as a creamy texture revealing hints of tobacco, currants, and wood smoke. It is medium-bodied and suppletextured, and will provide ideal drinking over the next 12-15 years."

**1970 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (\$195.00)** Clyde cut his teeth on this vintage-still great wine. 94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Fresh and complex, generous in character, with lovely dried cherry and spice aromas that follow through on the palate. Full-bodied, with concentrated fruit and firm tannins, this has a long life ahead." (11/97)

1970 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (\$245.00) 92 points Robert Parker: "This wine has been fully mature and delicious for many years .... It has always been an outstanding wine for the vintage - complex, rich, savory, and the quintessentially elegant Bordeaux. This beauty continues to reveal the fragrance and finesse that one expects from Lafite-Rothschild but so rarely finds." (06/96)

**1976 Château Latour, Pauillac (1.5L) (\$629.00)** K&L started selling wine this year! According to the *Wine Spectator*: "...nearing full maturity, this offers cigar box, herbal and woodsy aromas and flavors. Supple on the palate, yet firm on the finish.--Latour vertical." (12/97)

For up-to-date inventories, check www.klwines.com

# 2005 Bargain Bordeaux

Steve Bearden's picks include two under \$16. See page 2.

# Esoteric Italians

Greg recommends a handful of unusual wines. See page 20.

# Organic Champagne

Domaine Michel's bubblies are naturally delicious! See page 11.

# Special Champagne Dinner in Palo Alto

Saturday May 12: Our Champagne Club has begun, and our first all Champagne dinner will be at Spago Restaurant. Gary Westby will host the dinner and comment on the bubblies. \$150 per person. Casual elegance dress. Reception at 6:30, dinner at 7 p.m.

# Gaja Dinner in Hollywood

Wednesday June 13: The charming Gaia Gaja will lead us through some of her great wines at La Terza Restaurant in Los Angeles, while we dine on a sumptuous diner. Cost: \$150. Reception at 7 p.m. with dinner following. Casual elegance dress.

# Ch. Pichon Lalande and Ch. Angelus Dinner in Northern California

Wednesday June 6: Gildas d'Ollone, director of Pichon, and Hubert de Bouard, owner of Angelus, will show some of their stunning wines. Stay tuned for more details, and visit www.klwines.com!

# Why Wait?

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# 2006 Bordeaux-Back to Reality

After the fabulous 2005 vintage (in terms of quality and in terms of profits made by the properties), the 2006 Bordeaux vintage is more in line with 2004. That is to say, in terms of quality it is a very good vintage that is perhaps a bit better than 2004, 2002 and 2001. There are some stunning wines; in fact, a few wines are better in 2006 than they were in 2005! As far as what the prices will be, that is anyone's guess right now. But the mood of the owners seems to be to discuss 2006 prices in terms of the outrageously high 2005s, never mentioning the prices of 2004, 2002 and 2001. Of course, the 2006 campaign depends on the prices. The U.K. buyers and negociants are pleading that the prices return to 2004 levels, while the producers (with quite a nice bankroll from 2005) seem not to be inclined to go there. We shall see!

—Clyde Beffa from Bordeaux

# Brick's Bordeaux Picks

Spring is in full bloom, time for one of our favorite outdoor activities: baseball. How about a few wines to enjoy with all of this merriment?

Out of the box like Ichiro comes the **2004 Doisy Daene "Grand Vin Sec" Denis Dubourdieu** (\$14.99). From the famous Sauternes house, this dry white wine is perfect for spring drinking. The nose is like walking out onto a manicured golf course, full of freshly cut, slightly damp grass. Betraying its Bordeaux roots, this is almost New Zealand-like with its zesty acid and grapefruit. Add some fennel and wax bean and you have a perfect wine for Caesar salad.

Next are a couple of sleepers like last year's Tigers. The **2002 Les Allees de Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc** (\$14.99), is the second wine of Château Cantemerle, and it is fantastic right now. Like BBQ-ed fruit, the nose is appetizingly both sweet and smoky. Add dustings of coffee, baking cocoa, menthol and iron and you start to realize this is a serious second wine for under \$20. Not to be confused as a tagalong, the **2004 Parenchere, Bordeaux** (\$13.99) is packed with dusty blackberries and toasted anise seed. This is a lithe little wine, charming with its spice and juice, simple enough for a cocktail yet hearty enough to go with a couple of onglet steaks.

If you have to have some big names, the **2001 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien** (\$64.99) offers unmistakable richness and depth, bubbling over with pastille candies and pepper gelee. Exotic, spiced and intensely flavored, this is just starting to come into its own. Then there is the spectacular **1996 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe** (\$129.00). This is the beginning of the Cos that is today, slick, exotic and polished. Black raspberry, licorice and a note of roasted coffee lace this otherwise earth-driven effort. Give this another 2-5 years of time to develop. Go A's! —Bryan Brick

# Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

Here at K&L Wine Merchants our Bordeaux shelves are fast being restocked with a mix of brand new wines from the most recent vintages, as well as the return of some old favorites.

**2005 Jouanin Cuvee Prestige, Cotes de Castillon (\$11.99)** This concentrated bargain from the fantastic 2005 vintage has got to be tasted to be believed. Rich scents of berry and tobacco from this deep, dense bargain. The body is round and deep with dark currant fruit that stays firm and focused. Substantial but finely integrated tannin make this wine very food friendly.

**2005 Roland la Garde, Premier Cotes de Blaye** (\$15.99) This deep purple blend of 70% merlot and 30% cabernet sauvignon is a bit more elegant and complex than the Jouanin, but every bit as deep and concentrated. Subtle aromas of damp clay, spice, fruit and game lure you in to the smooth middle of sweet, dark fruit and a touch of chocolate. The long finish shows traces of limestone with very fine tannin, and stays fresh, focused and palate cleansing.

**1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien (\$54.99)** This old favorite is back in stock but don't look for it to last long. Always approachable, this has slipped into its "prime years" with grace and dignity. Broad, plump and gently earthy, this displays a complex array of sweet plum, mineral and dark fruits. Soft tannin and an overall sense of elegance make this delicious for dinner tonight.

**2001 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien (\$39.99)** This is drinking beautifully now but can be cellared further as well. Here we have red as well as black fruit, minerals and earth in a lively, savory style. A great price on classically styled Bordeaux! What are you waiting for?

**2002** La Louviere Blanc, Pessac-Leognan (\$26.99) Several years of bottle age have done wonders. Spiced pear, baked apple, oak and citrus flow from the rich, firm mid-palate of this young classic. The finish is complex and dry with minerals, lemon, honey and even some tropical notes. Fantastic!

—Steve Bearden

# 2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES-ONE OF THE GREATEST VINTAGES OF THE LAST 100 YEARS!

Angelus, St-Emilion-96-98 points Robert Parker\$244.99	Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac-90-93 points Robert Parker
Barde-Haut, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker\$36.99	Margaux, Margaux-96-100 points Robert Parker\$769.99
Bellevue Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points Wine Spectator\$279.99	Montrose, St-Estephe-92-94 points Robert Parker\$104.99
Bernadotte, Médoc-Spice on the nose. Elegant wine. \$17.99	Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-94-96 points Robert Parker\$549.99
Beychevelle, St-Julien-91-93 points Robert Parker\$52.99	Nenin, Pomerol-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$59.99
Bourgneuf, Pomerol-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$36.99	Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe-89-91 points Wine Spectator \$37.99
Brane Cantenac, Margaux-91-93 points Robert Parker\$49.99	Pape Clement Blanc, Pessac-95-100 points Wine Spectator\$159.99
Brown Rouge, Pessac-88-90 points Robert Parker\$23.99	Pape Clement Rouge, Pessac-96-100 points Robert Parker\$159.99
Brun, St-Emilion\$12.99	Pavie, St-Emilion-98-100 points Robert Parker\$329.99
Spicy, black cherries. Good richness. Intense with earth and minerals.	Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$76.99
Canon, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	Petit Mouton, Pauillac-88-90 points Robert Parker\$64.99
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points Spectator\$13.99	Petit Village, Pomerol-90-92 points Robert Parker\$52.99
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc (1.5L)\$29.99	Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe-89-91 points Wine Spectator\$34.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator\$55.99	Picard, St-Estèphe-Sweet ripe with a full, round palate impression\$17.99
Clarke, Listrac-90-92 points Robert Parker\$21.99	Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-92-95 points Robert Parker\$119.99
Clerc Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$45.99	Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$119.99
Climens, Sauternes-Jancis Robinson: "unusually sweet, rich"\$59.99	Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker\$44.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$49.99	Potensac, Médoc\$22.99
Clos Marsalette, Pessac-90-92 points Robert Parker\$25.99	Wine Spectator: "Currants, minerals and berries follow through to a full bodied
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-95-100 points Wine Spectator\$189.99	palate, with silky tannins and a long, rich finish Another 2003 and 2000."
Couhins Lurton, Pessac-89-91 points Wine Spectator\$34.99	Quinault l'Enclos, St-Emilion-Parker 92-95 points\$41.99
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon-89-91 points Parker and Spectator\$27.99	Rauzan Gassies, Marguax-90-93 points Robert Parker\$39.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-90-93 points Robert Parker\$39.99	<b>Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99)</b> -95-100 points <i>Spectator</i> <b>\$69.99</b>
d'Angludet, Marguax-90-92 points Robert Parker\$29.99	Roc de Cambes, Cotes de Bourg-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer\$45.99
Dauzac, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker\$39.99	Rochebelle, St-Emilion-Exceptional palate with great sweetness\$44.99
Desmirail, Margaux-Elegant, from Brane Cantenac owners\$27.99	Rouget, Pomerol-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$39.99
Doisy Vedrines, Sauternes-92-94 points Wine Spectator\$34.99	Senejac, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Robert Parker
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-91-94 points Robert Parker\$51.99	Siran, Margaux-89-91 points Wine Spectator\$27.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien-95-100 points Wine Spectator\$169.99	Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc-92-94 points Robert Parker\$42.99
Ferrand Lartigue, St-Emilion-89-91 points Robert Parker	St-Pierre, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker\$55.99
Ferriere, Margaux-89-91 points Wine Spectator \$\ \\$31.99	Tour de Mons, Margaux-89-91 points Wine Spectator\$19.99
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# **BORDEAUX IN STOCK 1945-2005**

1945 Mouton-Rothschild\$12999.00 Perfect-from Mahler Besse cellar. No shipping.	1966 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$239.00 1970 La Lagune, Médoc\$129.00
<b>1949 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc\$899.00</b> Extremely rare-perfect condition, Mahler Besse.	1970 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$245.00 1970 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$195.00
1950 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)\$599.00 1952 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)\$49.00	<b>1975 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$129.00</b> These five wines are in perfect condition.
These are in perfect condition and direct from the property. The 1950 is sweet and delicious.	1975 Pavie-Decesse (1.5L)\$119.99 We miss you Jean Paul Valette! Worth a try.
1959 Branaire Ducru, St-Julien\$299.00	1975 Palmer, MargauxInquire
1961 Palmer, Margaux\$2999.00 1966 Beychevelle, St-Julien\$299.00	1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L)\$169.99 Old-school style, lingering finish. Excellent.
Three wines are in perfect condition-from Mahler Besse cellar.	1976 Latour, Pauillac (1.5L)\$629.00  A bargain in the Latour world!

# 2006 Bordeaux: Highlights from a Brutal Walk in the Park

The daily schedule of "The King of the Medoc," Clyde Beffa Jr. has not changed much over the many years; it remains brisk and brutal. In the evaluation of the 2006 vintage the King brought me with him and his most trusted consultants, the Baron of St. Louis and the Prince of Filet Mignon. We managed to taste over 700 wines in seven business days. All that travel in and out of cars is also taxing on the body. Lunch and dinner are rewarding necessities on a business adventure like this.

In general the trip was tough on the palate. The 2006s are vivaciously bright colored wines with lovely fresh and fragrant fruit on the nose but many do not have the ripeness in the mouth to match up to the racy acidities and drying tannins that follow. Looking at my notes, however, it is clear that once again the finest estates in Bordeaux, which is the major aspect of our business, did very well. I found that only a couple of 2006s were better than their 2005s. The wines of 2005 have the lovely ripeness and length in the middle of the wine and the finish that is missing in many 2006s. 2006, like 1986 and 1996 before it, finds itself in a tough spot coming after a real good/great vintage with high prices. The commercial success of this vintage and our recommendations will depend of course on the pricing of the wines. For me they had better come down in price more than we are hearing. Please see our complete vintage report.

Here are the highlight wines and events for me, day to day. I use a 3-Star system for barrel samples. 1 Star: "I like this wine and would buy it;" 2 Stars: "Really good to possibly great wine that I would consider buying on futures for my collection, depending on the price;" 3 Stars: "A wine of greatness, a classic." If the wine is listed here, I gave it a Star. Please feel free to contact me for a complete copy of my personal notes at Ralph@klkwines.com or with any questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux.

**Mercredi 28th:** '06 Pichon Longueville, '06 Petit Village, '06 S de Suduiraut: 1976 Petit Village, 1961, 1957 and 1937 Pichon Longueville, 1975 Suduiraut, 1999 Tokai Diznoko and 1963 Quinta do Noval Nationale that was just incredible with dinner at Pichon Baron.

Jeudi 29th: '06 Lynch Bages, 2 Stars! '06 Lynch Bages Blanc, 2005 Phelan Segur, 2000, 2003 Coufran, 2006 Cos d'Estournel, '06 Goulee: Lunch at Cos, 1997 Latour, 1985 Cos: 2005 Langoa Barton, 2006 Léoville-Barton, 2 Stars! '05 Barton, 3 Stars! '06 Potensac, '06 Clos du Marquis, '06 Léoville-Las-Cases, Ducru-Beaucaillou, 2 Stars! Léoville-Poyferre, 2 Stars! Pontet-Canet, 2 Stars! Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, 2 Stars! Les Forts de Latour, Latour, 2.5 Stars! The dinner at Latour with all first growths, along with Forts de Latour, Ausone, Petrus and Cheval Blanc all from the year I started at K&L 1978.

**Vendredi 30th:** '06 Branaire-Ducru, '06 Gruaud Larose, 2 Stars! '05 & '06 d'Anguludet, '05 & '06 Dauzac, '06 Marquis d'Anselme, '06 Labegorce, '06 Cantemerle, 2 Stars! '06 & '01 Lascombes, 1999, 1997, 1996, 1995 Lascombes.

Samedi 31st: 18 holes and a painful workout playing horrible golf, best cold Grand Heineken of the year after. 1996 Roederer Crystal, 2 Stars! 1996 Cos d'Estournel, 2 Stars! 1961 Ducru-Beaucaillou, 3 Stars! Lovely dinner with Pierre Antoine and Mary Claude Casteja. Bordeaux beat Lyon in Paris to win Championship. Sarah Levin's party!

Dimanche 1st: More weak golf but fun party with more good wines! Bollinger Champagne,

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1976 Palmer, Margaux\$249.00
1981 Palmer, Margaux\$169.00
1981 Pavie-Decesse (1.5L)\$99.99
1982 Canon, St-Emilion\$299.99
1982 Montrose, St-Estèphe\$199.00
1982 Palmer, Margaux\$349.00
1982 Palmer, Margaux (3L)\$1199.95
1982 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$209.00
1983 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$149.00
1983 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$179.00
1983 Lascombes, Margaux\$109.99
Delicious wine-bargain!
1983 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$159.99
1983 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$119.00
1983 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$169.00
1984 Pichon-Lalande (5L)\$499.00
1984 Pichon-Lalande (6L)\$599.00
1985 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$229.00
1985 Haut-Bailly, Pessac\$119.99
1985 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$149.00
<b>1985 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) \$129.00</b> Elegant, fruity, smooth and lingering finish.
1986 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$199.00
Right from the property. Perfect condition.
1986 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$199.00
1986 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$699.00
1986 Haut-Bages-Libéral (1.5L)\$189.99
This wine is stunning-full of life and flavor.
1986 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$199.00
92 points Robert Parker: " exhibits tremen-
dously rich, blackcurrant fruitiness"
1986 Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L)\$1999.00
1986 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$189.00
1986 Siran, Margaux (3L)\$399.00
<b>1986 Siran, Margaux (5L)\$599.00</b> These large formats are direct from the property.
Perfect condition. Outstanding wines.
1987 Pichon-Lalande (5L)\$699.00
1987 Pichon-Lalande (6L)\$889.00
1988 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (1.5L) \$169.00
1988 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$699.00
1988 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$99.00
1988 Léoville-Las-Cases\$149.95
1988 Léoville-Las-Cases (1.5L)\$329.95
95 points Wine Spectator.
1989 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$119.00
1989 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$239.00
91 points Parker: "The 1989 Chasse-Spleen is the
finest wine this property has produced since their great 1949." Direct from the property.
1989 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$899.00
1989 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$249.00
1989 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$149.00
Direct from property-perfect condition. The 1989 is a fabulous wine-tons of ripe fruit-silky!
1989 Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac\$149.99

1989 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$289.00

90 points Wine Spectator.

