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December

The Holidays are Here. Let's Celebrate!

The month of December is always full of friends and family and there is no better way to celebrate with them than by drinking **Ariston Carte Blanche Brut (\$22.99)**. This graceful, flavorful blend of 40% chardonnay, 30% pinot noir and 30% meunier has been aged for a full four years before being disgorged and sent directly to us here in California. For the many of you who have traveled to Champagne and stayed with the Ariston family in their home in Brouillet, the wine needs no introduction. For those of you who have not, I cannot think of a better "liquid hospitality" than this Champagne. It has a pleasant toasty aroma and flavor from its four years ageing on its yeast, and wonderful apple fruit from the steep, well-exposed vineyard sites and late harvesting policy of the Aristons. We are able to offer this fantastic Champagne at such a low price because we purchased it directly from Paul Vincent and Caroline Ariston. I hope that you will join me in drinking some of this fabulous Champagne with friends and family this year.

Another Champagne that will definitely be on my holiday table this December is the **De Meric Grande Reserve "Sous Bois" Brut (\$27.99)**. Almost everyone on the staff enjoyed this bottle at Thanksgiving, and it was a huge hit. Made in the same kind of masculine style as a Bollinger or Krug, this wine is composed of 80% pinot noir, 15% chardonnay and 5% meunier, all from grand and premier cru vineyards. Since half of the juice is fermented in old oak without malolactic fermentation, this wine has the black cherry fruit that you would expect from such a high pinot content without sacrificing any elegance or snap. It is primarily made of fruit from the very good 2000 harvest, with a small amount of 1999 and 1998 reserve wines added in. Fans of toasty style Champagne will appreciate the honest yeastiness that this long ageing on lees has given the De Meric. Once again, this wine is purchased direct from the producer, so expect it to perform way beyond its price point!

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More Wine Lockers Coming Soon!

K&L is building additional off-site wine lockers in San Carlos. To reserve, please visit: <http://www.klwines.com/wine-lockers.asp>

Who do You Love?

The Ultimate Wine Gift. Words fail. See page 2.

California Cabernet

Give the gift that never goes out of style. Trey selects a few Cabernets for every recipient on your list. Page 10.

Special Malt Whisky Offering

Special Pre-Arrival Price. Malt is due in the Spring 2006.

1966 Lochside, Jim McEwan's Celtic Heartlands \$375.00

On Thursday, September 1, 2005, I was lucky enough to be in Warehouse #2 at the Bruichladdich Distillery with Jim McEwan. We were evaluating whisky as part of my Bruichladdich Whisky Academy experience. When we got to the 1966 Lochside, the world seemed to stop and the only thing that existed was the beauty of this malt. The Lochside has been aging in a refilled Bourbon cask. What struck me first was the amazing color. The deep rich amber and gold of mature Sauternes. Right out of the cask it was so vibrant and alive, all strawberry jam and cranberries. It was one of the best malts I have ever had in my life to date! Lochside Distillery is no longer in existence, which makes this malt even more rare. It was located in city of Montrose, north of Dundee. Do not miss out on this extraordinary single malt. Buy two, one for now and one to put away for the future. You will not be disappointed! If you buy just one single malt this holiday season, make it the 1966 Lochside! —Susan Purnell

Two Special Dinners in Early 2006

On January 28 (Saturday), we will have an exciting Bordeaux tasting and dinner at the University Club in San Francisco. We will welcome the "Crus Bourgeois Exceptionnels" nine (I said 9) outstanding châteaux and their owners/winemakers. This new Bordeaux designation includes Ch. Poujeaux, Chasse Spleen, Les Ormes de Pez, Phelan Segur, Siran, Haut Marbuzet, Potensac, Labégorce Zede, and de Pez. We will taste the excellent 2003 vintage plus an older wine from each property. \$110 per person inclusive.

Mark your calendar for February 9 (Thursday) to experience 2004 Burgundies, as we start with a tasting of wines air-freighted in for this event. Then have dinner with both Veronique and Laurent Drouhin at John Bentley's restaurant in Redwood City. The four-course dinner will include older vintage Burgundies from Drouhin and wine from Domaine Drouhin in Oregon. Cost is \$100 per person, including tax and tip.

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Clyde Recommends Holiday Wines, a Radio Show, and a Book.

I hope all of you have a healthy and happy holiday season and a fine 2006. Can you believe 2006 already? Everything from about 1960-2005 is a big blur. And the year 2006 will be K&L's 30th Anniversary-time flies when you are having fun. Winewise, I have two gems to serve with your holiday meals-in fact they are good to enjoy all of the time. From Marlborough New Zealand, try the zippy refreshing **2004 Griffin Sauvignon Blanc (\$10.99)**. Lip-smacking delicious! For a delicious Pinot, try the **2003 Kalinda Pinot Noir (\$14.99)** from Oregon. Bright, fruity, and lush.

Two plugs: K&L is the wine shop featured on the radio show "A Matter of Taste" airing on Sundays on 910AM (KNEW) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. David and Rachel Kane have a great show. You should listen in! As for the book I enjoyed "50 Simple Ways to Live a Longer Life" by Suzanne Bohan and Glenn Thompson (two faithful K&L customers). Chapter 32 is my favorite: the health benefits of wine! Have a great 2005 ending and a fabulous 2006.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

Some Holiday Gifts for "Those Who Have Everything"

We have many great wines and spirits for holiday gifts. A gift subscription to one of our three Wine Clubs is very popular this time of year. For a few people who want only the best for themselves, a significant other or a very good friend, may Clyde suggest:

Direct from Château Léoville-Las-Cases, we have these special sets sold on a futures basis and due to arrive in December or January.

Clos du Marquis "Special Vertical Case" (\$499.99) For those who love Las Cases and their second wine, a set direct from the château containing two bottles of each of the last six vintages of the '90s. (1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000). One of the great Bordeaux second wines.

Léoville-Las-Cases "Best Value Case" (\$1399.00) A set direct from the château containing twelve 750ml bottles, two each of 1983, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1994 and 1999. Special wood box with these excellent value Léoville-Las-Cases vintages.

Léoville-Las-Cases "100-pt Dream Case" (\$2499.00) A set direct from the château containing two 750ml bottles each of 1982, 1986 and 2000 vintage Léoville-Las-Cases. All 100-point Robert Parker wines (new 2005 edition). The perfect dream case! Very limited availability.

Léoville-Las-Cases "100-pt Dream Case 1.5L" (\$4999.00) A set direct from the château containing two magnums (1.5L) each of 1982, 1986 and 2000 vintage Léoville-Las-Cases. All 100-point Robert Parker wines. The perfect case for the serious wine collector. Only two sets left.

Léoville-Las-Cases "Best Vintage Cases" (\$3999.00) A set direct from the château containing one magnum (1.5L) each of the best six vintages of Léoville-Las-Cases from the last 35 years. One bottle each of 1982, 1986, 1990, 1995, 1996 and 2000 vintages. All wines rated 95-100 points by Robert Parker. Very limited availability-special wood box.

or.... The Ultimate Wine Gift

One case each of the following 16 (sixteen) 2004 and 2005 Bordeaux Left Bank Wines: 2004s to be delivered in late 2006 and the 2005s in late 2007-early 2008.

The First Growths: Château Latour, Château Lafite-Rothschild, Château Margaux, Château Mouton-Rothschild, and Château Haut-Brion.

The Super Seconds: Château Cos d'Estournel, Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Château Pichon-Lalande, Château Léoville-Las-Cases, Château La Mission-Haut-Brion, and Château Palmer

The Best of the Rest: Château Léoville-Barton, Château Lynch-Bages, Château Haut-Bailly, Château Pichon-Baron, and Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte.

PLUS: A One-Week Trip to Bordeaux with Clyde Beffa of K&L (for four people of your choice) to visit these 16 châteaux and taste their wines. Included are meals at selected properties with the owners/managers. Trip will take place in June 2006.

Includes all meals, all lodging (7 nights split between Hotel Cordeillan Bages in Pauillac and Sources de Caudalie on the grounds of Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte). Transportation in Bordeaux is included also (not flights between Bordeaux and the U.S.). A fabulous opportunity to visit some of the most famous wine properties in the world, to meet the owners or property managers, and to taste the wines you have just purchased. Very limited availability.

The Ultimate Wine Gift (\$100,000)

2004 BORDEAUX FUTURES

See our *Vintage Report* and list of wines available on our website. A very fine vintage, classic style and well priced.

Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux-Spectator: A lovely, silky wine	\$32.99
Angélus, St-Emilion (1.5L)	\$179.99
Angélus, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and Spectator	\$86.99
Ausone, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$229.99
Barde Haut, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$27.99
Branais-Ducru, St-Julien (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$56.99
Branais-Ducru, St-Julien	\$28.99
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (1.5L)-90-91 points Robert Parker	\$59.99
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux.....	\$30.99
Calon Segur, St-Estèphe (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$78.99
Calon Segur, St-Estèphe.....	\$37.99
Canon-La-Gaffelière, St-Emilion-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$46.99
Cantenac-Brown, Margaux	\$24.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$66.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac.....	\$34.99
Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion-93-95 points Robert Parker	\$219.00
Clerc-Milon, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-(1.5L)	\$49.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$24.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-92-94 points Robert Parker and <i>WS</i>	\$69.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (1.5L)	\$144.99
d'Aiguilhe, Côtes d'Castillon-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$18.99
d'Angludet, Margaux-An outstanding value	\$22.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$23.99
du Tertre, Margaux (1.5L \$51.99)-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$24.99
Destieux, St-Emilion-Tanzer: sweet berry and dark chocolate flavors ..	\$23.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac	\$29.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien-92-94 pts Parker	\$59.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (1.5L)	\$129.00
Giscours, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$29.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (1.5L \$71.99)-88-91 points Tanzer ..	\$34.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (1.5L)	\$69.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$35.99
Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan-93-95 points Robert Parker	\$139.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$38.99
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-88-90 points Tanzer	\$25.99
La Mission-Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Parker	\$98.99
Lagrange, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$27.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien.....	\$32.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L)-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$66.99
Larcis-Ducasse, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$27.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$74.99
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$35.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac (1.5L).....	\$89.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-89-93 points Stephen Tanzer	\$46.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> and Tanzer	\$39.99
Lynch Bages, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$4.99
Malescot St Exupery, Margaux (1.5L \$58.99)-91-93 pts Parker.....	\$28.99
Meyney, St-Estèphe-Excellent wine	\$22.99
Montrose, St-Estèphe-92-95 points Stephen Tanzer	\$49.99
Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L \$299.00)-92-94 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$139.99
Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	\$21.99
Palmer, Margaux-91-93 points Stephen Tanzer.....	\$79.99

Pape Clement, Pessac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$66.99
Pavie, St-Emilion-95-97 points Robert Parker.....	\$109.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux (1.5L)	\$69.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer	Inquire
Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe-Tanzer: "supple and lush..."	\$24.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac (1.5L \$99.99)-90-93 points Robert Parker..	\$51.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-91-94 points Robert Parker	\$59.99
Pichon Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L).....	\$129.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Quinault L'Enclos, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$24.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc, Pessac-Léognan-91-92 points Tanzer	\$37.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Parker ..	\$36.99
Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Parker	\$36.99
Troplong-Mondot, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$38.99

2003 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Exceptional vintage for collectors. Check out our 16-page Vintage Report. Scores are from The Wine Advocate.

Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (90-93)	\$34.99
90-93 points Robert Parker: "Showing better several months prior to bottling than it did last year,... sweet black currant, herbaceous aroma with hints of earth, blue fruits, and some of the forest floor characteristics ..." (04/05)	
Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion (89-92)	\$34.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estephe	\$149.99
d'Issan, Margaux (90-92)	\$29.99
90-92 points Robert Parker: "...Elegant, focused bouquet of floral notes inter-mixed with blueberry, black currants and some earth and spice, this wine reveals elegance, ripeness, good freshness, and a medium-bodied, attractive finish with low acidity, outstanding depth, and overall balance." (04/05)	
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes du Castillon (87-89)	\$19.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (94-96)	\$104.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (91-94)	\$43.99
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (90-92)	\$33.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan (90-92)	\$37.99
Parker says, "...nose of roasted herbs and scorched earth, this wine has sweet cherry and black currant fruit notes along with hints of graphite and toasty oak. Pure, rich and more powerful than usual, it remains elegant and precise."	
Haut-Brion, Pessac (93-95+)	\$279.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (96-100)	\$359.00
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien.....	\$36.99
Fabulous wine-just tasted. Rich cranberry aromas and flavors.	
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (93-95)	\$169.99
95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "...Very complex. Layers of cashmerelike tannins, turning to leather. Warm and inviting, yet rich and powerful; fantastic purity, yet voluptuous. This is what exciting wine is about."	
Margaux, Margaux (96-100)	\$369.00
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac (95-96)	\$259.99
95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Complex aromas of blackberries, citrus and tobacco. Currants. Subtle nose yet complex..."	
Palmer, Margaux (88-91)	\$114.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (93-95)	\$98.99
95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "This tastes like crushed grapes and red fruits. It's big and rich, full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, long finish. Juicy wine. A cross between the 1995 and 1996. In fact, it could be better than 2000."	
Potensac, Médoc (88-90)	\$19.99
Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper)	\$22.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac-Léognan (90-93)	\$39.99

Highlights from the Bordeaux Tour of a Lifetime-Part Two

We left off November's *Wine News* with a marvelous lunch with Corinne De Bouard at Angélus featuring the 1998 and 1995 **Angelus (\$159.99)**. If we were not sky high yet from our great visit at Angélus, we certainly were when we left Petrus. Edward Moueix welcomed us to his home, walked us out into the vineyard and passionately told us that the 2005 harvest was completely done over a week ago when most were just starting to pick. With not a cloud in the 85 degree sky, he was very happy because he said in 36 hours it would be raining. He told us the intensely farmed, garden vineyard on the plateau was the key to the greatness, "we are not movie stars, we are farmers." Just then a man came jogging down the path towards us excusing himself as he moved quickly past the group. He puts his hand on Edward's shoulder and is telling him something, this man is visibly shaking. The man turns to our group and says, "I'm so sorry, my name is Christian and I had to tell my son that I just pulled samples of the one-week-old fermenting juice, and it's phenomenal!"

Still shaking from pure excitement he went on to say that he did not remember the 1947, but he made the '82, '89 and '98 and that this juice from 2005 may be the best he has ever tasted, and we would be the first people besides himself in the world to taste it! Electricity was in the air, we floated back to the winery all pumped up! The one-week-old merlot juice was quite tasty. I've locked it in my memory because it's most likely the last time I'll taste it!

