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Dear Wine Club Member,

I am pleased to announce that we will be presenting a winemaker dinner featuring the wines of Amici cellars. We sent out the 2000 Amici Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon back in February to our Signature wine club members. Amici is jointly owned by winemaker Jeff Hansen, Bob Shepard and John Harris. Bob and John live very close to our store in Redwood City and have been longtime friends of K & L. We will be serving a four-course meal along with the following wines – 1997, 1999 & 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, 1997 Meritage, 2000 Amici Red, 2000 “Picket Vineyard” Old vine Zinfandel, 2002 “Panek vineyard” Old vine Zinfandel, and the 2000 and 2002 Chardonnay. We will also be featuring their brand new 2002 Pinot Noir.

This is a great chance to meet with the winemakers and owners of a small, boutique winery in Napa and find out the trials a tribulations that one must go through in operating a winery. Bob and Jeff will be in attendance, while John will be out of the country. The dinner will be held at the new location of John Bentley’s, a brilliant restaurant just a few doors away from our store in Redwood City

Here are the details.

Tuesday, September 28th
John Bentley’s Restaurant
2915 El Camino Real
Redwood City, Ca 94061
Reception: 6:30pm
Dinner 7:15pm
Cost: \$85 per person
Dress: Casual Elegance

We have still not worked out all the bugs in the integration of our software, so please be aware that all wine club orders, credit card updates, address changes, etc. must be sent to the wine clubs attention. The website does not list wine club wines that are available for reorder, nor does any wine club activity show up in your online account. You may call me at 800-247-5987 ext. 2740 or send an email to theclubs@klwines.com or my direct email, davero@klwines.com.

Also keep in mind that the reorder lists are now open to any member of any club. We will continue to protect the current month’s wines for only members of that club, but wine that appears on the reorder lists at the end of each issue are open to all members. Feel free to call me if you have any questions about a wine from another club.

Cheers,

Dave Rosenzweig

Wine Club Director

Signature Red Wine Club

The Signature Red Wine Club offerings for the month of September 2004 include a new vintage of Lancaster Estate, and a brilliant Cabernet from Napa.

2000 Cornerstone, “Cornerstone” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

1991 was the first vintage of Cornerstone Cellars—initially an exercise of long-distance wine production for Memphis physicians, Michael Dragutsky and David Sloas. Back in 1991, Sloas was making the Napa Valley harvest pilgrimage, touring with Napa wine merchant Bruce Scotland. They were tasting on Howell Mountain with Randy Dunn who happened to mention that he had obtained more grapes than needed from farmer/vintner, Mike Beatty. Sloas called back to Dragutsky in Memphis for a reality check. They agreed they had both lost their minds—they purchased the overage of 4.8 tons of premium Howell Mountain Cabernet and were in the wine business.

Taken somewhat by surprise by their overwhelming reception, Dragutsky and Sloas decided that their love of good wine would prevail over all else. "From the beginning our philosophy was to use the best grapes, the best barrels, the best facilities," says CFO and Vice President, Dragutsky. "Making the best wine we can bottle is the real bottom line for us. It's thrilling to be out to a fine meal with friends, order our wine and see the great response to our Cornerstone wines." From the first, the wines have been extremely well received in the press, getting ratings in the mid-nineties in the *Wine Spectator* and excellent reviews in *The Wine Advocate* and *Connoisseurs' Guide*. Rated one of eight "World Class" Cabernet Sauvignon producers, Cornerstone Cellars joins Dunn, La Jota, Mondavi, Phelps, Ridge, and Stags Leap in *The Connoisseurs' Handbook of the Wines of California and the Pacific Northwest*.

The flavor profile from the Cornerstone Vineyard typically leans toward the Bordeaux tradition, exhibiting more of the forest floor and aromatic wood elements.

This hillside fruit is from their estate vineyard located at about 1700 ft. elevation on Howell Mountain. This vineyard has been the grape source for the Cornerstone brand since our first bottling in 1991.

A blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc, aged for 20 months in a combination of new and one year old French oak. Complex aromas of new hay, mulberry and sweet anise are complemented by undertones of cedar, tarragon and sage. The fruit expresses a briar/bramble character reminiscent of fresh currant and wild blackberry with a slight dusty, cocoa quality. The oak lends a nuance of freshly baked bread in a toasty, caramelized, slightly vanilla finish. The wine benefits from one to two hours aeration and is a great choice served with Filet Mignon. Hold for 8 – 10 years.