# **BORDEAUX 1945-2005**

1989 Rochebelle, St-Emilion\$49.99 Elegant, black fruit, minerally aromas. Sweet	1999 Malescot-Ste-Exupery\$58.99 1999 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$59.99	2003 Haut-Bages-Liberal, Pauillac\$32.99 2003 Haut-Beausejour, St-Estèphe\$18.99
fruit on mid palate. Long finish.	1999 Pichon-Lalande (3L)\$499.00	2003 Haut Brion, Pessac\$294.99
1989 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$139.00	1999 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$49.99	2003 Kirwan, Margaux\$59.99
According to Robert Parker: "a graceful, medi- um-bodied wine displaying the vintage's soft, silky	A very spicy wine on the nose and palate.	92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Beautiful, bold
texture, low acidity"	1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte (1.5L)\$109.99	and polished with blackberry and cedar aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a
1990 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$99.00	2000 Cos d'Estournel (3L)\$899.00	long, long finish."
1990 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$199.00	2000 Cos d'Estournel (6L)\$1899.00	2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux\$10.99
Great terroir and outstanding old-school wine.	2000 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon\$34.99	2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion\$39.99
Fabulous-sweet and lush. 90 points Spectator.	Super delicious wine-90 points Robert Parker.	2003 La Couspaude (1.5L)\$79.99
1990 Figeac, St-Emilion (5L)\$1899.00	2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol \$34.99	2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol\$39.99
94 points Robert Parker	2000 Kirwan, Margaux\$59.99	2003 La Parde de Haut-Bailly\$23.99
1990 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$799.00	92-94 points from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Intense	Super delicious wine.
1990 Latour, Pauillac\$1099.00	currant and berry character in this one. Full-bod- ied, with big, silky tannins and a long, long finish.	2003 Larrivaux, Haut-Médoc\$13.99
1991 Palmer, Margaux\$149.00	A beauty. Serious Kirwan."	2003 Lascombes, Margaux\$49.99
This is stunning wine! Delicious.	2000 Palmer, (3L)\$1099.00	2003 Latour, Pauillac\$899.00
1993 Poujeaux (6L)\$399.00	2001 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$39.99	2003 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$174.99
1994 Malescot Ste-Exupery, Marg\$39.99	2001 Croix de Beaucaillou\$24.99	2003 Malartic Lagraviere Rouge\$29.99
Unbelievable quality-perfect now.	2001 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien\$64.99	2003 Malescot Ste-ExuperyInquire
1994 Phelan-Segur (1.5L)\$89.99	2001 Grand Puy Lacoste, PauillacInquire	91-93 points Robert Parker: "Malescot has pro-
According to Robert Parker: "a very good wine,	2001 La Mission de Lalande de	duced a beautifully concentrated, surprisingly
with a healthy dark ruby color with purple tints,	Pomerol\$19.99	strong effort in 2003."
fine ripeness, medium body, good density, and an overall sense of balance, extract, and character."	2001 Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac\$29.99	2003 Manoir de Gravoux, Castillon\$10.95
1995 Domaine de Chevalier (15L) \$1899.00	2001 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$64.99	2003 Marquis de Calon, St-Estèphe\$19.99
1995 Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac\$89.95	2001 Malescot Ste-Exupery (1.5L)\$79.99	2003 Meyney, St-Estephe\$34.99
1995 Lafleur, Pomerol\$429.00	2001 Margaux, Margaux\$219.99	2003 Milens, St-Emilion\$29.99
1995 Latour, Pauillac\$399.00	93 points Robert Parker.	2003 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$264.99
1995 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$79.95	2001 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$67.99	2003 Nenin, Pomerol
1995 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L)\$179.00	2002 Allees de Cantemerle, Médoc\$14.99	<b>2003 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$114.99</b> 95 points Robert Parker: "The brilliant, opulent,
1995 Montrose, St-Estephe\$89.95	2002 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99	fleshy 2003 Pichon Lalande offers gorgeous aro-
1995 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$89.99	Wine Spectator: "medium body, fine tannins	mas of blackberries, plum liqueur, sweet cherries,
1996 Cos d'Estournel\$129.00	and a delicate finish."	smoke, and melted licorice."
1996 Cos d'Estournel (1.5L)\$299.00	2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol	2003 Potensac, Médoc\$22.99
1996 Cos d'Estournel (5L)\$1099.00	2002 Eglise-Clinet (1.5L)\$119.99	2003 Puy Arnaud Maureze, Cast\$13.99
1996 Latour, Pauillac\$749.00	90-92 points Robert Parker.	2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore\$22.99
1996 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$89.99	2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac	2003 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$59.99
1997 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac\$32.99	2002 Lafleur, Pomerol	2003 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$49.99
1997 du Tertre, Margaux\$32.99	93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	2003 Valandraud, St-Emilion\$239.99
1998 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$199.00	2002 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$46.99	2004 Clos du Marquis, St-Jul (1.5L)\$56.99
94-98 points from Parker.	2002 Léoville-Barton (1.5l)\$119.99	2004 Gruaud-Larose (1.5L)\$74.99
1998 Langoa-Barton (1.5L)\$99.00	2002 Pagodes de Cos\$25.99 2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande\$24.99	2004 Kirwan, MargauxInquire
Fantastic wine-direct from property.	Bright and deep with blackberry and cherry, hints	Full, rich, spicy. International style.
1998 La Louviere Rouge, PessacInquire	of herb and mineral and plump merlot juiciness.	2004 Lascombes, Margaux\$46.99
1998 Margaux, Margaux\$189.99	2003 Angelus, St-Emilion\$144.99	2004 Pichon-Lalande, Pauil (1.5L)\$134.99
1999 Branaire Ducru, St-Julien\$54.99	2003 Bellegrave, Pauillac\$29.99	2004 Parenchere, Bordeaux
1999 Camensac, Médoc\$21.99	2003 Callac Prestige, Graves\$14.99	2004 Le Tertre Roteboeuf
1999 Cos d'Estournel (6L)\$799.00	2003 Clos de l'Oratoire, St-Emilion\$29.99	2005 Mylord, BordeauxInquire
1999 Kirwan, Margaux\$49.99	89-91 points Wine Spectator: "A sweet and deli-	2005 Haut Sociando, Cotes de Blaye \$10.99
We enjoyed this wine in Paris in April at bistro Le	cious wine with blackberry aromas."	White/Rosé Bordeaux
Christine. It was lovely-elegant and still quite rich.	2003 Clos Marsalette, Pessac\$18.99	2000 Château "Y" Yquem\$139.99
1999 Lalande Borie, St-Julien\$19.99	2003 Clos de la Vieille Eglise, Pom\$49.99	2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac\$26.99
1999 Langoa-Barton (3L)\$249.00	2003 d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon Inquire	2004 Doisy Daene, Sec, Dubourdieu \$14.99
1999 Langoa-Barton (5L)\$399.00	2003 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99	2004 Lynch Bages Blanc, Bordeaux\$33.99
<b>1999 Langoa-Barton (6L)\$449.00</b> Fabulous party wine-great now.	2003 Franc La Rose, St-Emilion\$22.99	2005 Clos Floridene, Graves\$19.99
	2003 Goulee, Médoc\$31.99	2005 Reynon Blanc, Dubourdieu\$11.99
1999 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$54.99 1999 Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien\$44.99	2003 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$57.99	2005 Rosé de Chevalier
1777 Leovine-Poylette, St-Julien\$44.99	2003 Gruaud-Larose (1.5L)\$109.99	2005 Calon Segur Rosé\$12.99

# DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

K&L buys many imported wines directly from the producers or negociants. We taste the wines at the property and negotiate with the seller, often finding wines that are not available in the U.S. market. And we get the wines to our customers for less. No middlemen!

# France: Alsace/Loire Valley Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur-Delightful sparkler, refreshing! ......\$14.99

200 1/05 Ideoling Grand Cra Elemberg, Charles Baurinning 19799
2005 Touraine Rosé Riage, Grange Tiphaine\$9.99
2005 Muscadet, Château la Moriniere VV\$11.99
2005 St Nicolas de Bourgueil Expression, Joel Talau\$12.99
2005 Touraine Cot Vielles Vignes, Grange Tiphaine\$13.99
2004 Cour Ceverny "La Porte Doree," Tessier\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Blanc, Franck Millet\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Rosé, Franck Millet\$13.99
2004 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet\$13.99
Our biggest sellers, Millet wines rock!
2005 Coteaux de Loire Blanc, Benedicte de Ryke\$14.99
2004 Menetou Salon Morogues, La Tour St Martin\$14.99
2004 St Nicolas de Bourgueil VV, Joel Talau
2005 Sancerre Chavignol Rosé, Gerard Boulay\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Tradition Insolite, Franck Millet\$21.99
2004 Sancerre Chavignol Clos du Beaujeu, Boulay\$24.99
2005 Sancerre Mont Damnes, Gerard Boulay\$29.99
Bordeaux: White/Red/Stickies/Rosé
<b>2005</b> Château Reynon Blanc VV, Dubourdieu
2005 Clos Floridene, Pessac-Just arrived\$19.99
2005 Rosé de Domaine de Chevalier, Bordeaux\$10.99
First time on the market! Very limited.
2005 Rosé de Calon Segur, Bordeaux\$12.99
One of the truly great values in Bordeaux Rosé. Delicious.
2005 Château Jouanin Prestige, Cotes Castillon-Just arrived\$11.99
2003 Château de Callac Cuvee Prestige, Graves\$14.99
2005 Château Roland La Garde, Cotes de Blaye-New\$15.99
2003 Château Saransot Dupre, Listrac-Quite lush!\$17.99
2003 Château Le Doyenne, Premier Cotes de Bordeaux\$18.99
2001 Château La Mission de Lalande de Pomerol\$19.99
2003 Château Serilhan, St-Estèphe-Ripe and rich!\$19.99
2003 Château Leonie, Graves-Tons of upfront fruit\$21.99
<b>2000 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$12.99</b> Absolutely delicious stickie.
2001 Château Dudon, Sauternes-Serious stickie! \$25.99
White Burgundy
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2004 Meursaults, "Cromin/Chevalières" Jean MonnierInquire
2004 Bourgogne Aligote, Domaine Jean Monnier
2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$13.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay "Signature," Champy\$15.99
2005 Pouilly Fuissé, "Chataignieres" Domaine Nembrets\$19.99
2004 St-Romain Blanc, Champy
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, "Les Folles," Domaine des Nembrets\$21.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy\$21.99
2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dents de Chien" 1er Cru, Champy\$29.99
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Southern France
2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Felines Jourdan\$7.99
2004 Marselan, Domaine l'Attilon (Organic)\$8.99
2006 Rosé, Domaine l'Attilon (Organic)Inquire
Cremant de Limoux, Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531"\$9.99
2004 Coteaux de Languedoc, Dom Beau Thorey "Patus"\$11.99
2003 Limoux Domaine Begude Chardonnay\$11.99
2006 Sauvignon Blanc, Begude\$12.99
2006 Pinot de Rose-Begude\$12.99
2002 Minervois Lauraire des Lys "Loriza"\$12.99
2000 Chardonnay "Sainte Marie" Jean Denois-Super value!\$14.99
NV Tradition Brut Sparkling, Denois\$14.99
NV Cerdon de Bugey, Caveau de Mont St July\$14.99
2004 Cotes Roussillon, Le Roc des Anges "Segna de Cor"\$14.99
2003 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Rouge\$14.99
2003 Coteaux de Languedoc, Beau Thorey "Danse des Ceps" \$15.99
2003 Vin de Pays d'Oc, Denois "Chloe"\$19.99
2004 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Blanc\$19.99
2004 Cotes Roussillon, Le Roc des Anges "VV"\$19.99
2004 Palette Blanc, Château Simone\$29.99
2003 Palette Rouge/2005 Palette Rosé, Château Simone\$33.99
2004 Cotes du Roussillon, Dom Le Roc des Anges "1903"\$34.99
Rhône
2005 Cotes du Rhone Villages, Vinsobres, JaumeInquire
2004 Côtes du Rhône, Château Montfaucon-Superb!\$10.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône, Cecile Chassagne\$10.99
On the palate, the wine is well rounded with mouth-filling fruit, a bit of spice
and a good balance of acidity and fruit. It finishes with delicate, sweet tannins.
2004 Côtes du Rhône "Roaix," Dom Auzieres\$10.99
2005 Rasteau "Dame Victoria"\$12.99
Clairette de Die Cave Carod\$12.99
2004 Beaume-de-Venise, Ferme st Martin "Terres"\$12.99
2004 Lirac, Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique"\$12.99
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Domaine Soumade-Fine value!\$12.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Villages-Rasteau Domaine Girasols\$15.99
On the palate there are layers of concentrated red fruits and with silky, integrat-
ed tannins and a very nice structure filling in the end.
2003 Côtes du Rhône VV, Domaine des Girasols\$16.99
2004 Beaume-de-Venise, Ferme st Martin "Cuvee St Mar"\$16.99
2004 Lirac, Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"\$16.99
2003 Rasteau Prestige, Doamine Soumade\$17.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Image de Sud (K&L Cuvee)\$19.99
On the nose there's an explosion of berry aromas with violets and spice. On the
palate, the wine is well rounded with mouth-filling fruit, a bit of spice and a good balance of acidity and fruit. It finishes with delicate, sweet tannins.
2005 Gigondas "Tradition" Moulin de Gardette\$19.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Marcoux
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Vaudieu\$26.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône "Les Violettes," Domaine Soumade\$29.99
Stunning wine-crushed raspberries! 90 points Parker!
2004 Côte Rôtie, Joel Champet "La Villiere"
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Ch Vaudieu "Val de Dieu"\$49.99
2003 Chateauneur-du-Pape, Ch Vaudieu Val de Dieu\$49.99 2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux\$49.99
2004 Cnateauneur-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux\$49.99

# Champagne

90-93 points Robert Parker.

A new container just landed: 1,200 cases of including Ariston, Michel Arnould, Bonville, Gonet, Fleury, Tarlant, Bruno Michel, Launois and LeClerc Briant!

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut ......\$22.99

# **DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

DIR	ECL	BUYS FRUIVI
Ariston Blanc de Blanc		\$29.99
Ariston Brut Rosé		
Bruno Michel Brut		\$29.99
1996 Bruno Michel Brut		\$59.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection		
Franck Bonville Cuvee Les Belles Voyes		\$64.99
Fleury Carte Rouge		
Fleury Brut Rosé		
1999 Launois Cuvee Reserve		
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blanc		\$29.99
Michel Arnould Reserve Brut		
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve		\$28.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé Reserve		
Rene Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut		
Tarlant Cuvee Louis		\$42.99
<u>Spain</u>		
2003 Biurko Rioja Graciano		00 02
2003 Biurko Koja Graciano		
2004 Biurko Rioja Reserva Old Vines Garnac		
These great values have just arrived.	CIIa	
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<u>Australia</u>		
2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet S		
2005 Craneford Private Selection Chardonn	•	
2004 Richmond Grove "Black Cat" Shiraz	•••••	\$10.99
Three great tasting, easy-to-drink, everyday drinkers.		
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz		
Made by Phil Christianson of Longwood. Rich, round		
2004 Hewitson Private Cellar Mourvedre/Sh		
Their most famous wine (MH) made for us in a specia	al cuvee.	
<u>Italy: Tuscany</u>		
2001 Casisano Columbaio Rosso di Montale		
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico		\$17.99
2001 Poggiarellino Brunello di Montalcino .		
2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino		
2004 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT		\$44.99
<b>Italy: Other Regions</b>		
2004 Blason Cabernet Franc or Pinot Grigio		\$8.99
2005 Blason Tocai Friulino		
2005 Blason Chardonnay "Bruma" or Sauvig	gnon	\$9.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelve	e <b>tro</b> -Thi	ree types\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelve		
2004 Luccheti Lacrima di Morro d'Alba		\$11.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco		\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio		\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Sauvignon		\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Tocai Friulano		
2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulani		\$15.99
2005 Ermacora Refosco		\$15.99
2005 Ermacora Schioppettino		\$16.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto		
2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo		
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo		
2003 Aldo Conterno Barbara d'Alba "Conca		
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L).		
95 points Stephen Tanzer.		
Follador Cartizze		\$19.99
Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut or Ex	ctra Dr	y\$10.99
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# Tasting Bar Schedule for May, 2007

The following is our tasting bar schedule for the month of May. All tastings are from noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Redwood City and Hollywood. For further information about other special monthly tastings and dinners, please see our website at www.klwines.com and click on the "local events" bar.

