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Some Favorite Bordeaux-Old and New

All represent great values vis-à-vis the 2005 prices.

- 1989 Château Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$94.99**
92 points *Wine Spectator*: "This has lovely lead pencil and berry character, with hints of tobacco. Medium body, with fine tannins and fresh finish."
- 1995 Château Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$59.99**
According to Robert Parker: "...Rich, with medium to full body, high tannin, and subtle oak in the background."
- 1999 Château Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$49.99**
89-91 points from Robert Parker.
- 2003 Château Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$57.99**
92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Aromas of blackberry, toasted oak, sweet tobacco and espresso. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, fruity finish..."
- 1998 Château Margaux, Margaux\$189.99**
91 points Robert Parker: "...Subtle, rich, nicely-textured, and medium-bodied, it is built for the long haul. Anticipated maturity: 2006-2030."
- 2001 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien\$64.99**
92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Loads of crushed berries on the nose, with hints of flowers and minerals. Very aromatic. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a long, cappuccino and berry aftertaste. Really refined. Best after 2009."
- 2001 Château Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$39.99**
91 points Robert Parker: "...The complex aromatics are followed by a medium to full-bodied, seamless St-Julian displaying velvety tannin, medium body, and sweet concentrated fruit in a stylish, well-constructed, elegant style..."
- 2003 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$114.95**
95 points Robert Parker: "...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."

Old and Rare Vintage Port In Stock

- 1955 Taylor-Spectator: "sweet berry flavors and a lovely finish."\$599.00**
- 1960 Taylor.....\$199.00**
- 1963 Taylor-97 points *Wine Spectator*\$349.00**
- 1966 Taylor-C. Coates: "lovely concentrated, velvety-rich, stylish wine \$289.00**
- 1977 Taylor-5 stars from Broadbent! 98 points *Wine Spectator*\$179.00**
- 1963 Croft-91 points *Wine Spectator*\$179.00**
- 1966 Graham-5 stars from Broadbent! 93 points *Spectator*\$239.00**
- 1980 Graham-90 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$99.99**
- 1983 Graham-93 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$89.99**
- 1983 Dow-94 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$84.99**
- 1985 Dow-5 Stars from Broadbent\$89.99**
- 1985 Fonseca\$109.99**
5 stars from Broadbent: "Deep, intense; malty; powerful, great potential My style of wine. Magnificent."

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Pauly Shore and Vanilla Ice...

Are long gone, but the '90s also produced a wealth of beautiful Bordeaux wines, still going strong today. See page 2.

Long Live Cronin

Duane Cronin may not be with us anymore, but his legacy remains in his long-lived, elegant wines. See page 16.

Shipment from Champagne

Direct import bubbly for tax season! See page 17.

Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou Dinner in Hollywood

Sunday April 15: Owner Bruno Borie makes his first trip to California. We will taste great vintages including 2003, 1996, 1995 and 1982! The dinner will take place at the award-winning SONA Restaurant. \$175.00 per person. Casual elegance dress. Reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Ch. Gruaud-Larose Events North & South

Saturday April 21: In-store tasting in Hollywood. David Launay, Director, will present fabulous wines from this esteemed estate. \$20, limited availability. **Sunday April 22:** dinner at the outstanding Cetrilla Restaurant in Half Moon Bay featuring Gruaud-Larose from 1989, 1995, 1996, 1999 and 2004. \$140.00 per person. Reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Casual elegance dress.

Ch. Smith Haut Lafitte Tasting and Dinner in Hollywood

Thursday May 3: In store Tasting in Hollywood store from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner following at Off Vine restaurant. Taste some great vintages with Florence and Daniel Cathiard, owners of this beautiful chateau. Price to be announced.

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It is Traveling Time at K&L

Now that we have finally opened (after 22 months of preparation) our Hollywood store at 1400 North Vine Street (Just south of Sunset Blvd), we can resume our travel to the best vineyard areas in the world. In fact, as you receive this April newsletter, our gang will be in Bordeaux (Trey, Ralph, Alex and I) tasting the 2006 Bordeaux vintage. I predict the wines will be less expensive than the 2005s, not such a bold statement on my part. Keith has just returned from Burgundy, Jim Chanteloup from Australia, Greg and Mike Parres from Italy, Jeff Vierra and Paul from the Loire, and Gary leaves for Bubbly land on April 10. Anne goes to Spain, Mulan to the South of France, Susan to Sctoland and Joe Z to Pescadero! All this so we can find the best wine values in the world for our loyal customers. See you soon.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

Brick's Bordeaux Picks: The '90s Weren't All That Bad

With all the poor taste that was thrown around in the decade that brought us Pauly Shore, Vanilla Ice and Hootie and the Blowfish, at least we can drink some amazing wines to blur those horrible memories. Take for example the **1995 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (\$59.99)**. This beauty has been polished slowly to a shine. Just coming into its own now, this shows pretty dried red plum fruit, with some warm asphalt notes and spiced hazelnuts. All of a sudden memories of Alanis Morissette are fading.

From 1997, an underrated and over-priced (at opening) year of wines in Bordeaux, the **1997 du Tertre, Margaux (\$32.99)** and the **1997 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Leognan (\$32.99)** are two great choices. Full of minted raspberry coulis, the du Terte is a pleasure to drink now. This wine will melt away all the sorrows of the Backstreet Boys. And if that doesn't work, you have the Chevalier, a rustic, earthy effort that also has some lovely Rainer cherry fruit and touches of roasted beets. This is Bordeaux, pure and simple, just the way I like it.

At the close of the decade comes the **1999 Lalande Borie, St-Julien (\$19.99)**. This generous, dense effort is still quite youthful, but at the same time is completely drinkable. Packed with plump black plum fruit and a touch of pastille candy, it is hard to keep your hands off this one. Sort of like the dreams of every teenage boy of pre-shaved-head Britney.

After all of that reminiscing, we must move on to the 21st century. The **2001 Bastor La Montagne, Sauternes (\$31.99)**, is a full-throttle sticky with plenty of banana-like sweetness and a rich crème brûlée note. A must with foie gras, something we will hopefully can remember for decades to come.

—Bryan Brick

Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

This month, as we bid farewell to the ripe, fruity 2003 Bordeaux vintage and get ready to greet the stylish, fresh and lively 2004s, we take a breather to taste some beautifully aged stars from vintages past.

1991 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (\$119.00) One of the stars of the vintage and surprisingly rich, this was a standout at a recent tasting in the SF store. The severe selection employed by the winemaker paid off, resulting in a ripe, round plummy wine with sweet fruit and a long, persistent finish. Seductive aromas of cedar and herbs lead to a soft middle of nicely concentrated fruit that is generous, elegant and drinking beautifully right now.

1998 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (\$94.99) Here is a classic claret displaying power and finesse. The aromas of red and black fruit, pencil lead and smoke are tight and pure in this structured and elegant wine. The long, complex finish still shows considerable tannin, but the exceptional balance and structure lend a sense of overall harmony that make this enjoyable even at such a relatively young age. Decant and enjoy with food or age this classic another decade.

1988 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (\$149.95) This starts with mature and alluring aromas of cedar, dusty cherry and smoky olives. The dense, round mid-palate is rich with plums, cherries and dark currants and displays an exotic touch of baking spice. The very long, gentle finish is lively and lends a surprising freshness to this plump and luscious beauty.

And a new bargain sticky to finish things off!

2003 La Clotte Cazalis, Sauternes (\$17.99 375ml) This well-priced gem from a good vintage for Sauternes has been a huge hit. This is very fresh with citrus and tropical aromas and a rich, full body of coconut, spice, pineapple and a hint of honey on the finish. 90 points from Robert Parker and a tremendous value to boot.

—Steve Bearden

2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES-SEE TASTING NOTES ON KLWINES.COM

One of the greatest vintages of the last 100 years!

Angelus, St-Emilion-96-98 points Robert Parker	\$244.99
Barde-Haut, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Bellevue Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$279.99
Bernadotte, Médoc-Spice on the nose. Elegant wine.	\$17.99
Beychevelle, St-Julien-91-93 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Bourgneuf, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$36.99
Brane Cantenac, Margaux-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$49.99
Brown Rouge, Pessac-88-90 points Robert Parker.....	\$23.99
Brun, St-Emilion	\$12.99
Spicy, black cherries. Good richness. The palate is intense with earth and minerals on the finish. Great value.	
Canon, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$79.99
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$13.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$55.99
Chasse Spleen, Moulis-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99
Chauvin, St-Emilion-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$34.99
Clarke, Listrac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$21.99
Clerc Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$45.99
Climens, Sauternes-Jancis Robinson: "unusually sweet, rich..."	\$59.99
Clinet, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$109.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$49.99
Clos Marsalette, Pessac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$25.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$189.99
Couhins Lurton, Pessac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon-89-91 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$27.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
d'Angludet, Marguax-90-92 points Robert Parker.....	\$29.99
Dauzac, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Desmirail, Margaux-Elegant, from Brane Cantenac owners.....	\$27.99
Doisy Védrières, Sauternes-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-91-94 points Robert Parker..	\$51.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$169.99
Duhart-Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$45.99
Ferrand Lartigue, St-Emilion-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$21.99
Ferriere, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$31.99
Figeac, St-Emilion-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$109.99
Fombrauge, St-Emilion-90-92 points Robert Parker.....	\$33.99
Franc Mayne, St-Emilion-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$34.99
Goulee, Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$25.99
Grand-Puy-Ducasse, Pauillac-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$29.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$72.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$56.99
Guiraud, Sauternes (375ml \$26.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$49.99
Haut Bergey Rouge, Pessac-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$29.99
Haut-Brion, Pessac-96-100 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-93-95 points Robert Parker	\$74.99
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
la Cour d'Argent, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$10.99
la Croix de Beaucaillou, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Lafleur, Pomerol-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$1299.00
la Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-90-92 points Parker	\$33.99
La Tour Carnet, Médoc-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	Inquire
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
La Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$349.00
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$73.99
La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99

Latour, Pauillac-98-100 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Le Fer, St-Emilion-Great concentration. Sweet and lush.	\$29.99
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$279.99
Les Gravières, St-Emilion-Spectator: "silky tannins....Balanced."	\$24.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$129.99
Lucia, St-Emilion-Parker 92-94 points	\$46.99
Lynsolence, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Malmaison, Moulis-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$20.99
Margaux, Margaux-96-100 points Robert Parker	\$769.99
Montrose, St-Estephe-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$104.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$549.99
Nenin, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$59.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$37.99
Pape Clement Blanc, Pessac-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$159.99
Pape Clement Rouge, Pessac-96-100 points Robert Parker	\$159.99
Pavie, St-Emilion-98-100 points Robert Parker.....	\$329.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$76.99
Petit Mouton, Pauillac-88-90 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Petit Village, Pomerol-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$52.99
Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Picard, St-Estèphe-Sweet ripe with a full, round palate impression.	\$17.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-92-95 points Robert Parker	\$119.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$119.99
Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$44.99
Potensac, Médoc	\$22.99
According to the <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Currants, minerals and berries follow through to a full bodied palate, with silky tannins and a long, rich finish... well done. Another 2003 and 2000."	
Prieure-Lichine, Margaux-91-94 points Robert Parker.....	\$42.99
Quinault l'Enclos, St-Emilion-Parker 92-95 points	\$41.99
Rauzan Gassies, Marguax-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$69.99
Roc de Cambes, Cotes de Bourg-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$45.99
Rochebelle, St-Emilion-Exceptional palate with great sweetness.	\$44.99
Rouget, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99
Senejac, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$22.99
Siran, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$27.99
Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
St-Pierre, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$55.99
Trotanoy, Pomerol-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$139.99
Tour de Mons, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$19.99

2004 BORDEAUX FUTURES-GREAT VALUES

Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux-88-90 points Robert Parker	\$34.99
Angélu, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$99.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (1.5L \$159.99)-90-93 points Parker	\$79.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-Spectator: Gorgeous aromas of blackberry	\$24.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$38.99
Lynch Bages, Pauillac.....	\$48.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$189.99
Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-89-91 Points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-89-92 points Robert Parker	\$54.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$64.99

BORDEAUX IN STOCK 1945-2005

1945 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac..Inquire
Perfect condition-from Mahler Besse cellar.

1949 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc\$899.00
Extremely rare-perfect condition, Mahler Besse.

1950 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)\$599.00

1952 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)\$549.00
These are in perfect condition and direct from the property. The 1950 is sweet and delicious.

1959 Branaire Ducru, St-Julien\$299.00

1961 Beychevelle, St-Julien\$499.00

1961 Palmer, Margaux\$2999.00

1966 Beychevelle, St-Julien\$299.00
Four wines are in perfect condition-from Mahler Besse cellar.

1966 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$239.00

1970 Beychevelle, St-Julien\$159.00

1970 Palmer, Margaux\$499.00

1970 La Lagune, Médoc\$129.00

1975 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$129.00
These five wines are in perfect condition.

1975 Pavie-Decesse (1.5L)\$119.99
We miss you Jean Paul Valette! Worth a try.

1975 Palmer, Margaux\$219.00

1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L).....\$169.99
Old-school style, lingering finish. Excellent.

1976 Latour, Pauillac (1.5L)\$629.00
A bargain in the Latour world!

1976 Palmer, Margaux\$249.00

1976 Pichon Lalande (6L)\$1499.00
Made by Michel Delon of Las Cases fame.

1981 Palmer, Margaux\$169.00

1982 Canon, St-Emilion\$299.99

1982 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....\$199.00

1982 Palmer, Margaux\$349.00

1982 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$209.00

1983 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$149.00

1983 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$179.00

1983 Lascombes, Margaux\$99.99

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

1985 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) \$129.00
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 tremendously rich, blackcurrant fruitiness..."

1986 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$999.00

1986 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$189.00

1986 Siran, Margaux (3L).....\$399.00

1986 Siran, Margaux (5L).....\$599.00
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 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac....\$69.99

1988 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$99.00

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 Larcis-Ducasse (1.5L)\$149.00
Direct from property-perfect condition. The 1989 is a fabulous wine-tons of ripe fruit-silky!

1989 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$249.00

1989 Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac ..\$149.99

1989 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$289.00
90 points *Wine Spectator*.

1989 Rochebelle, St-Emilion\$49.99
Clyde says: "château lies near Tertre Roteboeuf. Ch. La Mondotte was at one time part of this property. Elegant, black fruit, mineral aromas. Sweet fruit on mid palate. Long finish." Direct.

The Store and the Bar are Open! Come Visit!

Happy Spring and baseball season everyone! April is always an exciting time here at K&L, and this year it's even more exciting with the opening of our Hollywood location. By the time you have this in hand our team will be in Bordeaux to do our yearly evaluation of the new baby, the 2006 vintage. I'm personally very excited about the work this year as there is not a tornado of hype surrounding this vintage (yet), which insures all the cherry pickers (most of the world) will stay home. Of course, our full vintage report will follow.

