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Dear Wine Club Members,

First of all, we want to thank all of the members who signed up for the Champagne Club and made the launch such a success. We hope you enjoyed the wines as much as we did. We look forward to our next shipment in June. Meanwhile, we hope you can join K&L Wine Merchants and Spago restaurant in Palo Alto as we celebrate the new K&L Champagne Club on Saturday, May 12th. We will enjoy a fabulous dinner paired with our staff's favorite champagnes. Cost is \$150 per person. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. Please call us at (650) 364-8544 for reservations. You can also purchase tickets on the web at www.klwines.com, in the "Local Events" section.

This month the Signature Red Club brings two formidable red wines, one from the old world and one from the new. The 2004 Château Bellegrave is a serious Pauillac. Located just south of the town of Pauillac, Bellegrave is surrounded by neighbors such as Château Latour, Pichon Baron and Lynch Bages. The wine possesses all the hallmarks of classic Pauillac wine. It's full-bodied and powerful yet velvety, supple and elegant. The 2004 Neyen Espiritu de Apalta is a prodigious Chilean wine made primarily from 100-year-old Carmenere vines. Carmenere is an ancient Bordeaux varietal, all but extinct in France but one of the most widely planted varietals in Chile. The Neyen has all the richness and depth that only very old vines can provide. The wine was made by Patrick Vallette, a renowned Franco-Chilean wine consultant whose family once owned Château Pavie in St. Emilion.

The Premium Club selections are a 2003 Cru Bourgeois Bordeaux and a classic California sparkler. The 2003 Château Fonréaud from Listrac is a lovely example of the overall friendliness of the 2003 vintage. The wine has great forward fruit with ripe tannins and a definite yummy factor. This wine will appeal to fans of both old-world and new-world wines. The California sparkler is the legendary Scharffenberger Brut, a classic that is now making a comeback. We are very pleased to welcome it back!

The Best Buy Club includes two reds this month, one Bordeaux from the great 2005 vintage and a Côtes du Rhône from the Château de Montfaucon. The 2005 Château Peyraud, a Merlot from the Côtes de Blaye, is fresh, fruity and fun. The Montfaucon Côtes du Rhône is a great Rhône that always punches above its weight. Both of these wines will make great house wines.

Best Buy Club customers should be aware that we will be raising the price of the Best Buy Club from \$17.95 per month to \$19.95 per month effective June 1, 2007. It has become increasingly difficult to source wines of the quality that K&L wants to deliver and this move will enable us to increase the quality of the offerings and guarantee a better experience for our customers. We hope you understand this move.

Cheers,

Thornton Jacobs
K&L Wine Club Director

Signature Red Wine Club

2004 Château Bellegrave, Pauillac

We are very pleased to offer the 2004 Château Bellegrave. Château Bellegrave is located just south of the town of Pauillac along the Gironde estuary. Its neighbors include Château Latour, Pichon-Longueville and Lynch-Bages. This is a very special location; there's an old Bordeaux saying that "only the vines that overlook the water are capable of producing wines of great quality." This very privileged setting is the promised land for Cabernet Sauvignon, the ideal spot for its strength and elegance to express themselves. Wine connoisseurs generally agree that the wines of Pauillac represent the epitome of Cabernet Sauvignon. Château Bellegrave strives to find the most judicious balance between modern methods and respect for tradition and terroir to ensure that their wines express this tremendous potential to the fullest.

The estate has long been associated with the company Bercut-Vandervoort, which was founded in 1946 as a partnership between Pierre Bercut (1884-1972), a San Francisco businessman, and Henry J. Van Der Voort, a San Francisco wine merchant who was born at Château Bellegrave in 1915. The two men founded Bercut-Vandervoort with the aim of bringing the finest French wines to America. The company thrived for several decades as a major importer of Bordeaux. Many a great, old Bordeaux still bears the Bercut-Vandervoort importer's strip.



Chateau Bellegrave in Pauillac.