**Saturday, May 5:** Rhone varietals from France, Australia, California and other locales in San Francisco. Southern Rhone in Redwood City and Hollywood.

In San Francisco, there will be a tasting of Rhone varietals around the world. In Redwood City and Hollywood the focus will be on the Southern Rhone, particularly Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Tasting price TBA.

**Saturday, May 12:** Wines of the Alsace and Loire Valley in all three stores.

Jeff Vierra and Eric Story present the latest arrivals from this undervalued region. An eclectic selection of reds and whites that is sure to make the transition from spring to summer all the more easy. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, May 19: Bordeaux in all three stores.

All three stores will host a Bordeaux tasting with picks from Clyde, Ralph, Steve and Bryan. Eight reds, one white and one Sauternes, as is our custom. Tasting price is \$20.00.

**Saturday, May 26:** Wines of Italy in all three stores.

Ch. d'Youem Vertical sets (12 hottles)

Greg St. Clair, Mike Parres and Kirk Walker return to the wonderful world of Italy to show off their latest and greatest picks. These are sure to be unusual and deeply satisfying selections. Tasting price TBA.

-Scott Beckerley, Kerri Conlon, Jeff Garneau and Chip Hammack

### **SAUTERNES IN STOCK**

Ch. d Iquem vertical sets (12 bottles)\$4999.00
Fabulous wooden box with vintages 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1991,
1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, and 2000! Only three left.
1976 Doisy Vedrines\$59.99
1989 Rieussec
2000 Grand Enclos de Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$12.99
Super delicious bargain. Creamy, rich, perfectly balanced.
2001 Bastor LaMontagne\$31.99
2001 Liot, Barsac\$29.99
2001 Dudon-Delicious stickie-great value!\$25.99
2002 de Fargues (375ml \$34.99)\$69.99
92-94 points Robert Parker (04/05) Five Stars from <i>Decanter</i> magazine: "Tight and youthful and biding its time, this has a nose of citrus and mandarins, while the wine is concentrated, full bodied, with ripe citrus tones and fine acidity"
<b>2002 Rieussec (375ml \$28.99)</b> -92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> <b>\$54.99</b>
<b>2002 Yquem (375ml \$109.99, 1.5L \$399.99)</b> A beautiful wine, all purity and finesse, very long with incredible balance. 96 points and a Collectibles designation from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> .
2003 Doisy Vedrines (375ml \$17.99)\$34.99
89-92 points Robert Parker. Barrel sample according to Clyde Beffa, K&L's Bordeaux Buyer: "Coconut and honey aromas. Has some lemony undertones on the palate. Very rich and concentrated. Oily."
2003 La Clotte-Cazalis (375ml)-Extremely good value\$17.99
2003 Lafaurie Peyraguey (375ml)\$31.99

Number six on Spectator's Top 100 list for 2006. Very limited availability.

\$4999 00

# **RHÔNE VALLEY**

2005 Costières de Nîmes Blanc Château Grande Cassagne\$9.99
2001 Côtes du Rhône Villages Saint Maurice Domaine Viret
"Renaissance" (Biodynamic)\$21.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pâpe Château Vaudieu\$26.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pâpe Château Vaudieu "Vale de Dieu" \$49.99
2003 Châteauneuf Clos du Mont Olivet "Cuvee des Papet"\$49.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Domaine de Marcoux (Organic)\$22.99
2004 Gigondas Perrin & Fils "La Gille"\$22.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquets des Pape Tradition\$32.99
2004 Châteauneuf Mas de Boislauzon "Cuvée de Quet"\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Pape "Chantemerle"\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine de Marcoux\$49.99
2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"\$16.99
2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique"\$12.99
2004 Lirac Domaine La Lorentine (Marcoux)\$18.99
2005 Vacqueyras Domaine Montvac\$15.99
2004 Beaumes de Venise Ferme Saint Martin "Terres Jaunes" \$12.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Vill. Rasteau Soumade "Prestige"\$17.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Vill. Rasteau Soumade "Les Violettes" \$29.99
2004 Crozes Hermitage Domaine du Colombier
"Cuvee Gaby"\$24.99
2004 Hermitage Yann Chave\$54.99
2003 Cornas Robert Michel "Cuvée des Coteaux"\$44.99
2003 Côte Rôtie E. Guigal Brune et Blonde\$59.99
2004 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet "La Vialliere"\$34.99
2004 Côte Rôtie Château de Saint Cosme\$59.99

# Maury's Mas Amiel

This month I am presenting three enticing dessert wines from Maury. Maury, located in the arid Mediterranean climate of France's Eastern Pyrenees, is one of two appellations for Vin Doux Naturels or fortified dessert wines in the Roussillon. The wines are grenache based, and the reds are rich and decadent, exuding ripe berry and chocolate aromatics. All three wines are luscious but fresh and vivacious too, making them incredibly well balanced and food-friendly. Mas du Amiel is perhaps the most well-known domaine in the appellation of Maury.

2003 Maury Blanc Domaine Mas Amiel (\$19.99) This rare white dessert wine is made from grenache gris. It is bright and fresh and tastes remarkably dry for its whopping 118g/l of residual sugar. Scents of diesel, mandarin, orange blossom and star anise radiate from a mineral core. The wine is round and supple without being heavy, fat or cloying. It would be a deliciously refreshing way to end a meal and would pair beautifully with a custard fruit tart.

**2003** Maury Domaine Mas Amiel "Vintage Reserve" (\$22.99) The Vintage Reserve is a must try for ruby port fans. It's 100% grenache and is brimming with luscious blackberry, raspberry and chocolate. With aeration, the wine reveals licorice, vanilla and spice. Fine grained tannins balance the aromatic richness lending structure and power. Pair this wine with chocolate cake or a linzer tort.

Maury Domaine Mas Amiel "Prestige 15 Ans d'Age" (\$26.99) This oxidized wine spent a year in glass demi-johns placed outdoors, literally baking in the hot sun. It then continued to mature in old oak barrels for 14 years. This oxidation process gives the wine an intriguing Madeira-like quality. Plums, figs, sultana raisins and tobacco are accented by notes of cumin and star anise. The richness is punctuated by a delightful tang. Serve with aged parmesan, dried fruit and nuts or sip with a cigar. Serve with dark chocolate and the earth will come crashing to a stop.

—Nadia Dmytriw

### S. AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

### **South Africa**

2005 Stormhoek Sauvignon Blanc	\$8.99
2005 Neil Ellis "Sincerely" Sauvignon Blanc	\$9.99
2005 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2005 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.99
2006 Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch	\$12.99
2006 Thelema Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch	\$15.99
2003 Black Pearl "Oro" Shiraz-Cabernet, Paarl	\$16.99
2005 Rustenberg Chardonnay Stellenbosch	\$17.99
2006 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch	\$18.99
2005 Anwilka, Constantia Stellenbosch	\$35.99
Robert Parker: "the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa	"

### New Zealand

2006 Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$8.99
2006 Spinyback Sauvignon Blanc Nelson	\$8.99
2006 Matua Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$9.99
2006 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$9.99
2006 Lawson's Dry Hills Riesling Marlborough	\$11.99
2006 Drylands Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$12.99
2006 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$12.99
2005 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$16.99
2004 Murdock James Pinot Noir, Martinborough	\$17.99
2006 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$21.99

### Australia

2005 Ferngrove Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Estate	\$6.99
2005 Black Wing (Step Road) Shiraz, South Australia	\$8.99
2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
2005 Richmond Grove French Cask Chardonnay	\$10.99
2005 Water Wheel "Memsie" Shiraz, Benigo	\$11.99
2005 Step Road Shiraz, Langhorne Creek	\$13.99
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz	\$14.99
2005 Three Rings Barossa Valley Shiraz	\$15.99
2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve	\$16.99
2005 Schlid Estate Shiraz, Barossa	\$23.99
2005 Hewitson "Private Cellar" Shiraz-Mourvèdre	\$29.99

# Jim C's View Down Under

The 2005 Hewitson "Ned & Henry" Shiraz Barossa Valley South Australia (\$17.99), including a bit of mourvèdre, sees 15 months in barrique. Sourced from old vines, the wine displays great purity with blackberry, bittersweet chocolate, spice and meaty notes. This is quite rich and intense stuff! 92 points from Robert Parker.

The 2005 Hewitson "Miss Harry" G-S-M Barossa Valley South Australia (\$17.99) offers notes of raspberry, chocolate, spice, leather and earth on the nose. There are fine tannins with good acidity and excellent length. This is one of the best GSMs Australia has to offer at this price. 90 points from Robert Parker as well.

The **2005** Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon Robertson South Africa (\$7.99) is more serious and better than previous vintages. Very structured with the nose full of ripe smoky currant and dark plums. On the palate there are supple tannins and good length. This is a great wine for large crowds or just your weekday, go-to-red.

The **2004 Elderton "Friends" Cabernet Sauvignon Barossa Valley South Australia (\$15.99)** serves up classic cabernet fruit with black cherry, cedar, chocolate and violets. On the palate there are finegrained tannins, good structure and a silky texture. Do yourself a favor, and make a new friend!

—Jimmy C

### **OLD & RARE DOMESTIC CABERNET & BLENDS**

1974 Ridge Monte Bello\$249.95
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (3L)\$549.95
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (6L)\$999.00
1979 Beringer State Lane (9L)\$1,399.00
1982 Cronin, Stag's Leap Cuvee\$29.95
1982 Heitz Martha's Vineyard\$110.00
1983 Beringer Chabot\$79.95
1983 Beringer Chabot (1.5L)\$169.95
1983 Caymus SS Napa\$225.00
1983 Dunn Howell Mtn\$119.00
1984 Livingston Moffett Napa\$74.95
1984 Robert Mondavi Res\$119.95
1985 Arrowood Res Sonoma (1.5L) \$279.95
1985 Beringer Chabot\$125.00
1985 Diamond Creek Vol Hill\$169.95
1985 Dunn Howell Mtn\$179.00
1985 Dunn Howell Mtn (5L)\$1,299.00
1986 Arrowood Res Sonoma (1.5L) \$279.95
1986 Beringer Chabot\$120.00
1986 Beringer Private Reserve\$129.95
1986 Diamond Creek RRT (9L)\$1,599.00
1986 Livingston "Moffet" Napa\$59.95
1987 Beaulieu Vineyard Private Reserve
(6L)\$899.00
1987 Cronin, Santa Cruz Mtns\$29.95
1987 Silver Oak Alexander (3L)\$599.00
1988 Arrowood Res Sonoma (1.5L) \$249.95

1988 Caymus SS Napa (3L)\$799.00
1988 Montelena Napa\$89.00
1989 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)\$269.95
1989 Beringer Chabot\$120.00
1989 Beringer Private Res Napa\$99.95
1989 Caymus Napa (1.5L)\$199.00
1989 Spottswoode Napa\$99.00
1990 Cronin Santa Cruz (1.5L)\$59.95
1990 Diamond Creek Lake (1.5L)\$799.95
1990 Robert Mondavi Res Napa\$99.95
1990 Spottswoode Napa\$129.95
1991 Beaulieu Vineyard PR\$799.00
1991 Beringer Private Res Napa\$139.95
1991 Beringer Private Reserve
(1.5L)\$325.00
1991 Cronin Concerto Robinson\$29.95
1991 Cronin Special Cuvee Concerto\$24.95
1991 Diamond Creek Lake (5L)\$5,000.00
1991 La Jota 10th Anniversary\$125.00
1991 Rod Strong Alex Crown (3L)\$249.95
1991 Spottswoode Napa\$125.00
1991 Sterling Diamond Mtn (6L)\$399.00
1992 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)\$799.00
1992 Opus One Napa (1.5L)\$499.00
1992 Silver Oak Alexander (6L)\$1,199.00
1993 Beringer Chabot\$89.95
1993 Beringer Private Res Napa\$99.00

# 1993 Diamond Creek Vol Hill ......\$119.00 1993 Opus One Napa (1.5L) .......\$469.00 1994 Burgess Vintage Selection .....\$59.99 1994 Spottswoode Napa .......\$799.00 1995 Caymus SS Napa (3L) ......\$799.00 1995 Cronin Concerto Robinson ....\$29.95 1996 Montelena Estate (1.5L) .....\$299.00 1996 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ...\$119.00 1996 Silver Oak Napa Valley .....\$149.99 1997 Cronin Santa Cruz Mtns .....\$39.95 1997 Opus One Napa Valley (1.5L) \$450.00 1997 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ...\$149.99 1997 Silver Oak Napa Valley .....\$149.99 1997 Spottswoode Napa ......\$125.00 1997 Swanson Napa Valley .....\$69.95

### **PORT 1955-2003**

1955 Taylor	.\$599.00
1958 Krohn Colheita	
1960 Dow	
1960 Taylor	
1960 Krohn Colheita	
1963 Croft-91 points Wine Spectator	.\$179.00
1963 Quinta do Noval	.\$189.00
1963 Taylor-97 points Wine Spectator	.\$349.00
1963 Warre-92 points Wine Spectator	.\$249.00
1964 Krohn White Colheita	\$79.99
<b>1966 Graham</b> -93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$239.00
1966 Warre-91 points Wine Spectator	.\$159.00
1966 Taylor	.\$289.00
1966 Krohn Colheita	\$79.99
1967 Krohn Colheita	\$99.99
1970 Fonseca	.Inquire
1970 Graham	
1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita	\$84.99
1975 Dow	
<b>1977 Taylor</b> -98 points Wine Spectator	.\$179.00
1978 Krohn Colheita	
<b>1980 Graham</b> -90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$99.99
<b>1983 Dow</b> -94 points Wine Spectator	
<b>1983 Graham</b> -93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$89.99
1983 Warre	
1985 Dow-5 Stars from Broadbent	
<b>1985 Fonseca</b> -95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	
<b>1985 Taylor</b> -90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	
<b>1985 Warre</b> -5 Stars from Broadbent	
1997 Krohn Colheita	
1997 Ramos Pinto	
2001 Krohn LBV	
2003 Dow	
2003 Dow (1.5L)	
2003 Graham	
2003 Niepoort	
2003 Quinta do Noval "Silval"	
Ramos White Port	
Ramos Pinot Collector Port	\$13.99

# Domaine Begude

K&L is pleased to present the wines from Domaine Begude, a family-owned property located high in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Here, owners James and Catherine Kinglake (along with assistance of a thoroughly French winemaking team) craft a small range of delicious wines from their 25 hectare property. The approach at Begude is hands on and artisanal to the max. They are wines to live by and feel good about. Let's all raise a glass to Domaine Begude!

**2006** Vin de Pays d'Oc Domaine Begude Sauvignon Blanc (\$12.99) This elegant and crisp sauvignon blanc is more in the style of a Loire Valley Sancerre, with its rapier sharp mineral laden nose, fresh citrus fruits and plenty of snap crackle and pop. This is the perfect accompaniment to grilled fish, oysters, or just by itself. Make this one your house white!