Also exciting is our newly remodeled tasting bar in Redwood City. Seriously, I was not sure I would live long enough to see this happen. So, just in case I had passed away before this project was completed, I asked a few of the employees to make sure they named the bar after me! Now that it's done it can rightfully be called (unofficially) the office of Jacques Chanty Chanteloup. The new bar is big, bright and very comfortable. People are loving it, and the Bordeaux tastings have been outstanding. Here are a few of the great wines we have tasted recently:

We featured a fantastic comparison between a wine of greatness and a wine that had to deal with terrible weather conditions. The **2003 Ch. Pichon-Lalande (\$114.99)** shows regal layers of round delicious fruit with hints of cedar and spicy wild herbs. The hallmark qualities of balance and elegance are mirrored by the exact same qualities in the horrific frost vintage of 1991. People were blown away by the similarities of the **1991 Ch. Pichon-Lalande (\$119.00)**, which is ready to drink and a true testament to the great winemaking, selection of fruit and the terroir of the vineyard of Pichon Comtesse de Lalande. And one more thing about PCL: Whatever you do, buy some 2004. I firmly believe this will be the last PCL of this high quality to ever sell anywhere near this price in the future. The wine is classis PCL and classic Pauillac! While you are shopping, also buy **2004 Cos d'Estournel (\$79.99)**, and you will laugh at the price later.

Bravo to James Suckling in the *Wine Spectator* for highlighting the 50 best for below \$50 great value reds. These wines are the real deal quality wise, and you should be all over them if you love Bordeaux, as they will give you great pleasure over the years. We regularly pour many of these. Recently we poured the **2004 Ch. d'Angludet (\$23.99)**, a K&L favorite for decades now that is not your soft and easy style Margaux, but has a deep core of tight fruit that is precisely focused and ages unbelievably well, as the recently tasted 1982 and 1983 can attest. Another wine I'm loving is **2003 Ch. Goulee (\$31.99)**, a new venture from J.G.Prats, the director of Cos and the Domaines Reybier, the owners of Cos. Located north of St-Estèphe, this wine has all the earmarks of greatness. Deep, dark, rich and supple, this wine has a chance to become a great success, just as long as the price does not get out in front of the success.

I told Stephane Von Neipperg at the UGC tasting how lovely and focused his 2004 Cannon-La Gaffeliere was. I also told him that I don't buy it for my collection any more. I now buy his Cotes de Castillon, the **2003 Ch. d'Aiguilhe (\$28.99)**, pronounced day-gwee. I took me years to say this correctly and to recognize the quality of this super-pure red-fruit-driven beauty.

For those of you who are regular readers of this column, it's time to say goodbye to my usual signoff of 18 years... Go Giants! With a store in Hollywood, that would be very bad karma. So Tousjour Bordeaux to all of you, and feel free to contact me with any questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at ex 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com. Cheers!

—Ralph Sands

BORDEAUX 1945-2005

1989 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$139.00 According to Robert Parker: "...a graceful, medium-bodied wine displaying the vintage's soft, silky texture, plenty of alcohol, low acidity..."	1999 Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien\$44.99	2003 Gruaud-Larose (1.5L)\$109.99
1990 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$99.00	1999 Malescot-Ste-Exupery\$58.99	2003 Haut-Bailly, Pessac.....\$36.99 Very sweet aromas of violets and undertones of black licorice. Sweet palate entry-substantial.
1990 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$199.00 Great terroir and outstanding old-school wine. Fabulous-sweet and lush. 90 points <i>Spectator</i> .	1999 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$59.99	2003 Haut-Bages-Liberal, Pauillac....\$32.99
1990 d'Armailhac, Pauillac.....\$89.99	1999 Pichon-Lalande (3L)\$499.00	2003 Haut-Beausejour, St-Estèphe....\$18.99
1990 Figeac, St-Emilion (5L)\$1899.00 94 points Robert Parker: "This property has not made a wine as rich as the 1990 since 1982."	1999 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$49.99 A very spicy wine on the nose and palate.	2003 Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$294.99
1990 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$799.00	1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac (1.5L)\$129.99	2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux\$10.99
1990 Latour, Pauillac\$1099.00	1999 Talbot, St-Julien\$29.99	2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion.....\$39.99
1991 Palmer, Margaux\$149.00 This is stunning wine!	2000 Cos d'Estournel (3L)\$899.00	2003 La Couspaude St-Emilion (1.5L)\$79.99
1991 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$119.00	2000 Cos d'Estournel (6L)\$1899.00	2003 La Fleur, St-Emilion\$10.99
1993 Poujeaux (6L)\$399.00 Great party wine!	2000 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon\$34.99 Super delicious wine-90 points Robert Parker.	2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol ..\$39.99
1994 Malescot Ste-Exupery, Marg\$39.99 Unbelievable quality-perfect now.	2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol \$34.99 Great value with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak.	2003 La Parde de Haut-Bailly.....\$23.99
1994 Phelan-Segur (1.5L)\$89.99 According to Robert Parker: "...a very good wine, with a healthy dark ruby color with purple tints, fine ripeness, medium body, good density, and an overall sense of balance, extract, and character."	2000 La Louviere, Pessac\$32.99	2003 Lascombes, Margaux\$49.99
1995 Domaine de Chevalier (15L) \$1899.00	2001 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$39.99	2003 Latour, Pauillac\$899.00
1995 Lafleur, Pomerol\$429.00	2001 Croix de Beaucaillou\$24.99	2003 Latour-Martillac, Pessac\$23.99
1995 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$179.99 93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Best Léoville Poyferré ever. Full-bodied, with extremely full yet finely textured tannins and a long, silky texture."	2001 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien ..\$64.99	2003 La Tour de Mons, Margaux\$19.99
1995 Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac..\$325.00	2001 La Mission de Lalande de Pomerol\$19.99	2003 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien..\$174.99
1995 Palmer, Margaux\$159.00	2001 Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$29.99	2003 Malartic Lagraviere Rouge\$29.99
1995 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99	2001 Leoville Barton, St-Julien\$64.99	2003 Manoir de Gravoux, Castillon..\$10.95
1996 Cos d'Estournel\$129.00	2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien....\$89.99	2003 Marquis de Calon, St-Estèphe ..\$19.99
1996 Cos d'Estournel (5L)\$1099.00	2001 Malescot Ste-Exupery\$43.95	2003 Meyney, St-Estephe\$34.99
1996 Cos d'Estournel (18L)\$3999.00 Two cases in one bottle!! Very rare.	2001 Malescot Ste-Exupery (1.5L)\$79.99	2003 Milens, St-Emilion.....\$34.99
1996 Latour, Pauillac\$749.00	2001 Margaux, Margaux.....\$Inquire 93 points Robert Parker.	2003 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$264.99
1996 Palmer, Margaux\$169.00	2001 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..\$39.99	2003 Nenin, Pomerol\$36.99
1996 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99 Only a few cases of these two wines available.	2002 Allee de Cantemerle, Médoc ..\$14.99	2003 Pibran, Pauillac\$29.99
1997 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac..\$32.99	2002 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99 <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "...medium body, fine tannins and a delicate finish."	2003 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$114.99
1997 du Tertre, Margaux\$32.99	2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol.....\$59.99	2003 Potensac, Médoc\$22.99
1998 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$199.00 94-98 points from Parker.	2002 Eglise-Clinet (1.5L)\$119.99 90-92 points Robert Parker.	2003 Puy Arnaud Maureze, Castillon\$13.99
1998 Langoa-Barton (1.5L)\$99.00 Fantastic wine-direct from property.	2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$37.99	2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore ..\$22.99
1998 Margaux, Margaux.....\$189.99	2002 Lafleur, Pomerol\$189.00 93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	2003 Senejac, Médoc\$16.99
1999 Branaire Ducru, St-Julien\$54.99	2002 Pagodes de Cos\$25.99	2003 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$59.99
1999 Camensac, Médoc\$21.99	2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..\$24.99 Bright and deep with blackberry and cherry, hints of herb and mineral and plump merlot juiciness.	2003 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$49.99
1999 Cos d' Estournel (6L)\$799.00	2003 Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux..\$44.99	2003 Valandraud, St-Emilion.....\$239.99
1999 Lalande Borie, St-Julien.....\$19.99	2003 Angelus, St-Emilion.....\$144.99	2004 d'Angludet, Margaux\$23.99
1999 Langoa-Barton (3L)\$249.00	2003 Bellegrave, Pauillac\$29.99	2004 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien (1.5L)\$56.99
1999 Langoa-Barton (5L)\$399.00	2003 Callac Prestige, Graves\$14.99	2004 Duhart-Milon, Pauillac\$27.99
1999 Langoa-Barton (6L)\$449.00 Fabulous party wine-great now	2003 Canon-la Gaffeliere, St-Emilion\$49.99	2004 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (1.5L).....\$74.99
1999 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$54.99	2003 Clerc-Milon, Pauillac.....\$49.99	2004 Lascombes, Margaux\$44.99
	2003 Clos de l'Oratoire, St-Emilion..\$29.99 89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "A sweet and delicious wine with blackberry and cherry aromas."	2004 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L)\$134.99
	2003 Clos Marsalette, Pessac\$18.99	2004 Parenchere, Bordeaux\$13.99
	2003 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99	2004 Le Tertre Roteboeuf.....\$99.99
	2003 Fombrauge, St-Emilion\$31.99	2005 Haut Sociando, Cotes de Blaye \$10.99
	2003 Goulee, Médoc\$31.99	
	2003 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$57.99	

White/Rosé Bordeaux

2000 Château "Y" Yquem\$139.99
2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac\$26.99
2003 Haut Brion Blanc\$349.99 97 points Robert Parker.
2004 Château "Y" Yquem\$89.99
2004 Lynch Bages Blanc, Bordeaux ..\$33.99
2005 Reynon Blanc, Dubourdieu.....\$11.99
2005 Rosé de Chevalier\$10.99

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

2005 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur.....	\$11.99
Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur-Delightful sparkler, refreshing!	\$14.99
Cremant d'Alsace, J.P. Becker	\$14.99
2004 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker.....	\$17.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur	\$19.99
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 Vieilles Vignes, Grange Tiphaine	\$13.99
2004 Cour Ceverny "La Porte Doree," Tessier	\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Rosé, Franck Millet	\$13.99
2004 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet-Our biggest sellers!	\$13.99
2005 Coteaux de Loire Blanc, Benedicte de Ryke	\$14.99
2004 Menetou Salon Morogues, La Tour St Martin	\$14.99
2002 St Nicholas de Bourgueil "Cuvee de Domaine," Talau	\$14.99
2004 St Nicolas de Bourgueil VV, Joel Talau	\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Chavignol Rosé, Gerard Boulay	\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Blanc, Gerard Boulay.....	\$19.99
2004/2005 Sancerre Chavignol Clos du Beaujeu, Boulay.....	\$24.99
2002 Quincy, Silice de Quincy.....	\$24.99
2005 Sancerre Mont Damnes, Gerard Boulay.....	\$29.99

Bordeaux: White/Red/Stickies/Rosé

2005 Château St Jean des Graves Blanc, Pessac.....	\$11.99
2005 Château Reynon Blanc VV, Dubourdiou	\$11.99
The St Jean is minerally with snappy acidity. The Reynon is full, rich, lingering.	
2005 Clos Floridene, Pessac	\$Inquire
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
2003 Etoiles de Mondorion, St-Emilion	\$15.99
Second wine of Mondorion-fruity and forward. Enjoy now.	
2005 Château Roland La Garde, Cotes de Blaye-New	\$15.99
2003 Château Saransot Dupre, Lustrac-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
2000 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc (375ml).....	\$12.99
Absolutely delicious stickie.	
2001 Château Dudon, Sauternes-Serious stickie!.....	\$25.99

White Burgundy

2004 Meursaults, "Cromin/Chevalières" Jean Monnier	\$Inquire
2004 Bourgogne Aligote, Domaine Jean Monnier	\$10.99
2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....	\$11.99
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	\$19.99

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
2005 St Chinian Blanc, Rimbart	\$11.99
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 Coteaux de Languedoc, Beau Thorey "Dansedes Ceps"	\$15.99
2003 Vin de Pays d'Oc, Denois "Chloe"	\$19.99
2003 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Rouge	\$17.99
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	\$33.99
2003 Palette Rouge/2005 Palette Rosé, Château Simone	\$33.99
2004 Cotes du Roussillon, Dom Le Roc des Anges "1903"	\$34.99

Rhône

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 VV, Comte Louis Clermont	\$10.99
89 points from Robert Parker.	
2004 Côtes du Rhône "Roaix," Dom Auzieres	\$10.99
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, integrated 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, Cecile Chassagne (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	\$22.99
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"	\$34.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Ch Vaudieu "Val de Dieu".....	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux	\$49.99
90-93 points Robert Parker.	

Champagne

A new container has just landed: 1,200 cases of great bubbly including Ariston, Michel Arnould, Bonville, Gonet, Fleury, Tarlant,

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Bruno Michel, Launois and LeClerc Briant!

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut	Inquire
1996 Bruno Michel	Inquire
Franck Bonville Brut Selection	\$26.99
Fleury Carte Rouge	Inquire
Fleury Brut Rosé	Inquire
1999 Launois Cuvee Reserve	Inquire
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$29.99
Michel Arnould Reserve Brut	Inquire
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve	Inquire
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé Reserve	Inquire
Rene Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis	Inquire

Spain

2004 Biurko Rioja Tempranillo	\$8.99
2003 Biurko Rioja Graciano	\$9.99
2003 Biurko Los Valles Crianza Rioja	\$11.99
2004 Biurko Rioja Reserva Old Vines Garnacha	\$19.99

These great values have just arrived.

Australia

2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
2005 Craneford Private Selection Chardonnay	\$9.99
2004 Richmond Grove "Black Cat" Shiraz	\$10.99

Three great tasting, easy-to-drink, everyday drinkers.

2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz.....	\$14.99
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Made by Phil Christianson of Longwood. Rich, round, fruit driven.

2004 Hewitson Private Cellar Mourvedre/Shiraz.....	\$29.99
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Their most famous wine (MH) made for us in a special cuvee.

Italy: Tuscany

2001 Casisano Columbaio Rosso di Montalcino	\$16.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico	\$17.99
2001 Poggiarellino Brunello di Montalcino	\$29.99
2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino	\$39.99
2004 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT	\$44.99

Italy: Other Regions

2004 Blason Cabernet Franc or Pinot Grigio	\$8.99
2005 Blason Tocai Friulino	\$8.99
2005 Blason Chardonnay "Bruma" or Sauvignon	\$9.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro-Three types	\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Robusco.....	\$10.99
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	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulani	\$15.99
2005 Ermacora Refosco	\$15.99
2005 Ermacora Schioppettino	\$16.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto	\$12.99
2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo	\$17.99
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo	\$29.99
2003 Aldo Conterno Barbara d'Alba "Conca tre Pile"	\$29.99
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L)	\$159.99

95 points Stephen Tanzer.