The incredible brightness and elegance of the reds 2001, 1998 and 1990 and white wines 2002 and 2001 made in the new cellar by the Bonnie Family at Malartic-Lagraviere are only surpassed by their gracious and generous hospitality. The same is always the case at Haut-Bailly, where this always classy wine, of dark red fruit and minerals, is at a new level of high quality under the direction of Veronique Sanders. The **2004 Haut-Bailly (\$38.99)** is superb!

After a lovely glass of 2002 Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc as an aperitif with Daniel and Florence Cathiard in the kitchen of their home, it was time to have dinner, and 29 hours after Petrus, it was pouring rain. Luckily it lasted only 20 minutes, and the Cathiards pulled out the 1961 Rouge out of magnum. As we walked back to the hotel, Les Sources de Caudalie thru the vineyard hours later there was not a puddle or mud anywhere, no sign it had rained hard.

Ch. Guiraud 2003, 2002, 2001 and some moldy grapes in the vineyard made for a memorable breakfast in Sauternes. Lunch was a fantastic visit to the Red Sands of Barsac and Ch. Climens. Bernice Lurton served us 1996 as aperitif and 1989, 1986, 1985 and 1969 with dessert, oh boy. I had 15 people asleep minutes later. The quiet farm and micro production estate of Sauternes' best buy, Ch. Doisy Vedrines and its humble owner and winemaker Olivier Casteja, was a perfect place to end a perfect week. The **2002 Doisy Vedrines (\$29.99)** and 1999 were lovely.

Special thanks to all the great customers who made the trek, all our gracious friends in Bordeaux, as well as Cecile Levin and Magda Johnson who made it all happen. Cheers to all of you!

—Ralph Sands

Bargains and more for the Holidays!

2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (.375ml) (\$14.99) Cerons is an area just to the north of Sauternes and Barsac known for producing value-priced sweet wines. This 100% semillon is aged in oak barrels to add extra richness to the lively, tropical botrytised fruit. Zesty and complex with citrus, honey and orange, this is great with foie gras, cheese or fruit-based desserts.

2004 La Peyrere du Tertre, Clairet (\$12.99) This rustic and hearty rosé is a wine of *terrior*, showing flavors of earth, juicy raspberry, stony minerality and rose petal. Made from a blend of 80% merlot and 20% cabernet sauvignon aged in oak for three months, this can definitely stand up to rich food yet has enough fruit to sip by the glass. Just 300 cases produced each year.

2000 Ch Laforge, St-Emilion (\$19.99) This ridiculously low-priced offering from the glorious 2000 vintage starts out with sweet, seductive aromas of dark fruit, oak and roasting coffee. The rich palate shows flavors of sweet currants, ripe plums, mocha, minerals, toast and chocolate, which are long and mouth coating. Round, gentle and almost too easy to drink.

2000 La Cardonne, Médoc (\$14.99) According to the *Wine Spectator*: "Lovely aromas of crushed berries, chocolate and smoke follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a clean finish. Well-done. Best after 2005."

2001 Ch Margaux, Margaux (\$164.99) The most elegant wine of the First Growths in 2001. This blend of 82% cabernet sauvignon, 7% merlot, 7% petit verdot and 4% cabernet franc is seamless and complex. 93 points Parker and 92 points *Spectator*.
—Steve Bearden

BORDEAUX 1996-2004

1996 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$96.99
95 points *Wine Spectator*.

1996 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.....\$31.99
Quite forward for the vintage-enjoy now.

1996 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$27.99

1996 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$129.99
96 points Robert Parker: "...just as awesome from bottle as it was from multiple cask tastings."

1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$52.99
92 points *Spectator* and \$20 less than 2003.

1997 Canon Moueix, Bordeaux\$9.99
Easy drinking merlot-poolside red.

1997 Lagrange, St-Julien\$21.99
Absolutely delicious-fruity with a touch of oak.

1997 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol ..\$24.99
Great drinking and great price.

1997 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$39.99
A well-crafted red; silky tannins and pretty berry, mineral and spice character. Decant one hour.

1998 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$49.99
According to Robert Parker: "Concentrated and powerful..."

1998 Malartic-Lagraviere, Pessac.....\$26.99
Good minerality and lingering finish. Fine plus.

1998 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$57.99

1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$29.99
Robert Parker and Clyde Beffa love this wine.

1999 Cantemerle, Médoc (1.5L)\$42.99
Great tasting red-superb value.

1999 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac....\$24.99

1999 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$124.99
93 points Robert Parker.

1999 Lalande Borie, St-Julien.....\$18.99
From Bruno Borie of Ducru Beaucaillou-superb!

1999 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.....\$24.99
Robert Parker: "The 1999 is charming. It exhibits strawberry, cherry, and black currant fruit, a touch of minerals, earth, and underbrush." (04/01)

1999 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$39.99
Black currant and spicy aromas, with nice thickness in the mouth. It has a tinge of coffee and vanilla on the palate. An exotic wine.

1999 Poujeaux, Moulis\$21.99
Dominated by delicious sweet, toasty dark fruit.

1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$39.99
One of Clyde's favorite '99s. Elegant-fruity.

1999 Talbot, St-Julien.....\$29.99
According to Robert Parker: "An impressive effort for the vintage, this is an opulent, velvety-textured 1999 that comes across as a hypothetical blend of a Pomerol and Burgundy."

2000 Beaumont, Médoc\$17.99
Superb value! Soft and fruity.

2000 Bellerose Figeac Reserve, St-Emilion\$27.99

Dark red fruits and berries on the nose peppered with oaky spice and earthy minerality, the wine has good structure. The ripe round fruit is wrapped around a core of dark chocolate and earthy spice.

BORDEAUX 1996-2004

- 2000 d'Issan, Margaux**\$49.99
2000 Ferriere, Margaux\$59.99
2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol\$34.99
 Great value Pomerol from 2000 vintage with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak, hints of spice and earth. The palate is round and quite juicy.
- 2000 Greysac, Médoc**\$18.99
2000 Grangeneuve, Pomerol\$27.99
 Superb value from a great vintage and property.
- 2000 La Cardonne, Médoc**\$14.99
 Excellent value red. Sweet and lush. Drink now.
- 2000 Laforge, St-Emilion**\$19.99
2000 La Mouleyre, St-Emilion\$19.99
 Easy drinker-tasty and forward.
- 2000 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac**\$31.99
 91 points *Wine Spectator*: "...Full-bodied, yet fine and silky, with a long, delicious finish."
- 2000 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Marg**.....\$59.99
 92 points Robert Parker: "This estate has been making fine wine for over a decade but never receives the attention it deserves."
- 2000 Mondorian, St-Emilion**\$19.99
2000 Mouton-Rothschild (5L)\$4499.00
 97 points Robert Parker-special box and bottle-collector's item.
- 2000 Palmer, Margaux**\$169.99
2000 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.....\$29.99
 89 points *Wine Spectator*: "Refined and silky."
- 2000 Poujeaux, Moulis**\$29.99
 One of Clyde's favorites. Cellar it a few years. Packed with ripe fruit flavors.
- 2000 Poumey, Pessac**\$29.99
 According to Parker: "...delicious plum, anise and tobacco nose ... possesses soft flavors."
- 2000 Pressac, St-Emilion**\$26.99
2001 Angélus, St-Emilion.....\$89.99
2001 Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion \$44.95
2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$72.99
 94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderful spice and currant aromas...Full-bodied, with super well-integrated, refined tannins. Long caressing finish..."
- 2001 de Franc les Cerisiers**.....\$12.99
 Hubert de Bouard made this delicious red. Fruity, sweet, and forward. Outstanding value.
- 2001 du Moulin, Haut-Médoc**\$18.99
 According to the *Spectator*: "Good berry and mineral character with silky tannins..."
- 2001 d'Issan, Margaux**\$29.99
 Super delicious wine and a great value.
- 2001 Haut-Bergey, Pessac**.....\$24.99
2001 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$159.99
 94 points Robert Parker: "...currants, licorice, smoke, and crushed stones. Medium bodied with excellent purity, firm tannin ..." (06/04)
- 2001 La Couspaude (1.5L)**\$49.99
2001 l'Arrosée, St-Emilion\$24.99
2001 La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pom\$31.99
2001 La Mondotte, St-Emilion.....\$119.99
2001 La Roche Amavinum, Castill....\$18.99
- 75% merlot. Coffee and chocolate aromas. Good middle and fine length. Sweet and lush.
- 2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien**....\$74.99
 94 points *Spectator*: "Very floral and perfumed with violets, roses, berries. Full-bodied, with ultra-fine tannins and racy finish..."
- 2001 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Marg**.....\$29.99
2001 Margaux, Margaux.....\$164.99
 93 points Robert Parker: "...an elegant, seamlessly constructed effort with a deep ruby/purple color, and a beautiful nose of flowers, creme de cassis, blackberries, and cedar..."
- 2001 Montlisse, St-Emilion**\$22.99
Wine Spectator: "A intense red, with fresh herbs and berries on the nose and palate."
- 2001 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe**\$24.99
 Excellent. From the Jean Michel Cazes group.
- 2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe**.....\$24.99
 Soft, perfumed and silky-drinking very well now.
- 2001 Palmer, Margaux**\$129.99
2001 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$66.99
2001 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (5L) \$649.99
 95-100 points *Spectator*: "Very well-integrated."
- 2001 Quinault d'Enclos, St-Emilion** \$39.99
2001 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..\$26.99
 "Super delicious! As good as any Reserve I have ever had. Silky and elegant," Clyde Beffa Jr.
- 2002 Cantemerle, Médoc**\$17.99
2002 Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac ..\$36.99
Wine Spectator: "Good plum and raspberry aromas and flavors. Medium bodied with silky tannins...Best after 2008." (03/05)
- 2002 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien**\$29.99
 90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderful aromas of currants and berries with hints of flowers."
- 2002 d'Armailhac, Pauillac**.....\$28.99
2002 du Tertre, Margaux\$25.99
 89 points from Robert Parker.
- 2002 de Pez, St-Estèphe**\$18.99
2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol.....\$79.99
2002 Eglise-Clinet (1.5L)\$139.99
 90-92 points Robert Parker: "An exceptionally strong effort from a vigneron, Denis Durantou..."
- 2002 Filet, Fronsac**\$9.99
2002 Haut-Bailly, Pessac.....\$34.99
 90 points Robert Parker: "...displaying notes of tobacco smoke intermixed with sweet currant, cherry, and some toast... has the hallmark purity married graciously with nicely concentrated fruit."
- 2002 Haut-Nadeau, Bordeaux Sup**....\$10.99
2002 Haut-Bergey, Pessac.....\$19.99
2002 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$149.99
2002 Latour-Martillac, Pessac\$19.99
2002 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$41.99
 Big wine-powerful cassis aromas and flavor-needs several years in your cellar.
- 2002 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien**....\$83.99
 95 points Robert Parker.
- 2002 l'Evangile, Pomerol**\$79.99
2002 Margaux (1.5L)\$259.00
2002 Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L).....\$299.99
2002 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....\$45.99
2002 Pape Clement, Pessac.....\$51.99
2002 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$59.99
2002 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac.....\$29.99
 92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long finish."
- 2002 Potensac, Médoc**\$17.99
2002 Reserve Comtesse-LalandeInquire
 Pichon-Lalande's 2nd wine. Bright and deep with dark blackberry and cherry fruit, hints of herb and mineral, plenty of plump merlot juiciness.
- 2002 Roc de Cambes, Cote Bourg**\$23.99
2003 Clos Floridene Rouge, Graves ..\$18.99
2003 Etoiles de Mondorian, St-Emil \$14.99
 Moderately rich and balanced. The round dark fruit is bolstered by ripe tannins and accented with a hint of earth on the finish. A terrific deal.
- 2003 St Andre Corbin, St Georges**\$14.99
 Fabulous value-rich and round-lush.

White Bordeaux

- 2001 Haut-Brion Blanc, Pessac**\$169.00
2002 Clos Floridene Blanc, Graves ..\$17.99
2002 Haut Bergey Blanc, Pessac.....\$19.99
2003 Reynon "VV" Blanc, Bord.....\$10.99

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Red Bordeaux

- 1966 Palmer, Margaux**\$649.00
From the best cellar in Bordeaux.
- 1978 Palmer, Margaux**\$159.99
90 points Robert Parker. Perfect condition.
- 1978 Trotanoy, Pomerol**\$119.00
- 1982 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien** \$229.00
- 1982 Léoville-Poyferré (1.5L)**.....\$369.99
- 1982 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac**\$225.00
- 1983 l'Evangile, Pomerol**\$139.00
- 1985 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe** ..\$179.99
- 1986 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe** ..\$139.99
95 points Robert Parker: "Highly extracted wine, with a black/ruby color and plenty of toasty, smoky notes in its bouquet that suggest ripe plums and licorice." Decant one hour.
- 1988 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac**.....\$129.99
90 points Robert Parker: "One of the stars of the vintage, the 1988 has evolved beautifully."
- 1989 Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion** \$99.95
88 points Robert Parker: "This spicy, tannic, medium to full-bodied 1989 is promising ..."
- 1989 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien**\$99.00
- 1989 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe** ..\$149.99
95 points *Wine Spectator* (03/92). Delicious right now. Direct from the chateau.
- 1989 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien**\$64.99
91 points *Wine Spectator*: "...firm tannins and long, silky-textured, minty, berry finish..."
- 1989 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien**\$119.00
- 1989 Pavie, St-Emilion**\$119.00
A great wine-ready to enjoy. Value!
- 1989 Talbot, St-Julien**\$59.99
90 points Robert Parker: "The 1989 Talbot is a fascinating wine that resembles the 1982, although the 1982 possessed more weight and extract. The 1989 is more elegant ..."
- 1990 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac**\$349.00
- 1990 Margaux, Margaux**.....\$599.00
- 1990 Meyney, St-Estèphe**\$59.99
- 1990 Pichon Baron, Pauillac**\$169.00
- 1992 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)**\$99.99
Outstanding for enjoying right now. Direct from the property.
- 1993 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)**\$134.99
4 stars *Decanter* magazine: "Good solid nose. Tannic fruit on the palate. Good, big and sound."
- 1994 Clinet, Pomerol**\$59.00
- 1994 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien**\$29.99
Robert Parker: "Gruaud's 1994 offers an excellent, saturated ruby/purple color, and a tight, but sweet nose of ripe berry and cassis fruit and underbrush..."
- 1994 Haut-Bailly, Pessac**.....\$42.99
According to Robert Parker: "One of the finest 1994s...The sweet, blackcurrant, earthy, and mineral-scented nose, and ripe, medium-bodied,

fleshy flavors represent the quintessentially elegant style of red Graves. The wine is rich yet ethereal in the mouth..." (02/97)

- 1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac**\$34.99
Robert Parker: "...sweet, smoky, cassis scented nose, supple, round tannin...excellent richness..."
- 1995 Angélu, St-Emilion**.....\$159.99
95 points Parker: "A superb effort in this vintage ...Most concentrated of the 1995 St.-Emilion premier grand crus." Direct from chateau.