**2006 Vin de Pays d'Oc Domaine Begude Pinot Rosé** (\$12.99) This vibrant Pinot Rosé is fast becoming one of our staff favorites. More in the style of a Loire Valley Sancerre rosé, this salmon-colored pink beauty exhibits nuances of cherries, plums and rosehip, with just a hint of wet stone minerality. And if you think rosé is too tutti fritti for your taste, than we invite you to try a glass of this dry beauty. Enjoy with charcuterie or grilled tuna... —*Mulan Chan* 

# Domaine l'Attilon of Arles in Provence

After graduating from an agronomic ingenieur school, M. Renaud de Roux bought an 18th century estate rich with 400 years of wine producing history. After suffering from breathing problems due to the side effects of chemicals, M. Renaud de Roux converted to a strictly organic cultivation. He was also one of the first growers to plant marselan (a cross between grenache and cab), which is perfectly suited to Provence. The 2004 l'Attilon Marselan (\$8.99) is a dichotomy on the palate. Initially you get the levity and light temper of the grenache followed by the stern gravity of the cabernet. Overall this marriage is pleasing. Pronounced violets on the nose next to a mouthful of lively and snappy fruit with fresh, deep black currant flavors. There is nothing gushy or goopy about this wine. It's got a strong acidic presence that mingles with dusty tannins. Enjoy this "little big guy" with bistro fare. Now that spring is officially here, we also have the 2006 l'Attilon Rosé (\$8.99). This is more fresh than complex, and so satisfying on a hot night or whenever the mood strikes.

—Keelyn Healy

### **CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS**

2002 Arrowood, Sonoma\$34.99
2002 Heitz, Napa\$34.99
2002 Lancaster Estate Red\$41.99
2002 Laurel Glen, Sonoma\$44.99
2002 Schweiger, Spring Mnt\$41.99
2002 Silver Oak, Napa\$99.99
2003 Aia, Oakville\$22.99
A blend of 44% cabernet sauvignon, 39% caber-
net franc and 17% merlot, this wine is great
food wine!
2003 BV "Georges de Latour"\$69.98
2003 BV "Tapestry"\$36.98
2003 Cain Concept, Napa\$49.99
2003 Ch. Montelena, Napa\$32.98
2003 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma\$15.98
2003 Clos du Val, Napa\$24.99
2003 Donati Family Meritage\$26.99
2003 Dynamite, North Coast\$11.99
2003 Echelon, California\$8.99
2003 Forth, Dry Creek\$18.99
2003 Franciscan, Oakville\$19.99
2003 Frank Family Reserve\$64.99
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa\$49.99
2003 Groth, Napa\$39.98
2003 Hess Collection, Napa\$36.99
2003 Husic "Dos Palmas"\$99.00
2003 Hyde de Villaine "HdV" Red\$54.99
2003 Jordan, Alexander Vly\$44.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"\$125.00
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"\$125.00 2003 Miner Family "Oracle"\$54.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"       \$125.00         2003 Miner Family "Oracle"       \$54.99         2003 Mount Eden Estate SC       \$34.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"       \$125.00         2003 Miner Family "Oracle"       \$54.99         2003 Mount Eden Estate SC       \$34.99         2003 Mount Veeder, Napa       \$29.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"       \$125.00         2003 Miner Family "Oracle"       \$54.99         2003 Mount Eden Estate SC       \$34.99         2003 Mount Veeder, Napa       \$29.99         2003 Quintessa, Rutherford       \$99.98
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"       \$125.00         2003 Miner Family "Oracle"       \$54.99         2003 Mount Eden Estate SC       \$34.99         2003 Mount Veeder, Napa       \$29.99         2003 Quintessa, Rutherford       \$99.98         2003 Raymond Reserve, Napa       \$24.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"       \$125.00         2003 Miner Family "Oracle"       \$54.99         2003 Mount Eden Estate SC       \$34.99         2003 Mount Veeder, Napa       \$29.99         2003 Quintessa, Rutherford       \$99.98         2003 Raymond Reserve, Napa       \$24.99         2003 Robert Mondavi Reserve       \$99.98
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"       \$125.00         2003 Miner Family "Oracle"       \$54.99         2003 Mount Eden Estate SC       \$34.99         2003 Mount Veeder, Napa       \$29.99         2003 Quintessa, Rutherford       \$99.98         2003 Raymond Reserve, Napa       \$24.99         2003 Robert Mondavi Reserve       \$99.98         2003 Rombauer, Napa       \$29.99
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2004 Chimney Rock, Stag's Leap .....\$44.99

2004 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Vly.....\$23.99

2002 Amici, Napa .....\$39.99

2004 Darioush, Napa       \$62.99         2004 Decoy Napa Red Wine       \$25.99
2004 Desert Wind "Ruah" Wash\$12.99
<b>2004 Donati Family Claret\$17.99</b>
2004 Edge, Napa\$16.99
The deeply fruited nose opens to black currant and vanilla. The medium full-bodied palate continues with these flavors of ripe cassis, vanilla, and hints of blackberry. The long finish is accentuated by the soft, silky tannins.
2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa\$29.99
2004 Far Niente, Oakville\$94.99
2004 Francis Coppola "Claret"\$12.99
2004 Frog's Leap, Napa\$32.99
2004 Hawk Crest, California\$9.99
2004 Hess Select, California\$10.99
2004 Honig, Napa\$29.99
2004 House Wine, Washington \$9.99
2004 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"\$10.99
2004 Joseph Phelps, Napa\$44.98
2004 Justin, Paso Robles\$21.99
2004 Kapcsandy "State Lane"\$99.99
2004 Kendall Jackson Grand Res\$22.99
2004 Ladera, Napa\$29.98
2004 Ladera "Howell Mnt"\$64.99
2004 Merryvale "Starmont"\$18.99
2004 Moon Mountain, Sonoma\$12.99
2004 Obsidian Ridge, Red Hills\$21.99
2004 Palazzo, Napa Red\$39.98
2004 Paul Hobbs, Napa\$79.99
2004 Provenance, Rutherford\$29.99
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Elegant yet rich, the majority of fruit for this Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on a well-drained alluvial fan at Vineyard Georges III in Napa Valley's Rutherford subappellation.

2004 Ramey Claret\$29.98
2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa \$19.98
2004 Screw Kappa, Napa\$10.99
2004 Seventy Five "Amber Knolls"\$18.99
2004 Shafer "One Point Five"\$59.99
2004 Spring Valley "Uriah"\$44.99
2004 Stag's Leap Cellers "Artemis"\$39.98
2004 Tamber Bay "Two Rivers"\$26.99
2004 Tor Kenward ROCK, Napa\$72.99
2004 Turnbull, Napa\$36.98
2004 Twenty Bench, Napa \$14.99
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa\$8.99
2004 Tyrus "Ciel du Cheval" Claret\$34.99
2004 Von Strasser "Diam Dist Ser"\$49.99
2004 Waterstone, Napa\$21.98
2004 Wild Horse, Paso Robles\$15.99
2005 Covenant, Napa (Kosher)\$79.99
2005 Esser, California\$7.99
2005 Joel Gott, California\$14.99
2005 Justin "The Orphan"\$14.99
2005 McManis, California\$8.99
2005 Stephen Vincent, California\$8.99
2005 The Show, California\$11.99
2005 Turnbull Old Bull Red\$18.99
2005 Twenty Bench, Napa\$15.99
Cain "NV4"\$27.99

# **CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!** 2003 Rubicon Estate "Cask" .....\$62.99

95 points Wine Enthusiast: "Enormously oaky now, with an explosion of char and vanilla, it shows an underworld of black currants, and is huge in sweet, youthful tannins. This is a glamorous wine, tremendous now, and will hold and develop through 2020."

# Trey's Picks for May!

2005 Eric Kent Sonoma Chardonnay (\$33.99) Eric Kent is a small producer whose labels and wine are the talk of the town. Every different wine from Eric Kent features an "artist label." They feel that each artist brings a unique vision that complements the spirit behind each wine. A nice element to most of the Eric Kent wines is the presence of bright acidity along with the richness of fruit. The is most obvious in the Sonoma Chardonnay. Rich, decadent upfront fruit leads to hints of lime, melon and butterscotch. Finish is long and clean. Great food-friendly Chardonnay! All Eric Kent wines are limited with 300 cases of the Pinot Noir produced and 225 cases of Chardonnay.

2005 Emeritus Russian River Pinot Noir (\$31.99) Released May 1, this highly anticipated wine from Brice Jones, founder of Sonoma Cutrer is now available. Emeritus sits on top of Sonoma's Gold Ridge, which runs from Sebastopol to Forestville. All the fruit that goes into Emeritus is estate grown and bottled in the Russian River Valley AVA of Sonoma. Their first release, the 2005 Russian River Pinot shows the delicate side of Pinot Noir. Vibrant fruit, classic Pinot flavors and a focused, balanced finish will allow the wine to be paired with a variety of foods. If you are looking for a "Syrah-like" Pinot look someplace else! This wine is all about bright acidity, lively fruit and finesse. Enjoy! —Trey Beffa

# Don't Miss K&L Hollywood's Grand Opening!

Held at the K&L Hollywood store (1400 Vine Street) on Saturday, June 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Many top wineries will be in attendance!

### **CHARDONNAY**

2003 Chalk Hill, Sonoma\$29.99	2005 Babcock, Santa Rita Hills\$16.99
2003 Mount Eden Estate\$34.99	2005 Beauregard, Russian River\$19.99
2004 Beron Herzog (Kosher)\$12.99	2005 Beringer Founders'\$7.99
2004 Beringer "Sbragia"\$39.98	2005 Beringer, Napa\$12.98
2004 Beringer, Napa\$9.98	2005 Beringer Private Reserve\$29.98
2004 Bernardus, Monterey\$14.99	2005 Bogle, California\$7.99
2004 Cakebread Reserve, Napa\$49.99	2005 Cakebread, Napa\$34.99
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey\$12.99	2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Ca\$8.99
2004 Cuvaison, Carneros\$14.99	2005 Chalone, Monterey\$9.99
2004 Clos du Val, Napa\$17.99	2005 Chappellet, Napa\$26.99
2004 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"\$18.99	2005 Ch. Montelena, Napa\$34.99
2004 Domaine Serene "Etoile"\$36.99	2005 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma\$12.98
2004 DR Stephens, Carneros\$44.99	2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma\$10.99
2004 Echelon, California\$7.99	2005 Cima Collina "Chula Vina"\$31.99
2004 Ferrari Carano, Alexand Vly\$23.99	2005 Cinnabar, Monterey\$15.99
2004 Foley "Rancho Santa Rosa"\$23.99	2005 Darioush, Napa\$37.99
2004 Handley, Dry Creek\$17.99	2005 Demetria Estate\$25.99
2004 Hanzell, Sonoma\$59.99	2005 Edna Valley Vineyards\$9.98
2004 Hyde de Villaine, Carneros\$49.99	2005 Esser, California\$7.99
2004 Jordan, Russian River\$32.99	2005 Estancia, Monterey\$8.98
2004 James Henry "Woolsey Rd"\$39.99	2005 Far Niente, Napa\$41.99
2004 Marimar Estate "Don Miguel" \$19.99	2005 Flora Springs "Barrel Ferment" \$19.98
2004 Newton "Unfiltered"\$39.98	92 points and a Spectator Selection from the
2004 Robert Mondavi, Carneros\$14.99	Wine Spectator: "Elegant, with rich, subtle fig, nectarine and tangerine flavors wrapped in light
<b>2004 Sanford, Santa Barbara\$13.99</b>	toasty oak. Gentle finish caresses the palate."
2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards\$34.99	2005 Four Vines "Naked" \$10.99
2004 Stony Hill, Napa\$34.99	2005 Foxglove, Edna Valley
2004 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow"\$29.99	2005 Francis Coppola "Diamond" \$11.99
2004 Thomas Fogarty Estate\$25.99	2005 Franciscan, Napa
2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll\$21.99	2005 Frog's Leap, Napa\$19.98
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa\$7.99	2005 Frank Family, Napa\$28.99
2005 A by Acacia, California\$9.99	2005 Gary Farrell, Russian River\$26.99
2005 A Donkey and a Goat\$34.99	2005 Groth, Napa\$22.98
2005 Acacia, Carneros\$15.99	

2005 Heitz, Napa	\$14.99
2005 Heron, California	
2005 Hess, Monterey	\$8.99
2005 Hollywood & Vine "2480"	\$41.99
2005 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco	
2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406," Napa	\$15.99
2005 Kali Hart, Monterey	\$9.99
2005 Kalinda, Anderson Valley	
2005 Keller "Oro de Plata"	\$18.99
2005 Kendall Jackson Grand Res	
2005 Kendall Jackson Vint Res	\$10.98
2005 La Crema, Sonoma	
2005 Landmark "Overlook"	\$21.98
2005 Lily, Sonoma	\$17.99
2005 Lioco "Stuhlmuller Vine"	\$19.99
2005 Logan "Sleepy Hollow"	\$11.99
2005 Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands	\$39.99
2005 MacRostie, Carneros	
2005 Marimar Torres "Acero"	\$21.99
2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	
2005 McManis, California	
2005 Melville, Santa Rita	
2005 Mer Soleil "Silver"	\$37.99
2005 Merryvale "Starmont"	
2005 Miner Family, Napa	
2005 Molnar Blaize "Poseidon's"	
2005 Morgan "Highland" S.L.H	
2005 Napa Cellars, Napa	
2005 Neyers Carn & Napa	\$24.98
2005 Nickel & Nickel "Searby"	\$36.99
2005 Nickel & Nickel "Truchard"	
2005 Patz & Hall "Dutton"	
2005 Patz & Hall, Napa	
2005 Paul Hobbs, Russian River	\$49.99
Very limited this year!	
2005 Ramey, Russian River	\$32.99
2005 Ramey, Sonoma Coast	
2005 Silverado, Napa	
2005 Siqueira, Clarksburg	
2005 Smith Madrone, Napa	
2005 Solitude, Carneros	
2005 Sonoma Cutrer, Sonoma Cst	\$21.99

# Pure Wine: Domaine Bruno Michel

Last fall our Champagne buyer, Gary Westby, brought in wines from a new producer: Domaine Bruno Michel in Pierry. I was initially intrigued by the wines due to the noticeable presence of pinot meunier. It also turns out that the fruit is all organically grown. I'll be among the first to say that organic farming is not a guarantor of quality, but when you taste these wines the fact that the fruit is so lovingly raised comes through in the glass. I visited Chez Michel in February with fellow K&Ler Jeff Vierra. Pierry is a small village south of Epernay, where Bruno and his wife Catherine make their wines in an idyllic domaine. Bruno's father's estate passed on to his older brother, so Bruno started his career as a nurseryman. This focus on plant material informs his work in the winery. There are many older vines on the property, and the new plantings come from selections of those older vines. This "massale" selection is a throwback to the way plants were propagated before the dominance of nurserydeveloped clones adapted for higher production and more consistency. By using vines that have evolved in the vineyards in and around his village, Bruno is able to produce fruit that is uniquely expressive of where it comes from, and farming organically helps that fruit speak loud and clear. There are only 100 hectares of organic vineyards in Champagne. The dominance of the grand marks provides little impetus for growers to improve the quality of their vineyards. The Michel's are working against that trend, and their love of their vineyards comes through in their soulful wines. Try the fresh and lively Michel Cuvee Blanche Brut (\$29.99) or the delicate 1996 Michel Cuvee Millesime (\$59.99) to see how a great Cham-—Paul Courtright pagne can be.

# **CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!** 2005 Mount Eden "Wolff" .....\$16.99

2005 Storrs, Santa Cruz ......\$18.99

2005 Stuhlmuller, Alexander Vlv.....\$21.99

2005 Talley "Oliver's" Edna Vly .......\$22.98

2005 Testarossa "Castello" ......\$27.99

2005 ZD California.....\$26.98

Jean-Pierre Wolff farms 55 acres of chardonnay vines in the bucolic Edna Valley, outside of San Luis Obispo. Originally planted in 1976, by Edna Valley wine Pioneer Andy Macgregor, this vineyard is one of the oldest in the entire Central Coast of California. The '05 is a classic! Rich, bright and loaded with hazelnuts, lime, mango and pineapple.