Follador Cartizze	\$19.99
Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut or Extra Dry.....	\$10.99

Tasting Bar Schedule for April, 2007

The following is our tasting bar schedule for the month of April. 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. Also, check out Thursday night tastings/seminars in Redwood City. 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, April 7: *Champagne in San Francisco, Redwood City and Hollywood.* A perfect way to celebrate your Easter Sunday! Gary and crew pick out our newest Champagne arrivals. Our ship has finally docked! Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, April 14: *Wines of Spain in San Francisco and Redwood City. Italian Wines in Hollywood.* Spanish wine buyer Anne Pickett picks her favorites from our ever-popular selection of wines from Spain for Northern California. Drink your Rioja! Greg will feature another batch of great Italian wines in Hollywood Tasting prices TBA.

Saturday, April 21: *Bordeaux in San Francisco, Hollywood and Redwood City.* All three stores host a Bordeaux tasting with picks from Clyde, Ralph, Steve and Bryan. Château Gruaud-Larose will be our featured winery, among others. The director of Gruaud-Larose will be in our Hollywood store pouring a variety of selections from his estate. Bring your autograph book! Tasting price is \$20.00.

Saturday, April 28: *Boutique Pinot Noir from California and Oregon in San Francisco, Redwood City and Hollywood.* A great way to end the month! Trey, Bryan Brick, Chip Hammack, and Mike Jordan pick hot, hot, hot small-estate Pinots from California and Oregon. A tasting that is not to be missed! Tasting price TBA.

—Scott Beckerley, Jeff Garneau and Kerri Conlon

SAUTERNES IN STOCK

Ch. d'Yquem 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 Védrières	\$59.99
1989 Rieussec	\$77.99
2000 Grand Enclos de Cérons 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..."	
2002 Rieussec (375ml \$28.99)-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$54.99
2002 Yquem (375ml \$109.99, 1.5L \$399.99)	\$209.99
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 Védrières (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)	\$17.99
2003 Lafaurie Peyraguey (375ml)	\$31.99
Number six on <i>Spectator's</i> Top 100 list for 2006. Very limited availability.	

RHÔNE VALLEY

2005 Côtes du Rhône Blanc La Bastide Saint Dominique	\$12.99
2001 Côtes du Rhône Villages Saint Maurice Domaine Viret "Renaissance" (Biodynamic).....	\$21.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape Château Vaudieu	\$26.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape Château Vaudieu "Vale de Dieu"	\$49.99
2003 Châteauneuf Clos du Mont Olivet "Cuvee des Papet"	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Bosquets des Pape Tradition.....	\$32.99
2004 Châteauneuf Mas de Boislaizon "Cuvée de Quet"	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Bosquet des Pape "Chantemerle"	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf Clos du Mont Olivet "Cuvee des Papet"	\$46.99
2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Domaine de Marcoux	\$49.99
2004 Gigondas Perrin & Fils "La Gille".....	\$22.99
2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"	\$16.99
2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique"	\$12.99
2005 Vacqueyras Domaine Montvac	\$15.99
2004 Beaumes de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin "Cuvée Saint Martin"	\$16.99
2004 Beaumes de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin "Terres Jaunes"	\$12.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rasteau Soumade "Prestige" ..	\$17.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rasteau Soumade "Violettes" ..	\$29.99
2004 Crozes-Hermitage du Colombier "Cuvee Gaby"	\$24.99
2004 Hermitage Yann Chave	\$54.99
2003 Cornas Robert Michel "Cuvée des Coteaux"	\$44.99
2003 Côte Rôtie Bernard Levet "La Chavaroche"	\$59.99
2004 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet "La Vialliere"	\$34.99
2004 Côte Rôtie Château de Saint Cosme.....	\$59.99

Finalement Fondreche!

We are finally starting to see some of the much anticipated and truly awesome 2005 Rhones roll in, with a few selections this month from the superstar in the Cotes de Ventoux, Domaine de Fondreche. If you have already tasted Fondreche you know what all the hype is about. If you have not, then I would suggest that you get your hands on several bottles asap and then ask questions later. They are that good.

2005 Côtes du Ventoux Domaine de Fondreche "O'Sud" (\$12.99)

This entry-level wine from Fondreche is year in year out one of THE best deals going in the Rhone Valley. The 2005 O'Sud Cotes de Ventoux is bright, fleshy and supple with tons of black cherry, raspberry and hints of roasted herb and sweet meat.

2005 Cotes de Ventoux Domaine de Fondreche "Nadal" (\$22.99)

This blend of 50% syrah and 50% old-vine grenache offers fullness, balance and tremendous elegance. Barrique aging (one year) for the syrah component adds a richness and hint of vanilla, whereas the grenache is kept in tank only, to maintain the floral attributes of the grape and its freshness. Insiders know this Fondreche cuvee well and it always quickly disappears from our shelves into collectors cellars.

2005 Cotes de Ventoux Domaine de Fondreche "Persia" (\$24.99)

This intense and powerful number is awash in blackberries, blueberries, plums and minerals. The Persia is a blend of 90% syrah and 10% mourvedre, given a long cuvaision and aged partially in barriques for one year (sur lies, bien sur!). A tremendous mouthful of a wine, this offers tremendous value! Parker gave the 2004 Persia 93 points and had this to say: "This wine is fabulous, with a superb nose of blackberry, blueberry, crushed rocks, white flowers, and licorice. The wine has sweet tannin, huge fruit, a voluptuous attack and mid-palate, and a stunning finish. Drink it over the next 5-7 years." —Mulan Chan

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South Africa

2005 Stormhoek Pinotage or Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$8.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2005 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$10.99
2006 Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch	\$12.99
2003 Black Pearl "Oro" Shiraz-Cabernet, Paarl.....	\$16.99
2005 Rustenberg Chardonnay Stellenbosch	\$17.99
2006 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch	\$18.99
2004 de Toren "Z" Bordeaux Blend.....	\$28.99
2005 Anwilka, Constantia Stellenbosch	\$35.99

Robert Parker: "...the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa..."

New Zealand

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 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$12.99
2006 Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$13.99
2005 Sacred Hill Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough	\$14.99
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
2004 Water Wheel Shiraz, Benigo	\$13.99
2005 Step Road Shiraz, Langhorne Creek.....	\$13.99
2005 Three Rings Barossa Valley Shiraz	\$15.99
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz.....	\$14.99
2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve.....	\$16.99
2005 d'Arenberg "Laughing Magpie" Shiraz-Viognier	\$19.99
2005 Schlid Estate Shiraz, Barossa	\$23.99
2005 Hewitson "Private Cellar" Shiraz-Mourvèdre	\$29.99
2005 Mitolo GAM Shiraz, McLaren Vale	\$39.99

Jim C's View Down Under

2005 Rustenberg Chardonnay Stellenbosch South Africa (\$17.99)

The fruit for this wine comes from vines on the slopes of Helderberg and Simonsberg mountains. Grapes were hand harvested and whole-bunch pressed. The wine went through 70% malolactic fermentation with lees stirring and then 11 months in 40% new French oak. There is a gorgeous bouquet of peach, pineapple, spiced apple, honey and mineral notes. On the palate the wine is rich with a Burgundian sense of acidity and integration of oak. There is superb balance and a long finish. 90 points from the *Wine Spectator*!

2006 Drylands Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand

(\$12.99) I remember trying this a few years back at a trade tasting when it first came into the market place, and it was a stand out then. They have continued to produce a fine wine and great value with classic Marlborough character. Silt-rich soil gives the racy and aromatic character, the gravel giving more texture and mineral nuance. The nose is bursting with gooseberry, grapefruit, passion fruit and lime peel. The palate reveals all this fruit with vibrant acidity, minerals, a powdery texture and a long lingering finish. This got 91 points and a Smart Buy from the *Wine Spectator*. —Jimmy C

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC WINES

1977 Beaulieu PR Napa	\$99.00	1988 Montelena Napa	\$89.00	1994 Silverado Limited Reserve	\$139.95
1974 Ridge Monte Bello	\$269.95	1989 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)	\$269.95	1995 Beringer PR Napa	\$99.00
1977 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa	\$99.00	1989 Spottswode Napa	\$99.00	1995 Caymus Special Select (3L)	\$799.00
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (3L)	\$549.95	1990 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)	\$699.00	1995 Dalla Valle Maya Napa	\$475.00
1978 Robert Mondavi Res (6L)	\$999.00	1990 Diamond Creek Lake (1.5L) ..	\$799.95	1996 Montelena Estate, Napa (1.5L)	\$299.00
1979 Beringer State Lane (9L)	\$1,399.00	1990 Spottswode Napa	\$129.95	1996 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello	\$129.00
1984 Beaulieu Vineyard PR	\$89.95	1990 Sterling Reserve (3L)	\$349.95	1996 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$149.99
1984 Livingston Moffett Napa	\$74.95	1991 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)	\$799.00	1997 Araujo Eisele Napa	\$299.00
1984 Robert Mondavi Reserve	\$119.95	1991 Diamond Creek Lake (5L) ..	\$5,000.00	1997 Bryant Family Napa	\$749.00
1985 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)	\$279.95	1991 Rodney Strong Alex (3L)	\$249.95	1997 Dalla Valle Maya Napa	\$599.00
1985 Diamond Creek Volcanic H ..	\$169.95	1991 Sterling Diamond Mt (6L)	\$399.00	1997 Dalla Valle Napa Valley	\$199.00
1986 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)	\$279.95	1992 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)	\$799.00	1997 Heitz Napa	\$49.99
1986 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (1.5L) ..	\$199.95	1992 Opus One (1.5L)	\$499.00	1997 Phelps Insignia (1.5L \$349)	\$189.95
1986 Beringer PR Napa	\$129.95	1992 Silver Oak Alexander (6L) ..	\$1,199.00	1997 Opus One Napa Valley (1.5L)	\$450.00
1986 Diamond Creek Volcanic	\$129.00	1993 Beringer "Chabot" Napa	\$89.95	1997 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello	\$119.00
1986 Diamond Creek RRT (9L) ..	\$1,599.00	1993 Beringer PR Napa	\$99.00	1997 Robert Mondavi Reserve	\$119.00
1986 Livingston "Moffet" Napa	\$59.95	1993 Opus One Napa Red 1.5L	\$469.00	1997 Shafer Hillside Napa	\$299.00
1987 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)	\$279.95	1993 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$149.99	1997 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..	\$99.99
1987 Beaulieu Vineyard PR (6L)	\$899.00	1993 Silverado Limited Reserve	\$99.00	1997 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$149.99
1987 Silver Oak Alexander (3L)	\$599.00	1994 Burgess Vintage Selection	\$59.99	1997 Swanson Napa Valley	\$69.95
1988 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)	\$249.95	1994 Joseph Phelps Insignia.....	\$179.95		
1988 Caymus Special Select (3L)	\$799.00	1994 Joseph Phelps Insignia (1.5L)	\$350.00		

Roc of Ages

This Domaine Le Roc des Anges was created in 2001 by Marjorie Gallet, hailed by the French wine press as one of France's young wine phenoms. K&L is proud to offer wines from this young and dynamic vigneronne.

2005 Côtes du Roussillon Domaine Le Roc des Anges "Segna de Cor" (\$14.99) Made of 50% grenache with 30% carignan and 20% syrah, rich and extracted with sweet blackberries and spicy black pepper. This broad-textured red is full of finesse and beauty. A fantastic value!

2004 Côtes du Roussillon Domaine Le Roc des Anges "Vieilles Vignes" (\$19.99) Composed of 40% carignan, 40% grenache and 20% syrah from vines averaging 75 years! The vineyards are worked manually, and no chemicals are used. This wine is rich and deep, exhibiting a phenomenal pulverized rock kind of minerality on the finish. It too retains a cool elegance that seems to be a recurring theme with Gallet's wines!

2004 Côtes du Roussillon Domaine Le Roc des Anges "1903" (\$34.99) Extremely limited. Gallet's "1903" refers to the year in which these low-yielding carignan vines were planted. If you are one of those skeptics who doubt carignan can make a great, strapping and yet elegant red, this wine is guaranteed to cause a change of heart! Cassis, blackcurrant and black pepper notes make for a deep, complex yet thoroughly enjoyable red.

—Mulan Chan

Her Highness and the Shaman

This month I am presenting an unlikely pair: a lithe wine from a rather obscure AOC in the Savoie and an indulgent, sexy rouge that is, yes (gasp!) a Vin de Table.

2004 Roussette de Savoie Domaine Frederic Giachino "Altesse" (\$9.99) Domaine Giachino has been completely organic since 1988. This wine is 100% altesse fermented in tank with no malo-lactic and spends eight months in tank on its fine lees for added complexity. The result is a strikingly aromatic and snappy white. This is a great aperitif wine and also pairs perfectly with cream of asparagus soup.

2003 Vin de Table de France Domaine de Chamans "Hegarty No. 3" (\$13.99) Since purchasing the property in 2002, John Hegarty and Philippa Crane have farmed using a non-interventionist philosophy. Hegarty No. 3 blends the carnal and herbal into a heady and seductive brew. Shamanistic indeed, like a magic potion this wine spills out dark tarry fruits, blueberries, garrigue, dusty floral scents, juniper berries and musk. According to Mulan, the wine can only be described as "come hither." Need we say more?