2000 Lancaster Estate, Alexander Valley

Last September, we sent the 1999 vintage of this wine and it proved to be a huge hit with our members. This vintage is every bit as good!

Located at the southern tip of the Alexander Valley, Lancaster Estate rests in the foothills of the western Mayacamas Mountains at the confluence of the Chalk Hill and Knights Valley appellations. Founded in 1994 by Ted Simpkins, who had a vision of a classic, Bordeaux-style wine estate, a small family winery that would produce one wine created from estate vineyards planted and sustained in harmony with the land. Growing grapes from five related varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec & Petite Verdot), Lancaster Estate has the flexibility to vary the blend each vintage to produce the best possible wine. According to Ted, "There is no room in my life for complacency. Every day you have the chance to be a better person, a better manager or, if you're truly blessed, to make better wine. Today, we make beautiful wine. As we grow and learn more about the land, we'll improve the way we do things, and the wine will become even more beautiful."

The 1999 vintage was one of the San Francisco Chronicle's top 100 wines for the year and the 2000 vintage was recently voted the panel favorite at the annual Chronicle wine competition with these notes: "Excellent and the panel favorite. Black cherry, raspberry, some red fruit and

coconut; black pepper, spice and pencil lead notes; muscular, complex and balanced; very long finish.”

The 2000 Lancaster is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 1% Malbec, aged for 22 months in French oak, 60% of which was new. The wine is complex and brimming with ripe, black cherry flavors. The forward fruit character of blackberries, currants and chocolate marries with the soft toasty oak to produce a rich, lush, well-balanced & full-bodied wine. Drink now with an hors aeration or hold for 5 – 7 years.

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Lancaster Estate, Alexander Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Lancaster Estate, Alexander Valley

Premium Wine Club

The September 2004 selections for the Premium Wine Club include two reds – A wonderful Merlot from Napa and a brilliant blend from Australia.

2000 Pine Ridge, “Crimson Creek” Merlot, Napa

Last month we sent the brilliant 200 Pine Ridge “Stags Leap” Cabernet as part of the Signature Red Collection and this month we follow up in the Premium club with this wonderful merlot.

A silhouette of pine trees on a steep hillside in the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley welcomes you to Pine Ridge Winery, founded in 1978 by Gary and Nancy Andrus. Gary, whom many consider one of California’s top winemakers, consistently made wines that won critical acclaim.

When Gary retired, he turned the winemaking reigns over to the talented Stacy Clark, who has been the winemaker at Pine Ridge since 1988. Nancy Andrus is a major force in the Napa Valley wine world. A proponent of appellation-designated wines, which express the unique characteristics of soils or exhibit “terroir”, she serves as Vice President of the Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association. “When we founded Pine Ridge Winery, the underlying principal was to purchase and develop only great vineyards; vineyards unique in soil type, climate, exposure, and topography. This uniqueness of place has led to the acquisition of more than 300 acres in the great appellations of the Napa Valley, but it is the gentle processes perfected by winemaker Stacy Clark that ensure the wines reflect the characteristics of the soils in which they are grown.”

Stacy Clark earned a degree in Fermentation Science in 1983 from the University of California at Davis and joined Pine Ridge in the capacity of enologist immediately following graduation. In 1988, Stacy was appointed Winemaker at Pine Ridge. Her winemaking philosophy is to make wines of great texture, balance and flavor that demonstrate the distinct characteristics of the various growing regions where their estate vineyards are located.

The grapes for this wine come from Pine Ridge’s estate vineyards in the Carneros, Stags Leap district, Oakville and Rutherford appellations. Crimson Creek is the name of the vineyard in Oakville. The Merlot grapes are made up of three clones, including a clone from the famed Chateau Petrus estate in Pomerol. The wine is a blend of 86% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec. The blend is made in a typical “Right Bank” Bordeaux style, emphasizing structure, complexity and ageability. Aged for 16 months in heavily toasted French oak, the wine is layered with berry, cherry and tobacco flavors and possesses an intense nose of briary, cherry fruit. There are notes of chocolate and black cherries on the palate and the finish is lush and satisfying. Drink now or hold 5 – years. Try with sliced lamb sirloin.

2000 Torbreck, “Juveniles”, Barossa valley

This has been one of my favorite Aussie wines for the last few years. Robert Parker is a huge fan of the winemaker, saying “The spectacular current and upcoming releases are among the most exciting wines being made on planet Earth, that’s how good this guy is.”