# **PINOT NOIR**

2004 Byron, Santa Maria\$19.99
2004 Campion, Central Coast\$19.99
2004 Daedalus, Willamette Vly\$23.99
2004 Domaine Drouhin Will Vly\$39.99
2004 Domaine Serene "Evanstad"\$46.99
2004 Hunter Hill "Hellenthal"\$27.99
2004 Joseph Swan "Cuvee de Trois"\$22.99
2004 La Bete "Meredith Mitch"\$24.99
2004 Londer, Anderson Vly\$43.99
2004 Patton Valley, Willamette\$27.99
2004 Roessler Cellars "Savoy"\$39.98
2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards\$44.99
2005 A by Acacia, California\$14.99
2005 A to Z, Oregon\$16.99
2005 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly\$24.99
2005 Ambullneo "Mastiff"\$74.99
2005 Archery Summit "Premier Cv" \$36.98
<b>2005 ABC, Santa Barbara\$15.99</b>
2005 BearBoat, Russian River\$15.99
2005 Belle Glos "Clark & Tele"\$39.99
2005 Bethel Heights, Ore\$24.99
2005 Broadley, Willamette Vly\$29.99
2005 Brooks, Willamette Vly\$19.99
2005 Cambria "Julia's"\$17.98
2005 Capiaux Cellars "Chimera"\$26.99
<b>2005 Carmel Road, Monterey\$15.98</b>
<b>2005 Chalone Estate\$26.99</b>
2005 Chalone, Monterey \$13.99
2005 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"\$21.99
2005 David Bruce, Central Coast\$19.99
2005 Elk Cove, Willamette Vly\$19.99
<b>2005 Etude, Carneros\$39.99</b>
2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif\$12.99
2005 Foley, Santa Rita Hills\$29.99
2005 Hahn Estates, Monterey\$15.99

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2005 Hitching Post, Santa Maria	.\$29.99
2005 Hitching Post "Cork Dancer".	.\$23.99
2005 J. Wilkes "Solomon Hills"	.\$37.99
2005 Lazy Creek "M&B," Ander	.\$27.99
2005 Lily, Sonoma	
2005 Lioco "Michaud" Chalone	.\$34.99
2005 Londer, Anderson Vly	.\$31.99
2005 Loring	
2005 Lucia, "Gary's Vineyard"	
2005 Lucia, Santa Lucia Highl	
2005 Lutea, Russian River	
2005 Mark West, Central Coast	
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# Chip's Quips: Qupe

**2004 Qupe Roussanne Bien Nacido Hillside Estate (\$34.99)** This is 100% roussanne, a difficult varietal with which to work. But in the capable hands of winemaker/viticulturist Bob Lindquist it is a beautiful wine. This is confirmed by the 90 points given to the wine by Robert Parker and the 91 points bestowed by Stephen Tanzer. Orange rind and honeysuckle lead you straight away to rousanne. Minerals and white flowers give it complexity. The pears and pineapple aromas and flavors are an added bonus. It's hard to imagine a better domestic Rousanne. The wine is fermented and aged in Francois Frere Burgundy barrels. This gives it a rounder and richer texture than your average California white, while its mouth watering freshness gives it perfect balance. Only 550 cases were made, so buy it now while the vintage lasts. Drink it now and over the next 10 years.

**2003 Qupe Syrah Bien Nacido Hillside Estate** (\$34.99) The Z block of the Hillside Estate where this 100% Syrah comes from is one of the most famous sites connected to the Bien Nacido Vineyard. Loaded with crème de cassis, blackberries and a tell-tale pepperyness that lets you know its Syrah, there's a smokiness that adds another layer of complexity. The wine expands out as it hits your tongue and slides down your throat. The 2003 is more approachable than previous vintages of Hillside Estate. This is a dense chewy Syrah without being over extracted. Scoring 92 points from Robert Parker and 92+ from Stephen Tanzer, this limited production Syrah is very pleasurable to drink now and over this next decade.

—Chip Hammack

### ZINFANDEL

2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt	.\$14.99
2003 Amici "Panek"	
2003 Burrell School "Ryan Oaks"	\$21.00
2003 Buffell School Ryall Oaks	\$21.99
2003 Hendry "Block 28"	\$28.99
2003 Tin Barn "Dalraddy"	\$21.99
2004 Acorn "Alegria" Heritage	\$28.99
2004 Crauford "Kilt Lifter," Napa	
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with a Pinot Noir sensitivity. Lovely, rich, fir	
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2004 D Cubed Cellars, Hwl Mnt	
2004 Downing Fam. "Fly By Night".	\$22.98
2004 Four Vines "Biker"	\$16.99
2004 J. Runquist "Z"	
2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"	
2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi	
2004 Norman "The Monster"	
2004 Moon Mnt. "Monte Rosso"	\$26.99
2004 Pezzi King Old Vine	
2004 Peter Franus "Brandlin"	
2004 Ridge "Geyserville"	\$29.99
2004 Sobon "Rocky Top"	\$12.99
2004 Tres Sabores "Porque? No?"	\$18.99
2004 T Vine, Napa	\$30.99
2004 Unti, Dry Creek	
2004 Valdez "Rockpile Road"	
2004 Woodhead "Martinelli Rd"	
2005 Alexander Valley "SinZin"	\$13.99
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Domestic white	Domestic Red
2004 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc \$18.99	2003 Altamura Napa Sangiovese\$3
2005 ABC Pinot Gris/Pinot Blanc\$14.99	2004 Bacio Divino "Pazzo"\$2
Stony and uplifting with just the slightest bit of	2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy
barrel toast!	2004 Graff Family Mourvèdre\$
2005 Bianchi Signt. Pinot Grigio\$12.99	2004 Matchbook Tempranillo\$
2005 Conundrum White Blend\$21.99	2004 McCrea Cellars Grenache\$2
2005 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc\$9.99	2004 Paraduxx, Napa Red\$4
<b>2005 Fish Eye Pinot Grigio\$5.99</b>	2004 Rocca "Bad Boy Red"\$2
2005 Graff Chalone Viognier\$18.99	2004 Vino Noceto Sangiovese\$
2005 Kunin "Stolpman" Viognier\$26.99	2004 Tablas Creek "Cotes" Red\$
2005 Lazy Creek, Riesling\$21.99	2005 Bucklin Mixed Blacks\$2
2005 Palmina SB Tocai Friulano\$21.99	2005 J. Runquist Amador Barbara\$2
2005 Palmina SB Pinot Grigio\$14.99	2005 Margerum "M5" Rhone Red\$2
2005 Sobon Amador Roussanne\$14.99	2005 Kunin "P. Star" Rhone Blend\$
2005 Spencer Roloson Gren. Blanc\$16.99	2005 Orin Swift "The Prisoner"\$
2005 Tangent Edna Vly Pinot Gris\$14.99	2005 Palmina Zolotvich Dolcetto\$
2005 Thomas Fogarty Gewurt\$12.99	2005 Porter Creek "Carignane"\$2
2005 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling\$14.99	2005 Ten Mile "Broken Road"
2006 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viogner\$10.98	Fess Paker "Frontier Red"
Sauvignon Blanc	
2004 Chalk Hill, Sonoma\$21.99	Syrah/Petite Sirah
2004 Spring Mountain, Napa	2004 Kendric "Shenandoah" Syrah\$
2005 Bernardus, Monterey \$10.99	2004 Kenneth Crawford "Bluefin"\$3
2005 Blockheadia "Ringnosii"\$13.99	2004 Hahn, Central Coast\$
2005 Brassfield "High Valley"\$10.99	2004 Hitching Post "Purisima"\$2
2005 Cakebread, Napa\$23.99	2004 Rocinante "Palindrome"\$2
2005 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly\$12.99	2004 Rosenblum "Rockpile" PS\$4
2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma\$9.99	2004 Sobon Estate Syrah
2005 Cliff Lede, Napa\$19.99	2004 T-Vine "Frediani" Syrah\$3
	2005 A Donkey & A Goat "Brk Leg" \$3
2005 Everett Ridge, Dry Creek\$14.99	2005 Hocus Pocus, SB Syrah\$1
2005 Husch, Mendocino\$9.99	2005 Joel Gott California Syrah\$
2005 Grgich Hills, Napa\$21.99 2005 Joel Gott "Three Ranches"\$11.99	2005 Margerum "Purisima Mnt"\$3
	2005 McManis Petite Sirah
2005 Kalinda, Dry Creek\$9.99	2005 Red Car "Shake, Rattle & Roll" \$5
2005 Kathryn Kennedy\$16.99	
2005 Kendall Jackson, Cal	Pautiana Caman
2005 Kunde "Magnolia Lane"\$10.99	Boutique Corner
2005 Ladera, Howell Mnt\$21.99	This is a great month for great wines at
2005 Mason, Napa\$11.99	little on the pricey side. This month I ha
2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$15.99	necessarily mean expensive.
2005 Moon Mountain, Sonoma\$9.99	2003 Willow Brook Cellars Dutton Ra
2005 Quivira "Fig Tree" Dry Crk\$14.99	Yes, a Dutton Ranch Chardonnay for un
2005 Robert Mondavi, Napa\$13.99	Rome Block of Chardonnay located at I
2005 Rudd, Napa\$29.99	It was a former apple orchard. Aromas
2005 Sauvignon Blanc Republic\$14.99	pineapple. On the palate, this wine is rie
2005 Sonoma Coast Vineyards\$19.99	terscotch flavors and a refreshing long of
2005 St. Supery, Napa\$14.99	
2005 Sterling, Napa\$10.99	2004 Sawbuck Yolo County Malbec (\$
2005 Turnbull, Napa\$12.99	Look out Argentina, Malbec is starting
2005 Voss, Napa\$12.98	and rich with an abundance of bright fr
2006 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma\$14.98	7% syrah, 6% graciano, 1% tempranillo.
2006 Frog's Leap, Napa\$16.99	2004 Matchbook Dunnigan Hills Tem
2006 Gary Farrell, Sonoma\$21.99	Tempranillo is a varietal I love. A good
2006 Geyser Peak, California \$8.98	how good tempranillo is. A rich, spicy v
2006 Honig, Napa\$13.99	tempranillo, 10% malbec, 7% syrah, 7%

2006 Provenance, Rutherford ......\$15.99

2006 Shenandoah, Amador ......\$7.99

	2005 Rosenblum "Heritage Clone"\$13.98
rese\$31.99	2005 Vinum Cellars "PETS" P Sirah\$9.99
\$24.99	<u>Merlot</u>
lroy\$9.99	2002 Atalon, Napa \$24.98
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ne\$27.99	2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Vly \$19.99
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\$22.99	2003 Paradigm, Napa\$41.99
bara\$21.99	2003 Rombauer, Napa\$24.99
Red\$26.99	2003 Silverado, Napa\$21.99
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er"\$31.99	It's so supportive of food"
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== Syrah\$15.99	2004 Duckhorn, Napa\$44.99
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PS\$41.99	2004 Nickel & Nickel "Suscol"\$44.98
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\$32.99	2004 Parcel 41, Napa\$15.99
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\$16.99	2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa\$16.98
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wines at great prices. Many small-production wines can be a onth I have three wines showing that small production doesn't

### utton Ranch Chardonnay (\$19.99)

hay for under \$20. The fruit for this wine comes from the Old cated at Dutton Home Ranch on Graton Road in Green Valley. Aromas of honeysuckle, pear, and green apple with hints of vine is rich and full bodied with lively fruit, sweet vanilla, butng long crisp finish.

# Talbec (\$9.99)

starting to make its presence felt in California. This wine is big bright fruit. A blend of 77% malbec, 9% cabernet sauvignon, pranillo. If Malbec is your love, this is not to be missed.

### Hills Tempranillo (\$12.99)

A good rioja is always a pleasure. This wine will remind you h, spicy wine with flavors of blueberry and black cherry. 76% yrah, 7% petit verdot. See you in the City...

-Michael Jordan

# ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

# Argentina/Chile 2005 Elsa Malbec (Argentina) ......\$6.99 2005 Luis Felipe Edwards Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) ..........\$6.99 2005 Los Vascos Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) ...... \$7.99 2006 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina) ......\$8.99 2005 Apaltagua Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) ......\$8.99 2005 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina) ......\$8.99 2005 Viña Chocalán Carmenere (Chile) .....\$9.99 2004 Bodega Weinert Carascal Red (Argentina) ......\$10.99 2004 Navarro Correas Colec. Privada Malbec (Argentina) .... \$10.99 2005 Viña Doña Paula Malbec (Argentina) ...... \$11.99 2006 Viña Montes Sauvignon Blanc Levda Valley (Chile) ......\$11.99 2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios Cabernet Sauvignon (Arg) ....\$12.99 2004 Valentin Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina).......\$12.99 2003 MontGras Antu Ninquen Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)..\$13.99 2003 Veramonte Primus (Chile) ......\$13.99 2004 Viña Montes Syrah Colchagua Valley (Chile) ...... \$15.99 2005 Kingston Family Vineyards "Tobiano" Syrah (Chile) ....\$15.99 2005 Tikal Amorio Malbec (Argentina) ......\$26.99 2004 Montes Folly (Chile) ......\$69.99 Portugal/Spain 2005 Bodegas Castano Monastrel, Yecla .....\$6.99 2005 Piqueras Garnacha Tintorera .....\$6.99 2005 Bodegas Zabrin Garnacha de Fuego, Calatayud ......\$6.99 2004 Las Rocas de San Alejandro, Garnacha, Calatayud .......\$7.99 2004 Artazuri, Artazu, Navarra (Grenache) ...... \$8.99 2005 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco ...... \$8.99 2005 El Burro "Kick Ass" Garnacha, Navarra.....\$9.99 2004 Mas Que Vinos, Ercavio Roble, La Mancha .....\$8.99 2005 Vinos Piñol Ludovicus, Terra Alta .....\$9.99 2005 Viña Sila Naia, Rueda, Blanco ......\$10.99 2005 Vinicola del Priorat Onix, Priorat .....\$11.99 2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos Prima, Toro ......\$12.99 2004 Corpus del Muni Roble ......\$12.99 2004 Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestizaje, Valencia ...........\$13.99 2005 Angel Rodriguez Martinsancho Verdejo ......\$14.99 2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos Prima, Toro ......\$14.99 2004 Senorio de Barahonda Bellum Providencia ......\$14.99 2004 Vinos Piñol Portal Crianza, Terra Alta.....\$14.99 2001 Salceda Rioja Reserva ......\$16.99 2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha ......\$16.99 2005 Cillar de Silos El Quintanal Vendimia Seleccionada .....\$17.99 2005 Descendientes de Jose Palacios, Petalos del Bierzo ..... \$17.99 90 points Robert Parker: "Purple-colored, it has attractive aromas of flowers, raspberries and chocolate. The fruit is ripe, sweet, and supple in the mouth offering excellent intensity as well as elegance." 2000 La Rioja Alta, Alberdi, Rioja .....\$18.99 2004 Artadi, Viñas de Gaín, Rioja ......\$22.99 2003 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza .....\$26.99

2004 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto .....\$26.99

# Big points! No whammies!

**2005** Senorio de Barahonda Carro (\$8.99) 90 points *Wine Advocate*: "Medium ruby-colored, it has a lovely perfume of damp earth, pepper, cassis, and blackberry. This is followed by a sumptuous wine with layers of ripe, sweet fruit, excellent balance, and no hard edges which totally belie its ridiculously silly price point. The wine is an awesome value. I had thoughts of a higher score but readers might think I'd lost my mind."

**2004 Corpus del Muni Roble (\$12.99)** 90 points *Wine Advocate*: "... a blend of 75% Tempranillo, 20% Syrah, and 5% Garnacha. The vine-yards average 70 years of age. A superb value, this dark ruby-colored wine has smoky/toasty aromatics, spice, and an abundance of blue and black fruits in its broad personality. The fruit is ripe and sweet, the tannins silky, and the finish long and pure."

**2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos Prima, Toro (\$14.99)** 90 points *Wine Advocate*: "...aged for 11 months in French and American oak and bottled unfiltered. Purple-colored, it reveals notes of cedar, pencil lead, black currant, and blackberry liqueur. Medium to full-bodied, the wine's personality is fruit-filled and flavorful. It has fine depth and concentration and the tannin is ripe."