—Nadia Dmytriw

PORT 1955-2003

1955 Taylor	\$599.00
1958 Krohn Colheita	\$99.99
1960 Dow	\$169.00
1960 Taylor	\$199.00
1960 Krohn Colheita	\$89.99
1963 Cockburn	\$179.00
1963 Croft-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$179.00
1963 Quinta do Noval.....	\$189.00
1963 Taylor-97 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$349.00
1963 Warre-92 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$249.00
1966 Graham-93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$239.00
1966 Warre-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$159.00
1966 Taylor	\$289.00
1966 Krohn Colheita	\$79.99
1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita	\$84.99
1975 Dow	\$79.99
1977 Taylor-98 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$179.00
1977 Warre-92 pts <i>Spectator</i> and Parker ..	\$99.99
1978 Krohn Colheita	\$46.99
1980 Graham-90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> ..	\$99.99
1983 Dow-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$84.99
1983 Graham-93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> ..	\$89.99
1985 Dow-5 Stars from Broadbent	\$89.99
1985 Warre-5 Stars from Broadbent	\$89.99
1985 Fonseca-95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$109.99
1985 Taylor-90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$109.99
1994 Krohn Colheita	\$21.99
1998 Ramos Pinto LBV	\$16.99
2003 Dow	\$74.99
2003 Dow (1.5L)	\$129.99
2003 Graham	\$82.99
2003 Quinta do Noval "Silval"	\$34.99
Ramos White Port	\$11.99
Ramos Pinot Collector Port.....	\$13.99

CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS

2001 Beringer "Steinhaus"	\$69.99
2001 Beringer "Marston"	\$69.99
2001 White Rock Claret	\$38.99
2002 Amici, Napa	\$39.99
2002 Arrowood, Sonoma	\$34.99
2002 Coniglio Spring Mnt	\$44.99
2002 Corison, Napa	\$59.99
2002 Franciscan "Magnificat"	\$36.99
2002 Guilliams, Spring Mnt	\$39.99
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% cabernet 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 Clos du Val, Napa.....	\$24.99
2003 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex	\$19.99
2003 Dynamite, North Coast	\$11.99
2003 Echelon, California	\$8.99
2003 Etude, Napa	\$79.99
2003 Forth, Dry Creek	\$18.99
2003 Franciscan, Oakville	\$19.99
2003 Groth, Napa	\$39.98
2003 Hess Estate, Napa.....	\$16.99
2003 Husic "Dos Palmas"	\$99.00
2003 Hyde de Villaine "HdV" Red	\$54.99
2003 Jordan, Alexander Vly	\$44.99
2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"	\$114.99
2003 Lewelling, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Miner Family "Oracle"	\$54.99
2003 Mount Eden Estate SC	\$34.99
2003 Mount Veeder, Napa	\$29.99
2003 Paradigm, Napa	\$53.99
2003 Quintessa, Rutherford	\$99.98
2003 Raymond Reserve, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Robert Mondavi Reserve	\$99.98
2003 Rombauer, Napa	\$29.99
2003 Rubicon Estate "Cask"	\$62.99
2003 Slaughterhouse Cellars, Ruth ..	\$63.99
2003 Stag's Leap "Fay"	\$69.99
2003 Sequoia Grove, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Trefethen, Napa	\$36.99
2003 Terra Valentine, Napa	\$27.99
2004 Alexander Valley Vineyards	\$13.99
2004 Avalon, Napa	\$9.99
2004 Beringer Founders'	\$7.98
2004 Bogle, California	\$9.99
2004 Bridesmaid Napa Red	\$38.99

Proprietors Drew Neiman and Pam Starr have melded Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and a small quantity of Syrah for this sumptuous red that practically explodes with berries.

2004 Caymus, Napa	\$64.99
2004 Caymus Special Select	\$129.00
2004 Chappellet "Signature"	\$39.98
2004 Chimney Rock, Stag's Leap	\$44.98
2004 Darioush, Napa	\$62.99
2004 Desert Wind "Ruah" Wash	\$12.99

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Polished, round and beautifully open in texture, with perfumed raspberry, currant and cedar flavors that keep singing through the well-tuned finish. Has grace and style. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2012."

2004 Donati Family Claret	\$17.99
2004 Edge, Napa	\$16.99
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 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 Moon Mountain, Sonoma	\$12.99
2004 Obsidian Ridge, Red Hills	\$21.99

Planted at 2,600 feet on volcanic obsidian laced soils in the new Red Hills of Lake County AVA. Without the slick, overly manipulated feel of so many wines these days, this shines because the natural material of the grapes and soil is allowed to shine through.

2004 Palazzo, Napa Red	\$39.98
2004 Philip Togni, Spring Mnt.....	\$85.99
2004 Provenance, Rutherford	\$29.99
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 Spring Valley "Uriah"	\$44.99
2004 Stag's Leap Cellers "Artemis"....	\$39.98
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 Wild Horse, Paso Robles	\$15.99

A rich and vibrant wine, blended with traditional Bordeaux varietals and a touch of Syrah!

2004 ZD, Napa	\$39.98
2005 Esser, California.....	\$7.99
2005 Joel Gott, California	\$14.99
2005 McManis, California	\$8.99
2005 Stephen Vincent, California	\$8.99
2005 The Show, California	\$11.99

Here's a steal from Joel Gott and the folks that brought you Three Thieves! Big and bold, it is dominated by full flavors of dried black cherries, jammy preserves and layers of spice and sweet vanilla.

2005 Turnbull Old Bull Red	\$18.99
Cain NV4 Cuvee	\$27.99

CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!

2004 Honig, Napa	\$29.99
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Ripe red and black fruits with underlying cedar, cocoa and spice. Rich, supple mid-palate, with moderately firm tannins. Long, balanced, flavorful finish with well integrated oak. This Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon perfectly complements lamb, duck, beef and wild game.

Trey's Picks for May!

2005 Miner Family Napa Chardonnay (\$27.99) Malolactic-fermentation is kept in moderation, which keeps this Chardonnay brisk and sleek on the palate. Hints of tropical fruit, pears, coconut and a touch of lime help make this wine a pleasure to drink. Rich but not heavy in the mouth, this wine is well suited to a wide range of foods.

2003 Clos du Val Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$24.99) Classic Cabernet! Not overdone in any sense, this wine shows finesse and elegance, helped by bright acidity and freshness, which make it easy to pair with food. Hints of cedar, lead-pencil and earthy undertones add complexity and intrigue.

2003 Rubicon Estate "Cask" Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$62.99) The Cask Cabernet from Rubicon Estate is a tribute to the classic Cabs made by Inglenook Winery. It's 100% grown at the Rutherford estate, and the wine is 100% cabernet sauvignon. The nose shows toasty vanilla and mocha aromas, which are followed with a firm structure, dark berry, coco and cherry flavors that linger on the finish. Best with a few more years in the cellar but enjoyable now.

2004 Four Vines "Anarchy" (\$26.99) A blend of 40% syrah, 29% zinfandel and 31% mourvèdre, this wine is not overdone or over-extracted. It has lots of bright, ripe fruit, finesse, crisp acidity and an underlying meaty note from the syrah. This should be your pick for a spring-time BBQ wine. Great with ribs!

—Trey Beffa

CHARDONNAY

2003 Chalk Hill, Sonoma	\$29.99	2004 Sanford, Santa Barbara	\$13.99	2005 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$19.98
2003 James Henry "Woolsey Road" ..	\$39.99	2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$34.99	2005 Groth, Napa	\$22.98
2003 Talbott "Cuvee Cynthia"	\$39.99	2004 Tolosa, Edna Valley	\$15.99	2005 Heitz, Napa	\$14.99
2004 Beron Herzog (Kosher)	\$12.99	2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll	\$21.99	2005 Heron, California	\$7.99
2004 Beringer "Sbragia"	\$39.98	2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$7.99	2005 Hess, Monterey	\$8.99
2004 Beringer, Napa	\$9.98	2004 Walter Hansel "Cahill Lane"	\$29.99	2005 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco.....	\$10.99
2004 Bernardus, Monterey	\$14.99	2005 A by Acacia, California	\$9.99	2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406," Napa	\$15.99
2004 Cakebread Reserve, Napa	\$49.99	2005 A Donkey and a Goat.....	\$34.99	2005 Kali Hart, Monterey.....	\$9.99
2004 Cambria "Katherine's".....	\$12.98	2005 Acacia, Carneros	\$15.99	2005 Kalinda, Anderson Valley	\$12.99
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$12.99	2005 Babcock, Santa Rita Hills	\$16.99	2005 Keller "Oro de Plata"	\$18.99
2004 Chalone Estate	\$19.99	2005 Beringer Founders'	\$7.99	2005 Kendall Jackson Grand Res	\$14.99
2004 Cuvaision, Carneros	\$14.99	2005 Beringer Private Reserve	\$29.98	2005 Kendall Jackson Vint Res.....	\$9.98
2004 DR Stephens, Carneros	\$44.99	2005 Bogle, California	\$7.99	2005 La Crema, Sonoma	\$14.99
2004 Echelon, California	\$7.99	2005 Cakebread, Napa	\$34.99	2005 Landmark "Overlook"	\$21.98
2004 El Molino, Napa	\$45.99	2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Ca.....	\$8.99	2005 Lewis, Sonoma	\$39.99
2004 Eric K James "Bernache Blk"	\$14.99	2005 Chalone, Monterey	\$9.99	2005 Lily, Sonoma	\$17.99
2004 Ferrari Carano, Alexand Vly	\$23.99	2005 Chappellet, Napa	\$26.99	2005 Lioco "Stuhlmuller Vine"	\$19.99
2004 Foley "Rancho Santa Rosa"	\$23.99	2005 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma	\$12.98	2005 Logan "Sleepy Hollow"	\$11.99
2004 Franciscan "Cuvee Sauvage"	\$29.99	2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$10.99	2005 MacRostie, Carneros	\$16.99
2004 Handley, Dry Creek	\$17.99	2005 Cima Collina "Chula Vina"	\$31.99	2005 Marimar Torres "Aceros"	\$21.99
2004 Hanzell, Sonoma	\$59.99	2005 Cinnabar, Monterey.....	\$15.99	2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.99
2004 Hyde de Villaine, Carneros	\$49.99	2005 Darioush, Napa	\$37.99	2005 McManis, California	\$7.99
Barrel aged for 11 months on lees with 25% new French oak, the 2004 HdV Chardonnay will be a special wine to cellar. This wine was bottled without fining and filtration. The result is a dense, well balanced and complex wine.		2005 Demetria Estate	\$25.99	2005 Melville, Santa Rita	\$21.99
2004 Jordan, Russian River	\$32.99	2005 Edna Valley Vineyards.....	\$9.98	2005 Mer Soleil "Silver"	\$37.99
2004 Mark West, Central Coast	\$8.99	2005 Esser, California.....	\$7.99	2005 Merryvale "Starmont"	\$12.99
2004 Marimar Estate "Don Miguel" ..	\$19.99	2005 Far Niente, Napa	\$41.99	2005 Miner Family, Napa	\$27.99
2004 Newton "Unfiltered"	\$39.98	2005 Four Vines "Naked"	\$10.99	2005 Molnar Blaize "Poseidon's"	\$21.99
2004 Ojai Vineyards "Clos Pepe"	\$36.99	2005 Foxglove, Edna Valley	\$10.99	Planted in 1973, this vineyard lies at the confluence of Carneros Creek and the Napa River at the northern edge of the San Francisco Bay. Whole cluster pressed and fermented in Hungarian Oak barrels this is chock full of melon, pear flesh and a floral spice from the unusual oak treatment.	
2004 Point Concepcion "Caponera" ..	\$14.99	90 points Robert Parker: "It is a combination of estate grown fruit blended with Edna Valley grapes. About 15% is barrel fermented in old oak."		2005 Morgan "Highland" S.L.H.	\$19.99
2004 Robert Mondavi, Carneros	\$14.99	2005 Francis Coppola "Diamond"	\$11.99	2005 Napa Cellars, Napa	\$15.99
2004 Roessler "Alder Sprngs".....	\$31.99	2005 Franciscan, Napa	\$12.98	2005 Neyers Carn & Napa	\$24.98

Pure Wine: Fashionably French

You see it all over Paris, fashionable wine bars with their shelves full of off-dry sparklers, juicy reds, and bright crisp whites—all produced as naturally as possible. The idea is that vigneron for the most part make wine that will appeal to a French public that is drinking less wine. It's ironic that the French thinking these days is to make wines that are easier to drink and drink lots of, since most Americans attribute the French with a certain cultural snobbery. French wine labels are confusing, the wines need to age or maybe they need to be served with food—it can all be very confusing. It's easy to miss the real point: Wine is for drinking, no matter where it's from. Since making wine a part of everyday life is so new to many of us in the "new world," it ends up being kind of stressful. The rites and rituals associated with everything from buying a bottle to finishing a glass obscure the basic fact that wine should be enjoyable. We're lucky to have access to a whole world of wine. We have choices, but that wealth of choices can often make choosing a wine more difficult. The current trend in France counters that. By making wines fun again, the whole vin naturel scene attempts to demystify wine and make it fun for everyone. Wines like the 2004 *Domaine Beau Thorey Coteaux du Languedoc "Patus"* (\$11.99) and the 2004 *Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin Beames de Venise "Terres Jaunes"* (\$12.99) fit that new way of thinking. These are organically produced country reds that are fun and easy to drink. Equally at home with a meal or an evening in sipping with friends, they're simple, honest wines that don't need the ritual—just a glass and a thirsty drinker.

—Paul Courtright

CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!

2004 *Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"*\$18.99

91 points *Spectator*: "Rich and full-bodied, with a firm, intense tasty mix of ripe pear, fig, apricot, anise and hazelnut, finishing with a complex aftertaste that should only get better with time in the bottle. Drink now through 2008."

PINOT NOIR

2003 Mount Eden Vineyards Estate ..\$34.99	2005 Chalone, Monterey \$13.99
2003 Stoller Estate, Willamette Vly ..\$32.99	2005 David Bruce, Central Coast.....\$19.99
2004 Champion, Central Coast\$19.99	2005 Elk Cove, Willamette Vly.....\$19.99
One Puff from the <i>Connoisseurs' Guide!</i>	2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif\$12.99
2004 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"\$21.99	2005 Foley, Santa Rita Hills\$29.99
2004 Daedalus, Willamette Vly\$23.99	2005 Hahn Estates, Monterey.....\$15.99
2004 Domaine Drouhin Will Vly\$39.99	2005 Harrington "Iund" Carneros....\$29.99
2004 Domaine Serene "Evanstad"\$46.99	2005 Hartford Court "Land's Edge" ..\$29.99
2004 Gainey, Santa Rita Hills.....\$24.99	2005 Lily, Sonoma\$17.99
2004 Joseph Swan "Cuvee de Trois" ..\$22.99	2005 Lioco "Michaud" Chalone\$34.99
2004 La Bete "Meredith Mitch"\$24.99	2005 Loring-Many vineyards availableInquire
2004 Londer, Anderson Vly\$43.99	2005 Lutea, Russian River\$31.99
2004 Patton Valley, Willamette\$27.99	2005 Mark West, Central Coast\$9.99
2004 Roessler Cellars "Savoy"\$39.98	2005 Melville, Santa Rita\$23.99
2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....\$44.99	2005 Morgan "Double L"\$44.99
2004 Woodenhead "Wiley"\$44.99	2005 Morgan "Twelve Clones"\$24.99
2005 A by Acacia, California\$14.99	2005 Orogeny, Green Valley.....\$26.99
2005 A to Z, Oregon\$16.99	2005 Parker Station, Santa Barb\$10.99
2005 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly\$24.99	2005 Patz & Hall "Hyde"\$54.99
2005 Ambullneo "Mastiff"\$74.99	2005 Penner Ash, Willamette Vly\$42.99
2002 Archery Summit "Premier Cv" \$36.98	2005 Ponzi, Willamette Vly\$29.99
2005 ABC, Santa Barbara.....\$15.99	2005 Poppy, Monterey\$12.99
This is just pure Pinot, bright and juicy at its core and perfectly fruity. Add a little Central Coast spice and you have one great wine that is easy to drink on a daily basis.	2005 Raptor Ridge Willamette\$25.99
2005 BearBoat, Russian River\$15.99	2005 Rex Hill Oregon.....\$17.99
2005 Belle Glos "Clark & Tele"\$39.99	2005 Robert Sinskey, Carneros\$35.99
2005 Bethel Heights, Ore\$24.99	2005 Roessler "Red Label"\$24.99
2005 Broadley, Willamette Vly.....\$29.99	This delicious blend of Pinot Noir from several Sonoma County vineyards exhibits classic aromatic qualities of Russian River Pinot along with subtle toasty oak and earth tones.
2005 Cambria "Julia's"\$17.98	2005 Samsara "Ampelos" Snt Rita\$44.99
2005 Capiiaux Cellars "Chimera"\$26.99	2005 Sanford, Santa Barbara\$21.99
2005 Carmel Road, Monterey\$14.98	2005 Soter, North Valley.....\$31.99
2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Calif \$9.99	2005 Stephen Ross, Central Coast\$16.99
2005 Chalone Estate\$26.99	2005 Wild Hog "Saralee's"\$24.99

Chip's Quips

2004 W.H. Smith Piedra Hill "Purple Label" Red (\$49.99) Joan and Bill Smith's success with Sonoma Pinot Noir may make people forget that back in the day they founded the La Jota winery and produced some of Howell Mountains deepest and most intense Cabernets. They've returned to their roots, so to speak, and K&L is proud to make the journey with them. The "Purple Label" is a premium barrel selection (think La Jota Anniversary Selection) from their Piedra Hill Vineyard that sits high atop Howell Mountain. Black currants grab your olfactory senses when you stick your nose into a glass. The aromas lead you right into a gorgeous palate of blackberries, anise and smoky white pepper. The finish is long and lush with soft tannins rounding off the edges. This wonderful Howell Mountain Cabernet blend is a testament to Joan and Bill's vineyard management and winemaking abilities. Bravo!