Château Bellegrave has a total surface area of 7.02 hectares, relatively small compared to some of its more famous neighbors (Château Latour is 65 hectares). The soil and sub-soil are Garonne gravel, a layer of rocks brought down from the Pyrenees by the Garonne River and deposited on its flood plain over the millennia. This gravelly sub-soil gives the wines of the Medoc a mineral finesse that balances the natural power of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyards are planted to 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc. The average age of the vines is 20 years and the planting density is over 8000 vines per hectare. The vineyard practices include the removal of excess buds, leaf-stripping and green harvesting. The Château uses rational pest control and manages the vineyards plot by plot to ensure optimal practices for each parcel. The grapes are hand harvested and brought in using small trays to keep the fruit from being crushed. The wines are fermented in temperature-controlled vats with three weeks of cold maceration before fermentation. The wines are matured for twelve months in barrels, half of which are of new French oak. The wine has deep color and a typical Pauillac nose with cassis and dark berry aromas predominating along with roasted coffee notes. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied and alive with good fruit and acid balance. There is enough fruit to consume this while it's young, yet enough substance for it to age well for a number of years. I would serve this wine alongside a beef stew with mushrooms or a leg of lamb.

2004 Neyen, Espiritu de Apalta, Colchagua Valley, Chile

Neyen was founded on 2002 by the Rojas family, who have been involved in wine production in Chile's Colchagua Valley since the 19th century. In fact, Carmenere and Cabernet Sauvignon planted in 1890 are the source of this extraordinary wine.

The 2470-acre property is located at the eastern end of the Apalta Valley, a sub-region of the Colchagua Valley. The Apalta Valley also produces Viña Montes' Alpha M and Casa Lapostolle's Clos Apalta. The name Neyen comes from a local indigenous language. Neyen is a mythical figure said to represent the spirit of Apalta Valley and even existence itself; the figure is pictured on the label. The heart of the property is comprised of 30 hectares of 116-year-old vines which, due to the depths of their roots, do not need irrigation. The Neyen vineyard is the oldest in Apalta and one of the oldest in Chile. It was established in 1890 by French settlers who brought with them Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenère. The granitic, sandy soil and broken stones combined with the old vines' deep roots give the wines a wonderful mineral complexity.

In 2002, the Rojas family renovated a 19th-century winery and installed a new gravitational cellar with the latest technology. They also enlisted the aide of Patrick Valette, who has consulted for many old- and new-world producers. Patrick's family once owned Château Pavie in Saint-Emilion and he now lives in Chile.

The Neyen Espiritu de Apalta is a blend of 70% 100-year-old, ungrafted Carmenere and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. The Neyen spends 14 months in oak, one-third of which is new.

The wine has great, bold color. On the nose it has rich cedar and spice with black cherry fruit. It's big and full of sweet berry fruit on the palate with lots of cedar and spice, toasty oak and plenty of ripe tannin. Well structured, it is sure to age well. This wine is a real new-world-meets-old-world style and more akin to a top wine of the Médoc. *The Wine Spectator* gave the 2003 Neyen Espiritu de Apalta 90 points. Our Mundo Hispanico buyer, Anne Pickett, thinks the 2004 is even better. Enjoy this wine now or over the next ten years with all manner of hearty fare... including a flank steak with Chimichurri sauce.



The Apalta Valley in Chile is home to Neyen and many other fine wineries.

Signature Red Wine Club wines can be reordered for only \$23.95 per bottle.

Premium Wine Club

2003 Château Fonréaud, Lustrac

This month's red selection for the Premium Club is a Cru Bourgeois Supérieur from Château Fonréaud in the Lustrac appellation. The name Fonréaud, previously "Font-réaux," means Royal Fountain. Legend has it that sometime during the 11th century, an English king stopped off there, having found a spring to quench his thirst. The current château was built in 1855 by Henri Le Blanc de Mauvezin, according to the plans of the architect Garros. In 1962, Fonréaud was purchased by Léo Chanfreau, who had just made a precipitous return from the turmoil in French North Africa. Today, his grandchildren, Jean and Marie-Hélène Chanfreau, along with Caroline Chanfreau-Philippon, are continuing his work.