**2004 Vinos Piñol Portal Crianza, Terra Alta (\$14.99)** 90 points *Wine Advocate*: "...composed of equal parts Cabernet, Garnacha, Merlot, Tempranillo, and Syrah aged for 6 months in French, American, and Hungarian oak before being bottled unfiltered. It is purplecolored, with an impressive array of aromas including vanilla, spice box, pepper, cassis, black cherry, and blackberry. Cutting a broad swath on the palate, this opulent wine has tons of flavor, ripe flavors, light tannin, and a pure, lengthy finish." —*Anne Pickett* 

# Three from the Ribera del Duero

Located along the banks of the Duero River (also known as the Douro in Portugal, where port is produced), approximately 120 miles north of Madrid, lies the Ribera del Duero D.O. Though some cabernet and other Bordeaux varietals are occasionally employed, most famously by the likes of Vega Sicilia and Dominio de Pingus, tempranillo (known locally as tinto fino) is the star. These wines tend to show lots of dark fruit and robust tannins, making them ideal for the summer grilling season. Here are three excellent introductions to the region, all from the outstanding 2005 vintage:

**2005 Bodegas Arrocal Ribera del Duero** (\$14.99) A nose of dark cherries leads to fleshy cherry, plum and plum skin flavors on the palate. This is the most fruit-forward wine of the line up. If you love fruit, you will love this wine. Arrocal has garnered some great press, so get this wine while it lasts.

**2005** Vizcarra Roble Ribera del Duero (\$14.99) This one is a little bigger and more typical of the Ribera style: dark fruit and toasty oak on the nose leading to juicy blackberry fruit on the mid-palate. The finish is savory, dry and long, with tannins that command respect (and a grilled New York strip steak).

2005 Arzuaga Navarra La Planta Ribera del Duero (\$12.99) Interestingly, what could be the most impressive wine of this line up is also the least expensive. La Planta boasts a complex nose of blackberry, cassis and coffee beans (a colleague also mentioned applewood smoked bacon). I was completely blown away by the elegance and power of this wine, with its delicate texture, building perfume and flavors of blackberry, vanilla and espresso roast. At \$12.99, it might be the best value Spanish wine in the store.

—Joe Manekin

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Schloss Gobelsburg Sekt\$25.99
2005 Stadlmann Zierfandler Classic\$15.99
2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Mandel-Höh\$25.99
2004 Prieler Blaufränkisch Ried Johanneshöhe\$21.99
2005 Berger Grüner Veltliner (1L)\$10.99
2004 Weingut Pfaffl Gruner Veltliner Weinviertal DAC\$17.99
2005 Iby Zweigelt Classic\$11.99
2005 Bernard Ott Grüner Veltliner Der Ott\$24.99
2005 Bernard Ott Grüner Veltliner Rosenberg Reserve\$36.99
2005 Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner Kamptaler Terrassen\$19.99
2005 Schmelz Grüner Veltliner Loibner Gärten Federspiel\$16.99
2005 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss\$13.99
2005 Hiedler Sauvignon Blanc Steinhaus\$26.99
Germany
1966 Karthauserhof Eitelsbacher Sang Spätlese (700ml)\$84.99
1993 Jacoby Ürziger Würzgarten Spätlese\$18.99
1998 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Hipping Spätlese\$14.99
2003 Bercher Burkheimer Feuerberg Spätburgunder\$19.99
2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry\$9.99
2005 August Kesseler Riesling Kabinett Dry\$16.99
2005 Mönchhof Estate Riesling\$13.99
2005 Mönchhof Ürziger Würzgarten Spätlese\$24.99
2005 Joh. Jos. Prüm Estate Spätlese\$31.99
2005 Joh. Jos. Prüm Bernkasteler Badstube Auslese\$35.99
2005 von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Kabinett\$18.99
2005 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Klosterlay Kabinett\$16.99
2005 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone"\$14.99
2005 Dr. Loosen Ürziger Würzgarten Spätlese\$24.99
2005 Dr. Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese\$27.99

# Can You Say...

Spaetrot-Gebeshuber Klassik Blanc (\$15.99)? Neither can I, but it sure is tasty! Now you're probably wondering what it is, as you should. This is 50/50 zierfandler and rotgipfler (that's right, rotgipfler) blended together prior to vinification giving us a wine called Spatrot, a somewhat similar name to the actual winery. Confusing, I know! A clear, crisp wine reminiscent of Chablis, when it was done without all that modern oak influence. The zierfandler contributes all of that wonderful, zippy acidity, and the rotgiplfer tosses in body and texture. This is definitely one of the coolest white blends I have ever had.

Off to Germany now, stay with me for the 2005 Mönchhof Estate Riesling (\$13.99). When you have reisling vines planted in top sites such as Urziger Wurzgarten, Erdener Treppchen and Erdener Prälat you know even the your "everyday" wine is going to be darn good. I love having this laying around the house for any occasion. It has always been a pleasure to have the wines of Monchhof in the stores. If you are in the mood for something just a bit drier but still retaining a juicy core of fruit, give the 2004 Mönchhof Mosel Slate Spätlese (\$18.99) a go. A vibrant little bugger this one is! Full of that classic Mosel slate that the region is so famous for and surrounded by spicy peach. Have fun with white wine!!!

### ALSACE/LOIRE

### Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace	.\$14.99
ean Phiippe & Francois Becker Cremant d'Alsace	.\$14.99
2003 Trimbach Riesling Cuvee Frederic Emile	.\$39.99
2004 Domaine Roland Schmitt Tokay-Pinot Gris	.\$14.99
2004 Trimbach Pinot Blanc	.\$12.99
2004 Trimbach Gewürztraminer	.\$16.99
2005 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	
2005 Jean Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	.\$17.99
2004 Domaine Zind Humbrecht Riesling Herrenweg	.\$36.99
2004 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru.	.\$18.99
2005 Domaine Weinbach "Cuvee St. Catherine" Riesling	.\$44.99
2005 Andre Ostertag Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes	\$18.99
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Champalou Vouvray Pétillant Brut	.\$14.99
François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	.\$16.99
Francois Chidaine Montlouis Brut	
2002 Charles Joguet Chinon Les Petites Roches	.\$16.99
2004 Tessier Cour Cheverny "La Porte Doree"	.\$13.99
2004 Domaine Belliviere Coteaux du Loir l'Effraie	.\$19.99
2004 Château d'Epiré Savennieres Sec	.\$14.99
2005 Domaine des Roches Neuves Saumur-Champigny	.\$17.99
2005 Champalou Vouvray Sec	.\$14.99
2005 Domaine Saint Nicolas Les Clous	.\$11.99
2005 Domaine Franck Millet Sancerre Blanc	.\$13.99
2005 Chateau La Moriniere Muscadet Sur Lie Vieill Vignes .	.\$10.99
2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Rosé Riage Tournant	
2005 Benedicte de Rycke Coteaux du Loir Blanc	
2005 Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly	.\$45.99
2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Clos du Beaujeu	
2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Monts Damnés	
2005 François Pinon Vouvray Cuvee Tradition	
2005 Domaine de la Pépière Classique Muscadet Sur Lie	.\$10.99

# Loire Valley: Lovely 2005 Reds

The vintage 2005 has produced some very charming and luscious reds that I think you all will totally dig. It was a small crop but one of great quality (many producers told me that these were the top wines in their careers) with wines that have loads of ripe dark fruit aromas, supple round tannins and, above all, freshness. Most offer great drinking now and all will reward a few years in bottle. First up, the 2005 Frédéric Mabileau St.-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Les Rouillères (\$13.99), 100% cabernet franc, was aged in stainless steel tanks for 7-9 months. This is a clean, bright, pure expression of cabernet franc that really sings on its own or with the fresh flavors of spring!! Next, the 2005 Château du Hureau Saumur Champigny, Philippe & Georges Vatan (\$13.99), also cab franc, shows a lovely deep ruby color with forward, fruity aromas of blackberry, raspberry and fine herbs. Well-integrated tannins make this very versatile at the table, and highly enjoyable with a slight chill. Finally, try the 2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Côt Vieilles Vignes (\$13.99). 100% malbec, known as Côt in the region. This vine has a long history here. 100-year-old vineyards, such as the one used in the making of this red, are not uncommon. This wine is explosively aromatic with a core of sweet cassis, a sappy "old vine" intensity and chewy rich texture. It is dense and packed with flavor, a wine to drink now or over the next 10 years. —Jeff Vierra

# A Typical Day at K&L Hollywood

A new location, a fresh start, a new beginning, a stupid statement...all beginnings are new. Just ask Shirley MacLaine.

Located at 1400 Vine Street, the shop is within walking distance to many famous Los Angeles landmarks such as Kinko's Chinese theatre, the McDonald's Tar Pits, and the legendary Hollywood Bowl (not that one; I mean the bowling alley on Sunset). From the awe-inspiring location to the encyclodaedic staff, this K&L is no Mickey Mouse operation!

Eight A.M. The receiving crew readies for the day. Lots of trucks coming, none driven by Dale Earnhardt Jr. The radio comes on, playing Stevie Ray Vaughan or, if the crew feels funky, Isaac Hayes.

Not only do these guys coordinate all of the stock shipments to and from K&L, they need to be ready at a moment's notice to deliver to any one of the thousands of stars that make up the Hollywood constellation. A bottle of Screaming Eagle to Joaquin Phoenix? 1996 Bruno Michel Cuvee Millesime Chamagne to the heirs of Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman? Cronin Merlot to Paul Giamatti? You just never know!

Nine A.M. Managers Chip Hammack and Tom Martinez Junior arrive to do their management stretching exercises: twenty finger points, ten punts of menial tasks, ten chair-ups and fifteen watch glances, the latter with five-pound weights. As Dustin Hoffman probably would never say, management is not about heavy lifting, but about staying

# Jim's May Gems

The 2005 vintage in Europe continues to amaze me with across-theboard, outstanding to superlatively crafted wines from all producers. In fact, the last time I can recall tasting such high quality German Rieslings, for instance, as a young "wine expert," was when the perfect 1971s were released. So many of the 1971 Auslesens and Spatlesens were de-classified down to the next quality level; there was just way too much classified superior Riesling, and it resulted in some great values. This same purity of fruit is exhibited in the 2005 Rieslings as well, and the wines are truly remarkable and classic. A faultless case in point is the 2005 August Kesseler Riesling "R," Rheingau (\$9.99). This lovely Qualitätswein opens with opulent aromas of white peach, Chilean jasmine, and honeysuckle tones. The off-dry mouthfeel is lush, succulent, and provides incredible thickness of fruit with superb acid structure and slate-like minerality that follows with a long, mouthwatering finish. This may be the best Qualitätswein I can ever recall tasting, including many of those that I fell in love with from that great 1971 vintage. Vanilla purrs that this is the German vintage to 

We are in the midst of the soul of springtime, with summer lurking just over the horizon, and you know what that means for our customers at K&L Wine Merchants: Yahoo, it's rosé time! When I uncorked the 2006 Domaine de l'Attilon Rosé, Vin de Pays des Bouches du Rhone, Organic (\$8.99) and poured a glass to sample,

loose, dodging issues, stretching the truth, dancing around decisionsall of the moves Travolta utilized in "Saturday Night Fever."

The business day is ready to commence. The amazingly versatile staff, as versatile as Hilary Swank and Mark Wahlberg, is ready for action. This hand-picked staff is so strong that luminaries such as Paul McCartney, Bono and Lindsay Lohan were not even contacted for employment.

Ten A.M: Red carpet rolled out, doors open! The day proceeds smooth as silk, the crack staff imparting vast knowledge in an understated way to their customers, none of which are Gwen Stefani or Charley Sheen, though the staff would have handled them with aplomb.

Ah, K&L Hollywood. What would the perfect day be? Catherine Deneauve buying Ch. Palmer? Can you imagine just a display of Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon separating an awkward moment between Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman? Or the 2001 Grand Puy Lacoste being fondled by Paris Hilton in front of astonished shoppers? Closing time at K&L Hollywood. Dim the lights, lock the doors... oops, unlock the doors, and let Mickey Rourke out.

Another hectic day is over, but the staff is still amped from a day in the trenches and the possibility of waiting on Robert Downey Jr. So, it's off to the night life, in search of good food and drink. Hey, isn't that Roseanne Barr riding a tricycle?

—Joe Zugelder

the room was filled with lavish aromas, as if I had walked into a field of ripe strawberries. Made from grenache and cinsault (about 50/50), this attractive rosé is dry, clean, crisp in the mouth with uncomplicated fruit characteristic, and would be a perfect pairing with a grilled salmon fillet or simply as an afternoon sipper with seasonal vegetables. Eby says this will be our house rosé for spring.

If you have any questions about these choices, you can contact us at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy the wines, and we will back in May on a limited basis.

—Jim, Anderson, Eby and Vanilla

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Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs \$22.99
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De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious \$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition\$27.99
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Ariston Brut Rosé
Ariston Aspasie Blanc de Blancs\$29.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc\$29.99
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Leclerc Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut\$29.99
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2000 Franck Bonville Blanc de Blancs\$32.99
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé\$34.99
Michel Arnould Grand Cuvee Brut\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé-Now direct!\$34.99
Lallement Brut\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige\$39.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Brut\$44.99
Lallement Brut Reserve\$49.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Brut\$54.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Blanc de Blancs\$54.99
Tarlant La Vigne d'Antan Blanc de Blancs-Ungrafted vines!\$49.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé\$54.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Brut Rosé\$54.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Gold Label Reserve\$54.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Brut Rosé\$59.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Les Belles Voyes\$64.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"\$79.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Alexandra Rosé\$99.99
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1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs\$225.00
1995 Krug Clos de Mesnil
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1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"\$32.99
2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"
2003 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir\$24.99
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir\$14.99
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc de Noir\$14.99
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NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut\$16.99
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# Bordeaux, continued from page 4...

1990 Léoville-Las-Cases, 2 Stars! 1989 Cheval Blanc at Pierre and Sophie Lawton's..

Lundi 2nd: '06 Ferriere, '06 Haut-Bages-Liberal, '05 & '06 Malmaison, '04 & '05 Clarke, '06 Palmer, 2 Stars! '06 Malescot St. Exupery, 2 Stars! '06 Duhart-Milon, '06 Carruades de Lafite, 'Lafite-Rothschild, 2 Stars! '06 d'Armaillac, Clerc-Milon, Mouton-Rothschild, 2.5 Stars! 1990 Clerc Milon, 2 Stars and 1982 Mouton-Rothschild, 3 Stars! One of the greatest wines ever. Lunch at Mouton! '89 Coutet, '06 Pavillion Rouge, '06 Margaux, 2 Stars! Pavillion Blanc, 2 Stars! '04 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, 2 Stars! '06 Smith-Haut-Lafite. Dinner at Smith-Haut-Lafitte.