2006 Honig Sauvignon Blanc (\$12.99) The name Honig is synonymous with California Sauvignon Blanc, and their track record with this grape variety is a long and remarkable one. Always fresh and lively, the '06 is no exception. Fresh clean flavors of citrus and grapefruit layer out in the aromas and body of this wine. The finish has a classic note of minerality adding to the texture of this zippy little wine.

2004 Honig Cabernet Sauvignon (\$29.99) Blackberries, black currants and cherries form a rich tapestry of flavors on the palate of Honig's Napa Valley Cab. The tannins are moderate making it completely accessible now. Drink it on its own or have it with some steak or lamb chops and enjoy a perfect wine and food match.

—Chip Hammack

ZINFANDEL

2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt.....\$14.99	2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt.....\$14.99
2002 Roshambo "Reverend"\$14.99	2002 Roshambo "Reverend"\$14.99
2003 Amici "Panek".....\$26.99	2003 Amici "Panek".....\$26.99
2003 Burrell School "Ryan Oaks"\$21.99	2003 Burrell School "Ryan Oaks"\$21.99
2003 Ch. Montelena\$24.99	2003 Ch. Montelena\$24.99
2003 Coro Mendo "Eaglepoint Rn" ..\$33.99	2003 Coro Mendo "Eaglepoint Rn" ..\$33.99
2003 Hendry "Block 28"\$28.99	2003 Hendry "Block 28"\$28.99
2003 SE Chase "Hayne"\$39.99	2003 SE Chase "Hayne"\$39.99
2004 Acorn "Alegria" Hert Vines\$28.99	2004 Acorn "Alegria" Hert Vines\$28.99
An exciting blend of 78% zinfandel, 10% petite sirah, 10% alicante and 2% mixed varietals.	
2004 Blockheadia "Ringnosii"\$18.99	2004 Blockheadia "Ringnosii"\$18.99
2004 Dashe, Dry Creek.....\$17.99	2004 Dashe, Dry Creek.....\$17.99
2004 Downing Fam. "Fly By Night" ..\$22.98	2004 Downing Fam. "Fly By Night" ..\$22.98
2004 Elyse "Morisoli"\$29.99	2004 Elyse "Morisoli"\$29.99
2004 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"\$22.99	2004 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"\$22.99
2004 J. Runquist "Z"\$18.99	2004 J. Runquist "Z"\$18.99
2004 JC Cellars "Arrowhead Mnt"\$32.99	2004 JC Cellars "Arrowhead Mnt"\$32.99
2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"\$21.99	2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"\$21.99
2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi\$14.99	2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi\$14.99
2004 Lolonis, Redwood Valley.....\$16.99	2004 Lolonis, Redwood Valley.....\$16.99
2004 Norman "The Monster".....\$19.99	2004 Norman "The Monster".....\$19.99
2004 Pezzi King Old Vine.....\$17.99	2004 Pezzi King Old Vine.....\$17.99
2004 Preston, Dry Creek\$21.99	2004 Preston, Dry Creek\$21.99
2004 Ridge "Geyserville"\$29.99	2004 Ridge "Geyserville"\$29.99
2004 Rosenblum "Carla's"\$22.99	2004 Rosenblum "Carla's"\$22.99
2004 Sobon "Rocky Top".....\$12.99	2004 Sobon "Rocky Top".....\$12.99
2004 Tres Sabores "Porque? No?"\$18.99	2004 Tres Sabores "Porque? No?"\$18.99
A big, rich, ripe Zin that is lively and perfect with food!	
2004 T Vine, Napa\$30.99	2004 T Vine, Napa\$30.99
2004 Unti, Dry Creek\$19.99	2004 Unti, Dry Creek\$19.99
2004 Valdez "Rockpile Road"\$36.99	2004 Valdez "Rockpile Road"\$36.99
2005 Alexander Valley "SinZin"\$13.99	2005 Alexander Valley "SinZin"\$13.99
2005 Bogle Old Vines\$9.99	2005 Bogle Old Vines\$9.99
2005 Brown Estate, Napa\$35.99	2005 Brown Estate, Napa\$35.99
2005 Dashe Lt Harvest (375ml)\$24.99	2005 Dashe Lt Harvest (375ml)\$24.99
2005 David Coffaro Est. Dry Crk.....\$19.99	2005 David Coffaro Est. Dry Crk.....\$19.99
2005 Edmeads, Mendocino\$14.99	2005 Edmeads, Mendocino\$14.99
Focused aromas of cherries, spice, roasted coffee, and oak vanillin lead way to more funky aromas of earth and minerals.	
2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif\$9.99	2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif\$9.99
2005 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..\$8.99	2005 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..\$8.99
2005 Gamba "Old Vine" RR\$38.99	2005 Gamba "Old Vine" RR\$38.99
2005 Hartford, Russian River.....\$27.99	2005 Hartford, Russian River.....\$27.99
2005 Joel Gott, California\$12.99	2005 Joel Gott, California\$12.99
2004 Michael & David 7Deadly Zins \$13.99	2004 Michael & David 7Deadly Zins \$13.99
2005 Neyers "Tofanelli"\$29.99	2005 Neyers "Tofanelli"\$29.99
2005 Ridge "Three Valleys"\$14.99	2005 Ridge "Three Valleys"\$14.99
2005 Rosenblum, SF Bay or Paso\$13.99	2005 Rosenblum, SF Bay or Paso\$13.99
2005 Seghesio Sonoma.....\$16.98	2005 Seghesio Sonoma.....\$16.98
2005 Seghesio "Home Ranch"\$16.98	2005 Seghesio "Home Ranch"\$16.98
2005 Shenandoah Amador Spec Res ..\$7.99	2005 Shenandoah Amador Spec Res ..\$7.99
2005 Sobon Fiddletown\$15.99	2005 Sobon Fiddletown\$15.99
2005 Storybook Mayacamas Range ..\$29.99	2005 Storybook Mayacamas Range ..\$29.99
2005 Toucan Estate\$28.99	2005 Toucan Estate\$28.99
2005 Windmill Old Vine\$9.99	2005 Windmill Old Vine\$9.99
Rosenblum Cuvee XXIX.....\$7.98	Rosenblum Cuvee XXIX.....\$7.98

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

2004 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc	\$18.99
2005 A to Z Pinot Gris	\$11.99
2005 Alban Central Coast Viognier	\$23.99
2005 ABC Pinot/Gris/Pinot Blanc	\$14.99
2005 Bianchi Sigt. Pinot Grigio	\$12.99
2005 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2005 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc	\$9.99
2005 Fish Eye Pinot Grigio.....	\$5.99
2005 Fortitude Napa Semillon	\$17.99
2005 Graff Chalone Viognier	\$18.99
2005 Lazy Creek, Riesling	\$21.99
2005 Palmina SB Tocai Friulano	\$21.99
2005 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viog	\$11.99
2005 Sobon Amador Roussanne	\$14.99
2005 Spencer Roloson Gren. Blanc	\$16.99
2005 Tangent Edna Vly Pinot Gris.....	\$14.99
2005 Thomas Fogarty Gewurt	\$12.99
2005 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling.....	\$14.99
2006 Sobon Estate Viognier	\$12.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2004 Chalk Hill, Sonoma	\$21.99
2004 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$26.99
2005 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$10.99
2005 Blockheadia "Ringnosii"	\$13.99
Fermented and aged exclusively in stainless steel tanks. This process allows for the purest extraction of fruit and mineral resulting in a wine that brightens rather than dominates cuisine.	
2005 Brassfield "High Valley"	\$10.99
2005 Cakebread, Napa	\$23.99
2005 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly	\$12.99
2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$9.99
2005 Cliff Lede, Napa	\$19.99
2005 Everett Ridge, Dry Creek.....	\$14.99
2005 Husch, Mendocino.....	\$9.99
2005 Joel Gott "Three Ranches"	\$11.99
2005 Kalinda, Dry Creek	\$9.99
2005 Kathryn Kennedy.....	\$16.99
2005 Kirkham Peak, Dry Creek	\$9.99
2005 Kunde "Magnolia Lane"	\$10.99
2005 Ladera, Howell Mnt	\$21.99
2005 Mason, Napa	\$11.99
2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$15.99
2005 Moon Mountain, Sonoma	\$9.99
2005 Napa Wine Company	\$12.99
2005 Provenance, Rutherford	\$15.99
2005 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$13.99
2005 Rudd, Napa	\$29.99
2005 Sauvignon Blanc Republic.....	\$14.99
2005 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$19.99
2005 St. Supery, Napa.....	\$14.99
2005 Sterling, Napa	\$10.99
2005 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$12.99
2005 Voss, Napa	\$12.98
2006 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	Inquire
2006 Geyser Peak, California	\$8.98
2006 Honig, Napa	\$13.99
2006 Shenandoah Vineyards	\$7.99

Domestic Red

2003 Altamura Napa Sangiovese	\$31.99
2003 Nonno Zito Teroldego	\$34.99
2003 Spencer Roloson Tempranillo	\$29.99
2004 Bacio Divino "Pazzo"	\$24.99
2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy	\$9.99
2004 Four Vines "Anarchy"	\$26.99
2004 Graff Family Mourvèdre	\$18.99
2004 McCrea Cellars Grenache	\$27.99
2004 Paraduxx, Napa Red	\$44.99
2004 Rocca "Bad Boy Red".....	\$29.99
2004 Vino Noceto Sangiovese	\$14.99
2005 Bucklin Mixed Blacks	\$22.99
2005 J. Runquist Amador Barbara.....	\$21.99
2005 Margerum "M5" Rhone Red	\$26.99
2005 Orin Swift "The Prisoner"	\$31.99
2005 Owen Roe "Abbot's Table"	\$24.99
2005 Palmina Zolotvich Dolcetto	\$17.99
2005 Porter Creek Carignano.....	\$23.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2004 Kendric "Shenandoah" Syrah	\$15.99
2004 Kenneth Crawford "Bluefin"	\$32.99
2004 Hahn, Central Coast	\$10.99
2004 Ojai, Santa Barbara	\$26.99
2004 Rocinante "Palindrome"	\$29.99
2004 Sobon Estate Syrah	\$9.99
2005 A Donkey & A Goat "Brk Leg"	\$35.98
2005 Hocus Pocus, SB Syrah	\$16.99
2005 Jaffurs "Thompson" Petite	\$29.99
2005 Joel Gott California Syrah	\$12.99
2005 Margerum "Purisima Mnt"	\$39.99
2005 McManis, California	\$9.99
2005 Owen Roe "Ex-Umbris"	\$19.99
2005 Red Car "Shake, Rattle & Roll"	\$54.99
2005 Rosenblum "Heritage Clone"	\$13.98

Merlot

2002 Atalon, Napa	\$24.98
2002 Havens, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Burgess, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Vly.....	\$19.99
2003 Duckhorn "Estate Grown"	\$84.99
2003 Dynamite, North Coast	\$11.99
2003 Etude, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$19.99
2003 Keenan, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Markham, Napa	\$15.99
2003 Paradigm, Napa	\$41.99
2003 Rombauer, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	\$21.98
2003 Swanson, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Twomey, Napa	\$64.99
91-93 points Robert Parker: "Notes of pepper, dried herbs, damp earth, sweet cherry liqueur, and chocolate-infused coffee jump from the glass."	
2004 Chappellet, Napa	\$29.99
2004 Echelon, California	\$8.99
2004 Francis Coppola "Diamond"	\$12.99
2004 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek	\$13.99
2004 Nickel & Nickel "Suscol"	\$44.98
2004 Parcel 41, Napa	\$15.99
2004 Provenance, Napa	\$24.98
New vintage! Balanced, rich, with lovely fruit and spice, delicious with veal roast, coq au vin and subtle, hard cheese!	
2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$16.98
2004 Screw Kappa, Napa	\$11.99
2004 Shafer, Napa	\$39.98
2004 T-Vine Cellars, Napa	\$31.99
2005 Bogle, California	\$7.99
2005 McManis, California	\$6.98

Boutique Corner

This month I want to share a few of my favorite wines that have just arrived. The Tor Kenward wines have been favorites of mine for the last couple of years. The Toucan Zinfandel is a new wine for me and made several of us smile when we tasted it. Enjoy!

2004 Tor Kenward ROCK Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$69.99) 95% Cimarossa Vineyard and 5% Mast Vineyard. Cimarossa is at 2,100 feet above the valley floor and had close to a foot of snow in early 2006. Mast Vineyard is only a few hundred feet above sea level. Soils, climates, facings, everything about these two vineyards is different but their broader appellation, Napa Valley. Yet together they can sing, and they did in 2004. This Cab is rich and full throttle with layers of berries, black fruit and tobacco all held together with a seamless structure.

2004 Tor Kenward "Mast Vineyard" Oak Knoll Cabernet Sauvignon (\$69.99) The bigger and riper of the two wines. Medium ruby. Cool, bright aromas of rocks, minerals and aromatic spearmint. Dense but bright, with a distinct eucalyptus character. Juicy, firmly built and persistent. This seems to rely more on its acidity than on its tannins for structure.