- 1995 Lagrange, St-Julien**\$46.99
- 1995 Palmer, Margaux**Inquire
- 1995 Pichon-Baron (1.5L)**\$144.00
91 points Parker: "...suave, elegant, rich fruit presented in a medium to full-bodied, surprisingly lush style. Anticipated maturity: 2001-2016."

Sauternes

- 1943 d'Yquem**\$1699.00
- 1986 Raymond-Lafon (1.5L)**\$129.00
- 1987 Raymond-Lafon (1.5L)**\$89.00
- 1988 Lamothe-Guignard (375ml)**\$34.95
- 1991 d'Yquem**\$159.00
- 1994 Raymond-Lafon**.....\$39.99
- 1995 Raymond-Lafon**.....\$39.99
- 1995 Raymond Lafon (1.5L)**.....\$69.99
- 1996 Raymond-Lafon**.....\$59.99
- 1998 Raymond-Lafon**.....\$39.99
Rich, honeyed and for enjoying now to five years.
- 1999 Raymond-Lafon**.....\$39.99
- 1999 Raymond-Lafon (375ml)**.....\$22.99
Fabulous buy for the cellar-perfect acidity with pineapple nuances and coconut undertones.

- 2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375 ml)**\$14.99
- 2001 Cypres de Climens (500ml)**\$26.99
- 2001 de Myrat**\$35.99
- 2001 Doisy-Védrines**\$39.99
- 2001 Lamothe-Guignard**\$29.99
- 2001 Guiraud (375ml)**\$27.99
- 2001 Nairac (375ml)**\$29.99
- 2001 Rayne-Vigneau**.....\$37.99
- 2002 Climens**\$54.99
- 2002 Climens (375ml)**\$27.99
Best price in the world?? Close to 2001 in quality.
- 2002 Doisy-Védrines**\$29.99
- 2002 Doisy-Védrines (375ml)**\$16.99
"Aromas of lemon and honey and a touch of oak. Appley with pear nuances on the palate. Very long on finish. Reminds me of their wonderful 1988. Should turn out to be just as great a value," Clyde Beffa
- 2002 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml)**\$13.99
- 2002 Petit-Védrines (375ml)**\$10.99

Champagne

- 1985 Rene Collard Reserve**.....\$59.99
- 1990 Rene Collard Reserve**.....\$49.99
- 1990 Krug**\$189.00
98 points *Wine Spectator* and a Collectibles designation: "A profound wine of great depth and

complexity ..." (08/04)

- 1995 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne**\$99.89
- 1996 Dom Perignon**Inquire
- 1996 Franck Bonville Blanc de Bl**\$32.99
- 1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage**.....\$39.99
- 1997 Laurent Perrier Rosé "Alex"**\$89.00
- 1998 Ariston Brut**.....\$32.99
- 1998 Franck Bonville Blanc de Bl**\$27.99

SHERRY/MADEIRA

- Hartley and Gibson Sherries**\$7.99
- Hidalgo La Gitana Manzan (500ml)** ..\$8.99
- Antonio Barbadillo Manzanilla**\$9.99
- Antonio Barbadillo Amontillado**\$9.99
- Pedro Romero Manz "Aurora"(500ml)**\$9.99
- Cossart Gordon Rainwater Madeira** \$11.99
- Lustau "Los Arcos" Dry Amont**\$13.49
- Tio Pepe Fino**\$13.99
- Lustau Puerto Fino**.....\$14.99
- Sandeman Royal Ambr 20yr (500ml)**\$21.95
- Sandeman Royal Correg (500ml)**.....\$21.95
- A Barbadillo "San Rafael" Oloroso** ..\$22.99
- A Barbadillo "Laura" Mosc Muscat** ..\$22.99
- Gonzalez Byass Apostles Muy Viejo Palo Cortado (375ml)**\$24.99
- Gonzalez Byass del Duque Muy Viejo Amontillado (375ml)**.....\$24.99
- Sacrista de Garvey Onana Amont**\$49.99
- Sacristia de Garvey "Museo" Cream** \$49.99

PORT: OLD AND NEW

- 1945 Dow**\$990.00
- 1950 Kopke Colheita**\$249.00
- 1958 Krohn Colheita**\$99.99
- 1960 Kopke Colheita**\$99.99
- 1960 Krohn Colheita**\$89.99
- 1966 Krohn Colheita**\$79.99
- 1970 Quinta do Noval**\$99.99
- 1974 Quinta Noval Colheita**.....\$84.99
- 1975 Kopke Colheita**\$59.95
- 1978 Krohn Colheita**\$46.99
- 1983 Graham**\$84.99
- 1985 Dow**\$74.99
- 1985 Warre**\$74.99
- 1992 Fonseca**.....\$99.00
- 1994 Krohn Colheita**\$21.99
- 1994 Graham**\$99.00
- 1995 Quinta do Noval**\$32.99
- 2000 Fonseca**.....\$74.99
- 2000 Krohn LBV**\$13.99
- 2003 Croft**.....\$64.99
- 2003 Graham (375ml)**\$44.99
- Quinta do Tedo Ruby Reserve**\$14.99
- Warre Otima 10-yr Tawny (500ml)** ..\$18.99
- Quinta do Noval 40-yr-old Tawny**\$99.99
- Krohn 20-yr-old Tawny**\$39.99

DIRECT BUYS FROM FRANCE

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. There are no middlemen taking a percentage while passing it through distribution.

Alsace/Loire Valley

2002 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur.....	\$10.99
NV Cremant d'Alsace, Baur	\$14.99
2001 Gewürztraminer Eichberg, Charles Baur	Inquire
2004 Riesling Eichberg, Charles Baur	Inquire
2003 J.P. Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	\$16.99
2001 J.P. Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	\$17.99
2004 La Tour St Martin, Menatou Salon Rouge	\$14.99

Excellent, good value wines.

2003 Franck Millet Sancerre Rouge	\$14.99
2003 Franck Millet Sancerre Blanc "Insolite"	\$19.99

White/Clairet/Red Bordeaux/Stickers

2004 Château Roquefort Blanc, Bordeaux	\$9.99
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Clean and crisp with medium-full body. Quite spicy.

2004 Château Thieuley Blanc, Bordeaux	\$10.99
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A bit richer style with plenty of semillon in blend.

2002 Clos Floridene Blanc, Graves	\$17.99
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Very similar to Domaine de Chevalier-Richness and tons of mineral on the nose and palate. Classic! A blend of 70% semillon and 30% sauvignon blanc.

2004 La Peyrere du Tertre Clairet	\$12.99
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A deep colored rose style wine-rich enough to serve with beef course.

2003 Château Souvenir, Bordeaux	\$9.99
2002 Château de Birot, Premiere Cotes de Bordeaux.....	\$10.99

Lots of structure, with broad fruit and complexity. A fine value.

2002 Château Haut Nadeau, Bordeaux Superiore	\$10.99
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Very sweet and quite lush for the vintage. 80% merlot-super value!

2000 Château Trebiac, Graves	\$13.99
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Two everyday values just arrived.

2003 Château St. Hilaire, Médoc	\$14.99
2003 Petit Manou, Médoc	\$14.99

2nd wine of Clos Manou. Perfect crossover from California Cab to Bordeaux.

2000 Château Thieuley Cuvee Reserve F Courselle	\$16.99
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It is back and still great. Toasty, full-flavored from the great 2000 vintage.

2001 Château Bois Martin, Pessac.....	\$17.99
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From the Perrin family of Carbonnieux fame. Toasty, elegant, good stuffing.

2002 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Rouge, Graves.....	\$19.99
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This wine has ripe berry flavors and smooth, velvety tannins.

2000 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc (375ml)	\$14.99
2002 Petit Védrières, Sauternes (375ml)	\$10.99

Château d'Angludet, Margaux

We just received direct from the château 1999, 2000 and 2001 vintages. We love the wines from this property, and you will also. Plenty of flavor and structure for the cellar.

White Burgundy

NV Plaisir des Princes Vin de Pay (Chardonnay)	\$6.99
2004 Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....	\$9.99
2004 Mâcon Solutre, Domaine Renaud.....	\$10.99

Three delicious, value-packed whites that have just arrived.

2003 St Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet	\$14.99
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The 2003 St-Veran has a delicate nose, with honey and rich flavors. The wine is pure and round with floral aromas. There is a good acidity/fruit contrast, which makes this a wine to enjoy with or without food.

Southern France/Rhône

NV Jean Louis Denois Brut Tradition.....	\$14.99
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Delicious sparkler from a great winemaker.

2002 Grand Cuvee Red, JL Denois	\$16.99
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Sold out quickly last time-last 50 cases have arrived.

2002 "La Riviere" Chenin Blanc, JL Denois	\$16.99
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Sold out immediately last time-here is last 25 cases.

2003 Beaumes de Venise "Chapelle Notre Dame d'Aubune"	\$7.99
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Fine value-very ripe and fruity.

2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Maurelle	\$9.99
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Meaty and spicy aromas follow to the palate. Good sweet middle palate fruit.

2003 Vacqueyras, Domaine Mas du Bouquet	\$10.99
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Bright raspberry flavors meshed with underlying spiciness.

2001 Corbieres, "Cuvee Henri Serres" Domaine Serres	\$12.99
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Serious wine, with dark fruit backed by chewy tannins, hints of oak and spice.

2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols.....	\$14.99
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Spicy on palate with an assertive black pepper character, with the syrah shining through! This wine is lush, rich and full, with a long, warm finish.

2004 Gigondas, Domaine Maurelle	\$16.99
2000 Côtes du Rhône "VV," Domaine Girasols.....	\$16.99

A powerhouse red from a powerhouse vintage to enjoy for the next four years.

2002 Gigondas, Moulin de Gardette	\$16.99
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A mixture of their Ventabren and Tradition-excellent wine value.

2001 Gigondas "Ventabren" Moulin de Gardette	\$26.99
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Two Rhône's to End the Year with!

2003 Vacqueyras, La Bourgeat (\$14.99) This blend of old-vine syrah, grenache and mourvèdre is completely unfiltered. Add this fact to the weightiness of the 2003 vintage and you have a wine that just says "Wow, notice me!" The initial nose is one of black fruits, particularly extremely ripe black cherries. Scents of gravel and spice box also waft out of the glass. Ten minutes later, pomegranate juice makes a not so subtle appearance. On the palate, black cherries that are slightly tart come out to greet you with boysenberries and dry raspberry fruit. Good acidity and low tannin with a finish of spice and light anise. Fleshy with a medium length finish. A perfect match with wintry roasts, stews and game birds.

2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine de la Cote de l'Ange (\$28.99) One of most pleasurable things about this wine is the color. A beautiful, dark garnet. Hold it up to the light and see it for yourself. Pour it into the glass and watch it stick to the sides like glycerin. In the mouth, big dark blackberry and boysenberry fruit. Traces of both white and black pepper on the finish. A lengthy finish that actually improves after a couple of hours of decanting. I let this wine open up while watching two very mediocre episodes of *Night Gallery* from the early 1970s. It was Halloween, after all. In any case, the marvelous structure and quality of this wine offset what was not Rod Serling's best. I think that the next time that I drink this wine, I will be watching *The Twilight Zone*. A quality show to go with a quality wine. Now, that's a match! Have a very happy holiday season and many thanks for your patronage in 2005!

—Scott Beckerley

RHÔNE VALLEY

2002 Cabernet Sauvignon, Domaine de la Soumade	\$8.99
2002 Merlot, Domaine de la Soumade	\$8.99
2003 Cotes du Rhone Guigal-88-90 points Parker	\$9.99
2003 Cotes du Rhone Blanc, "Les Figuières" Colombo	\$16.99
2004 Cotes du Rhone Bastide Saint-Vincent.....	\$11.99
2004 Cotes du Rhone Villages Sablet Blanc, Piaugier	\$13.99
2004 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Domaine Combier	\$17.99
2004 Côtes de Ventoux Domaine de Fondreche "O'Sud"	\$13.99
2001 Coteaux du Tricastin, Grangeneuve "Vieilles Vignes"	\$13.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Gardine.....	\$24.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux	\$37.99
2001 Châteauneuf, "Chante Merle" Bosquet des Papes	\$49.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Clos Saint-Jean	\$42.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Bosquet des Papes.....	\$34.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur	\$24.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux	\$39.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine de la Cote de l'Ange	\$32.99
2003 Lirac, Château Saint-Roch	\$13.99
2001 Gigondas, Moulin de la Gardette "Ventabren".....	\$26.99
2002 Gigondas, Moulin de la Gardette	\$16.99
2003 Gigondas, Domaine Santa Duc.....	\$36.99
2003 Gigondas, Château Saint Cosme	\$30.99
2002 Rasteau "Prestige," Domaine de la Soumade	\$19.99
2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols.....	\$14.99
2003 Vacqueyras, La Bourgeat	\$14.99
2003 Vacqueyras Bastide Saint-Vincent "Pavane"	\$16.99
2001 Cairanne, Domaine Richaud "L'Ebrescade"	\$36.99
2003 Cairanne, Domaine Richaud	\$24.99
2003 Cotes du Rhone "Forots," Colombo	\$18.99
2003 Hermitage, Yann Chave	\$62.99
2003 Cornas, Bernard Burgaud.....	\$49.99
2001 Cornas, Alain Voge "Vieilles Vignes"	\$49.99
2001 Crozes-Hermitage, Albert Belle "Cuvée Louis Belle"	\$28.99
2003 Crozes Hermitage, du Colombier, "Cuvee Gaby"	\$21.99
2001 St. Joseph Rouge Pierre Gaillard "Cuminaille"	\$31.99

Jim C's View Down Under

2004 Griffin Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand (\$10.99) Many of you enjoyed our Kirkham Peak sauvignon blanc from New Zealand until we ran out. Well, mourn no longer my friends, it's back with a "new suit." It's a new name, but make no mistake, it still has lovely notes of pear, grapefruit, white melon, snap pea, red bell pepper and a dash of minerals. All these components are supported by juicy, refreshing acidity with excellent balance and length.