Lustrac is located somewhat inland from the Gironde estuary, about 6 km west and north of Margaux and the same distance west and south of Saint-Julien. The Lustrac appellation produces some of the finest, most traditional wine in the Médoc. The overall level is excellent, with several Châteaux making outstanding wine. Château Fonréaud occupies a privileged position on the hill of the Puy de Menjon, the highest point in Médoc. The terroir is primarily gravelly Pyrenean soil covering a well-exposed limestone subsoil. The estate's total area under vine is 32 hectares. The present breakdown of grape varieties is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon on the upper part of the gravelly rise, 30% Merlot halfway down the rise, and 5% Petit Verdot on clay-limestone soil. The latter variety makes up 7% to 8% of the grand vin, and contributes enormous richness. The average age of the vines is 30 years, which helps keep yields down. The older vines bear very little fruit and need less pruning. The more vigorous younger vines, now 15 years old, must be tended in such a way as to keep yields low. Excess buds are removed at the beginning of the growing season and unwanted shoots are taken off starting in June.

A strict selection of the parcels and grapes takes place during the harvest. After de-stemming and gentle crushing of the grapes, the must is put into small, temperature-controlled vats. The maceration period is 20 to 25 days depending upon the vintage. The wine cellar has low, concrete vats quite similar in quality to the wooden vats that were formerly widespread in the Médoc. The squat, tapered vats provide thermal inertia that obviates the need for sophisticated temperature-control devices. The small size of the vats makes it possible to ferment grapes from individual vineyard plots separately. The wine is then matured for around 12 months in oak barrels, one third of which are replaced each year. The final blend is then made before bottling at the Château. Only 60% of overall production goes into the grand vin. Fining is performed with egg white and filtering is kept to a strict minimum in order not to remove the wine's character.

The 2003 Fonréaud has plenty of dark fruit with ripe, well-integrated but present tannins and a good balance of fruit and acid. The wine is ripe but not overly so given the vintage. Notes of earth and mushroom round out this classic Cru Bourgeois. Enjoy this wine with any kind of roasted or grilled red meat. In the November 2006 issue of *Decanter Magazine*, the 2003 Fonréaud was given 4 of 5 stars (17.33 points/20) and was designated Highly Recommended, with these notes: "Warm, smoky aroma, very fine. Lovely effort for the quality level. Dry, leathery, becoming creamy. Warm, ripe fruit. Nice length. Drink 2008-11."



Chateau Fonreaud in Lustrac.

Scharffenberger Brut

It's back! After several years' hiatus, the Scharffenberger sparkling wine from Mendocino is once again available. Scharffenberger Cellars is located in the heart of California's Anderson Valley, subject to the coastal influences of the Pacific Ocean but with copious sunshine within the protected valley. Founded in 1981 by California native John Scharffenberger, the wine quickly became a cult favorite. Then in 1989 Scharffenberger cut what many believed to be a dream deal when he sold the winery to the Pommery Champagne house, which allowed him to remain as winemaker with complete control over production. But in 1998 he left the winery to found the Scharffen Berger gourmet chocolate company. In 1998, under new ownership, the name was changed to Pacific Echo, and all the cachet that was built by Scharffenberger and the previous owners seemed to evaporate. Last summer, after the winery was purchased by Champagne Louis Roederer, the decision was made to reprise the Scharffenberger label. In fact, throughout most of these changes the quality and style of the wine has never wavered, mostly because Tex Sawyer, the man making the wine, has remained on the job. "The Anderson Valley is ideally suited to growing grapes for sparkling wine," says Tex. "It is the coolest growing region in California, so our grapes are allowed extra time on the vine and become fully mature before harvest." Over the years, Scharffenberger Cellars has also built strong relationships with select vine growers in the Mendocino County appellation to source additional grapes for their sparkling wines.

Scharffenberger Brut is made by the traditional methode champenoise, whereby the wines are individually bottle-fermented before being riddled and disgorged. The Scharffenberger Brut is a blend of two-thirds Pinot Noir and one-third Chardonnay. The predominant Pinot Noir creates a sparkling wine that is fruit forward. The Chardonnay expresses itself with subtle tropical flavors of pineapple and hints of pear. All the fruit for Scharffenberger Brut undergoes 100% malolactic fermentation, which produces a wine that is rich and round with a vanilla-cream character. The wine is matured approximately two years on the lees, giving it notes of freshly baked bread. Finally, after several months on the cork, the wine develops hints of caramel and hazelnut. On the nose, the wine has toasty and doughy notes with hints of coconut. On the palate, the initial attack is focused, with a limey citrus impression. The wine broadens over the mid-palate to emerge with fuller, richer, pineapple and tropical fruit notes. *Wine & Spirits Magazine* gave the Scharffenberger Brut 90 points and declared it one of the 100 best values of the year. Enjoy this wine as an apéritif or with any white meat.