Mardi 3rd, Mercredi 4th, Jeudi 5th, Vendredi 6th Joanne tasting, **150 wines:** '0'6 Gigaut Cuvee Viva, Giscours, 2 Stars! Brane Cantenac, Beaumont, Camensac, Greysac, Latour De By, Chasse Spleen, 2 Stars, Clinet, 2 Stars! Gazin, La Cabanne, La Consiellante, 2 Stars! Petrus, 2 Stars! Trotanoy, 2.5 Stars! La Fleur, 2.5 Stars! Angelus, 2 Stars! Le Plus, Vieux Ch. Palon, Cheval Blanc, La Gaffeliere, Canon La Gaffeliere, 2 Stars! Berliquet, Bel Air, Beausejour Becot, Pavie Macquin, 2 Stars! Larcis Ducasse, Troplong Mondot, Clos de l'Oratoire, La Mondotte, 2 Stars! Haut Bergey, Le Gay, Haut Bailly, du Tertre, 1996, 1986 Haut Bailly, Carmes Haut Brion, Carbonnieux, Malartic-Lagraveliere, Dom. de Chevalier, Figeac, 2 Stars! La Mission Haut Brion and Haut Brion, 2 Stars! Sauternes: '0'6 Guiraud, de Fargues, de Malle, Rieussec, Coutet, Suduiraut, 2 Stars! Rayne Vigneau, Latour Blanche. Dinner in the Bistro at Les Sources de Caudalie. Dinner at Haut Bailly with Veronique and Alexandre. Dinner and tingling cellar tour at Mahler-Besse with Frank and Ferdinand. 1970 Gazin, 2 Stars and 1970 Palmer, 3 Stars! Air France/Chance was again just brutal, 3 Stars. Toujours Bordeaux! —Ralph Sands

# 2000 Vintage Champagnes Arrive!

The 2000 vintage. It isn't just for Bordeaux anymore! A fairly wet winter (with some hail!) and spring led to almost a month (September 5 to 27) of sunshine and warm temperatures. The result is a wonderful vintage that has surprised nearly everyone. The Champagne container that arrived for us last month was like a literal treasure chest. Old friends like Ariston, Launois, Franck-Bonville and LeClerc Briant are back in stock. To make things even more interesting, we have received several vintage 2000 Champagnes for the first time. Like the stellar 1996 vintage, the 2000 will be a wonderful cellar addition. Drink your 1998s and let the 2000s settle for a couple of years. One of my personal favorites is the 2000 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blancs de Blancs (\$32.99). I still have some 1996 in storage, and the 2000 is quite reminiscent of that wonderful wine. Made of 100% chardonnay with fruit from Avize, Cramant and Oger, the 2000 Franck Bonville has a nose of pears, white flowers and yeast. A beautiful pale straw color that gives the appearance of richness. Which is what it is in the mouth. Ripe pears with exotic spice box notes and zippy acidity on the finish. The trademark minerality of Franck Bonville is there, but it is subdued and elegant. At the opposite end of the spectrum, there is the 2000 Ariston Vintage Brut (\$32.99). A blend of 40% chardonnay, 30% pinot noir and 30% pinot meunier, the house of Ariston is famous for the dark red fruits present in the character of their wines. An extremely interesting nose of exotic, red fruits (think pomegranate, passion fruit), coconut and dough. Very round and rich in the mouth. Caramel and black cherries mingle on the palate with balanced oak to make this a very memorable effort from Ariston. We also have the fine Carte Blanche and Aspasie wines available from Champagne Ariston. So, enjoy the new arrivals. We'll keep bringing them in as long as they are available! —Scott Beckerlev

### WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Jean Monnier\$10.99
2004 St. Bris, (Sauvignon), Domaine Anne & Arnaud Goisot \$10.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, V.V., Domaine G & J-H Goisot\$11.99
2004 Montagny, Domaine Faiveley-Was \$24 elsewhere\$11.99
2005 Macon Solutré, Domaine Jean-Pierre Seve\$12.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Matrot\$13.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Kimmeridgian, J-M Brocard\$13.99
Crisp and delightful Chablis character from limestone-rich Kimmeridgian soil.
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets\$13.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Maison Champy\$15.99
Rich and lovely, with fruit from Puligny and Meursault, and a bit of new oak.
2004 Mercurey Blanc "Les Ormeaux," V.V, Ch. d'Etroyes\$15.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Bernard Morey\$15.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Cuvée Raisin Dorée,
Domaine M. Lafarge
2005 Rully, St. Jacques, Domaine Jean-Marc Boillot\$17.99
2005 Petit Chablis, Domaine Louis Michel\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine St. Claire, J-M Brocard\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Vieilles Vignes, Roger Roblot\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine Vocoret\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine Daniel Dampt\$18.99
2005 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine des Nembrets\$18.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Paul Pernot\$18.99
Bright and rich, with classic Puligny character. Grown on estate vineyards in
Puligny.
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet
With a combination of bright acidity and great richness, this is a delight!
2004 Ladoix "Hautes Mourottes," 1er Cru, Domaine
2004 Ladola Hautes Modifices, Tel Clu, Dollanie
Prince de Mérode\$21.99
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Prince de Mérode

Niellon\$82.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Romanée," 1er, Le Moine\$83.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Louis Latour\$86.99
2003 Corton-Charlemagne Grnd Cru, Bonneau de Martray\$89.95
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin\$89.99
2005 Puligny-Montrachet "Pucelles," 1er Cru, Domaine
Paul Pernot\$89.99
<b>2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Girardin\$99.00</b> Also available in half bottles for \$47.99
1999 Meursault "Goutte D'Or," 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon\$119.95
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey\$119.99
2004 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru,
Paul Pernot\$123.99
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot\$149.95
2005 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot\$154.99
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Château De Puligny
Montrachet\$225.00
2004 Montrachet Grand Cru, Marquis Laguiche (Drouhin) \$335.00
<u>Beaujolais</u>
2005 Brouilly, Louis Tête\$13.99
2005 Julienas, Cuvée Speciale, P. Granger\$14.99
2005 Moulin à Vent, Louis Tête\$14.99
2005 Beaujolais, l'Ancienne, Vieilles Vignes, Jean-Paul Brun \$15.99
2005 Fleurie, Clos de la Roilette\$19.99

# Savigny Les Beaune: Pavelot

Domaine Jean-Marc Pavelot has made a reputation for crafting some of the best wines from a commune that has a reputation of over production and "sauvage-ness." Those are two things that you cannot accuse these wines of being, dilute and sauvage. In these wines there is always a beautiful ripe red fruit character that sings out and states that this is Cote de Beaune fruit. Pavelot's 2004 offerings are captivating, exhibiting the fruit characteristics that we have come to expect and the depth and terroir-driven focus of the vintage. The **2004 Pavelot Savigny Les Beaune** (\$24.99) offers good depth, a touch of earth and nice elegance, a wine of honest charm.

Pavelot's premier cru wines showcase the terroir differences between the sites. The 2004 Pavelot "Les Guettes" (\$31.99) showcases the firmer earthier tones one would expect from its location. Firm, but rich and round, this wine exhibits a touch of herbal spice and fruits that run a darker shade of berry. This drinks now with some decanting or will improve with a few years of cellaring. The 2004 Pavelot "La Dominode" (\$36.99) is a powerhouse, intense with dark spicy fruits, a rich and round mid-palate and terrific length. This is a wine that should see at least a few years in your cellar. The 2004 Pavelot "Les Narbantons" (\$31.99) is sappy and pure, with vibrant red and dark fruits, earth and a floral tone on the nose. Round and ripe on the palate, drink it now or wait a couple of years. The 2004 Pavelot "Les Peuillets" (\$31.99) is the prettiest, more high-toned, more mineral and with finer tannins. It is not as big as the previous wines but is more elegant and delicate. Also, keep your eyed pealed for the 2004 Pavelot Pernand-Vergelesses "Les Vergelesses" (\$31.99)!

—Kirk Walker

### **RED BURGUNDY**

2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Maison Moillard\$13.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Edmund Cornu\$17.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Denis Bachelet\$20.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot\$20.99 2005 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré\$20.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses "Fichots," 1er Cru, Champy\$21.99
2004 Savigny Les Beaune, Domaine Jean-Marc Pavelot\$24.99
2004 Cote de Nuits Villages, Domaine Denis Bachelet\$26.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Lucien Le Moine\$27.99
2000 Nuits-St-Georges, Charmois, Domaine Jean Grivot\$28.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, "Lavières," 1er Cru,
Camus Bruchon\$28.99
2004 Chambolle Musigny, Bussieres, Dom. Olivier Jouan\$29.99
2000 Volnay, Domaine Marquis d'Angerville\$34.99
2004 Savigny Les Beaune "La Dominode," 1er Cru, Domaine Jean-
Marc Pavelot\$36.99
Also available in 375ml at \$19.99.
2004 Volnay-Santenots, 1er Cru, Domaine J Matrot\$37.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue de Vergy, Domaine Bruno Clair\$37.99
2004 Nuits-St-Georges Clos Fourches, Domaine Mugnier\$38.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village V.V., Heresztyn\$42.99
2004 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Michel Gros\$44.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue Vergy, Domaine Michel Gros\$44.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros\$44.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Clos Solon, Domaine Fourrier\$46.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros\$47.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Champonnets," 1er Cru,
<b>Heresztyn</b> -Was \$65.99\$ <b>49.99</b>
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn\$49.99
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2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn\$49.99 2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Domaine Denis Bachelet\$49.99 2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Petite Chapelle," 1er Cru, Domaine Bruno Clair
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2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos St. Jacques," 1er Cru, Do	omaine
Bruno Clair	\$84.99
2004 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Maison Champy	\$84.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée "Suchots," 1er Cru, Lucien LeMoin	ne\$84.99
2001 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Damo	y\$89.99
2004 Mazis-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Maison Champy	\$89.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, M. Gro	os\$93.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis 1er Cru, La Forge de Tart	\$94.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Fuées," 1er Cru, Domain	e
J-F Mugnier	\$99.95
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Fontenys," 1er Cru, Domaine	:
Roty	\$104.99
2003 Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn	\$116.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Amoureuses," 1er Cru, Lucie	n
Le Moine	\$126.99
2004 Vosne Romanée, "Les Gaudichots," Nicolas Potel	\$129.99
2004 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Louis Jadot	\$132.99
2004 Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$143.99
2003 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Très V.V.,	
Domaine Roty-Was \$184.99	\$174.99
2003 Mazy Chambertin, Domaine Roty	
2004 Musigny, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	
2003 Chambertin Grand Cru, Louis Latour-Was \$199.99	
2004 Musigny, Grand Cru, J-F Mugnier	

# **Pour Votre Plaisir**

# **Burgundy Bargains**

Well, I am back in the saddle again, after my March trip to Burgundy. The 2005 Burgundies are spectacular and most sought-after. But my watch-word in Burgundy is to follow producers you trust. To that end, we have landed some 2004s from top producers, who use a sorting table and are extremely careful in their vineyard work. These are great bets. On the facing page, Kirk Walker talks about the wines from Domaine Jean-Marc and Hugue Pavelot in Savigny Les Beaune.

I'd like to tell you about the wonderful wines made by Jacques-Frederic Mugnier in Chambolle-Musigny. Of course, he also makes some Nuits St. Georges as well now, since he took back control of the Clos de Marechale from Faiveley, after many, many years.

The 2004 Mugnier Nuits St. Georges, Clos des Fourche (\$39.99) is declassified and made from younger vines in the Clos de Marechale. It has pure, round fruit and a powerful elegance, while the 2004 Mugnier Nuits St. Georges, 1er Cru, Clos de la Marechale, (\$69.99) is more elegant and was picked as a Key Buy by Burghound. Should age brilliantly. The 2004 Mugnier Chambolle-Musigny (\$60.99) is always a balanced and elegant wine, with pretty red fruit notes, since it is from Combe d'Orveau, near Musigny, and Premier Cru, Les Plantes. Finally, the 2004 Mugnier Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru, Fuées, (\$99.95) is impeccably balanced between earthiness, elegant red fruit and raspberry hints and an unmistakable note of the 50-year-old vines' concentration. Á Sante!

-Keith Wollenberg

### ITALIAN WINES

To be ahead of the game and get email updates on wines that don't make it into the newsletter or to be the first with an opportunity to buy, get on Greg's Italian Wine Update email list by contacting Greg at greg@klwines.com or call 800-247-5987 ex 2713.

In Stock: Tuscany
2005 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"-A new cuvee \$7.49
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classic\$17.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
<b>2004 Felsina Chianti Classico Chianti Classico\$17.99</b> 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2004 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli"\$21.95
2004 Querciabella Chianti Classico-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso \$23.99
2003 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia"\$24.95
2003 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT-3 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$44.99 Rosso di Sera is luscious, balanced, full of red and black fruits, cassis, cardamom, saffron and hints of vanilla. The wine is warm and inviting. Its supple elegance veils its power, shimmering like a veil in a summer breeze. The wine is a series of alternating experiences that leads one to feel the pleasure but never quite understand all of the character. It is power and delicacy, bold and subtle, soft and structured all simultaneously. Rosso di Sera gives one the feeling of a large cat, a lioness, smooth, sculptured rippling muscles, grace, power and a certain inscrutable nature that beckons one's curiosity. The wine is a blend of 90% sangiovese and 10% colorino. The sangiovese provides the backbone and structure while the colorino adds color and texture. If you've ever liked Tignanello you're going to love Rosso di Sera! (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)  1998 Rocca Montegrossi Vin Santo (375ml)
97 points Robert Parker's <i>Wine Advocate</i> .
Montalcino
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2004 Casisano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino\$16.99

1 Glass Gambero Rosso.

2004 Frescobaldi Campo ai Sassi Rosso di Montalcino .	\$19.99
2001 Poggio il Castellare Brunello di Montalcino	\$32.95
2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello	\$39.99
91 points Wine Spectator: "Impressive blackberry, floral and miner	al character.

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Impressive blackberry, floral and mineral character. Full-bodied, with with velvety tannins and beautiful berry, plum and vanilla flavors. Long and flavorful."

### 2001 La Gerla Brunello di Montalcino ......\$42.99

Three Stars! La Gerla is really on in this vintage, coming from the Versante Senese this wine is poetry. The aromas flow out of the glass with a baked apple, cinnamon spice (undeniably unique), and sweet black cherry that is compelling. The center of the wine has great focus, linear yet with ripeness that gives weight on the palate. The finish is balanced, alternating spice and earthy complexities mixed in with sweet ripe fruit. This is really wonderful wine and will age 20+ years easily, yet drinkable now with a few hours of decanting. 2,083 cases produced. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

### **Misc Piedmont**

<b>2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe</b> 2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	316.99
2003 Agostino Pavia Barbera d'Asti, Moliss	312.99
2005 Anna Maria Abbona Dolcetto di Dogliani, Sori dij But 🕏	313.99
2004 Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne"	15.99
2005 Cascina Val del Prete Barbera d'Alba "Serra di Gatti"\$	17.99
2005 Grimaldi Barbera d'Alba "Pistin"	19.99
2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"	19.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	

2004 Proprieta Sperino Uvaggio, Coste della Sesia Rosso	\$27.99
2003 Aldo Conterno Barbera d'Alba "Conca Tre Pile"	\$29.99
2004 Cascina Val del Prote Barbera d'Alba "Carolina"	\$30.00

# Sul Tappeto Rosso

What the hell are these? Specializing in Italy provides me with a regular dose of the former phrase, and I get to explain grape varieties, winemaking methods and a geology and geography that is wholly complex. There are reported to be over 2,000 different grape varieties in Italy, and the geography runs from desert island to volcanic slopes, ground best suited for rice paddies to mountain valleys. And in the Valtellina the vineyards are planted on what amounts to a scree slope forming the south face of the Swiss Alps. Italy started a wine revolution about 30 years ago where quality (for some) became the focus. Slowly the ripples of this movement washed out to the heretofore unknown regions, and the fruits of those labors are becoming known. This month I attended *Gambero Rosso's* 3 Glass tasting in San Francisco and was suitably impressed by the number of wines of extraordinary quality and little-known names in the U.S. Here are some of my favorites:

The 2004 Oasi degli Angeli "Kurni" (\$89.99) is a monumental wine, concentrated, aromatic, powerful yet balanced, neither overpowering nor overripe. It is made from 100% montepulciano grape, which for me is the ONE grape in Italy that has astonishing potential and seen the least done with it. The vines are 35 years old and grown in calcareous sand and clay deposits, which add to the wine's elegance. Move over Napa, this is a powerful wine.

The **2002 Nino Negri Sfursat "Cinque Stelle" (\$69.99)** is another amazing wine. If you saw where they grow the grapes for this wine

you'd never want to be a grape grower. The slopes are incredibly steep rock faces, the south face of the Swiss Alps, about as close to a moonscape as you could imagine. Here they grow nebbiolo grapes, yet to make the Sfursat they then dry the grapes for a couple of months inside houses alongside the vineyards. The result is stunning richness without giving up any of the elegance, balance or delicacy. This is truly a magnificent wine.

Palari is a very small producer just outside of Messina in Sicily. Salvatore Geraci makes the **2003 Palari Faro** (\$57.99), which is the D.O.C. for this zone and one of Italy's smallest (only 15 acres). From the local nerello mascalese, nerello cappuccio and nocera grapes. Dare I say Burgundian? OK, I did! It does exhibit a classic sense of terroir, extraordinary bouquet and a richness on the palate that makes it one of my favorite wines (OK, it doesn't taste anything like Pinot).

The 2005 Cantina Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos" (\$19.99) is sensational wine. The grape is a cross between riesling and schiava (a local red grape) but produces a prodigious wine way up (2100 feet) in a lost valley in the Alps, closer to Austria than anything Italian. No oak aging, nothing but concentrated Kerner. The wine is rich and powerful, 14.5% alcohol that is so well integrated you never notice it, until you stand up. This is a white wine with size for all those who say Italian whites are thin and insipid! Saluti!