2004 Nautilus Pinot Gris Marlborough New Zealand (\$15.99) This wine is a big favorite of mine. The bouquet offers floral notes with elements of pear and nectarine with a touch of spice. On the palate the wine is rich and round with good acidity and a long finish. One of the best Pinot Gris you will find from New Zealand.

2004 Majella "The Musician" Cabernet-Shiraz Coonawarra South Australia (\$15.99) A blend of 70% cabernet sauvignon and 30% shiraz that has a perfumed nose of red current, blackberry, mulberry, a Grave-like tobacco leaf note and a hint of mineral. On the palate the wine has a whisper of oak, but is integrated along with fine-grained tannins. The emphasis is on a fruit forward wine at a fair price to showcase the unique character of Coonawarra.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

2003 Kanu Chenin Blanc	\$7.99
2003 Goats do Roam Red	\$8.99
2003 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$8.99
2004 Excelsior "Paddock" Shiraz	\$9.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2003 Glen Carlou Chardonnay	\$11.99
2005 Spice Route Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2001 Mischa Estate Shiraz	\$14.99
2004 Neil Ellis Groenekloof Sauvignon Blanc	\$15.99
2003 Rustenberg Chardonnay Stellenbosch	\$17.99
2002 Neil Ellis Cabernet Sauvignon	\$18.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"	\$22.99
2003 Rudi Schultz Syrah Stellenbosch	\$32.99

New Zealand

2004 Griffin Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc-Just arrived!	\$10.99
2004 Pencarrow (Palliser) Martinborough Sauvignon Bl	\$11.99
2004 Whitehaven Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$13.99
2005 Kim Crawford Marl. Sauvignon Blanc-90 points <i>Spectator</i> ..	\$14.99
2004 Goldwater "New Dog" Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc ..	\$14.99
2004 Sacred Hills Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$14.99
2004 Kennedy Point Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Konrad Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Neudorf "Nelson" Sauvignon Blanc	\$16.99
2004 Craggy Range Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$18.99
2003 Murdoch James Syrah, Martinborough	\$23.99
2003 Amsfield Central Otago Pinot Noir	\$27.99

Australia

2004 Deakin Shiraz or 2004 Milton Park Shiraz	\$6.99
2003 Fifth Leg Red (Devil's Lair).....	\$9.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Terra Barossa" VS Cabernet	\$10.99
2004 Marquis Philips Shiraz	\$12.99
2002 Eagle Vale Margaret River Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc ..	\$12.99
2003 d'Arenberg "Footbolt" Shiraz	\$13.99
2002 Twelve Staves Grenache, McLaren Vale	\$14.99
2004 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier	\$15.99
2003 Craneford "Allyson Parsons" Shiraz.....	\$15.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz	\$15.99
2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc	\$16.99
2002 Cullen "Ephraim Clarke" Sauvignon Bl/Semillon	\$17.99
2002 St Hallett "Faith" Shiraz, Barossa Valley	\$17.99
2004 Torbreck Woodcutters Shiraz, Barossa	\$17.99
2003 Leeuwin "Prelude" Chardonnay.....	\$23.99
2002 Bleasdale "Frank Potts" Red, Langhorne Creek.....	\$24.99
2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Cabernet	\$27.99
2003 Possums Vineyard, McLaren Vale Shiraz	\$27.99
2002 Hewitson "Mad Hatter" Shiraz.....	\$31.99
2003 Spinifex "Esprit"	\$34.99
2003 d'Arenberg "The Dead Arm" Shiraz	\$49.99

2004 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon Robertson South Africa (\$7.99) This is the third vintage we have brought in of this wine, and I think it is the most focused and balanced of the bunch. The nose is full of plum, black current, dark cherry, cassis and a hint of licorice. On the palate there is good balancing acidity with fine dusty tannins and a note of cocoa that lead to a fine refreshing finish. Buy a case to have around the house this holiday season. Happy Holidays!

—Jimmy C

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC

1970 Charles Krug Vintage Select\$59.00
1976 Beaulieu Private Reserve\$129.00
 95 points Robert Parker: "The 1976 is full-bodied, with a huge, intoxicating perfume of sweet black and red fruits, earth, Asian spices, roasted herbs, and toasty oak. This massive, full-bodied, super-concentrated, fragrant, alcoholic wine is close to full maturity." (06/95)

1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$119.99
 The 1978 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve has consistently been a 90-point wine.

1982 Beringer Private Res (9L)\$1,699.00
1983 Caymus Special Select\$199.00
 90 points Wine Spectator.

1985 Dunn Creek Barrel P Res\$79.95
1985 Dunn Howell Mount (5L)\$1,399.00
1985 Heitz Bella Oaks Napa\$89.95
1985 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..\$129.00
1986 Beringer Private Res Napa\$109.99
1987 B.R. Cohn "Olive Hill"\$89.95
1987 Kenwood Artist (3L)\$399.95
1988 Anderson's Conn Valley Res ..\$69.95
1989 Beaulieu Private Res (6L)\$349.00
 According to the *Wine Spectator*: "pretty plum and cherry character ... Medium-bodied, with medium tannins and a fruity finish." (02/2000)

1989 Beringer Private Res Napa\$99.00
1990 Beaulieu Vineyards Tapestry\$39.99
1990 Pahlmeyer Caldwell\$149.00
1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley\$125.00
1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley (6L)..\$1,099.00

1991 Anderson's Conn Valley\$89.95
1992 Sterling Diam Mt Rnch (3L) ..\$149.95
 90 points Robert Parker: "Progress is noticeable with the Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignons. The 1992 exhibits a saturated black/ruby color, a big, cassis, herbal, licorice, vanillin-scented nose, full body, and plenty of flavor depth and concentration. It is a candidate for two decades of aging." (12/94)

1992 Sterling Res Cabernet (6L)\$349.95
 90 points Robert Parker: "The 1992 offers gobs of cassis fruit, full body, fine richness, a touch of toasty new oak, and a long, chewy, rich finish. I hope the tart, hollow, aromatically sterile character of the Reserves made in the eighties is a thing of the past." (12/94)

1993 Burgess Vintage Select\$44.99
Wine Spectator: "Tight and well focused, with cedar, currant, tobacco and spice flavors at the core, finishing with firm tannins..." (05/97)

1993 Caymus Napa\$89.00
1993 Kathryn Kennedy\$119.00
1993 Kenwood Artist Series\$59.00
1993 Silverado Res Napa\$99.00
1993 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"\$149.00
1994 Barnett Spring Mountain\$89.95
1994 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$94.99
 93 points *Wine Spectator*: "One of the most prestigious wines in California, the 1994 version shows an impressive core of spicy currant and mineral-laced Cabernet flavors emerging from chewy tannins, picking up cedary oak, coffee and sage notes." (10/97)

1994 Beaulieu Vineyard Tapestry\$49.99
 91 points and a Spectator Selection designation from the *Wine Spectator*.

1994 Stag's Leap "Cask 23" (1.5L) ..\$450.00
1994 Château Montelena Estate\$139.00
 93-95 points Robert Parker: "It possesses an opaque purple color, followed by a sweet, jammy nose of black fruits, earth, wood, and spice. Dense, powerful, and full-bodied, with terrific extraction of fully ripe fruit, sweet tannin, plenty of glycerin, and expansive layers of flavor, this wine should ultimately rank alongside some of the most memorable Chateau Montelena Cabernets."

1995 Château Montelena Estate\$119.00
 92 points and a Cellar Selection in the *Wine Spectator*: "Ripe, fleshy, with complex currant, herb, tobacco, cedar and mineral flavors, it's not dense or chewy but very well-balanced ... Should be an earlier-than-usual drinker; best from 2002 through 2010."

1996 Beaulieu Private Reserve\$84.99
 92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Ripe, round and smooth, with a core of coffee, currant, sage, cedar and spice. Gains nuance and complexity on the finish, where the tannins are firm and integrated. Wonderful texture and polish. Drink now through 2008." (11/99)

1996 Beaulieu Vineyard Tapestry\$49.99
 92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Tight in structure while plush in texture, offering rich plum, dark chocolate, cinnamon, spice and earth flavors that linger deliciously on the long, complex finish—this is one seductive California red." (10/99)

Beautiful Sparklers for a Beautiful You!

I adore a glass of bubbles! Champagne or sparkling, traditional or methode ancestrale, a glass of bubbles is often my go-to wine, my "energy drink" for when I am in need of a bit of sophistication and verve in my life. This month I have two sparkling wines that fit the this description. They are also, for different reasons, delicious!

NV Cerdon du Bugey Methode Ancestrale Domaine Renardat-Fache (\$16.99) Mon Dieu, this wine is good! A sip of this demi-sec sparkling rosé (located near Savoie in eastern France) is like caressing a soft cheek or getting licked on the nose by the cutest puppy in the world. Rose petals, crushed sweet strawberries and vibrant cranberry twang make this sparkling wine a perfect option as an aperitif, or with spicier Thai, Vietnamese or Indian fare. My good customer Jay Denao has also reported that a glass of Cerdon de Bugey with fresh strawberries and rose water-infused whipped crème is sublime. YOWZAH!! Feeling overworked, or under-appreciated? Just pour yourself a glass of Cerdon de Bugey, look in the mirror at your beautiful, smart sexy self and say, "I love me!"

A second offering is once again from the man, the master, Jean-Louis Denois. I remain in awe of this vintner, who crafts wines of seamless beauty and elegance time and time again. Our most recent arrival is the **2002 Jean-Louis Denois Tradition Brut (\$14.99)**, which is composed of 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir from vineyard sites located at the foothill of the Pyrenees near the town of Roquetaillade. The climate in the western Languedoc is cool and sunny, which pro-

vides ideal growing conditions for the slow maturation of the grapes and ultimately a perfect balance between fruit and acidity. Jean-Louis first ferments the Tradition in old oak barrels. A second fermentation takes place in bottle where it then spends 18 months sur lees before being disgorged. The wine is simply gorgeous with hues of golden honey and an astonishingly long bead. On the palate hazelnuts, marzipan and a touch of sandalwood lend an element of elegance and richness to the wine which belie this bubbly's modest price. A glass of this will be much appreciated at both festive occasions as well as the end of a hard day when you want to treat yourself right! —Mulan Chan

Happy Holidays from the K&L Staff

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2001 Artesa, Napa.....\$21.99	2002 Hawk Crest, California\$9.99	2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa\$32.99
2001 Amici, Napa\$34.99	2002 Hess Estate, Napa\$16.99	2002 Turnbull, Napa.....\$32.99
2001 Beringer Knights Valley\$19.99	2002 Honig, Napa\$28.99	2002 Two Tone Farm, Napa\$7.99
2001 Burgess, Napa\$29.99	2002 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"\$10.99	2002 Veraison, Napa.....\$46.99
2001 Conn Creek, Napa\$18.99	2002 Joseph Phelps, Napa.....\$36.98	2002 Viader, Napa.....\$74.99
2001 Dominus, Napa\$99.00	2002 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"\$109.00	2002 William Hill, Napa.....\$14.99
95 points from Robert Parker!	2002 Kalinda, Knights Valley.....\$14.99	2003 Alexander Valley\$14.99
2001 Guilliams, Spring Mnt.....\$36.99	Lush, fruit forward, easy drinking Cabernet.	2003 Avalon, Napa\$9.99
2001 Grgich Hills, Napa\$44.98	2002 Kathryn Kennedy, Small Lot\$56.99	2003 Bacio Divino "Pazzo"\$23.99
2001 Hetiz, Napa\$29.98	2002 L'Aventure "Optimus"\$41.99	2003 Caymus, Napa\$64.99
2001 Jordan, Alexander Valley.....\$39.99	2002 Miner Family, Oakville\$46.99	2003 Chalone Monterey\$12.99
2001 Judd's Hill, Napa\$34.99	2002 Nickel & NickelInquire	2003 Decoy Napa Red.....\$24.99
2001 Keenan "25th Ann," Napa\$29.99	2002 Opus One\$129.00	2003 Esser, California.....\$7.99
2001 La Jota "Howell Mnt".....\$39.99	2002 Peter Franus, Napa.....\$39.99	2003 House Wine, Washington\$9.99
2001 Lancaster, Alexander Valley\$48.99	2002 Pine Ridge Oakville\$49.99	2003 Jan Kriss "Crossfire"\$8.99
2001 Larkmead, Napa.....\$36.99	2002 Pine Ridge, Rutherford\$24.99	2003 Justin, Paso Robles.....\$19.99
2001 Laurel Glen, Sonoma\$44.99	2002 Pine Ridge "Stag's Leap"\$56.99	Aromas and flavors of black cherry, currant and vanilla jump out of the glass. Delicious!
2001 Merrylvale "Starmont," Napa\$19.99	2002 Provenance, Rutherford\$24.99	2003 Justin "Justification"\$34.99
2001 Mount Eden, Santa Cruz\$29.99	2002 Quintessa, Rutherford\$99.00	2003 Lang & Reed Napa Cab Franc ..\$21.99
Cassis, bitter chocolate, tobacco, cinnamon and eucalyptus on the nose with a note of dried rose.	2002 Revana, Napa\$89.99	2003 L'Aventure, Paso Robles\$59.99
2001 Oakville Ranch, Napa\$44.99	2002 Ridge, Santa Cruz Mnt Red.....\$27.99	2003 Liberty School California\$11.99
2001 Page, Napa Red Blend\$54.99	2002 Robert Craig "Affinity"\$36.99	2003 McManis, California\$8.99
2001 Paradise Ridge "Rockpile".....\$21.99	2002 Robert Mondavi, Napa\$19.99	2003 Seven Hills "Ciel du Cheval"\$29.99
2001 Silver Oak, Alexander Vly\$59.99	2002 Robert Mondavi Res\$99.00	2003 Stag's Leap "Artemis"\$39.98
2001 St. Clement, Napa\$24.99	2002 Roth, Alexander Valley\$34.99	2003 Stephen Vincent, California\$8.99
2001 Stonestreet "Legacy"\$49.99	2002 Shypoke, Knights Valley\$17.99	2003 Twenty Bench, Napa\$14.99
93 points from Robert Parker!	2002 Selene, Napa.....\$69.99	2003 Twenty Rows, Napa\$19.99
2001 Stonestreet, Alexander Vly\$17.99	2002 Serdonis, Napa.....\$69.99	2003 Turnbull Old Bull Red.....\$14.99
2001 Terra Valentine, Sprg Mnt\$26.99	2002 Simi, Alexander\$21.99	2004 McManis, California\$8.99
2001 Trefethen, Napa\$34.99	2002 Simi "Landslide"\$26.99	2004 Waterbrook Melange\$12.99
2002 Altamura, Napa\$59.99	2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards\$36.99	Cain "NV" Cuvee\$21.99
2002 Anderson's Conn Vly Res\$46.99	2002 Staglin, Napa\$109.00	
2002 Andrew Rich Cab Franc\$19.99		
2002 Anders Conn Vly Right Bank ..\$29.99		
2002 B. R. Cohn, California\$14.98		
2002 BV Rutherford\$21.99		
2002 BV Res. "Georges de Latour" ..\$69.98		
Expressive aromas, with clean fruit, lush mouthfeel and a spicy lingering finish. Best in years!		
2002 BV Napa "Dulcet"\$24.99		
2002 BV Tapestry\$36.98		
2002 Cain Concept\$46.99		
2002 Chimney Rock "SLD"\$44.98		
2002 Charles Krug "V. Select"\$44.99		
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa\$34.99		
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Vly.....\$16.99		
2002 Darioush, Napa\$59.99		
Nestled in the eastern slopes of the Napa Valley near the Oak Knoll and Stag's Leap appellations, the 2002 vintage of Darioush is very ripe and intense, but with balancing structure and considerable power and body.		
2002 Ehlers, Napa Cab Franc\$27.99		
2002 Etude, Napa\$79.99		
2002 Flora Springs, Napa\$21.99		
2002 Franciscan, Oakville\$21.99		
2002 Groth, Napa\$42.98		
2002 Hanna, Alexander Valley.....\$26.99		

Trey's Picks: Cabernet: The gift that keeps on giving!