Prices for this month's Premium Wine Club wines:

The 2003 Château Fonréaud can be reordered for \$14.99 per bottle.

The Scharffenberger Brut can be reordered for \$12.99 per bottle.

Best Buy Wine Club

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2004 Montfaucon Côtes du Rhône

The Château de Montfaucon lies on the West bank of the Rhône River in the heart of the Rhône Valley, opposite Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The original castle was built in the 11th century and was one of the line of fortresses marking the boundary between the Kingdom of France and the Holy Roman Empire. It also was given the right to exercise control over the river traffic. In 1775, Gabriel de Pertuis bought the castle and became the Baron de Montfaucon, a title that was given to the estate in 1420 by the King of France. His great grandson, the Baron Louis de Montfaucon, began the extensive restoration and extension work of the castle that were to be completed in 1891.

In 1995, Rodolphe de Pins started running the family estate. Rodolphe has a degree in agricultural engineering including a year spent at UC Davis, and has worked in Australia and in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Since taking over the estate, he has raised the quality to new heights by producing elegant and complex Rhône wines. The 100-hectare estate includes 45 hectares of mainly old vines with eleven Southern Rhône grape varieties: Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Carignane, Counoise, Viognier, Clairette, Marsanne, Bourboulenc and Picpoul. The soil is calcareous pebbles on silty-sandy soil with clay. The yields are generally low, between 30 and 42 hl/ha. The viticultural practices are in accord with nature and the winemaking respects the fruit. The grapes are hand picked and the wines are blends of several grapes in order to create complex and elegant wines with a balance of flavors.

This wine's blend is 50% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 15% Syrah, 10% Carignan, and 10% Counoise from old vines with selection of parcels that have a maximum yield of 38 hl/ha. The fruit is totally de-stemmed, blended and fermented together followed by maceration with a maximum of 10 days on skins. Fermentation and maturation takes place in concrete tanks to preserve the fruit. The 2004 Château Montfaucon has immediate appeal. It has a lovely deep garnet color. The nose is very plummy at first. Then, black cherry, licorice and a subtle smoky character come into play. There is ample fruit and spice on the palate. From start to finish it is seamless and simply delightful. Like a leisurely summer's day, the wine is easy, light and smooth. Make this your next house wine!



Old-vine Grenache at Chateau Montfaucon.

2005 Château Peyraud, Premières Côtes de Blaye

2003 Château Peyraud, Premières Côtes de Blaye Château Peyraud is situated in the Blaye region of Bordeaux, on the massive Gironde estuary across from the Haut-Médoc. Blaye, located just north of Bourg, has more than 19,100 acres of vines. Its best vineyard areas are entitled to the appellation

Premières Côtes de Blaye. While some white wine is produced here, most of the production is dedicated to red. Blaye is actually a much older wine-producing region than the more renowned Médoc. Its origins date back to Roman times, when the area served as a defensive front line against invaders intent on attacking the city of Bordeaux. Most of the vineyards sit on steeply sloping hills overlooking the river Gironde. The original one-hectare estate of Château Peyraud was purchased by the great-grandfather of the current owners, the Rey brothers. Today the estate consists of two plots of land in the southern extremity of the Côtes de Blaye, where it adjoins the Côtes de Bourg. The vineyard lies partly on a freak outcrop of blue clay mixed with limestone. Guy Rey claims that this accounts for the very spicy flavors and

soft texture of the Château Peyraud wines. The other part of the vineyard is on higher, more calcareous ground, which supplies the wines with a solid framework. The vineyard is planted 50% to Merlot, 30% to Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% to Cabernet Franc, and 5% to Malbec. No oak barrels are used in the production of this soft, open-knit Bordeaux. Vinification takes place in concrete tanks, and only a medium-length maceration is performed so that the wine's rich and ripe fruit is never disturbed by a heavy overlay of tannins. The wine is aged in tank only, keeping the fruit pure and vibrant until release.