David Powell founded Torbreck vintners in 1994, though the genesis began two years earlier when Dave was working at Rockford winery in the Barossa valley. He discovered a few sections of lifeless, dry-grown old vines, which he nurtured back to health. He was rewarded with a few small parcels of fruit that he made into wine. Due to the outstanding quality, he then was able to secure a contract for a supply of grapes from an old, decrepit Shiraz vineyard. He raised enough money to share-farm the vineyard, a practice which involves paying the owner a percentage of the market rate for his grapes in return for complete control of the vineyard management. This share-farming principle has enabled Torbreck to use fruit from the very best vineyards in the Barossa valley.

Dave named his wine Torbreck, after a forest in Scotland where he once worked as a lumberjack. Torbreck is based on the classic Barossa varietals of Grenache, Shiraz, and Mataro (Mourvedre), also known as GSM.

“Juveniles” is a bold and seductive un-oaked blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Shiraz and 20% Mataro that represents a youthful wine made from old vines. Fruit from dry grown, low yielding vines is fermented, bottled and released early. It is fragrant, intense and concentrated in flavor with blackberry, earth and Asian spices. The name comes from the “Juveniles” wine bar in Paris, owned by Dave’s friend, Tim Johnston. Tim’s daughter, Carolyn, an artist, was asked to design the label for this wine.

Robert Parker awarded 90 points to this wine with these notes (from June, 2001): “If readers want to know what the quintessential Australian fruit bomb tastes like, check out the 2000 Juveniles. Bursting at the seams with juicy blackberry, cherry, and currant fruit, it offers copious quantities of spicy, peppery characteristics, sexy, seductive glycerin levels, and a creamy texture that defines the word hedonism. It is not going to make old bones, but for drinking over the next 2-3 years, this is a fabulous, fruit-filled effort from Barossa. Anticipated maturity: now-2005.

This wine not only makes for compelling drinking, but it is also a huge amount of fun, and isn't that what it's all about? If I had to give an award to Australia's finest winemaker in 2001, it would be hard not to consider David Powell.” Great with Barbecue Ribs.

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Premium Wine Club, September 2004 wine re-orders

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- _____12 Bottles of 2000 Pine Ridge, "Crimson Creek" Merlot, Napa
- _____6 Bottles of 2000 Torbreck, "Juveniles", Barossa valley
- _____12 Bottles of 2000 Torbreck, "Juveniles", Barossa valley

Best Buy Wine Club

This month's Best Buy Wine Club selections are a bright, juicy zinfandel from Lodi and a wonderful white wine from Spain.

2000 Watts Zinfandel, Lodi

This wine comes from a small, boutique winery in Lodi, California. I was speaking to a former colleague a few months ago and happened to mention that I was looking for a zinfandel to use as a club selection. He laughed and said "Funny you should say that, because I have a friend who makes a wonderful zinfandel." After receiving a sample and tasting it along with a few of my current colleagues, I was anxious to see if we could make the deal.

I was not able to get too much information but the following is taken directly from their website. "Through four generations of history, the Watts family has built its reputation for growing some of the finest quality wine grapes available to California's wine industry. With their dedication to quality, Watts Winery produces hand-crafted wines that are made from their estate vineyards. Their terroir and micro-climate, along with diligent crafting, will continue to transform these grapes into bottled history. The iris has been adopted as our unique symbol (and also the name of their estate vineyard) representing over 600 varieties that thrive as ground cover for the vines at The "Locust Tree" Ranch. " Janet Watts is a professional flower judge for competitions throughout California

Their wines have done very well at wine competitions, picking up numerous awards, including many gold medals.

This is a very fruit-driven, juicy zinfandel with aromas of black cherry and vanillan oak. The palate shows plum and berry flavors along with a bit of cocoa and pepper. The finish is long and lush. This is excellent as a sipper or as a match for full flavored and spicy foods. Drink now and over the next 2 – 4 years.

2002 Segura Viudas Creu de Levit, Penedes

Here is a juicy, tasty white wine made from a little known varietal called Xarel-lo (sha-REL-o). Wine has been grown in the *Penedès* (pen-eh-DEZ) *Denominación de Origen* (DO) since pre-Roman times. There is some evidence that indigenous Iberian people were making wine in the area now known as Catalonia in northeastern Spain even before the Phoenicians explored the region, five or six centuries before the birth of Christ, which would make it one of the oldest winegrowing regions in the Western Mediterranean. The DO begins on the shores of the Mediterranean about 20 miles south of Barcelona, runs down the coast for roughly 30 miles and extends inland about 25 miles. Until recently, the region has been best known for cava, Spain's internationally famous sparkling wine. Due to the huge worldwide success of the cava, money for capital investment has poured into the region, making it one of the most technically advanced and equipped winemaking areas of Spain. The vineyards range from sea level to 2,000 feet. There are three major divisions within the DO: *Baix* or Low Penedès, Central Penedès and *Alt* or High Penedès. Vineyards in the Low Penedès run from sea level to about 750 feet in elevation; the Central Penedès is an area of low hills lying between about 300 and 1,000 feet above sea level; and the High Penedès is between 1,000 and 2,100 feet in elevation. Soils are deep but lacking fertility, an ideal situation for the vines since grapes with more intense flavor are produced from vines that are stressed.