When giving a gift for Christmas or New Years, there is always one constant: You want the gift to make an impression on the person who receives it. Something that is recognizable in its name as well as being high quality. Nothing says Happy Holidays like a bottle of Cabernet, especially from Napa Valley. The **2001 Trefethen Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$29.99)** not only makes a great gift, but it is also a delicious wine to drink. Crafted from a blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malbec and petit verdot, this 2001 is rich in the nose with red berry-cherry fruit and enticing cedar cigar box aromas. The hillside fruit adds spice and dusty characteristics. The palate is lush and full. The use of oak is masterfully integrated so as to provide perfect spice without an overshadowing influence. This is wine can be enjoyed now but will develop over the next five years or so in a cellar. The next wine I would recommend would be the **2001 Paradigm Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$49.99)**. This comes from the Oakville appellation, the heart of the Napa Valley. It shows a big, rich structure and balance, with a hint of cedar, plums and mint. It will definitely open up with decanting. Drink over the next 10 years. Of course, if you want to go all out this year pick up a bottle of **2002 Joseph Phelps Napa "Insignia" (\$109.00)** for that special someone. This wine is a monster in its weight and fruit component. Amazingly, the wine still comes of soft and fleshy. This is due to the tannins being so ripe and integrated, and the fruit being as intense as it is. This wine will age but it does show a lot better than the 2001 did at this stage. If you are looking for a soft, rich and ripe Cab to bring to a dinner this holiday season, look no further than the **2002 Pine Ridge Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon (\$24.99)**. This wine shows a lush, rich texture and plenty of spicy berry and currant fruit that lingers on to the finish. So for the holidays this year, forget about a silk tie or keychain for a gift; stick to Cabernet, and you can't go wrong!

—Trey Beffa

CHARDONNAY

2001 Marimar Torres	\$18.99	2003 Jordan, Russian River	\$21.99	2003 ZD Reserve.....	\$39.99
2001 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow"	\$29.99	2003 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco.....	\$10.99	2004 Acacia, Carneros	\$15.99
2002 Beaugard "Bald Mnt"	\$11.99	2003 Kendall Jackson "Grand Res" ..	\$14.98	2004 Ambullneo, "Big Paw"	\$54.99
2002 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$14.99	2003 Landmark "Overlook"	\$21.99	2004 Benziger, Carneros	\$9.99
2002 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$27.99	2003 Logan, Monterey	\$12.99	2004 Beringer "Founders"	\$7.99
2002 Mount Eden "Wolff"	\$14.99	2003 Lynmar, Russian River.....	\$19.99	2004 Beringer "Private Reserve"	\$29.99
2002 Mount Eden Estate.....	\$32.99	2003 Margaret's Vineyard, Cal.....	\$5.99	2004 Cartlidge & Browne, Cal	\$8.99
2002 Murphy Goode, Sonoma	\$11.99	2003 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99	2004 Chalone, Monterey	\$10.99
2002 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$14.99	2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$17.98	A new project for Chalone, this Monterey County Chardonnay shows cool climate freshness in the fruit, along with good viscous texture and body.	
2002 Sanford, Santa Rita	\$14.99	2003 Mer Soleil, Central Coast	\$34.99		
2002 Sonoma Cutrer "The Cutrer" ..	\$29.99	Rich and ripe tropical style with hints of spice, mango, pineapple and citrus.			
2002 Stony Hill, Napa.....	\$26.99	2003 Merryvale "Starmont"	\$15.99	2004 Ch St. Jean, Sonoma	\$9.98
2002 Tandem "Porter-Bass"	\$39.99	2003 Miner Family "Wild Yeast"	\$44.99	2004 Chehalem, "Inox"	\$16.99
2003 Arrowood, Sonoma	\$23.99	2003 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"	\$21.98	2004 Edna Valley Vineyards.....	\$10.99
2003 Baileyana "Firepeak Cuvee"	\$19.99	2003 Qupe "Block Eleven"	\$21.99	2004 Esser, California.....	\$7.99
2003 Cambria "Katherine's"	\$12.98	2003 Qupe "Block Eleven"	\$21.99	2004 Far Niente	\$34.99
2003 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$11.99	2003 Robert Young Estate	\$27.99	2004 Four Vines "Naked"	\$10.99
2003 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$29.99	2003 Robert Keenan, Napa.....	\$18.99	Naked refers to the fact that this wine is made au natural: no oak, no malolactic fermentation!	
2003 Chateau Souverain.....	\$11.99	2003 Solitude, Carneros	\$23.99	2004 Foxglove, Edna Valley	\$9.99
2003 Chalone Estate	\$19.99	2003 Talley Estate, Arroyo Grande ..	\$24.99	2004 Heitz, Napa	\$12.99
2003 Cinnabar, Monterey.....	\$13.99	2003 Taz, Santa Barbara.....	\$12.99	2004 Heron, California	\$7.99
2003 Clos Pegase, Carneros	\$15.99	2003 Three Saints, Santa Maria	\$15.99	2004 Hess Collection, Napa	\$16.99
2003 Cuvaision, Carneros	\$15.99	2003 Trefethen, Oak Knoll.....	\$21.99	2004 Jayson, Napa.....	\$32.99
2003 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"	\$18.99	Aromas and flavors of tropical fruit, mango and Fuji apple spiced with hints of tarragon pave the way for a palate that is lush and creamy.			
2003 Foley, Santa Rita Hills	\$19.99	2003 Villa Mt Eden Bien Nacido	\$12.99	2004 Kali Hart, Monterey.....	\$9.99
2003 Gainey, Santa Barbara	\$12.99	2003 Walter Hansel "North Slope"	\$28.99	2004 Kalinda, Sonoma	\$9.99
2003 Gary Farrell, Russian River	\$29.99	2003 Walter Hansel, Russian River ..	\$26.99	Creamy, appley aromas that follow to the palate. A touch of oak on the nose and palate, soft and fruity with good, clean acidity and lingering finish. Great value!	
2003 Grand Cru, California	\$4.99	2003 West Slope, Edna Valley	\$11.99	2004 Keller "Oro de Plata"	\$17.99
2003 Handley, Dry Creek	\$16.99				
2003 Hess Select, California.....	\$8.99				

Spotlight on Holiday Zinfandels!!

The warm fuzzy feeling I get right about this time of the year can only mean one thing... I've been drinking some great Zinfandels recently! Yes, the most joyous, generous, luscious elixir of our Golden State, with its heady perfumes and decadent flavors is just perfect for December. You better believe I have some great choices up my sleeve:

If there can be such a thing as grace and elegance within power, the **2002 Storybook Mountain "Mayacamas Range" Napa Zinfandel (\$25.99)** achieves it. Deep in the heart of Cabernet country, legendary owner/winemaker Jerry Seps has been quietly making world-class Zinfandel for over 20 years. This refined effort shows the beautiful and classy side of the powerful grape. True, premium, dinner-friendly Zinfandel is so hard to come by nowadays, but you'll find exactly that here! Not too hot or too ripe, it's just right for a fairytale romantic evening for two.

2002 Storrs "Rusty Ridge" Santa Clara Zinfandel (\$24.99) Santa Clara Zinfandel, yes indeed! This wine's made up of a couple old vineyards perched on two ridges of rust-colored, iron-rich volcanic soils that add a touch of personality, as you'd expect. Dry farming and meticulous attention produced a wine of amazing concentration and varietal identity. One of the rare, but incredible Zinfandels made entirely from Bay Area fruit.

2003 Scott Harvey "Old Vine" Amador Zinfandel (\$19.99) Old-vine Zins achieve some of their greatest expressions and concentration in Amador County, and this wine's a fine example. The tarry, spicy deep black fruit comes out strong and persuasive. The nose reminds me of those Christmasy sweet baking aromas of nutmeg and clove that warm the heart and soften the worries of the day. In fact, this one just begs for a fireplace, the clink of glassware and the hum of joyous holiday parties! Enjoy!

—Martin Reyes

Along with bright acidity, this wine is pure and clean with additional hints of crushed white rock, orange rind, orange melon and lemon tart.

2004 Meridian, Santa Barbara

2004 Miner Family, Napa

2004 Morgan "Double L"

2004 Morgan "Metallico"

This "no-oak cuvee" is fresh on the palate, with the mineral and fruit notes adding a fascinating tension to the wine that resolves smoothly on the finish.

2004 Morgan, Monterey

2004 Neyers Carn/Napa

2004 Purisima Canyon, Sonoma

2004 Qupe "Y Block"

2004 Storrs, Santa Cruz

A great expression of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Tons of mineral elements here, for the French Chard nut, but plenty of fruit too.

2004 Talley "Oliver's"

2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa

2004 Vine Cliff, Carneros.....

2004 ZD, California

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2002 Oak Arbour "Toulouse".....\$29.99	2003 Londer, Anderson Vly\$27.99
2002 Row Eleven, Santa Maria.....\$24.99	2003 Mia's Playground, Rus Rivr\$12.99
2002 Taz, Santa Barbara.....\$17.99	2003 Rex Hill "Kings Ridge"\$13.99
2002 WH Smith, Sonoma.....\$19.99	2003 Rex Hill, Oregon\$19.99
2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley.....\$14.99	2003 St. Innocent "Shea"\$31.99
2003 Andrew Rich, Willamette\$26.99	2003 Talley, Arroyo Grande\$29.99
2003 Aubin Cellars "Verve"\$29.99	2003 Tandem "Keefer Ranch"\$39.99
2003 Belle Glos "Clark and Tele"\$39.99	2003 Three Saints, Santa Maria\$15.99
2003 Bethel Heights "West Block"\$32.99	2003 Varner "Hid Bck," Snt Crz\$36.99
2003 Brandborg, Umpqua Valley.....\$16.99	2003 Woodenhead.....Inquire
2003 Byron, Santa Maria\$17.98	2003 Willakenzie, Willamette Vly\$16.99
2003 Carmel Road, Monterey\$13.99	2004 Acacia, Carneros\$19.99
2003 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"\$21.99	2004 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly\$24.99
May be the best 3 Vineyards to date! Shows the ripe fruit of 2003 in Oregon.	2004 Argyle, Willamette Vly\$16.98
2003 Daedalus, Willamette Vly\$21.99	2004 Auteur "Hyland"\$42.99
2003 Domaine Alfred "Califa"\$39.99	2004 Avila, San Luis Obispo.....\$11.99
2003 Domaine Serene "Yamhill"\$29.99	2004 Chalone Monterey\$14.99
2003 Elk Cove, Willamette Valley\$18.99	2004 Chalone Estate\$21.99
2003 Etude, Carneros\$36.99	2004 Erath, Oregon\$12.99
2003 Flying Goat "Soloman Hills"....\$32.99	2004 Esser, California.....\$9.99
2003 Gainey "Lmt Select" S.B.\$39.99	2004 Hartford, Sonoma\$19.99
2003 Gary Farrell, Russian River\$29.99	2004 Mark West, Central Coast\$9.99
2003 Handley, Anderson Vly\$19.99	2004 Melville, Santa Rita\$24.99
2003 Hatcher, Willamette Vly\$32.99	Bright, fresh red and blue fruit components immediately jump from the glass reminiscent of blueberry, black raspberry and plum.
2003 Joseph Swan "Cuvee de Trois" ..\$19.99	2004 Parker Station, Santa Barbara..\$10.99
2003 Kalinda, Willamette Valley\$14.99	2004 Patz & Hall, Sonoma\$29.99
"Generous red berry, a gentle silky body and Ore- gon earthiness. Inspiring," Martin Reyes,	2004 Smooking Loon California\$6.99
2003 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande\$17.99	2004 Torii Mor Oregon\$18.99

Four Yummy Cabs

This month winter, holiday parties and gift giving begin. What better time to tell you about four different cabs.... One is destined to fit in that special someone's stocking!

2002 Benziger Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon (\$12.99) Mmmmm, Lots of sweet blackberry fruit mingled with toasty oak on the nose promises something special here, and doesn't disappoint. Round, smooth, medium-weight, this tasty treat is bound to grace many holiday parties this year. In the California style of cult-y wines, just a bit more reserved. If you are a fan of the "big gun" Cali Cabs, try this economy version of the same. I'm sure Santa will make sure you are on the "good" side of the list if you pour this for him.

2003 Caymus Napa Cabernet (\$64.99) Here's a big deal Cali Cab that you must know by now. Juicy, plump, round, ripe, black cherry, cassis, red currants, vanillin oak, and ready to drink! Classic Caymus, without the wait. This warm-vintage Caymus is ready to go, so drink up while you're waiting for your ageing wines to come around!

2002 Roth Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$34.99) All estate fruit, blended with a little merlot plus a touch of cabernet franc. The Roth shows solid and structured notes of black fruits, coffee and a little tobacco on the nose leading into a wonderfully refined palate of black cherry, cassis syrup, elusive spicy notes and fine velvety tannins. This is a serious wine-lovers Cab. Not overly flashy or new wave, this is a beautifully harmonic wine with style and grace. A perfect wine for a dinner party.