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



Traditional fishing shacks dot the banks of the Gironde in Blaye.

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Re-order Form

As a member of a K&L Wine Club, you have the opportunity to order previous offerings of any of our clubs. The following pages contain a “backlist” of each club. Please note the prices for each wine. The phone number to place orders is 800-247-5987. The order desk is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any wine-club-related issues you can call the wine clubs to resolve them at extension 2766. We have a voice-mail system, and if we can't take your call immediately we will return it as soon as possible. In addition, you can e-mail us at theclubs@klwines.com.

All wine can be purchased by the single bottle. Prices are shown after each wine listed

Tax (in California) and shipping will be added to each order.

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Champagne Club: Previous Offerings

_____ Bottle(s) of Bonville Brut Prestige @ \$28.99

We have been importing Champagne Franck Bonville directly for many years now and have thus earned an allocation of this small production cuvée to share with the club. The current batch is a blend of the fantastic 2002, 2000 & 1998 vintages, all sourced from old, mid-slope vines in the Grand Cru villages of Oger and Cramant. The vine age averages over 50 years, with no vines under 40 years in the blend. This is stunningly rich Blanc de Blancs, with lots of rich fresh cream, yet it still has the minerality and zing that one would expect from an all-Chardonnay Champagne. Quantities are extremely limited, so please do not hesitate if this Champagne is to your liking. The normal price in the store is \$44.99; your price as a club member is \$28.99.

_____ Bottle(s) of 1996 Laurent-Perrier Vintage Champagne @ \$38.99

Laurent-Perrier is more selective than many large houses, producing a vintage only in the very best years. Laurent-Perrier's vintage wines have excellent ageing capacity. The 1996 has a golden-yellow hue with greenish tinges typical of the Chardonnay grape with fine and persistent bubbles. This is a lemony, concentrated, focused, long wine that will reward long keeping, and is now blossoming at eleven years old. It is a perfect match for seafood and fish in white sauce. Its fine, lingering flavors also give it the capacity to accompany poultry and white meat. The normal price in the store is \$59.99; your price as a club member is \$38.99.

Signature Red Club: Previous Offerings

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Moulin de Gardette, Cuvée Ventabren, Gigondas @ \$23.95 per bottle

The Cuvée Ventabren is composed of 70% Grenache from very old vines, 20% Syrah and 10% Cinsault. The wine has a beautiful garnet color with a gorgeous nose of cherry, licorice, wet stones and a hint of bacon. On the palate, it is a medium bodied, opulent wine that possesses great depth, length and persistence. Although the wine has great ageing potential, the sweet fruit and spice give it a lot of immediate appeal.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Whispering Dove, Stags Leap Cabernet Sauvignon @ \$23.95 per bottle

The 2003 Whispering Dove is a classic Stags Leap Cab with great cassis fruit and suave tannins. Enjoy this wine with all manner of grilled red meat.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Amici Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley @ \$23.95 per bottle

This is composed of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot 2% Petite Verdot. The addition of a small amount of Merlot and Petite Verdot adds richness to the mouth feel and increases the aromatics of the wine. The color is opaque and the wine has very soft tannins, which allow the currant-blackberry flavors to take center stage on the palate. Enjoy this wine tonight with all manner of hearty fare, and toast to your *buoni amici!*

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Whitethorn Pinot Noir @ \$23.95 per bottle

This Pinot Noir exemplifies the Whitethorn winemaking style. The wine shows flavors of red and dark berry, mincemeat, spice and milk chocolate with notes of evergreen forest and a hint of roses. The French oak adds

background notes of vanilla, smoke and cedar. The wine is medium bodied with a silky texture and a long elegant finish. It is delicious alone but even better with food. The structure of the wine with its balanced acidity and spicy tannin makes it a great compliment to a wide spectrum of foods from spinach salad to roast lamb.

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

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

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2002 Stella Maris Red, Washington —**now only 19.99 a bottle!**
This is a lovely blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, and 5% Malbec. This wine in the style of right-bank Bordeaux is very well balanced, with notes of ripe plum, cherry and cassis, along with hints of vanilla, cloves and chocolate. The addition of Malbec gives this wine a lush mouthfeel and contributes to the generous finish. Drink now with an hour's aeration, or hold for eight to ten years.