Segura Viudas was established in 1954 in the heart of the Penedès region, near the village of *Sant Sadurní d' Anoià*. The modern winery was built at the site of a 12th century medieval farmhouse known as *Can Esbert*. Segura Viudas is well known for its rich and elegant cavas. Today they are attracting the further attention of critics and consumers with their table wines. There are some 445 acres of vines on the estate, which was purchased by the Ferrer family, owners of Freixenet, in the early 1980s. Creu de Lavit is made from Xarel-lo a native Penedès varietal and one of the white grapes used in the production of cava. Xarel-lo yields an aromatic wine with good body and medium acidity. Creu de Lavit uses all hand-harvested, estate-grown grapes from 28-43 year old vines.

This lovely wine has a lovely floral nose with hints of spice, leading to a palate with notes of apples, a bit of citrus and a hint of pepper. A third of the wine ages sur lie in oak, lending a slightly creamy mouthfeel leading to a long, yet crisp finish. This is an excellent match for grilled fish or chicken. Drink now and hold for 2 – 3 years.

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2000Watts Zinfandel, Lodi

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000Watts Zinfandel, Lodi

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Segura Viudas Creu de Levit, Penedes

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Segura Viudas Creu de Levit, Penedes

Re-order Form

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

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Pine Ridge “Stags Leap” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Pine Ridge “Stags Leap” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

A blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petite Verdot, 5% Merlot, 6% Malbec, starts with beautiful aromas of Black currant and toffee. On the palate, there are black cherry, cassis, chocolate and vanilla oak flavors. The texture is velvety and the finish is silky and long. Decant for an hour or hold for another 5 – 10 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Robert Craig “Affinity”, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Robert Craig “Affinity”, Napa

This wine is a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. Lovely aromas of black cherry and mocha lead to a complex palate of cherries, boysenberries and a hint of spice. An elegant and lingering finish makes this suitable for drinking now, with some aeration, or cellaring for another 3 –5 years. An excellent choice with Prime Rib.

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

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

The 2000 Trilogy is a blend of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 7% Malbec. be very lush and inviting, with aromas of black fruits and a palate with black cherry, cassis and hints of toffee. The finish lingers gently and the overall impression is one of great elegance. Drink now and over the next 3 – 5 years. Excellent with Lamb tenderloin.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

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

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

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

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

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Dominus "Napanook", Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Dominus "Napanook", Napa

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

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Signorello Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Smith-Madrone Chardonnay, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Smith-Madrone Chardonnay, Napa

The wine is barrel fermented in French oak and aged “sur lie” for 11 months. Aromas of apples and pears lead to a creamy palate of more apples with a hint of spice and vanilla oak. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years. Try with Roast Chicken.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Katnook Estate Shiraz, Coonawarra

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Katnook Estate Shiraz, Coonawarra

100% Shiraz, aged for 21 months in a combination of French and American oak barriques (small barrels) 50% of which was new. Aromas of ripe raspberry and a hint of licorice lead to a palate, which echoes the raspberry and adds plum and blueberry with notes of spice, pepper and subtle smoky oak. Relatively soft tannins make this ideal for drinking now or lying down for 6 –8 years. Great with Game birds and red meat.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Wattle Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

100% Sauvignon Blanc, from The Mendocino ranch vineyard, shows lovely aromas of lime, lemon and citrus which follow through to the palate with a crisp, vibrant feel. This is a great summertime wine, excellent with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Frazier ‘Lupine Hill’ Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Frazier ‘Lupine Hill’ Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot, aged for 18 months in a combination of new and used French and American oak. Aromas of strawberries and earth lead to a deep palate with notes of black currants and red meat. The wine will benefit from at least one hours aeration and will hold for 4 – 6 years. Try with Lamb tenderloin. Incidentally, the Wine Spectator lists this for \$45!