2001 Mount Eden Santa Cruz Mountains Cabernet Sauvignon (\$29.99) I love this wine! And it is showing the best it ever has right now. An extraordinary rich and complex nose tinged with rose petal, cola, cassis and a bit of mint leads into a serious mouthful of very exciting, intensely fruited cabernet laced with anise, cinnamon, truffles, mocha... This wine simply evolves and evolves revealing layer after layer and getting better and better. Not to stop there, the finish goes on revealing subtle notes of vanillin oak, coffee and a sweet lingery black cherry. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

—Shaun Green

ZINFANDEL

NV Rosenblum Cuvee XXVII\$7.98	2002 Marietta, Sonoma\$14.99
2001 Joseph Swan "Stellwagen"\$21.99	2002 Montevina Terra d'Oro\$18.99
2002 Amici "Panek Vineyard"\$26.99	2002 Renwood "Sierra Series"\$9.99
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa\$24.99	2002 Ridge "Geyserville"\$27.99
2002 Clos La Chance, El Dorado\$11.99	2002 Rombauer, El Dorado\$21.99
2002 D Cubed, Napa.....\$22.99	2002 S.E. Chase "Hayne"\$32.99
2002 Dry Creek "Old Vine" Sonoma \$24.99	2002 St. Francis "Old Vine"\$13.99
2002 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"\$21.99	2002 Storrs "Rusty Ridge"\$24.99
2002 Howell Mountain (various)Inquire	2002 Storybook "Mayacamas"\$25.99
2002 Jessie's Grove "Westwind"\$14.99	2002 Storybook Estate Reserve\$44.99
2002 Klinker Brick, Lodi\$14.99	2002 Unti Vineyards, Dry Creek\$21.99
2002 Little 8 Ottimino "Vn W"\$29.99	2003 Artein, California\$11.99
This Zin comes from the Von Weidlich Vineyard in the Russian River appellation of Sonoma.	2003 August Briggs, Napa\$27.99
2002 Marietta, Sonoma\$14.99	2003 Bogle Old Vine.....\$8.98
2002 Montevina Terra d'Oro\$18.99	2003 Brown Estate, Napa\$32.99
2002 Renwood "Sierra Series"\$9.99	2003 Carol Shelton "Rocky Res"\$31.99
2002 Ridge "Geyserville"\$27.99	2003 Cline, California\$7.99
2002 Rombauer, El Dorado\$21.99	2003 Dover Canyon "Cujo"\$17.99
2002 S.E. Chase "Hayne"\$32.99	2003 Four Vines Old Vine Cuvee\$10.99
2002 St. Francis "Old Vine"\$13.99	2003 Hendry "Block 7," Napa.....\$27.99
2002 Storrs "Rusty Ridge"\$24.99	2003 J. Runquist "Z," Amador\$18.99
2002 Storybook "Mayacamas"\$25.99	2003 Jan Kriss, Paso Robles\$9.99
2002 Storybook Estate Reserve\$44.99	2003 Kalinda, Sonoma\$9.99
2002 Unti Vineyards, Dry Creek\$21.99	Deeply colored, loaded with blackberry, raspberry, and spicy clove-like tones with just a touch of cedary oak as a supporting element!
2003 Artein, California\$11.99	2003 Kunin, Paso Robles\$19.99
2003 August Briggs, Napa\$27.99	2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"....\$12.99
2003 Bogle Old Vine.....\$8.98	2003 Purisima Canyon, Sonoma\$9.99
2003 Brown Estate, Napa\$32.99	79% zinfandel, 19% petite sirah and 2% merlot make for a juicy, explosive wine!
2003 Carol Shelton "Rocky Res"\$31.99	2003 Ravenswood Single VinyrdsInquire
2003 Cline, California\$7.99	2003 Ridge-Many vineyards in stock!Inquire
2003 Dover Canyon "Cujo"\$17.99	2003 Rosenblum "Carla's"\$21.99
2003 Four Vines Old Vine Cuvee\$10.99	2003 Scott Harvey Old Vn, Amador \$19.99
2003 Hendry "Block 7," Napa.....\$27.99	2003 Sobon "Rocky Top"\$12.99
2003 J. Runquist "Z," Amador\$18.99	2003 Storybook Mnt "Eastern Exp" ..\$36.99
2003 Jan Kriss, Paso Robles\$9.99	2003 Tin Barn "Gilsson"\$24.99
2003 Kalinda, Sonoma\$9.99	2003 Tobin James "Ballistic," Paso....\$14.99
Deeply colored, loaded with blackberry, raspberry, and spicy clove-like tones with just a touch of cedary oak as a supporting element!	2004 Balleto, Russian River\$14.99
2003 Kunin, Paso Robles\$19.99	2004 David Coffaro, Dry Creek\$19.99
2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"....\$12.99	2004 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..\$8.99
2003 Purisima Canyon, Sonoma\$9.99	2004 Joel Gott, California\$12.99
79% zinfandel, 19% petite sirah and 2% merlot make for a juicy, explosive wine!	2004 Seghesio Sonoma\$16.99
2003 Ravenswood Single VinyrdsInquire	2004 Windmill Estates Old Vine\$9.99
2003 Ridge-Many vineyards in stock!Inquire	
2003 Rosenblum "Carla's"\$21.99	
2003 Scott Harvey Old Vn, Amador \$19.99	
2003 Sobon "Rocky Top"\$12.99	
2003 Storybook Mnt "Eastern Exp" ..\$36.99	
2003 Tin Barn "Gilsson"\$24.99	
2003 Tobin James "Ballistic," Paso....\$14.99	
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2004 David Coffaro, Dry Creek\$19.99	
2004 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..\$8.99	
2004 Joel Gott, California\$12.99	
2004 Seghesio Sonoma\$16.99	
2004 Windmill Estates Old Vine\$9.99	

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

2001 Corazon Gewürztraminer	\$19.99
2003 Brandborg Ore. Riesling	\$10.99
2003 Erath Pinot Gris.....	\$10.99
2004 A to Z Pinot Gris (Ore)	\$10.99
2004 Alban Central Coast Viognier..	\$21.99
2004 Cold Heaven "S&B" Viognier ..	\$32.99
2004 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc	\$9.99
2004 FishEye CA Pinot Grigio	\$5.99
2004 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$16.99
2004 Miner "Simpson" Viognier	\$18.99
2004 MacMurray Rnch Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2004 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$11.99
2004 Ponzi Will. Vally Pinot Gris	\$13.99
2004 Smoking Loon Viognier	\$6.99
2004 Thomas Fogarty Gwrtz	\$12.99
2004 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling....	\$14.99
2004 Tremani RR Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2004 Vinum CNW Chenin Blnc.....	\$7.99
2004 Willakenzie Pinot Blanc/Gris ..	\$17.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$15.99
2003 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$10.99
2003 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"	\$6.98
2003 Saracina, Mendocino	\$21.99
2003 Source "Heart Block".....	\$46.99
2003 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Voss, Napa	\$14.98
2003 Wattle Creek, Mendocino	\$16.99
2004 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly	\$12.99
2004 Clos Pegase, Carneros	\$17.99
2004 DeSante, Napa	\$16.99
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$21.99
2004 Frog's Leap, Napa.....	\$12.98
2004 Geyser Peak, California.....	\$7.99
2004 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$19.98
2004 Hanna, Russian River	\$11.99
2004 Honig, Napa.....	\$11.99
2004 Husch, Mendocino.....	\$9.99
2004 Joel Gott, California	\$9.99
2004 Kalinda, Mendocino	\$9.99

Shows aromas of exotic citrus, grapefruit and lime, which lead to a palate of ripe grapefruit.

2004 Kathryn Kennedy.....	\$18.99
2004 Kenwood, Sonoma.....	\$9.99
2004 Mason, Napa	\$12.98
2004 Morgan, Monterey	\$10.99
2004 Paige 23, Santa Barbara.....	\$13.99
2004 Palmina "Sisquoc," Snt Maria ..	\$14.99
2004 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$7.99
2004 Sauvignon Republic, RR	\$12.99
Classic pale-straw color with rich pineapple.	
2004 Selene "Hyde Vineyard".....	\$26.99
2004 Source "Gamble"	\$22.99
2004 St. Supéry, Napa.....	\$13.99
2004 Sterling, Napa	\$10.99
2004 Two Wives, Napa	\$14.99

Merlot

2001 Keenan "25th Anniv," Napa.....	\$22.99
2001 Rombauer, Napa	\$24.99
2001 St. Clement, Napa	\$19.99
2001 Stonestreet, Sonoma	\$14.98
2001 Vine Cliff, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Burgess, Napa	\$13.99
2002 Cinnabar, Paso Robles	\$15.99
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex	\$16.99
2002 Emmolo, Napa-Intense fruit!	\$18.99
2002 Etude, Napa	\$44.99
2002 Flora Springs, Napa	\$17.98
2002 Franciscan, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Januik, Washington	\$22.99
2002 Markham, Napa	\$15.98
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.98
2002 Paradigm, Napa	\$42.99
2002 Provenance, Carneros	\$21.98
2002 Simi, Sonoma.....	\$16.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Swanson, Napa.....	\$24.99
2002 Taft Street, Sonoma	\$9.99
2002 Twomey, Napa-94 points Parker! ..	\$64.99
2003 Bogle, California	\$6.98
2003 Duckhorn, Napa	\$44.99
2003 McManis, California	\$8.99
2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Columbia Vly ..	\$29.99
2003 Parcel 41, Napa	\$14.99
From the makers of Twenty Bench Cab, this is a crowd pleaser and then some. Luscious!	
2003 Shafer, Napa	\$39.99

Domestic Red

NV Marietta Lot #38 OV Red	\$9.99
2002 Altamura Sangiovese	\$32.99
2002 Bennett Lane "Maximus"	\$25.99
2002 Bogle "The Phantom"	\$13.99
2002 Palmina "Stolpman" Nebbiolo	\$31.99
2002 Paraduxx Napa Red	\$39.99
2003 Bacio Divino "Pazzo"	\$23.99

2003 Edmund St. John "Rock & Gr" ..	\$17.99
A blend of grenache, mourvèdre and syrah.	
2003 Ethan Paso Rob, Sangiovese	\$21.99
2003 Garretson G Red	\$19.99
2003 Runquist "Nostro" Barbera	\$17.99
2003 Shypoke Napa Charbono.....	\$19.99
2003 T-Vine Napa Grenache.....	\$24.99
2003 Vino Noceto Sangiovese	\$13.99
2004 Orin Swift "The Prisoner".....	\$27.99
2004 Owne Roe Sinister Hand	\$26.99
2004 Palmina Barbera	\$24.99
2004 Palmina "Zotovich" Dolcetto ..	\$19.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2001 Miner, Napa	\$19.99
92 points <i>Wine Enthusiast</i> .	
2002 Columbia Crest "Two Vines"	\$6.99
2002 Foppiano Sonoma Petite Sirah	\$14.99
2002 Martella "The Hammer"	\$19.99
2002 Stags' Leap Petite Sirah	\$29.99
2002 Tobin James "Rock & Roll"	\$14.99
2003 Concannon CC Petite Sirah	\$11.99
2003 EXP, Dunnigan Hills	\$9.99
2003 Hahn Central Coast.....	\$9.99
2003 J. Runquist, Paso Robles	\$23.99
2003 JC Cellars California Cuvee.....	\$24.99
2003 Justin Paso Robles	\$19.99
2003 K Vintners "Milbrandt"	\$27.99
2003 Leveroni Sonoma	\$14.99
2003 Melville, Santa Rita	\$18.99
2003 Michael & David "6th Sense" ..	\$14.99
2003 Piedrasassi California	\$49.99
2003 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$9.99
2003 Rosenblum "Abba," Lodi	\$16.99
2003 T-Vine "Duarde"	\$28.99
2003 Stolpman "Hilltops"	\$31.99
2004 Margerum "Purissima Mnt"	\$29.99
2004 Holus-Bolus, Santa Ynez	\$24.99
2004 Owen Roe "Ex-Umbris"	\$26.99

San Francisco Focus

2002 Stony Hill Chardonnay (\$26.99) This chardonnay has always been my favorite in California. This chardonnay is beautifully balanced with tropical fruit, melon and apple. Good acidity with now oak showing in the mouth or nose. Perfect!

2002 Darioush Cabernet Sauvignon (\$59.99) This cabernet was in my top 5 in 2001. The 2002 was a bit unbalanced when I tried it 6 months ago but it has definitely found itself now. A fruit-forward style of cab with great structure and finesse. This wine is great now but will hold for another 10 years.

1999 Whitethorn "Hyde" Pinot Noir (\$34.99) My favorite pinot in the store and a favorite for all the staff in San Francisco. This wine is almost perfect. Cherry fruit, balance, spice and earthiness all rolled up with a seamless finish. If you love pinot, this wine is a must. Perfect for any holiday dinner or party.

2003 Woodenhead "Buena Tierra" Pinot (\$44.99) I wrote up the 2002 in October, and the 2003 definitely deserves to get your attention. A more forward style of pinot, with raspberry, cassis and hints of white pepper and earth. Made by William Selyem veteran Nikolai Stez. 86 cases produced. Happy Holidays, and see you in the City...