Premium Wine Club: Previous Offerings

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2005 Image du Sud Châteauneuf-du-Pape @ \$13.99 per bottle
This is a robust and masculine Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Earth, game and truffle dominate the nose. Dark fruits come through on the palate, giving a touch of sweetness to the edge of leather and tar. The wine is still swathed in a layer of baby fat, but with a little aeration it would be a perfect accompaniment to roast meats, lamb in particular.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2001 Rutherford Grove Merlot @ \$13.99 per bottle
This wine is a classic Merlot, rich with a complex array of berry-fruit. Dark cherry and blueberry aroma. Entering silky and round, the mid-palate balances the characteristic Rutherford Dust with a dark fruitiness that coats the palate. The lengthy finish is luscious and supple, replete with subtle oak tannins.

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2000 Talbott Chardonnay @ \$13.99 per bottle

When the good people at Talbott offered us this wine, we jumped at the opportunity. On the nose the wine is vinuous and rich with complex notes from extended lees contact. On the palate, it has richness and depth with lees-y butterscotch notes, some spice from the oak and a pronounced honeyed citrus note. A lively acidity keeps the richness in balance. We hope you enjoy this rare treat!

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Casisano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino @ \$13.99 per bottle

A marvelously balanced wine from a superb vintage. It shows Sangiovese's natural elegance and length with its classic violet, cherry and spice in its nose. On the palate the wine is long and elegant with a decidedly long finish. In Italy you could drink this wine with a plate of pasta with a meat sauce, a rosemary-flavored roast chicken, or a classic Florentine Bistecca. This will age gracefully for another five years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Château Le Doyenne, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux @ \$13.99 per bottle

This wine's blend usually consists of approximately 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Soft tannins and a touch of earth frame bright cherry and berry fruit flavors. Enjoy this wine with roast pork loin or simply grilled steak. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Grant Burge Barossa Miamba Shiraz @ \$13.99 per bottle

This Shiraz is deep crimson and red, with rich, dark berries, cherry liquor and smoky oak on the nose. The dense fruit flavors carry through to the palate, combining with vanilla oak. Soft, balanced tannins and good acidity provide great length, with a lingering flavor of subtle licorice. Drink now with some aeration, or hold for up to ten years. Great choice with game meats.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve @ \$11.99 per bottle—**Special price!**

The grapes for this 100% Pinot Gris were hand-harvested and then fermented on the lees in stainless steel tanks. A small percentage was aged in three-year-old barrels and then added to the final blend to add a bit of complexity. Although this wine sees barely any oak, it is surprisingly rich and creamy with flavors of pear and citrus that are framed by good acidity. This is lovely to drink by itself, but pairs beautifully with pasta with a cream sauce, mushroom risotto, or grilled pork tenderloin. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

Best Buy Wine Club: Previous Offerings

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

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

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

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2003 Peregrino Graciano Crianza @ \$8.49 per bottle

This wine displays gorgeous aromatics of jammy red fruits, leading to a palate of bright cherry fruit, with refreshing acidity, especially given the heat of the 2003 vintage. Enjoy it with all manner of roast meat and hard cheeses. Parker gave it 89 points: "A knock-out effort, the 2003 Graciano exhibits a dense ruby/purple color along with sweet, floral, black cherry and currant aromas as well as flavors. Enjoy it over the next 1 to 2 years."

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

The Weathervane is a delicious blend of Cab and Merlot, aged in a combination of French and American oak for 12 months. It is a gorgeously perfumed wine, with notes of blackberry, eucalyptus and even sassafras. The palate

boasts flavors of blackberry, eucalyptus and black pepper, with an incredibly lively mouth feel. This is a great-value Aussie blend that will be great as an apéritif or with a wide range of fare.

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

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

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

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

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

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

_____ Bottle(s) of 2005 Craneford Private Selection Chardonnay @ \$8.49 per bottle

This 100% Chardonnay comes from the Adelaide Hills. The wine sees no wood treatment and no malolactic fermentation. The creaminess of the wine comes from stirring of the lees for one week. This gives it added complexity as well as a natural creaminess. The pure winemaking technique results in brilliant expression of the Chardonnay grape. The wine has notes of melon, citrus and tropical fruits. Excellent acidity is beautifully balanced with the fruit flavors. Try it with trout amandine or roast chicken. Drink now and over the next two to three years.