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Griffin Pinot Noir, Marlborough

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Griffin Pinot Noir, Marlborough

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

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Pascal Jolivet “Attitude”, Loire Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Pascal Jolivet “Attitude”, Loire Valley

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

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Edgewood Estate Syrah, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Edgewood Estate Syrah, Napa

100% Syrah aged in French oak for nineteen months. The complex nose shows hints of black cherries, spice and violets. The palate echoes those flavors and adds black pepper and plums to the mix. This deep,

full-bodied wine will benefit from one to two hours of aeration and can be held for eight to ten years. Great with game.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Kalinda Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Kalinda Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

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

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

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

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

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Bell Chardonnay, Napa

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Bell Chardonnay, Napa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Fournas Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc

_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Fournas Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc

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

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_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 McDowell Syrah, California

_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 McDowell Syrah, California

90% Syrah, 6% Grenache, 4% Durif aged in two-year old American and French oak. A dense, full-bodied Syrah, full of lovely berry-spice flavors, with jammy berry aromas and a bit of toasty oak. The mouth feel is big and round, with flavors of ripe blackberry and blueberry fruit and white pepper spice. This is a very versatile wine that goes great with almost everything: burgers, ribs, pasta, grilled salmon, pizza and even fajitas. Drink now and over the next 2 – 3 years

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Chateau de Nages, Reserve Blanc, Costiere de Nimes

_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Chateau de Nages, Reserve Blanc, Costiere de Nimes
60% Grenache Blanc and 40% Roussane, the wine is unoaked and aged “sur lie” for 8 weeks. Lovely aromas of citrus and minerals lead to a palate of grapefruit, a hint of honey, wet earth and lemon zest. The wine has a crisp, clean finish. Excellent as a summertime sipper and a great match with grilled fish. Drink now and over the next 1 – 2 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek
_____ 12 Bottles of 2001 Purisima Canyon Syrah, Dry Creek
95% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged in 25% new oak with a ratio of 75% American and 25% French for 24 months. . A lovely nose of dark fruits and berries leads to a palate that echoes those flavors and add hints of vanilla and spice. The Cabernet adds a lovely depth and the finish is smooth and lingering. This would be a great choice with hamburgers right off the grill. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Kalinda Chardonnay, Anderson Valley
_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Kalinda Chardonnay, Anderson Valley
This is a typically lovely Anderson valley Chardonnay, with citrus and pear aromas followed by a juicy palate with hints of lemon, fig and cedar. The finish is crisp and lively with notes of spice. Good choice with Roast chicken. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2003 Renwood Viognier, “Select Series”, Lodi
_____ 12 Bottles of 2003 Renwood Viognier, “Select Series”, Lodi
94% Viognier, 4% Orange Muscat and 2% Pinot Gris. Aromas of citrus blossoms, pears and apricot lead to a rich creamy palate of ripe pears, lemon, peaches and apricots. Drink now and over the next 2 –3 years. Great with Asian cuisine.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River
_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River
100% varietal Sauvignon Blanc that clearly shows the classic, intense, passion-fruit and gooseberry aromas for which Marlborough is renowned. This is a wonderfully refreshing and flavorful Sauvignon Blanc, reminiscent of the Nobilo that we sent out a few months ago. A great wine for the spring and summer months.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast
_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 Purisima Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast
82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17.5% Merlot, and 1.5% Petite Sirah. A wonderfully lush wine, with loads of fruit and soft tannins. A perfect red for summertime. Drink now and over the next two to three years. Great with hamburgers on a sunny day.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2002 La Posta Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina
_____ 12 Bottles of 2002 La Posta Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina
100% Cabernet Sauvignon from vines with an average age of over 30 years. It spent nine months in second-use French and American oak barrels. Notes of currants and black cherries with a hint of sandalwood lead to a palate of cassis and plums and a touch of earth. This is a great choice with hamburgers or roast chicken. Drink it now and over the next three to six years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 1999 Jean-Luc Colombo Syrah “Les Collines de Laure”
_____ 12 Bottles of 1999 Jean-Luc Colombo Syrah “Les Collines de Laure”
100% Syrah. The nose exhibits a wide range of ripe red fruits with spicy overtones and silky tannins. The palate shows dark black and red fruits with a hint of spice. This is a rich and generous wine that is very easy to enjoy. Great with roasted meats and stews. Drink now and over the next three to five years.

_____ 6 Bottles of 2000 Davis Bynum “Boar-Doe,” Sonoma
_____ 12 Bottles of 2000 Davis Bynum “Boar-Doe,” Sonoma

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special Offers—Available to all club members!

2000 Dominus Estate, Napa

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

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