—Mike Jordan

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile, Argentina

2004 Concha y Toro Xplorador Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) ..	\$5.99
2005 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Pinot Gris (Argentina)	\$6.99
2004 Alamos Chadonnay (Argentina)	\$7.99
2004 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2004 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Two Brothers Tattoo Red (Chile)	\$7.99
2003 Concha y Toro Casillero del Diablo (Chile)	\$7.99
2003 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$7.99
2002 Budini Cabernet (Argentina)	\$8.99
2004 Casa Lapostolle Rapel Valley Merlot (Chile)	\$9.99
2003 Fin del Mundo, Postales Cab/Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2003 Valentin Bianchi Famiglia Malbec (Argentina)	\$12.99
2003 Terrazas de los Andes Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$13.99
90 points from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	
2003 Fin del Mundo, Malbec, Patagonia (Argentina)	\$14.99
2002 Catena Malbec or Cabernet (Argentina)	Inquire
2003 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvée Alexandre, Cabernet (Chile)	\$16.99
2003 La Posta Bonarda or Malbec (Argentina)	\$17.99
2002 Mapema Malbec (Argentina)	\$18.99

Portugal/Spain

2004 Wrong Dongo, Jumilla	\$6.99
2003 Candela Carro, Murcia	\$7.99
2004 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2003 Marco Real Tempranillo, Navarra	\$8.49
2003 Bodegas Tintoralba Higuera Almansa-Grenache	\$8.99
NV Broadbent Vinho Verde (Portugal)	\$8.99
2003 Mano a Mano, La Mancha	\$8.99
2000 Marques de Arienzo, Rioja, Crianza	\$8.99
2001 Conde de Valdemar Crianza Rioja	\$9.99
2001 Casa Ferreira Esteva (Portugal)	\$9.99
2003 Hecula, Yecla	\$9.99
90 points Robert Parker: "...sweet bouquet of ripe plums, figs, raspberries, and cherries, it boasts a terrific texture, enviable purity, medium to full body, and a long, seamless finish. Drink this outstanding bargain over the next 2-3 years."	
2004 Naia Rueda Blanc	\$9.99
2002 Castell del Remei Gotim Bru	\$10.99
2003 Gramona Gessami	\$10.99
2000 Mont Marcal Cava	\$11.99
2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas	\$11.99
2002 Cellers del Roure, Les Alcusses	\$12.99
2000 Sierra Cantabria Crianza Rioja	\$13.99
2003 Vinas del Cenuit, Venta Mazzaron, VDT de Zamora	\$13.99
90 points Robert Parker: "A superb discovery by broker Jorge Ordonez..."	
2003 Bodegas Arrocal, Arrocal	\$14.99
2003 Dominio de Tares, Bierzo	\$14.99
2003 Rozaleme, Utiel Roquena	\$14.99
2001 Bodegas Montebaco, Pago Senda Misa Crianza	\$16.99
2002 Gramona "Grand Cuvee" Cava	\$16.99
2001 Bodegas Garanza Cyan, Crianza, Toro	\$19.99
2001 Casa Castillo, Las Gravias, Jumilla	\$24.99
2001 Remondo Palacios, Propiedad, Rioja	\$26.99
2000 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera del Duero	\$28.99
2000 Bodegas Muga Reserva Selección Especial Rioja	\$29.99
2001 Hacienda Monasterio, Ribero del Duero	\$34.99

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo!

2001 Vina Izadi Rioja Crianza (\$14.99)

2001 Vina Izadi Rioja Reserva (\$23.99)

I love the wines from Vina Izadi! The winery is located in the heart of the Basque section of the Rioja known as the Rioja Alavesa. Grown on calcareous clay soils, tempranillo achieves great richness and delicacy. Both the Crianza and the Reserva wines are from the fabulous 2001 vintage, which is the greatest vintage in Rioja since 1964. The wines are made from a blend of 90% tempranillo, 5% gaciano and 5% mazuelo. Aged for 14 months in American oak, the Crianza is full of ripe black cherry fruit with a solid core of structure and tannin. Enjoy this wine now with braised pork shoulder, or it has plenty of stuffing to age for several years. The Reserva wine, made only in the best of years, is aged for 25 months in a mix of French and American oak. Big and bold, this red has plenty of rich, ripe fruit intermingled with aromas of spice cake and vanilla. The power and depth of this wine make it a great cellar candidate of 5 to 10 years.

2001 Arzuaga Crianza, Ribera del Duero (\$26.99)

2003 Pago Florentino, Arzuaga, La Mancha (\$15.99)

Founded in 1990, Bodegas Arzuaga-Navarro is located right next door to the venerable Vega Sicilia. Florentino Arzuaga makes Riberas of great depth and elegance. Made from a blend of tinto fino (aka tempranillo) with a bit of cabernet sauvignon and merlot, their 2001 Crianza shows all the hallmarks of this top vintage. Round, ripe blackberry/cherry fruit is balanced with a long elegant finish. This wine would do well with 3-7 years time in your cellar. The Pago Florentino is their new project in La Mancha. Made from 100% cencibel, the local name for tempranillo, the wine is aged for 8 months in a mixture of French and American oak. The big flashy, ripe fruit and long spicy finish make this wine a great choice for the local specialty, Manchego cheese!

Buen Provecho!

—Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

An Investment in Pure Pleasure

This holiday season I have decided that my gift giving will fall under two categories. Not because this will make my life easier (admittedly, it will), but because books and wine are two things that have enriched my life exponentially. I can honestly say that I have never, ever regretted buying a book. Each time I recall some memorable literary fact or experience I am so grateful that I invested in myself by taking the time to read a book. For me, this same sentiment goes for wine, as I have never regretted pulling a bottle of wine from my modest cellar to enjoy with family or friends. Opening a bottle of wine that I purchased, let's say 10 years ago, is like reconnecting with an old friend, or re-reading one of my favorite books. Great wines grow more deep, complex and beautiful as they age. Each time I drink a great wine, I thank myself for investing in this life lesson and only hope that I will age half as gracefully. One such wine that I will not regret keeping in my cellar is the **2003 Côte Rotie Bernard Burgaud (\$49.99)**. This northern Rhône syrah is simply superb, exhibiting wonderful ripe cherry, kirsch and rich, meaty flavors. On the finish, notes of sous bois, black olives and smoke provide additional complexity and dimension. And despite the typically warm 2003 vintage, this Côte Rotie displays a substantial amount of acidity (this is a good thing!).

I have purchased several bottles of this vinous beauty for myself and for gifts this holiday season, and am looking forward to reconnecting with this old friend in 5 or 10 years.

—Mulan Chan

We have an extensive selection of outstanding Austrian and German wines including the bulk of our 2004 Pre-Arrival, following is a sampling of our inventory, which you can view at www.klwines.com

Austria

2002 Malat Grüner Veltliner Dreigärten.....	\$14.99
2002 Leithner Grüner Veltliner "Privat".....	\$14.99
2002 Weingut Schmelz Riesling "Stein am Rain" Federspiel ..	\$16.99
2003 Peter Schandl Pinot Blanc.....	\$14.99
2003 Türk Grüner Veltliner "Vom Urgentein"	\$12.99
2003 Walter Glatzer Zweigelt "Rubin Carnuntum"	\$21.99
2003 Peter Schandl Blaufrankisch.....	\$14.99
2004 Weingut Pfaffl Grüner Veltliner Weinviertal DAC	\$17.99

Germany

2004 Weingut Binz Nackenheimer Spatburgunder	\$12.99
2004 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" ..	\$14.99
2004 Fritz Haag Estate Riesling.....	\$17.99
2004 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Spätlese	\$32.99
2004 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Auslese (375ml)	\$26.99
2004 Schloss Lieser Niederberg Helden Spätlese	\$21.99
2004 Weingut Spreitzer Oestricher Doosberg Spätlese	\$18.99
2004 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Klosterlay Spätlese	\$18.99

Halfway There

Ahhhh, the holiday season, is, without question, the busiest time of the year for so many of us. Family, friends, shopping, cooking, entertaining and, of course, the dreaded wrapping. So, with that in mind I shall stay off my soap box and keep it simple and to the point. Walking through the store the other day and realizing what has suddenly been thrust upon us, I thought I would write about wines that I would either love to receive as a gift (hint, hint family and friends who read this) or wines that would help me get through these hectic times. I think I found a few that will fit the bill.

2002 Weingut Smelz Riesling "Stein am Rain" Federspiel (\$17.99)

A refreshing little bugger that is structurally packed full of minerality and zippy acidity, racing across your palate. You will be treated to the bright essence of citrus fruits spiked with exotic spices that melt into the back of your palate and a finish that is as crisp and bright as the cold winter air just outside your window.

2002 Emmerich Knoll Riesling Smaragd Loibenberg (\$34.99) This is a powerhouse that is surrounded by grace and beauty. A wine that is full of ripe melons dusted with white pepper leading you into a ripe, juicy, forgiving palate of delicate minerality and intensity. This is one of those gems that you can drink tonight or rediscover in ten years' time and truly understand why this is a wine of legend (plus maybe really understand the power behind the label on this beauty). Yes, I am purposely not describing the label; you have to see it to believe it!

2003 Nigl Riesling "Privat" (\$49.99) Don't let the 2003 vintage fool you; this is something special. While having 2003 characteristics, the wine-making skills and the old vines that help create this wine ensure a quality that shines, and I promise, you will not be disappointed. Ripe fruit, teaming with fleshy white peaches, (I'm not just saying this), Christmas spices, a subtle tinge of minerality and a balance that is focused and pure.

—Eric Story

2004 Gunderloch Nackenheimer Rothenberg Spätlese	\$26.99
2003 Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Pittermännchen Spätlese ..	\$36.99
2003 Florian Weingart Schloss Fürstenberg Spätlese	\$26.99
2003 Spreitzer Winkler Jesuitengarten Spätlese	\$26.99
2002 Weingut Knebel Winninger Röttgen Riesling Spätlese ..	\$17.99
2002 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Spätlese	\$22.99
2002 Eitelsbacher Karthausenhofberg Spätlese #10 Auction ..	\$25.99
2002 J.&H.A. Strub Niersteiner Hipping Kabinett	\$16.99
2002 Alfred Merkelbach Kinheimer Rosenberg Spätlese	\$17.99
1998 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Hipping Spätlese	\$14.99
1997 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Pettenthal Auslese	\$15.99

The 15th Page Man: August Kessler

First, an update on the January German/Austria tasting with Terry Theise and friends: We are absolutely having it, and it will be great and life changing. At the time of this writing I can tell you it's on Saturday, January 21 at Coco 500 (near our SF store). Cost yet to be determined. Log onto www.klwines.com for details. See you there!! Now on to new business...

As you read this there should be a ship called the Carada docking here in the bay carrying some great Rheingau Rieslings from our dear friend August Kessler in Assmannshausen. Mr. Kessler runs along with superstar cellar master Max Himstedt one of the top estates in the Rheingau for Riesling and possibly THE top estate in Germany for Pinot Noir. Assmannshausen is located just around the bend from Rudesheim at the northwestern end of the Rheingau, a village long reputed for its red wines. The estate is about 20 hectares with vines in the Höllenberg in Assmannshausen and in Rudesheim the Berg Schlossberg, Berg Roseneck, and Bischofsberg totaling about 50% riesling and 45% spätburgunder. Yields are kept low, on average about 45 hl/ha and the style here is in one word sleek. The Rieslings are racy and bright, on the drier side and in 2004 possess a clarity and precision not often found in the Rheingau. We are bringing in a smattering of his '04s and just a tiny bit of the high end pinots for those of you like me who are in love with them. Here's the line up:

2004 August Kessler Estate Riesling (\$11.99) my vote for best value German wine this year, you just don't get this much wine for the price anymore. This comes across as positively Nahe or even Mosel as it is so clean and refreshing with subtle undercurrents of minerals and fresh pears. **2004 Berg Roseneck Spätlese (\$19.99)** here is the yin to Mr. Leitz's yang, both great Roseneck Spätlesen but such different expressions, this has laser like focus and firm mineral structure, very compact and revved up compared to the grandness of Leitz's textural masterwork, this is what makes these wines fun. This next wine was created for the foods August found in his travels around the world though he does hint that it was SF that inspired this wine with our diverse modern cuisine. The **2004 530.3 Spätlese (\$25.99)**, from Schlossberg and Roseneck, is so named for the navigation marker on the Rhine that sits just below this portion of Schlossberg. Made in a slightly drier style to complement more types of cuisine, especially Asian influenced dishes. Firm, powerful and full of minerals. There are also small quantities of a gorgeous **2004 Bischofsberg Spätlese Gold Capsule (\$25.99)** and the Pinots **2003 Spätburgunder (\$22.99)**, **2002** and **2003 Höllenberg Spätburgunder (\$57.99)**. Live in the

Light!

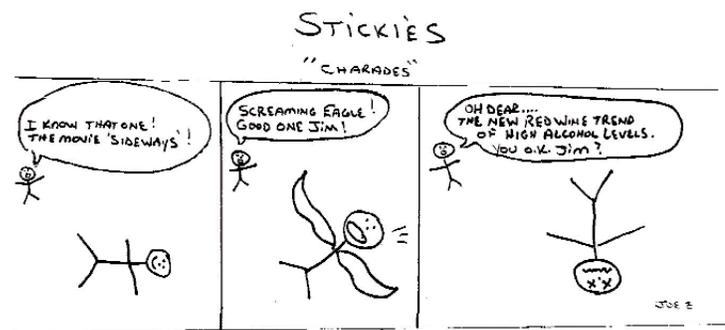
—Jeff Vierra

A Holiday Fable

The Traveller was restless. He had traversed the countryside in an attempt to find the perfect place: to plant vineyards, to find contentment, to live. He passed by myriad wondrous hues of green, admired the vast yellow carpets of flowering blooms that seemed to reflect the sun back into the sky. He rested in shady nooks of stone, drank at percolating brooks unknown, squinting at the broken mirror as he quenched his thirst. He found beauty but not perfection.

Each night the Traveller rested his face to the stars. They seem perfect, he mused. These stars gave hope to the Traveller that he would find what he was seeking. He slept with his dreams tracing the night sky.

Each day was filled with the many small things that make up a life, but the Traveller was focused on his quest. He tasted the wares of the wine properties that dotted the hillsides like wildflowers, and noted the irony that no wine was completely perfect. Maybe his dream was folly.



Jim's White Christmas Gems

Our Burgundy buyer, Keith Wollenberg, has recently scored big time with two wine gems. First, he nailed the beautiful **2004 Domaine Renaud Mâcon Solutré (\$10.99)**, which has a pronounced nose of minerality and pippin apples with hints of dried rose petals. Along with its lush, viscous mouthfeel, you will be treated to a wine that is well defined and structured leading to a long, clean, crisp finish. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

One of my favorite house whites the last five years has been the none vintage **Plaisir des Princes Chardonnay (\$6.99)**. It is a declassified Mâcon from a single vintage (not declared on the label). This version is the best to date and one of my favorite wines in the store. It has this lovely minerality of a vineyard designated Mâcon: viscosity, depth, and of course personality. This is Mâcon in spades, and as Keith says, "If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and looks like a duck but sells for peanuts, who cares what they call it?" 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Mulan discovered a sparkling wine from Southern France that will rival anything twice its price. The non-vintage **Jean-Louis Denois "Tradition" (\$14.99)** is a southern French sparkler that will knock your socks off. A lovely nose of fresh lemon zest, with a touch of nuttiness and yeastiness, leads to a palate impression that is dry, clean, yet mouthwatering and crisp. This is remarkable stuff that will rival the real thing that sells for much, much more. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Those of you who are still grieving the sold-out 2004 Kirkham Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand will be elated to know that our newly arrived **2004 Griffin Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (\$10.99)** is the same wine. This wine is loaded with ripe grape-

fruit to lime peel qualities, both on the nose and across its clean, crisp, mouthwatering set of flavors. On the finish there is a hint of white peach to go along with an excellent acid structure. According to Eby, this is the perfect wine to go with cracked crab. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

A cloudy darkness descended. Despite no compass of stars to illuminate, the Traveller found a smooth, leafy bed and closed his eyes...

The morning was as brilliantly clear as the peal of a church bell on a winter morn. The Traveller ambled to his feet, the mist of dreams disappearing from his eyes.