2005 Toucan Wines Estate Zinfandel (\$28.99) This wine first got my attention by the flavor imparted by Hungarian oak. Deep garnet/purple, the nose is ripe, bright wild cherry and darker berry fruit, spice and a forward elegance of fruit and oak. This is a big wine that tastes of intense cherry. The wine was placed in a variety of barrels including 70% new French, Hungarian and American oak, and 30% second-year French and American barrels for one year. 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
2004 Alamos Malbec or Chard (Argentina)	\$7.99
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
2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios Cabernet Sauvignon (Arg)	\$12.99
2004 Felipe Rutini Malbec (Argentina)	\$12.99
2004 Valentin Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina).....	\$12.99
2003 MontGras Antu Ninquen Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)..	\$13.99
2003 Luigi Bosca, Malbec (Argentina)	\$16.99
2004 Colomé Red, Salta (Argentina)	\$26.99
2004 Achával Ferrer Quimera, Malbec/Cab/Merlot (Arg)	\$36.99
2003/2004 Almaviva (Chile)	Inquire

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
2004 Biurko Rioja Tempranillo	\$8.99
2005 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado Navarra	\$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
2004 Dominio de Tares Baltos, Mencia, Bierzo	\$13.99
2005 Raventos i Blanc Parfum de Vi Blanc, Penedes	\$13.99
2005 Angel Rodriguez Martinsancho Verdejo	\$14.99
2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos Prima, Toro	\$14.99
2005 Fefiñanes Albariño.....	\$14.99
2003 Ramon Bilbao Rioja Limited	\$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
2004 Vetus, Toro	\$17.99
2005 Cillar de Silos El Quintanal Vendimia Seleccionada	\$17.99
2005 Descendientes de Jose Palacios, Petalos del Bierzo	\$17.99
2000 La Rioja Alta, Alberdi, Rioja	\$18.99
2004 Artadi, Viñas de Gaín, Rioja	\$22.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Reserva.....	\$23.99
2003 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza	\$26.99
2004 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto	\$26.99
2003 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero.....	\$31.99

Unusual Reds From El Mundo Hispano!

2003 Biurko Rioja Graciano (\$9.99) 89 points Robert Parker: "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 1-2 years."

2005 Poesia Pasodoble, Argentina (\$11.99) The dynamic and talented Helene Garcin-Leveque (of CLOS L'Eglise, Barde Haut, Haut Bergey and Branon in Bordeaux), is busy making great wine at her place in Argentina, Poesia. She produces awesome wines with style, substance and rich flavors. The Pasodoble is a blend 34% cabernet sauvignon, 33% malbec and 33% syrah. Big and full, this red shows all of the quality of the top-notch 2005 vintage. Enjoy it with any of your favorite grilled foods!

2003 Escudo Rojo, Chile (\$12.99) Baby Almaviva? Well, the Escudo Rojo is a wine from Chile from Baron Philippe de Rothschild. This red shows all the power of the fine 2003 vintage as well as being the first vintage to reap the benefits of their new plantings in the Maipo Valley. Made from a blend of cabernet sauvignon, carmenere, syrah and cabernet franc, the Escudo Rojo has plenty of ripe "new world" fruit tempered with "old world" style and elegance. I like this wine with a variety of grilled meats like lamb or beef. If you feel adventurous, try making the traditional Chilean *asado al disco*.

2005 Descendientes de Jose Palacios, Petalos del Bierzo () 90 points Robert Parker: "The entry level 2005 Petalos del Bierzo sets the bar high. 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. Drink it over the next 4-6 years. This estate was started in 1998 by Alvaro Palacios. It has steep hillside vineyards and 60- to 100-year-old vines planted in 100% Mencia, a varietal indigenous to Bierzo, a cool-climate D.O"

—Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

To be Franc...

2005 Vin de Pays d'Oc Domaine de Coussergues (Cabernet Franc) (\$9.99) Domaine de Coussergues, an ancient Baronnie founded in 1495 by a land grant from Charles VIII, is owned by the Baron Arnould de Bertier and his family. Arnould represents the thirteenth generation of the Sarret de Coussergues family to run the estate. The proud Baron has 600 hectares of land (1,482 acres), 210 hectares in grapes and the rest in woodland. This domaine is located in the Languedoc, where the soil in this particular area is quite chalky, with flinty red clay that is very much volcanic in nature. This little mouth-full of joy was imported by the very reliable Kysela Pere et fills, LTD. Most impressive about this busy and girthy cabernet franc is its bargain price of \$9.99. One could spend an evening focused on this pure expression of vinous goodness, with finely integrated tannins, bright acidity and a deep core of black fruits that mesh with the mineral components swimmingly. This is a happy wine, locked, stocked and loaded to perform with most bistro fare. —Keelyn Healy

May and June Events!

June 13: Dinner in Hollywood at La Terza Restaurant. Gaia Gaja will pour fabulous Gaja wines!

May 13: All Champagne dinner at Spago Palo Alto. More info on our website, www.klwines.com

ALSACE/LOIRE

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Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace	\$14.99
Jean Phippe & Francois Becker Cremant d'Alsace	\$14.99
2004 Domaine Roland Schmitt Tokay-Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2005 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	\$18.99
2005 Jean Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	\$17.99
2004 Barmes-Buecher Pinot Gris Herrenweg de Turckheim ..	\$22.99
2004 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru ..	\$18.99
2005 Domaine Weinbach "Cuvee St. Catherine" Riesling	\$44.99
2005 Domaine Roland Schmitt Riesling Glintzberg	\$14.99

Loire

François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	\$16.99
Francois Chidaine Montlouis Brut	\$16.99
2002 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Cuvee Domaine	\$14.99
2004 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Vieilles Vignes	\$16.99
2004 Domaine Belliviere Rouge-Gorge Pinot d'Aunis	\$18.99
2004 Domaine Belliviere Jasnières Rosiers	\$24.99
2004 Domaine Belliviere Coteaux du Loir l'Effraie	\$19.99
2005 Château du Hureau Saumur Champigny, Vatan	\$13.99
2004 Domaine La Tour St. Martin Menetou Salon Rouge	\$14.99
2005 Domaine Saint Nicolas Les Clous	\$11.99
2005 Domaine Franck Millet Sancerre Blanc	\$13.99
2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Rosé Riage Tournant	\$9.99
2005 Domaine Fouet Saumur Champigny	\$18.99
2005 Benedicte de Rycke Coteaux du Loir Blanc	\$14.99
2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Clos du Beaujeu	\$29.99
2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Monts Damnés	\$29.99
2005 François Pinon Vouvray Cuvee Tradition	\$15.99
2005 Domaine de la Pépière Classique Muscadet Sur Lie	\$10.99
2005 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Expression	\$12.99

Alsace: Familie Becker

Domaine Jean-Philippe et Francois Becker is located in Zellenberg, one of the very few hilltop towns in Alsace, and is run by three very energetic and dynamic siblings. Martine Becker is the sales force, representing the domaine all over the world and doing so in an impressive seven languages. Brother Jean Philippe is the quiet, reflective wine-maker whose shy smile and character hide his intense drive for quality at any cost. Finally Jean-Francois, the youngest, handles all the vineyard work and is a very charming and happy fellow. The Beckers can trace their winegrowing history back 13 generations to 1610 and since then have amassed 16 ha of vineyards with more than four of them Grand Cru. They are moving the entire estate over to certified organic viticulture. If you love the wines of Alsace, you will also love Becker.

The **Becker Cremant d'Alsace (\$14.99)** is bright and refreshing, with a fine bead, creamy texture and just a hint of toast. The **2005 Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn (\$18.99)** is a smouldering beauty that jumps in your arms and seduces you with zesty orange and white flowers aromas. The **2005 Becker Riesling Grand Cru Froehn (\$18.99)** is minerally, properly dry with high-toned aromatics suggesting white flowers, lime blossom and peach. And the **2005 Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn (\$19.99)** is spicy and oh so aromatic, yet still firm and bracing on the palate, never cloying, just lovely and fun.

—Jeff Vierra

AUSTRIA/GERMANY

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Austria

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
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 Karthausenerhof Eitelbacher Sang Spätlese (700ml)	\$84.99
1997 Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Burgberg Kabinett	\$32.99
1998 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Hipping Spätlese	\$14.99
2003 Bercher Burkheimer Feuerberg Spatburgunder	\$19.99
2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry	\$9.99
2004 Schmitt-Wagner Longuicher Maximiner Herrenb Kab ..	\$19.99
2005 Mönchhof Estate Riesling	\$13.99
2005 Mönchhof Ürziger Würzgarten Spätlese	\$24.99
2005 von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Kabinett	\$18.99
2005 von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Spätlese	\$29.99
2005 Bernhard Hackenheimer Kirchberg Scheurebe Spätle ..	\$18.99
2005 Dr. Loosen Ürziger Würzgarten Spätlese	\$24.99
2005 Dr. Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese	\$27.99
2005 Dönnhoff Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese	\$49.99
2005 Alfred Merkelbach Kinheimer Rosenberg Kabinett	\$14.99
2005 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" ..	\$14.99

Time To Show Off

I can't stop thinking about springtime: parties, friends, pets, flowers... and ah yes, the BBQ, the true sign of spring. But do you honestly think it would be much fun without the **2005 Pollerhof Grüner Veltliner (1L \$9.99)** that you generously pour while your guests arrive and nibble? Perfect with those cilantro shrimp skewers that are getting cold because you are late, but don't worry about those perfectly grilled veggies, they are better cold anyway! You and your guests settle in and get all that "it's nice to see you again" stuff out of the way and then, it's go time! Those delicate, sweet little shrimp are melting away while everyone takes a sip of Pollerhof. And soon, the nod of approval. A subtle balance of rich acidity intertwined with white stone fruit and pepper spice, which refreshes and cleans the palate. And you stand there proud, like the genius you are. But, it's not over! This is where the mahi mahi that has been marinating in a ginger sesame soy sauce comes in to play. On the red hot grill it goes, filling the air with a "man that smells good" smoke that the neighbors three doors down can smell. Sure you could serve this on its own no problem. But why not enhance the situation with the **2005 Wagner-Stempel Riesling Trocken (1L \$17.99)**, a sharp mineral-driven Riesling that has no problem standing up to the strong flavors you have created. Just enough bite to cut through the rich texture of the fish and tropical aromatics that just seem to dance along a line of purity. Enjoy!

—Eric Story

The Lion In Winter

Faerie tales take many shapes. Man working with (and against) nature is a familiar theme. It is a direct link to survival. Forest, orchard or vineyard, the source of the sustenance matters not. Every harvest is calendrical. It is beginning and end. Despite the advancing technologies of harvesting and genetics, we still till the soil. We reap and we sow out of necessity.

What can be more romantic than tending rows of grapevines in the golden California sun, picking under a once blue sky now littered with packs of watchdog clouds that threaten to pounce at any moment? Making the wine under a tin roof that rings with the fingertips of a nascent storm? Tasting, the intrusion on slumbering barrels? And finally, capturing the juice in little glass cells? This is the year's bounty—the harvest. This is the faerie tale.

It is and it isn't. Duane Cronin knew that. He began his second career as a winemaker in the 1970s, that sweet patch of the past that has a foothold in the present. Duane came to California as a computer consultant. He left a vigneron.

Don't call Duane Cronin a gentleman farmer or a millionaire who wished to make wine. He made the choice to leave the high-tech world of IBM and planted a couple of acres in his yard in Woodside (the "Estate" vineyard). He hit the books and talked to the growers and the local winemakers. Soil replaced the Silicon Valley. Computers morphed into Cronin Vineyards. Duane learned the craft.

He got his Chardonnay cuttings from Ridge and Cabernet from Caymus, but his first wine was Zinfandel from the D'Agostini vineyard in the gold country. Bonded winery status was secured in the small town of Woodside. The city gave Cronin Vineyards the green light for production of roughly 2000 cases a year.

Duane made wine that reflected his passion, notably Pinot Noir and

Chardonnay. His focus on the Burgundian style of understatement and compatibility with food was a unique concept in California at the time.

Cronin wines are as rustic and long lived as they are unique. The Chardonnays from the Santa Cruz Mountains, all lemons and stones and damp hay, are as worthy as they are demanding of bottle age. The Pinot Noirs and Provence-style blends are as arresting as they are interesting. All of the wines received Old World treatment, and demanded Old World patience. These are artisan wines, made with visionary hands: Duane's hands, with a pureness that is rarely found today. Winemaking properties are too big now, more mindful of the bottom line than top quality.

Duane Cronin has a rich history with K&L. My colleague Keith Wollenberg made his pilgrimage to the winery on a regular basis and has vivid memories rather than vintage memorization. My colleague Jim Barr was a friend of Duane's and helped him at the winery. An excerpt from "Wines And Winemakers Of The Santa Cruz Mountains: An Oral History" by Charles Sullivan: "... I went to see my old buddy Jim Barr... And he said he'd buy all that I'd sell him."

Well well. Hate to say it, but Jim Barr was right as rain this time. (Duane would call me once in a while to tell me how much he enjoyed my columns dismantling Jim in this publication).

Duane Cronin passed away at the young age of 61. He expressed a desire for K&L to handle what will be the last offering of Duane Cronin wines. We are proud to offer these unique, living pieces of history. Try a bottle, please. Look for the lion on the label, a favorite symbol of his. Raise a glass to this iconoclastic vigneron and taste something unique: the irony of being introduced to a great play in its last act. For Duane Cronin, this is the last exhibition. Please call or visit www.klwines.com for complete stocks and pricing. —Joe Zugelder

Jim's April Gems

Joe and I usually do an April Fool's column together as a spoof on a popular media figure. This year we had planned to do a column on the Stephen Colbert's *The Colbert Report's* "The Word," but a dear winemaking friend of ours (Duane Cronin) died recently (see Joe's column), and it made doing a spoof absolutely unimportant (maybe a belated one for May). Also, some of the K&L wine staff (one or two of them, who have extremely low standards), feel that it is important that I inform you that I will be out on medical leave for two months. Sooo, for those three or four customers who want to accept my fatally flawed in-store wine advice on a regular basis, I will not be there. I should return by the very end of April (the operation was early March), assuming that Clyde and Todd haven't realized that I have been dozing all this time at my desk for the last twenty years. Sooo, in my place, if you need Jim Barr recommendations, ask for Joe Zugelder. He has been seen, regularly, doing impressions of me in the store (I am still way behind taking jabs at the Joe Z universe)

Real quick, five incredibly great gems for this month are: **2004 Laureaire des Lys Minervois Loriza (\$12.99)**, **2005 Ch. Haut Sociando, Cotes de Blaye (\$10.99)**, **2003 Ch. Manoir du Gravoux, Cotes de Castillon (\$10.99)**, **2004 Maison Champy, Bourgogne Chardonnay "Signature" (\$15.99)**, **2005 Domaine des Nembrets, Denia Barraud Saint-Veran (\$13.99)**.