—Greg St.Clair

### **ITALIAN WINES**

Barolo/Barbaresco
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo\$29.99
2003 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin"\$32.99
2001 Alessandria Barolo "San Giovanni" \$54.99
3 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2001 Boroli Barolo "Bussia"\$54.99
91 points Wine Spectator.
2000 Ettore Germano Barolo "Cerretta"\$55.99
2001 Baudana Barolo Cerretta\$56.99
1995 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
Excellent Barolo drinking well now!
1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
1993 Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo Brunate Le Coste\$89.95
1998 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
<u>Trentino-Alto Adige &amp; Friuli</u>
2005 Blason Pinot Grigio\$8.99
Don't wait to try this absolutely stunning Pinot Grigio! DIRECT IMPORT!
2005 Blason Tocai Friulano
1 Glass Gambero Rosso.
2005 Blason Cabernet Franc\$8.99
Looking for a flavor bargain? This is your wine. Once you try it you're hooked!
2005 Blason Sauvignon\$9.99
1 Glass Gambero Rosso.
2005 Blason Chardonnay-Unoaked and wonderful!\$9.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio\$14.99
2 Red Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco\$14.99
2 Red Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2004 Cortaccia Schiava Grigia "Sonntaler"-Great red wine\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Tocai Friulano\$14.99 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2005 Ermacora Sauvignon\$14.99 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2005 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio\$14.99 2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulano\$14.99
1 Glass Gambero Rosso.
2005 Ermacora Refosco
2005 Ermacora Schiopettino\$15.99
2005 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio\$17.95
2005 Cantina Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos"\$19.99
3 Glassses Gambero Rosso.
2005 Livio Felluga Pinot Grigio\$23.99
2006 Jermann Pinot Grigio\$24.99
2004 Livio Felluga Terre Alte\$37.99
Sicily, Umbria, Campania, Puglia and Lazio
2005 Arancio Grillo
2005 Arancio Nero d'Avola\$5.99
2004 Falesco Vitiano \$7.95
2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola\$12.99
2005 Gulfi Cerasuolo di Vittoria\$13.99
2004 Pallavicini "Amarasco"\$14.99
2003 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Nerojbleo\$16.99
2003 Li Veli Salento IGT Negroamaro\$17.99
2005 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato" \$17.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2005 Marisa Cuomo Ravello Bianco\$21.99

2004 I Favati Aglianico "Cretarossa"\$21.99
2002 Vini Biondi Etna Rosso "Outis"\$26.99
2003 Palari "Rosso Soprano"\$28.99
2003 Palari "Faro"-3 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$28.99
<b>2004</b> Marisa Cuomo Furore Bianco Fior d'Uva\$42.99
2003 De Conciliis Naima\$57.99
Emilia Romagna, Marche, Veneto and Lombardia
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Amabile"-Sweet\$7.99
2005 Vallevo Montepulciano d'Abruzzo\$7.99
2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico-1 Glass Gambero Rosso\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Classico"-Semi-dry\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro "Tipico"-Dry\$8.99
Silvano Follador Proscecco Extra Dry-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$10.99
Ca Berti Grasparossa di Castelvetro "Robusco"-Semi-dry\$10.99
Silvano Follador Proscecco Brut-1 Glass Gambero Rosso\$10.99
2004 Luccheti Lacrima di Morro d'Alba\$11.99
This is a hold-onto-your-socks fruit bomb!
2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Ripasso\$16.99
2 RED Glasses Gambero Rosso.
Silvano Follador Proscecco "Cartizze"\$19.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"\$39.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2001 Allegrini Amarone\$59.95
2002 Nino Negri Cinque 5 Stelle Sfursat\$69.99
3 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
2004 Oasi Degli Angeli "Kurni"\$89.99
3 Glasses Gambero Rosso.

# May's Picks!

**2005** Blason Pinot Grigio (\$8.99) One of our BEST VALUE wines at K&L! Simply sensational! Perfect balance of acidity and is very aromatic, loaded with pear, apple, citrus and tropical fruit in an elegant, concentrated and superbly balanced wine. This is a perfect wine to serve for Mothers' Day.

**2005** La Cappuccina Soave Classico (\$9.99) The main grape of Soave is garganega, which is believed to be of Greek origin. Citrusy fragrance and floral tones will be found the bouquet of the wine, while the palate is rich with ripe apricot and peaches and a long creamy finish. Try with fresh water fish or grilled poultry.

**2004 San Vincenti Chianti Classico (\$22.99)** This '04 very much reminds me of the great 2001 we carried from this producer. I think this is even better then the '01, more structure and complexities. Well-balanced with intense flavors, dark fruit and ripe strawberries mingle with a little Tuscan dust. Needs an hour or so to open up and serve with BBQ pork.

**2003 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT (\$44.99)** Rossa di Sera recieved Three Full glasses in last years *Gambero Rosso* (very impressive! And the 2004 also received Three Full glasses, but we won't see that for a little while). The wine. 90% Sangiovese and 10% Colorino. Very intense, rich and full-bodied, you will find cassis, roasted coffee, blueberries, red current and a dash of spiceness with well intergrated tannins and good length on the on the finish. enjoy now and over the next few years. Salute!

-Mike Parres

### **SPECIALTY SPIRITS**

Ah, the lovely month of May. It is time to find something delectable for Mom. Here are a few delicious goodies sure to please your favorite gal! Check out our website at www.klwines.com for more information.

—Susan Purnell

### Amber Single Malt Whisky Liqueur From Macallan ......\$34.99

Amber is a single malt whisky liqueur with natural maple and pecan flavors made by The Macallan Distillery. Yes, you will want to put it on your pancakes. Now, that is a way to kick up breakfast! Wonderful on its own or in your favorite cold or hot cocktail. Try it as a marinade with pork tenderloin and rosemary grilled on the barbeque, fantastic!

### Ben Nevis 6 year Murray McDavid Single Malt Whisky......\$29.99

Looking for the prefect everyday dram or want to purchase a single malt for someone who is just learning about the world of whisky. Then this Ben Nevis is my hands down favorite! You would never believe that this is just a 6 year old single malt. The color has the blush of rose petals. So vibrant and aromatic on the nose. Full of beautiful fruit, very approachable and easy to drink. It is very difficult to find an outstanding merchant bottling below \$30. At this special price I would buy it by the case! 46% ABV.

### Bruichladdich 12 year Islay Single Malt Whisky ......\$49.99

Exclusive to K&L on the West Coast! 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."

# Domaine Charbay Pomegranate Vodka .....\$32.99

In the Fall of 2006, Charbay received samples of fresh pomegranates from a family farm in Central California. The decision to make pomegranate vodka took a matter of minutes. "Pomegranates have a unique earthy, floral-spicy flavor - you can't invent that in a flavor factory," says distiller Marko.

### Château du Busca Hors d'Age Tenareze Armagnac ......\$79.99

Silver Medal - 2006 San Francisco World Spirit Competition! Located in the Armagnac region, Busca-Maniban is one of the most beautiful examples of 17th century architecture in Gascony. The home of celebrated local nobility, it was built in 1649 by Thomas, Marquis de Maniban, legal counsel at the Toulouse parliament. The château's elegant, classical lines reflect the dignity of generations of magistrates, who served in the Languedoc parliament in the 17th and 18th centuries. The Hors d'Âge 15 ans is a blend of 15-year-old brandies. It has a well-rounded palate, laced with vanilla, leading to candied fruit and spices on the finish. According to Alain Royer: "A deep orange hue. Ripe black plum and fig on the nose. Sweet palate with notes of mandarin and lightly roosted vanilla."

### Château de Tariquet 8 year Folle Blanche Bas-Armagnac ......\$43.99

Grapes are distilled separately in a traditional continuous still, a wood-burning Armagnac alembic on the location at château de Tariquet. Tasting commentary by cellarman Francis Miquel: Old gold in colour. A clean, intense nose expressing softness with vanilla and a pleasant note of cocoa. The esters are subdued, and reveal exotic fragrances when the brandy is exposed to the air. In the mouth it is magnificent: round, rich, smooth and fine. Although full, it remains fresh and expressive. An Armagnac that lingers without end and expresses a perfect marriage between fruit and wood. Cask strength 52.2% ABV.

### Deret VSOP, 10 year Petite Champagne Cognac .....\$32.99

Originally \$80.00. The Deret is a K&L Exclusive on the West Coast! Color: golden. Nose: Notes of vine leaf in the nose, leaning toward dried flowers. Round from the oxidation of the fatty acids: this is the onset of rancio. Palate: Fruity notes of pear and apricot. Supple with great finesse.

### Jago's Strawberry Love Vodka Cream Liqueur .....\$25.99

Natural strawberry purée combined with rich cream from Scotland and the remote Shetland Islands, smoothest Blackwood Vodka and natural vanilla.

### Nocino della Cristina Napa Valley (200ml) .....\$21.99

Nocino is the traditional walnut liqueur made throughout Italy and Ticino (the Italian-speaking Switzerland. The base ingredients of nocino have changed very little through the centuries. They include cut, unripe walnuts, alcohol (typically grappa or grain alcohol), sugar and spices. It is the mix of spices, that can vary widely from family to family, and village to village that gives each nocino its unique character. Nocino della Cristina is a unique digestive that combines

spices carefully selected from Asia, Africa and the Americas with California brandy and hand-picked walnuts from the Napa Valley.

### Osocalis Alambic Brandy .....\$36.99

Osocalis is a small, artisanal distillery in Soquel, California. The name Osocalis is the original Native American name for Soquel, today part of the greater Santa Cruz area. Osocalis first public release is the Rare Alambic Brandy, a blend of Colombard, Pinot Noir, and other Coastal California grape varieties.

### Pages Vedrenne Pure Grape Sugar Syrup (1L) .....\$17.99

This is pure grape syrup made exclusively from grape juice. It contains absolutely no additives. Its sweetening capacities are only to be matched by its capacities to enhance the aromas and colors of cocktails.

# p.i.n.k. Caffeine & Guarana Infused Vodka .....\$40.00

p.i.n.k. Vodka is the first super-premium vodka infused with caffeine and guarana. p.i.n.k.'s flavorless caffeine and guarana formula provides the intensity without the need for popular energy drinks. p.i.n.k is made with the finest vodka from Holland and infused with caffeine and guarana. caffeine & guarana infused vodka with caffeine and natural flavor. For a true energy vodka, choose p.i.n.k. vodka for your perfect party spirit!

### Pommeau de Normandie From Camut.....\$37.99

Produced by Camut Family, this is the Pineau Des Charentes of Calvados. Made with unfermented apple juice and Calvados, it is full of flavor and very refreshing. Our staff fell in love with it, and we know you will too!

# Square One 100% Organic Rye Vodka .....\$31.99

Square One is the world's first certified organic rye vodka. It is handcrafted from 100%-certified organically grown rye grown in North Dakota and produced with an unprecedented organic fermentation process. Using only a single distillation in a four-column still, the resulting spirit is richer and smoother than any vodka on the market. Our staff was lucky enough to meet Allison Evanow the Co-Founder of Square One. We were very impressed by the quality of the vodka and feel that it is one of the best vodkas we have tried in a very long time. Lively aromatics, amazing sweetness, spice, richness on the palate with a finish that doesn't want to let go of your palate.

### Tanqueray Rangpur Gin .....\$19.99

During the final distillation, which takes place in a copper pot still, rangpur limes, ginger and bay leaves are added - along with the more traditional gin ingredients - Juniper berries and coriander. In contrast, a flavored gin, vodka or rum would have flavor added after the distillation, prior to bottling: The result of the innovative ingredients, as well as relatively low ABV bottling, makes for an incredibly smooth Gin. Rangpur Gin makes a martini that will convert vodka martini drinkers. (Kevin Erskine, The Scotch Blog)

# K&L Hours and Information

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Vinotheque 550	428	\$4126	\$3115
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# San Carlos Wine Storage Lockers

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# Redwood City Wine Storage Lockers

Our Redwood City wine locker facility is temperature-controlled and very secure.

We have six sizes for your convenience: 10-case, 16-case, 20-case, 32-case, 40-case, and 60-case. The size designations are based on the assumption that your wine collection includes a combination of both cardboard and wooden cases.

10-case locker, \$15.00 per month 16-case locker, \$22.00 per month 20-case locker, \$28.00 per month 32-case locker, \$42.00 per month 40-case locker, \$49.00 per month 60-case locker, \$62.00 per month 70-case locker, \$85.00 per month 80-case locker, \$95.00 per month

The minimum rental period is six months.

Our R.W.C. lockers are temporarily full. To get on the waiting list, please call Sharon at (650) 364-8544, ex 2733. For billing, call Sharon at ex 2733.

# **Shipping Information**

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD IN CALIFOR-NIA AND TITLE PASSES TO THE BUYER IN CALIFOR-NIA. We make no representation to the legal rights of anyone to ship or import wines into any state outside of California. The buyer is solely responsible for shipment of alcoholic beverage products. By placing an order, you authorize us to act on your behalf to engage a common carrier to deliver your order to you. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE SOLD AND DELIVERED ONLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD. IN PLACING YOUR ORDER, YOU REPRESENT TO US THAT YOU ARE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND THAT THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU ARE DIRECTING DELIVERY IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.

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son receiving delivery may be required to show identification proving that he or she is at least 21 years old. If, between date of order and date of arrival, the laws of your state change so as to make it illegal to receive the shipment, you can return the order for a full refund.

Please call our sales department for rate quotes:

1-800-247-5987

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# K&L Wine Clubs: Your Passport to the World of Fine Wine

Join one of K&L's Wine Clubs for a fun and easy way to explore the wide world of fine wine. Whatever your price point, we offer a broad range of high-quality wines at exceptional savings.

One of the great advantages of belonging to a K&L Wine Club is the breadth of the selections. In recent months, we have offered wines from California, France, Italy, Australia, Spain and Germany. Many of our customers have been members of winery wine clubs but dropped them after a while because it seemed to just be more of the same every month. You will never get that feeling with the K&L wine clubs because we provide a variety of wines that no other wine club can match. But what really differentiates the K&L Wines Clubs is our staff, and their expertise. Our wine buyers are dedicated professionals with years of experience, an extraordinary depth of knowledge and a 100% commitment to excellence. Being in a K&L Wine Club is like having your own personal wine shopper.

The K&L Wine Clubs are also easy and convenient. Just sign-up, and every month your selections will be sent to you. If you are traveling or unable to receive a shipment, let us know and we will hold the wines until you return or send them to one of our retail stores for pick-up at your convenience. Club members are encouraged to reorder their favorites and a member of any Club may purchase wine from any of the other Clubs. Buying a case of certain wines at a Club discount can often nearly pay for a year's Club membership.

So what are you waiting for? Give us a call or go to our award-winning website to sign-up for one of our Clubs, and you will soon be off on a guided tour of the world's finest wines.

### CHAMPAGNE CLUB

The Champagne Club will send you two bottles of incredible Champagne bi-monthly for only \$69.95. Each shipment will combine one bottle from an artisanal grower-producer and one bottle from a grand marque producer. June is the next month for shipment. Sign up now.

### SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

The Signature Red Club is our top-of-the-line Club and conceived expressly for those who believe the first duty of a great wine is to be red. The wines in this Club hail from some of the finest wine regions in the world including Bordeaux, Napa and Tuscany. The cost per month is \$49.95 + shipping (and tax for CA residents). All reorders are \$23.95 per bottle.

### PREMIUM WINE CLUB

The Premium Wine Club is a usually a combination of one white and one red chosen for their varietal tipicity. This is club appeals to wine lovers who want both reds and whites and has even been referred to as the "his and hers" Wine Club. The cost per month is \$29.95 + shipping (and tax for CA residents). All reorders are \$13.99 per bottle.

### BEST BUY WINE CLUB

The Best Buy Wine Club is our introductory Club and is both a great way for novices to discover a wide range of wines as well as a great source of high-quality-to-price-ratio wines for the savvy old pro. Many of our customers subscribe to multiple Clubs, especially adding in a best buy for the astounding values we deliver every month. The cost per month is \$17.95 + shipping (and tax for CA residents). All reorders are \$ 8.49 per bottle.



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