_____ Bottle(s) of 2004 Purisima Canyon Roussane/Viognier @ \$8.49 per bottle

This wine is a blend of 58.4% Roussane and 41.6% Viognier. The Roussane came from ten-year-old vines from a vineyard in Lodi. The wine was 100% tank fermented and was left sur lie for 6 months, adding richness and flavor. The Viognier came from 20-year-old vines from a dry-farmed vineyard in Clarksburg and also was tank fermented. Neither grape was aged in oak barrels. Crisp, refreshing with flavors of apples and tropical fruits, this is a very easy wine to sip by itself or enjoy with a wide variety of food.

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95 points Robert Parker: "The brilliant, opulent, fleshy 2003 Pichon Lalande (65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot) possesses a high pH of 3.8 as well as 13% alcohol.... The dense plum/purple-colored 2003 offers gorgeous aromas of blackberries, plum liqueur, sweet cherries, smoke, and melted licorice. Fleshy, full-bodied, and intense, displaying a seamless integration of wood, acidity, tannin, and alcohol, this beauty can be drunk now or cellared for 20 years or more." (04/06) 93 points *Wine Spectator*: "Very pretty aromas of plum, blackberry, chocolate, espresso and cherry follow through to a full-bodied palate, with ultrasilky tannins, refined fruit and a long, caressing finish. This is fine and refined with a wonderful texture. Not quite the 2000, but excellent. Best after 2011." (03/06) (04/05) Barrel sample according to Clyde Beffa, K&L's Bordeaux Buyer: "High amount of Cabernet this year. Blackberry fruits on nose. Also mid-palate flavors. Good richness throughout. Some power and concentration that tightens the wine up. Holding back and should come out after several years. Quite big for the property. ***" (04/04)

2005 Anwilka Constantia Stellenbosch South Africa only \$32.99 (Regular K&L Price \$35.99)

Anwilka Vineyard is a joint venture between Bruno Prats, former owner of Château Cos-d'Estournel; Hubert de Bouïard de Laforest, co-proprietor of Château Angélu in Bordeaux; and Lowell Jooste of Klein Constantia Estate. Located in the prime red wine region of Helderberg in Stellenbosch, the vineyard was purchased in 1997, and production of Anwilka wines commenced in 2005. According to Robert Parker: "Fabulous... this is the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa.... This debut release, the 2005, a blend of 37% syrah and the balance cabernet sauvignon, is world class stuff, exceptional wine." 90 points from Stephan Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: "(63% cabernet sauvignon and 37% shiraz; a joint project of Bruno Prats, Hubert de Bouard and Klein Constantia's Lowell Jooste) Ruby-red. Aromas of raspberry, currant, licorice and spicy oak. Suave on entry, then broad and fine-grained in the middle, with a sneaky intensity to the flavors of raspberry and spice. A tad medicinal and dry on the back half, finishing with fine tannins and some chocolaty oak." (Mar/Apr 07) The demand for the Soumade Confiance was so great that we soon sold out, so we are offering these great Soumade wines to club members at a special discount.

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

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

2003 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rasteau Domaine La Soumade "Prestige" @ \$16.99

The lowest price in the United States! 89 points from Robert Parker. "The 2003 Côtes du Rhône-Villages Rasteau Cuvée Prestige exhibits earthy, peppery, chocolatey, cassis notes, plenty of spice, moderately hard tannin, and medium to full body. Consume it over the next 6 to 7 years." (02/06).

2004 Côtes du Rhône Domaine La Soumade "Les Violettes" @ \$24.99

90 points Robert Parker. "One of the best buys of this portfolio is the Côtes du Rhône Les Violettes, a blend of 80% Syrah and 20% white grapes. The 2004 Côtes du Rhône Les Violettes could be called the Southern Rhône's La Mouline of Rasteau. A sexy perfume of acacia flowers, sweet creme de cassis, and blackberries soars from the glass of this round, medium to full-bodied, opulent, extroverted, explosively fruity, rich effort. This wine should be enjoyed over the next 3 to 4 years." (02/06)