I do not want to waste too much space in this column to tell you what wonderful buys these are because of the magnitude of the Cronin wine available in Joe's column. But just accept the fact that all of them will be our house wines for the month of April. The reds will receive eight (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷) and the whites, seven (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷), if that is important to you.

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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CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut.....	\$22.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
Tarlant Brut Reserve	\$26.99
Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added	\$26.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve	\$27.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious.....	\$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve.....	\$27.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$28.99
Ariston Aspasia Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$29.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
Laurent Perrier Brut	\$29.99
Laurent Perrier Demi-Sec	\$29.99
Fleury Brut Carte Rouge-Now direct!.....	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut	\$29.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé-Exciting pink!.....	\$29.99
2000 Franck Bonville Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
Ariston Aspasia 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	Inquire
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"	\$79.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Alexandra Rosé.....	\$99.99
Krug Grand Cuvee Brut.....	\$119.00
1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1998 Dom Perignon	Inquire
1995 Krug Clos de Mesnil	Inquire
Domestic Sparkling Wine	
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage".....	\$32.99
2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc.....	\$24.92
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	\$26.99
2003 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir	\$24.98
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir.....	\$14.99
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc de Noir	\$14.99
NV Scharffenberger Brut.....	\$13.99
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut.....	\$16.99
2000 Domaine Carneros "Le Reve" Blanc de Blanc	\$49.99

Back In The Champagne Business!

The beginning of 2007 has been a little rough for me. We have been sold out of everything in our direct import Champagne program! I am pleased that my ship has come in, and we are back in the Champagne business. Please take a moment to look over our list. A lot of old favorites are back in stock. Champagnes from producers like Ariston, Michel Arnould, Bonville, Fleury, Gonet, Launois, Leclerc-Briant and Bruno Michel. I will endeavor to avoid long periods of shortage in the future, but I encourage anyone with favorites to purchase now to avoid disappointment. One Champagne that I am looking forward to buying myself is the **2000 Launois Cuvee Maxime (\$34.99)**. I was only able to acquire an additional 17 cases of this very special Champagne. It was made to celebrate the birth of Maxime Marguet-Launois who was born in 2000. This is Champagne the way the Launois like to drink it, very low in dosage, shimmering with minerality and promising almost limitless longevity. It is made exclusively from estate-grown, grand cru chardonnay and has breed and poise rare at any price.

Please contact me anytime at garywestby@klwines.com or 877-KLWines (877-559-4637) extension 2728. Ask about our new Champagne Club; the first shipment goes out this month! —Gary Westby

Our Ship Has Arrived!

Yes, it is true. Our newest shipment of Champagne has arrived, and our selection of Champagnes has virtually doubled. So, enjoy! It is now my turn to enjoy writing up one of my favorite producers, Franck Bonville. The "entry-level" Champagne from this estate is the **NV Bonville Blanc de Blancs (Inquire)**. Like all of the Franck Bonville Champagnes, this wine is all Grand Cru fruit and 100% chardonnay. In this case the fruit is solely from Avize. It has a nose of fresh apples, wet stones and spicebox aromas. On the palate, green apples, pears, zesty acidity and a subtle creamy mousse. A fantastic buy that also comes in half-bottles and magnums. I brought a magnum to a dinner with "non-Champagne drinkers," and it lasted less than 15 minutes!

A step up from the non-vintage is the **2000 Bonville Millesime Blanc de Blancs (Inquire)**. Fruit sourcing for the vintage juice is from Avize, Cramant and Oger. A fairly rich style, with a nutty, pear and (slightly) yeasty nose. Rich, round and full bodied in the mouth with pear fruit, toast and almonds. Complex, with a nice bit of acidity on the finish. Will age far better than the 1998, so feel free to cellar this one for 4-6 years.

The top-of-the-line Champagne from Franck Bonville is the venerable **Bonville Cuvee Les Belle Voyes (Inquire)**. I can say, in all honesty (and have said so before), that this Champagne is one of my favorites and well worth twice the price. All of the fruit is from Oger from vines that were planted in 1938. This bottling is entirely from 1998, though it is not labeled as such. A lovely, delicate floral nose with peaches, stone fruits and brioche. All oak cask ageing lends toastiness in the mouth. This does not detract from the extremely rich mouthfeel with ripe pears, vanilla and an exquisite richness. I am always surprised that this Champagne is 100% chardonnay because of the richness of this effort. A serious Champagne that begs to be paired with Brie or lobster. Compare it to Krug or Salon (with age). Celebrate Easter with any of these Champagnes and don't forget that we are having an in-store Champagne tasting on Saturday, April 7! —Scott Beckerley

Wine Lockers in Our San Carlos Location

Temperature-controlled lockers are located at our San Carlos distribution center on Bing Street. All hold 24 wood cases or 30 cardboard cases (28 cases total). For information visit www.klwines.com.

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
2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....	\$11.99
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.	
2006 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets.....	\$13.99
2004 Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Domaine Arnoux	\$14.99
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’Etroues.....	\$15.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Bernard Morey	\$15.99
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.	
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet	\$19.99
With a combination of bright acidity and great richness, this is a delight!	
2004 Ladoix “Hautes Mourottes,” 1er Cru, Domaine Prince de Mérode	\$21.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy	\$21.99
2005 Chablis “Montée de Tonnerre,” 1er Cru, Domaine Vocoret.....	\$24.99
2005 Chablis “Montée de Tonnerre,” 1er Cru, Domaine Brocard	\$24.99
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Lucien LeMoine	\$27.99
2004 Monthelie Blanc, Château de Puligny Montrachet	\$27.99
2004 Meursault, Chevalières, Domaine Jean Monnier.....	\$29.99
2004 Meursault, Clos du Cromin, Domaine Jean Monnier.....	\$29.99
Extraordinary values, our Direct Import. Both are delightful. The Clos du Cromin is more forward and very rich, while the Chevalières shows lime blossoms, minerality and focus.	
2004 Chablis “La Forêts,” 1er, Domaine Louis Michel	\$34.99
2005 St-Aubin “Charmois,” 1er Cru, Dom. Bernard Morey....	\$29.99
2004 St-Aubin “Murgers Dent de Chien,” 1er Cru, Champy ..	\$29.99
Extraordinary value, this is essentially Puligny-Montrachet for a great price!	
2004 St-Aubin “Murgers Dent de Chien,” 1er Cru, Domaine Maroslavic-Leger	\$29.99
Restrained and extremely elegant with lovely minerality.	
2004 Meursault, Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré	\$30.99
2005 St-Aubin “Murgers Dent de Chien,” 1er Cru, Domaine Maroslavic-Leger.....	\$31.99
2004 Chassagne-Mont, Houillières, Dom. Morey-Coffinet	\$38.99
2005 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Paul Pernot	\$39.99
2005 Chassagne-Montrachet “Vide Bourse,” 1er Cru, Domaine Bernard Morey	\$46.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Chateau de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$46.99
2005 Puligny-Mont. “Folatières,” 1er, Dom. Paul Pernot	\$62.99
2002 Chablis “La Moutonne,” Grand Cru, Long Depaquit	\$64.99
2004 Beaune Clos des Mouches, Domaine J Drouhin	\$64.99

2004 Meursault “Charmes,” 1er Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey	\$78.99
2004 Chassagne-Mont. “Blanchots Dessus,” 1er, Gagnard.....	\$79.99
2004 Chassagne-Mont. “Clos Maltroie,” 1er, 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-Mont. “Pucelles,” 1er, Dom. Paul Pernot	\$89.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Girardin	\$99.00
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, Ch. De Puligny M	\$225.00
2004 Montrachet Grand Cru, Marquis Laguiche (Drouhin) ..	\$335.00
Beaujolais	
2005 Julienas, Domaine Milleranche, Terres et Vins	\$11.99
2005 Moulin-à-Vent, Domaine des Gandelins, Terres et Vins.	\$13.99
2005 Brouilly, Louis Tête	\$13.99
2005 Beaujolais, l’Ancienne, Vieilles Vignes, Jean-Paul Brun	\$15.99
2005 Fleurie, Clos de la Roilette	\$19.99

Esoterica from Italy

For me one of the greatest aspects of Italian wine is the variety. There are so many varietals, blends, styles and philosophies that you would have to really try to become bored with the bounty of Italian wines. One of the many varietals that I have fallen head over heels for is schiava. Indigenous to the Alto Adige, where it is the most widely planted red varietal, it produces what some people think of as Italian Beaujolais. The 2005 Cortaccia Schiava Grigia (\$14.99) is a perfect example of how charming and wonderful a wine from this varietal can be. The nose is full of bright red fruits and berries with a very subtle hint of earthiness. On the palate it is medium-light bodied, bright and fresh. It almost drinks like a white wine with juicy acidity. The fruit tones echo those on the nose and are accented with a soft earthy/mineral tone and a faint bitter note to the all but non-present tannins. It is mouth-wateringly good wine! The first sip leaves you begging for more. This is a super versatile wine at the dinner table as well, amazing with a simple soup of chicken stock and tortellini, cure meats and cheese, or even the spicy and savory cuisines of North Africa and the Middle East.

Another gem, the 2005 Marisa Cuomo Ravello (\$21.99), from Campania, is a blend of two native varietals, falanghina and biancolella. Grown on the slopes above the Amalfi coast, the vibrant aromatics of this wine move from apple and pear to citrus all the while with a soft/spicy floral tone in the back ground. Fermented and aged in stainless steel, the wine is medium-bodied, pleasantly round and has fresh acidity on the finish. The flavors are reminiscent of the aromatics but with a whisper of minerality. While it would be too easy to drink with a variety of fish dishes (please go ahead a do), it will also pair nicely with grilled vegetables, light risottos, or try this with sheep’s milk cheese, both aged and fresh.

—Kirk Walker

RED BURGUNDY

2003 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, Domaine Jean Tardy	\$12.99	Lucien Le Moine	\$82.99
2005 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot	\$14.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Charmes," 1er Cru, Lucien LeMoine	\$83.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus Bruchon	\$16.99	2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos St. Jacques," 1er Cru, Domaine Bruno Clair	\$84.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Edmund Cornu	\$17.99	2004 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Maison Champy	\$84.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Denis Bachelet	\$20.99	2004 Vosne Romanée "Suchots," 1er Cru, Lucien LeMoine	\$84.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot	\$20.99	2001 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Damoy	\$89.99
2005 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré	\$20.99	2004 Mazis-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Maison Champy	\$89.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses "Fichots," 1er Cru, Champy	\$21.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, M. Gros	\$93.99
2004 Marsannay Rouge, "Les Longeroies," Bruno Clair.....	\$23.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Fuées," 1er Cru, Domaine J-F Mugnier	\$99.95
Lovely Marsannay from the master, also available in 375ml at \$13.99!		2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Fontenys," 1er Cru, Domaine Roty	\$104.99
2004 Savigny Les Beaune, Domaine Jean-Marc Pavelot	\$24.99	2003 Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn.....	\$116.99
2004 Cote de Nuits Villages, Domaine Denis Bachelet.....	\$26.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Amoureuses," 1er Cru, Lucien Le Moine	\$126.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Grands Liards, Camus Bruchon	\$26.99	2004 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Louis Jadot.....	\$132.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Lucien Le Moine	\$27.99	2004 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$143.99
2000 Nuits-St-Georges, Charmois, Domaine Jean Grivot	\$28.99	2003 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier ..	\$157.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, "Lavières," 1er Cru, Camus Bruchon.....	\$28.99	2003 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Très V.V., Domaine Roty (Was \$184.99)	\$174.99
2000 Volnay, Domaine Marquis d'Angerville	\$34.99	2004 Musigny, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$175.99
2004 Savigny Les Beaune "La Dominode," 1er Cru, Domaine Jean- Marc Pavelot	\$36.99	2003 Chambertin Grand Cru, Louis Latour-Was \$199.99	\$169.99
Also available in 375ml at \$19.99.		2004 Musigny, Grand Cru, J-F Mugnier	\$305.00
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, Heresztyn-Was \$65.99	\$49.99		
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	\$54.99		
2002 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Domaine Thevenot	\$59.99		
2004 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode	\$59.99		
2003 Beaune "Clos des Ursules," 1er Cru, Domaine Jadot	\$60.99		
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Gruenchers, David Duband	\$63.99		
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Goulots," 1er Cru, Heresztyn.....	\$66.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges "Clos Marechale," 1er Cru, Domaine Mugnier	\$64.99		
2004 Vougeot "Les Petite Vougeots," 1er Cru, Domaine Fourrier	\$64.99		
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Gruenchers," 1er Cru, Domaine Fourrier	\$69.99		
2004 Volnay "Caillerets," 1er Cru, Lucien LeMoine	\$74.99		
2000 Echézeaux, Domaine Lamarche	\$79.95		
2003 Pommard "Fremiers," 1er Cru, Louis Boillot.....	\$79.99		
2003 Vosne-Romanée "Clos des Reas," 1er Cru, Michel Gros ..	\$79.99		
2003 Morey-St-Denis "Millandes," 1er Cru, Heresztyn	\$79.99		
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Cazetiers" 1er, Lucien LeMoine ..	\$79.99		
2008 Pommard "Epenots," 1er Cru, Lucien LeMoine.....	\$80.99		
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Lavaux St. Jacques," 1er Cru,			

Pour Votre Plaisir

Burgundy Bargains

As I write this, I am frantically getting ready to depart to Burgundy, for my annual buying trip. I'll be tasting many of the 2005s while I am there and looking for more great bargains to bring you. And, as you read this, I have just returned, and will be frantically working on a report for you to read. But for now, I want to talk about some bargains available in Burgundy.

Burgundy bargains is not an oxymoron. Some of the best values today in lovely Pinot Noir and Chardonnay come from the Cote d'Or. If you were to buy an estate-grown and bottled Pinot from Oregon or New Zealand, you could easily pay \$30 or \$40. And you would get a lovely wine. But for half of that sum, you can find delightful Pinot, grown in Vosne Romanée or Savigny Les Beaune, or many other villages. Some of my favorites, in stock as I write this, are: **2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus Bruchon (\$16.99)**, from Savigny, with bright fruit and a nice focus; the **2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Denis Bachelet (\$20.99)**, from Gevrey-Chambertin, with plush fruit and a lovely bright finish; and the **2005 Haute Cote de Nuits, Frederic Esmonin (\$20.99)**, with fruit simply leaping out of the glass in exuberance and a purple-red hue. For chardonnay, I'd advise the **2005 St. Veran, Domaine des Nembrets (\$13.99)**, with lovely bright fruit and no oak; the **2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Matrot (\$13.99)**, from Meursault, with bright citrus notes and length; and the **2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Paul Pernot (\$18.99)**, grown in Puligny-Montrachet, with generous fruit and lots of weight. *À Sante!*

—Keith Wollenberg

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In Stock: Tuscany

- 2005 Maritima Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"-A new cuvee..... \$7.49
 2003 Poggiopiano Chianti Classico-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.....\$13.99
 2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classic\$17.99
 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.
 2004 Felsina Chianti Classico Chianti Classico\$17.99
 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)\$74.99
 97 points Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*.

Montalcino

- 2004 Casisano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino\$16.99
 1 Glass Gambero Rosso.
 2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino...\$19.99
 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 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)
 2001 La Gerla Brunello di Montalcino "Vigna gli Angeli"\$70.99
 Five Stars! This is my #2 wine of the vintage. It is a classically styled wine from the versante Senese with layers of spice. Powerful yet sinuous structure no angles or harshness just sweet, sheer power. The length of this wine is impressive, but it is how all of the muscle and power coil themselves together in the center of the wine that makes such a dramatic statement. This wine has a voice, strong, immediate and clear. It has tremendous range. It can hit the high notes in a swirling crescendo of bright fruit aromatics that furiously line up to exit the glass. Yet its real power lays mid palate where a powerful tenor voice thunders across your palate with a vibrato that rivals the San Andreas Fault. This wine has power yet does not seem heavy. It has an elegance, balance and

Sul Tappeto Rosso

As I write this article, the volatility of the 2001 Brunello market makes it too difficult to put anything in writing, and the best way to keep ahead of that game is to be on my Italian Advance email list. So, to start, here are some pre-arrival wines (due end of May 2007) to tickle your fancy! I will tempt you with some of Italy's best Sangiovese! This, however, comes from Chianti. Rocca di Montegrossi is one of Chianti Classico's finest producers and one of my personal favorites. The 2003 vintage in Italy is one of the most misunderstood vintages in recent history. Predictions like that from James Suckling of the *Wine Spectator*: "The 2002 vintage was insipid in Tuscany and, unfortunately, vintage 2003 is not going to be a huge improvement. Although a handful of extraordinary wines were produced in '03, the vintage is extremely inconsistent," will not inspire many to purchase. It is I who needs to coerce, cajole and charm you into believing that Rocca di Montegrossi's (RdM for the rest of the article) altitude, site, terroir, vineyard age and vineyard work made their wines amongst the extraordinary! Mike P and I visited with Marco Ricasoli Firidolfi, the hands-on owner and direction behind this small winery. Monti in Chianti, a small town in Gaiole in the central highlands of Chianti Classico, is home to RdM. We knew the reputation of the 2003 vintage, but we also knew Marco. He reduced his production of the 2003s by 50% to be able to make a wine up to his standards. The 2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico San Marcellino (\$32.99, 1.5L \$79.99) is beyond doubt a magnificent wine, while different from the serious 2001. The 2003 is richer, has deeper flavors

now and gives a lushness to the mouth rarely seen in Chianti! Because we were shorted so much of the 2003 due to the lesser quantities, Marco dipped into his cellar to re-release some of the incredibly powerful 2001 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico San Marcellino (\$34.99) and the ridiculously sublime 1999 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico San Marcellino (1.5L \$79.99). To go along with the sangiovese-based wine, Marco also produces a 60% merlot 40% cabernet sauvignon blend, the 2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Geremia (\$34.99, 1.5L \$79.99 1.5L). While I thought the 2003 would be a bit flaccid with these varieties, we were both thrilled with the quality. Aged only in French Tonneaux, this is subtle, rich, spicy, more comfortable and less austere perhaps than the 93 point Robert Parker 2001 version but just as tasty! Very small quantities...don't miss out!

I would be remiss not to mention in the same article the same story for our Barolo producer, Ruggeri Corsini, whose 2002 is really good, from a vintage most everyone has written off before tasting! These pre-arrival prices are truly PRE, and they will go up substantially upon arrival. The 2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo (\$28.99) comes from their oldest vineyards (30- to 40-years old) and offers stunning concentration and balance, with no over-ripeness at all! The 2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo "San Pietro" (\$23.99) carries a ridiculous price for the quality, excellent concentration, aromatics... truly amazing at the price. Saluti!

—Greg St.Clair

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grace all the while this force attracts all of your senses you can't get away from it; it is the Siren's song ever pulling you in. The finish... well it hasn't yet. This wine is absolutely stunning, balanced enough to drink now with a couple of hours in a decanter but will last 20-30+ years. 541 cases produced. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

Misc Piedmont

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe	\$16.99
2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2003 Agostino Pavia Barbera d'Asti, Moliss	\$12.99
2005 Anna Maria Abbona Dolcetto di Dogliani, Sori dij But	\$13.99
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 <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
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 Prete Barbera d'Alba "Carolina"	\$39.99

Barolo/Barbaresco

2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella"	\$25.99
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo	\$29.99
2001 Alessandria Barolo "San Giovanni"	\$54.99
3 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2000 Ettore Germano Barolo "Cerretta"	\$55.99
2001 Baudana Barolo Cerretta	\$56.99
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

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2005 Blason Pinot Grigio	\$8.99
Don't wait to try this absolutely stunning Pinot Grigio! DIRECT IMPORT!	
2005 Blason Tocai Friulano	\$8.99
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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-1 Glass <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$9.99
2005 Blason Chardonnay-Unoaked and wonderful!	\$9.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2 Red Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco.....	\$14.99
2 Red Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2004 Cortaccia Schiava Grigia "Sonntaler"-Great red wine	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Tocai Friulano	\$14.99
2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2005 Ermacora Sauvignon.....	\$14.99
2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2005 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulano-1 Glass <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Refosco	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Schiopettino	\$15.99
2005 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio	\$17.95
2005 Cantina Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos"	\$19.99

Sicily, Umbria, Campania and Lazio

2005 Arancio Grillo	\$5.99
2004 Arancio Nero d'Avola	\$5.99
2004 Falesco Vitiano	\$7.95

2004 Planeta La Segreta Bianco & Rosso	\$11.95
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
2005 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$17.99
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 De Conciliis Naima	\$49.99

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 <i>Gambero Rosso</i> ..	\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Classico"-Semi-dry ..	\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Tipico"-Dry ..	\$8.99
Silvano Follador Prosecco Extra Dry-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> ..	\$10.99
Ca Berti Grasp. di Castelvetro "Robusco"-Semi-dry	\$10.99
Silvano Follador Prosecco Brut-1 Glass <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$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 <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
Silvano Follador Prosecco "Cartizze"	\$19.99
2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"	\$39.99
2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> .	
2001 Allegrini Amarone	\$59.95

April's Picks!

2005 Bucci Verdicchio Classico dei Castelli di Jesi (\$16.95) After many vintages of this wine, I particularly love this 2005. You will find zippy acidity and apricot with a floral-ness on the finish, lots of power and depth on this mineral-driven wine. Here is a perfect wine for sushi, risotto or a spring picnic.

2005 Valle Dell'Acate "Il Frappato" (\$17.99) Frappato is an indigenous grape from the commune of Vittoria in Sicily. This is a wine you will want to drink young, with its blueberry and raspberry tones, this is a fresh, crisp light red. Showing its best with prosciutto and melon or with a fish course.

2005 Anna Maria Abbona Dolcetto di Dogliani "Sori dij But" (\$13.99) A lot of name for this little wine from the village of Dogliani in Piedmont. I have always been a huge fan of this winery, and 2005 is a GREAT year for Dolcetto. I love the ripe cherries, plum and chocolate tones, balanced with good acidity. Think a grilled portabella mushroom or pasta primavera.

2004 Vietti Barbera d'asti "Tre Vigne" (\$15.99) Greg and I had the chance to visit this winery last January, and we are looking forward to bringing in many of their wines over the next year. Starting with the Tre Vigne, this is a big, rich and full-bodied Barbera. On the palate you will find red fruit, blackberries and cassis with a touch of Asti minerals and a long and lingering finish. Put on a movie, gab some salami, cheese and crackers, and don't invite anyone over! Salute!

—Mike Parres

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1986 Bruichladdich "Blacker Still" Islay Single Malt\$249.99

As Jim McEwan says, "The Oloroso sherry cask give this malt a dusky, vintage sherry color. The body is extremely viscous, warm, rich and responsive. A spiritual pleasure in its prime with the congenial heart warming unique marriage of Islay and Spain."

Bruichladdich 125th Anniversary Islay Single Malt.....\$299.99

This has been ACE'd (Additional Cask Enhancement) in Zind Humbrecht Selection de Grain Nobles Pinot Gris wine casks.

Bruichladdich Legacy Five Islay Single Malt Whisky\$259.99

Benromach Sassicaia Wood Finish Single Malt Whisky.....\$55.99

Since reopening in 1998 Benromach Distillery has produced a more traditional style of Speyside single malt whisky. This has richer, fuller flavors with a distinctive smoky edge. After finishing in Sassicaia wine casks for 27 months, the whisky has developed a deep ruby color, with vibrant red berry fruitiness fused with spices and peat smoke. 45% ABV.

El Dorado 12-year-old Demerara Guyana Rum\$25.99

Formerly King of Diamonds, this distinctive spirit, aged in oak casks for 12 years and blended to achieve a smooth strength and rich, full-bodied taste, is a rum of superb color, full and fragrant aroma. A sure delight to the most discerning drinker, The El Dorado 12-year-old rum was allotted 95 out of a possible 100 points at the Chicago Beverage Tasting Institute and awarded the gold medal. In describing the El Dorado 12-year-old, the judges said, "Copper. Lush tropical fruit and spice nose. Round, mellow, full bodied palate with powerful fruit, tobacco, and orange peel. Leather and toasty and oak flavors. Hedonistic and well balanced."

El Dorado 15-year-old Demerara Guyana Rum\$33.99

This premium product of great distinction is a blend of specially selected aged rums, some as old as 25 years, blended to perfection by the company's master blenders and aged in oak casks. To complement this fine product, the rum is packaged in a gold embossed presentation box illustrated with a maritime design, underlying Demerara Distillers' association with ancient maritime traditions. The bottle, a unique custom designed glass, was inspired by the shape of the old hand-blown flasks used on the banks of the Demerara river, centuries ago, by the sugar planters. The Gold Medal was awarded to the El Dorado 15 year at the International Wine and Spirit Competition of London and the International Rum Festival, in the Super Premium Category.

Flor De Cana Rum 12 Year Centenario Rum\$28.99

A superior, award-winning full-bodied 12-year-old rum offering a rich amber color and a distinctively smooth taste loaded with flavors of butter, toffee and baked apple. It is a pleasure to sip hand-warmed in a brandy glass, neat or on the rocks. Five Stars, Highest Recommendation from the Spirits Journal.

Hazelburn 8-year-old Triple Distilled Campbeltown.....\$81.99

Hazelburn is a triple-distilled, completely unpeated single malt produced at the Springbank Distillery. It has not been chilled filter and no caramel has been added. Wood Type - 60% Bourbon/40% Sherry 46% ABV. Color: pale gold; Nose: light and delicate. Hazelburn has subtle nuances of raspberry coulis, shortbread and sherbet. Sweet vanilla, malt and white oak are also in evidence; Palate: elegantly sweet and malty. Loads of vanilla flavour combines well with toasty oak notes leading to a spicy aftertaste. No smokiness in triple distilled Hazelburn; Finish: A slightly peppery finish to a refined and elegant dram.

1991 Mortlach Signatory Speyside Single Malt Whisky\$61.99

Mortlach is a very important blending Speysider that contributes to Johnnie Walker blends. Because of the complexity of flavors developed at an early age, this single is a prize blender. Mortlach is not available as a single malt under its own label and is only available from independent bottlers. This version is a second fill sherry butt that has left the malt softened down with the sherry influence. Still firm in the palate, this malt has rounded out very nicely with good spice and a single trace of peat that lingers at the end.

1977 Pulteney 28 year, Duncan Taylor Single Malt\$184.99

1977 Scapa 28 year, Duncan Taylor Single Malt Whisky\$204.99

It is very rare to find outstanding independent merchant bottles of Scapa. This

Duncan Taylor is stunning. The refill sherry cask gives the whisky just the right amount of sweet oak, toasted nuts and hints of tobacco to highlight the whiffs of smoke in the malt. It is extremely youthful for a 28-year-old whisky. A perfect gift for someone celebrating his or her 30th anniversary or birthday.

Springbank 9-year-old Marsala Wood, CampbeltownInquire

Wood type: 7 years in Re-fill Bourbon, 2 years in fresh Marsala Casks; Distilled: October 1996; Bottled - August 2006; Strength: 58% ABV; Color: Russet; Nose: Sugar and spice and all things nice! Rich, sweet and syrupy. Crème caramel, coffee creams and rum and raisin. Forget dessert, just have this instead; Palate: Thick and rich on the palate, the sweetness from the nose develops and stays at the front of your tongue. Hints of fruit, nut and chocolate.

Wasmund's Single Malt Whisky From Virginia\$57.99

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Our Champagne Club Begins this Month. Join Now!

The K&L Wine Clubs are pleased to announce that our fourth Club, dedicated exclusively to the finest Champagne, begins this month. The Champagne Club sends you two bottles of incredible Champagne bi-monthly for only \$69.95. Each shipment will usually (not always) combine one bottle from an artisanal grower producer and one bottle from a grand marque producer. Call or email us (thornton@klwines.com) to reserve your place in this exciting Club and receive April's great selections.

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. Let us surprise you every month with our amazing finds from the multi-faceted world of fine wine. What 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.

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 your guided tour of the world's finest wines.

—Thornton Jacobs

SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

The Signature Red Club is conceived expressly for those who believe the first duty of a great wine is to be red. The wines in this Club hail from the finest wine regions in the world. The cost per month for two bottles is \$49.95 + shipping (tax for CA residents only). All reorders are only \$23.95 per bottle. Previous Signature selections have included: 1999 Oakford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$100) and 1999 Casisano Brunello di Montalcino (\$40) (*Wine Spectator* prices).

PREMIUM WINE CLUB

The Premium Wine Club is usually a combination of one white and one red chosen for their varietal tipicity. The cost per month for two bottles is \$29.95 + shipping (tax for CA residents only). All reorders are only \$13.99 per bottle. Previous Premium selections have included: 2000 Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa (\$25) and 2000 Cloud 9 "Composition" (\$70) (*Wine Spectator* prices).

BEST BUY WINE CLUB

The Best Buy Wine Club is both a great way for novices to discover a wide range of wines as well as a great source of high-quality everyday drinkers for the savvy old pro. Many of our customers subscribe to multiple Clubs, often adding in a Best Buy Club for the astounding values we deliver every month. The cost per month for two bottles is \$17.95 + shipping (tax for CA residents only). All reorders are only \$8.49 per bottle. Previous Best Buy selections have included: 2003 Nugan Chardonnay, Australia (\$12) and 2003 Langwerth von Simmern, Riesling (\$13) (*Wine Spectator* prices).



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