But these eyes he could not believe.

It was perfect. This land- the vineyard, the birds and animals. The fruit trees and the brook. The untilled pasture. All perfect!

"Lovely, isn't it?" The Traveller turned to the voice, and the woman that belonged to it. "Yes, it is," said the Traveller. "I would like to offer whatever you wish for it. I would like to make it mine."

"Well, you can make it yours, and stay as long as you like. I've been here only a short while, but I know I'll stay forever. But it is not for sale," she said with laughter in her eyes. "Do you wish to stay?"

"Yes, I would like that very much." The Traveller turned away and waved his hat in an arc. "What do you call this piece of land?"

The woman smiled. "Heaven, of course."

Until you get there, enjoy the beauty of the now.

And nothing is perfect.

Goodbye Patrice.

—Joe Zugelder

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If you have any questions please email us at jimbarr@klwines.com. Have a wonderful holiday season! —Jim, Anderson, and Eby

Tasting Bar Schedule for December 2005

All tastings are from noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. For further information please see our website at www.klwines.com and click on the "local events" bar.

Saturday, December 3: Bordeaux. Clyde, Ralph, Steve and Alexandre bring us our last Brodeaux tasting of the year. Our continuing exploration of the 2002 and 2003 vintage sails full steam ahead! Come on by to taste the latest and greatest Bordeaux that are sure to brighten your holidays. Ten wines to be poured, including eight red, one white and one Sauterne. Tasting price TBA

Saturday, December 10: Champagne for the holidays! Gary, Scott and Alexandre pick the best Champagnes to tantalize your palate for Christmas and New Year's eve. We will explore newly released small estate Champagnes and a few larger producers. Look for some GREAT bargains! Ten sparklers to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Thank you for supporting of our tasting bar. The SF store will be having sparkling wine and Champagne tastings on Thursday evenings in December from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Happy Holidays! —Scott Beckerley

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

French Sparkling Wine/Champagne

Marguet-Bonnerave "Cuvee Reserve"	\$24.99
Michel Dervin Brut.....	\$24.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$24.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$25.99
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé-Fantastic!	\$25.99
Launois "Sable" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!	\$26.99
Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added	\$26.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve Champagne	\$27.99
1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$28.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
1998 Launois Brut Blanc de Blanc.....	\$29.99
1998 Ariston Vintage Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Crayères" Brut	\$29.99
1999 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé	\$29.99
1999 Michel Dervin Vintage Brut Champagne.....	\$29.99
1996 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$32.99
Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Veuve Clicquot Brut	\$34.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru.....	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99
Lallement Brut.....	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-1996 and 1997	\$39.99
Tarlant Single Vineyard Champagnes	Inquire
Rene Collard Brut Carte d'Or	\$39.99
Rene Collard Ultra Brut "Ultime".....	\$39.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-New 1996/1997 cuvee	\$39.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé (1.5L \$110.00)	\$49.99
Lallement Brut Réserve	\$49.99
1990 Rene Collard	\$49.99
De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut (1.5L)	\$56.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	\$59.99
1985 Rene Collard	\$59.99
Cattier Clos du Moulin 1er Cru Brut	\$77.99
1996 Dom Perignon	Inquire

Domestic Sparkling Wine

1998 Schramsberg Reserve	\$54.99
1999 Argyle Oregon Brut	\$16.99
1999 Roederer L'Ermitage Rosé	\$54.99
1999 Domaine Carneros (1.5L)	\$36.99
1999 J Wine Company	\$23.99
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage".....	\$32.99
2000 Argyle Willamette Valley Brut	\$16.99
2001 Domaine Carneros Brut	\$18.99
2001 Schramsberg Blanc Noir/Blc.....	\$24.99
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	\$26.99
2002 Schramsberg Brut Rosé.....	\$29.99
2004 Sofia Coppola Blanc de Blanc.....	\$16.99
NV Domaine Chandon Brut	\$14.99
NV Domaine Chandon Noir	\$14.99
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc Noir	\$14.99
NV Mumm Brut/Blanc de Noir	\$14.99
NV Roederer Estate Brut	\$16.99
NV Scharffenberger Brut.....	\$13.99

Let's Celebrate... continued from page 1

For special gifts this year I would like to recommend my very favorite of all of the big house tete de cuveés once again. The **Laurent Perrier "Grand Siecle"** (\$74.99) is in the real spirit of a luxury cuvee, as it represents far less than 10% of their total production. This allows them to really take the very best of their large production to make a very special wine and is a stark contrast to the gigantic production numbers of the two most famous (and far more expensive) tete de cuveés. Composed of 30% 1993, 30% 1995 and 40% 1996, the Grand Siecle (pronounced 'See eck') is more mature, mellow and complex than its much more expensive competitors. Made with half pinot noir and half chardonnay from seven grand cru villages, this wine has a powerful toastiness on the nose, a very refined bead and a super long finish. Hopefully one of the gift bottles will be a gift to you!

Please feel free to email me at garywestby@klwines.com or call me at 877-559-4637 ex 2728 with any Champagne questions. Please also ask to be added to my list of Champagne fans for up-to-the-minute notification on new arrivals and breaking news from the Champagne region.

My picks for December:

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut Champagne	\$22.99
Laurent Perrier Brut Champagne	\$27.99
De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut Champagne	\$27.99
1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage Brut	\$39.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siecle" Champagne	\$74.99

A toast to you!

—Gary Westby

Two Greats from Champagne

I had the great fortune to accompany Gary on his most recent trip to Champagne. Of the all the producers we visited; all our direct imports, two grand marques and some others, with the limited amount of space I have been given, two producers illustrate what I learned about Champagne, De Meric and Leclerc Briant. . Interestingly both are NMs but their scale of production is smaller than some RMs. As a small negociant, De Meric does not own any of their own vines. They get their fruit from growers whom they feel do everything right. In their caves they have barriques, foudres and stainless steel tanks, all of which are used to impart their own particular characteristics. They also use partial malolactic fermentation. What does this give to their wines? Complexity! You get broader wines with texture from the various oaks, more vinous and varied fruit tones, minerality, toastiness and creaminess—great champagne. This just describes the **De Meric "Sous Bois" Brut** (\$27.99). In the Catherine de Medici, take the above description and increase the intensity and length.

Leclerc Briant for me is all about vineyards. We stood above the the **"Clos de Champion"** (\$29.99) tasted chardonnay from **"Chevres Pierres"** (\$29.99) and then visited "la Coisete," a vineyard located within the city of Epernay, and right behind Pascal Leclerc Briant's house. Because of its unique chalky soil, it is planted solely to chardonnay. Yes, we will be getting this very unique Blanc de Blanc in! Leclerc Briant farms biodynamically and has been working organically since the late '60s. It was great to hear his insights to the politics of the CVIC, farming and terroir. As always you can get a great deal of information about these wines from Gary, or stop by the city store, and I will gladly chew the Champagne fat with you!

—Kirk Walker

WHITE BURGUNDY

NV Plaisir des Princes.....	\$6.99
It's back!! Our favorite declassified Mâcon, at a great price!	
2003 Pouilly-Vinzelles, "En Paradis," Louis Latour (375ml)	\$6.99
2003 St Bris "Sauvignon," Domaine Goisot	\$9.99
2003 Bourgogne Cotes d'Auxerre Rosé, Domaine Goisot	\$9.99
2004 Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....	\$9.99
2004 Mâcon Solutré, Domaine Renaud.....	\$10.99
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté V.V., Domaine Goisot	\$10.99
Delightful fresh and bright wine grown just a stone's throw from Chablis.	
2003 Chablis, Domaine Anne & Arnaud Goisot.....	\$11.99
Crisp and flinty. Classic Chablis, with no oak.	
2003 St-Veran, Maison Drouhin	\$12.99
2002 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet	\$14.99
This is a staff and customer favorite. And it is now at an even better price!	
2003 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Jomain	\$15.99
2002 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Guy Bocard	\$16.99
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, 1902, Alice & Olivier de Moor	\$16.99
2004 Chablis, "Domaine Sainte Claire," J-M Brocard	\$16.99
2002 Givry, 1er Cru, La Plante, Dom. Deanjean-Berthoux	\$16.99
Great minerality, spice and focus. Absolutely classic Givry!	
2002 Bourgogne Chardonnay, "Vero," Joseph Drouhin	\$17.99
Made by Veronique Drouhin. Old World Chardonnay with New World appeal.	
2004 Macon, Domaine Heritiers Comte Lafon.....	\$17.99
2003 Chassagne-Montrachet, Louis Latour (375ml)	\$21.99
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet.....	\$21.99
2003 Chablis "Cote de Lechet," 1er Cru, Domaine Barat	\$23.99
2003 Chablis, Rosette, Alice & Olivier de Moor	\$24.99
2002 Pouilly-Fuissé, Château de Beauregard	\$24.99
2003 Beaune, Les Aigrots, 1er Cru, Louis Latour	\$29.99
2001 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Gerard Chavy.....	\$29.99
2000 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Hubert Bouzereau	\$34.99
2003 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine J-M Morey	\$38.99
2003 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Paul Pernot	\$39.99
Tropical notes, lush and exotic.	
2002 Meursault, Meix Chavaux, Dom. J-M Morey	\$39.99
2003 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Vincent Dancer	\$42.99
Rich and concentrated, lovely and intense. Good minerality and acidity.	
2002 Chass-Mont, Chenevottes, 1er, Domaine J-M Morey	\$44.99
2002 Chass-Mont, Caillerets, 1er, Domaine Morey-Coffinet..	\$44.99
2003 Puligny-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$48.99
2003 Meursault, Poruzots, Château de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$49.99
The vineyard work is really paying off, as the quality continues to rise here.	
2003 Meursault, Boucheres, Deux Montilles	\$54.99
Alix de Montille is among the top handful of producers in Meursault!	
2001 Chablis, "La Moutonne," Grand Cru, Long Depaquit	\$56.99
Crisp, flinty, mineral-driven, concentrated. This is quintessential Chablis!	
2002 Meursault, "Tessons," Jean-Philippe Fichet	\$56.99
1996 Meursault, "Tillets," Domaine Guy Roulot	\$59.95
2003 Chass-Mont, "Tête du Clos" (Morgeot) Vincent Dancer	\$59.99
2003 Chass-Mont, "La Romanée," 1er Dom. Vincent Dancer	\$64.99
2003 Morey-St-Denis, Mont Luissant, 1er, Dujac.....	\$67.99
2002 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er, Bitouzet-Prieur	\$68.99
2000 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Pierre Morey.....	\$69.95
Lovely mineral-laden Meursault form Leflaive's winemaker's own domaine.	
2003 Meursault, Perrieres, 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer	\$71.99
1995 Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Dom. J-M Boillot	\$76.99
2003 Puligny-Montrachet, "Les Folatieres," Louis Jadot	\$81.99

2002 Corton-Charl., Grand Cru, Bonneau du Martray	\$94.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, De Montille	\$94.99
2003 Puligny Montrachet, "Clavoillons," Domaine Leflaive	\$104.99
1999 Puligny-Mont, "Folatieres," 1er Cru, Dom. Leflaive	\$125.00
1995 Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot.....	\$154.99
2003 Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$179.95
2003 Chevalier-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$199.95
2003 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Mont., Grand Cru, Dom. Leflaive	\$234.95
2003 Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin.....	\$375.00
2003 Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$549.95

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace.....	\$14.99
An elegant and rich sparkler with a fine bead and fruity nose.	
2002 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru ..	\$18.99
2001 Boeckel Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes.....	\$13.99
2000 Marcel Deiss Burlenberg Pinot Noir	\$31.99
2000 Marcel Deiss Gruenspiel de Bergheim	\$55.99

Loire

François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	\$13.99
1995 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de L'Olive	\$28.99
1996 Clos Rougeard Saumur Champigny	\$45.99
1999 Pascal Bellier Cour-Cheverny (Romorantin).....	\$11.99
2002 Domaine Laureau Savennieres "Cuvee des Genets"	\$18.99
2002 Domaine Philippe Alliet Chinon Coteau de Noiré	\$34.99
2004 Domaine de la Pépière Classique Muscadet Sur Lie	\$10.99
2004 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2004 Adèle Rouzé Quincy	\$13.99

Loire, Alsace and Beyond: Crab Reprise

I just glanced back at last year's article about my love of crab, which again is now in season, and crab's affinity for the wines from the Loire and Alsace. Somehow I think that I have been here before, and that feels good... some would call this déjà vu or say that I am predictable, but I sort of like the predictability of nature and what she gives us. You can live your life in a straight line and plow right through nature's seasons, becoming one of those people who insists in February to make a tomato salad out of the lifeless reddish things in the supermarket.

So I say eat crab, because it is crab time. And drink crisp white wines in copious amounts, because that is a match made in heaven. I have three suggestions: The 2004 Château La Morinière Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie (\$9.99), made by our friends the Brothers Couillaud, is redolent with fresh citrus notes, bright cool mineral tones and a lively mouth feel that refreshes the palate and enlivens the spirit; the 2004 Domaine Patrick Coulbois Pouilly-Fume "Les Cocques" (\$15.99) is always a good pairing. Sauvignon blanc can really help to heighten the sweetness of fresh crab, and this new release from a favorite producer of ours really sings. The wine is full of bright blood orange, tangerine and fresh herbs on the nose with grapefruit and green apple in the mouth all set atop a taut, lithe structure that is racy and refreshing; Lastly, the new 2004 Domaine Charles Baur Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg (\$19.99), a wine of great depth and intensity, with a haunting minerality and vibrant racy fruitiness. This wine is still a bit young, but I feel you can enjoy it with crab now for its youthful exuberance. Be happy!

—Jeff Vierra

RED BURGUNDY

2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Maison Boisset.....	\$12.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Louis Latour.....	\$13.99
2001 Bourgogne Rouge, Denis Bachelet-Was \$19.99	\$15.99
Delightful, focused and surprisingly serious for a Bourgogne Rouge.	
2003 Givry, 1er Cru, Deanjean-Berthoux	\$16.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Montre Cul, Domaine Bouvier	\$16.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, St. Vincent, Vincent Girardin	\$17.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Guyot.....	\$19.99
Also available in half bottles, at \$9.99!	
2002 Cotes de Nuits Villages, Vaucrains, L. Jadot.....	\$20.99
1996 Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Ravaut-Was \$34.99 elsewhere	\$27.99
1999 Savigny-Les-Beaune, Domaine J-M Pavelot.....	\$27.99
Silky and wonderful Savigny from a master in a great vintage.	
2000 Chambolle-Musigny, Derriere Le Four, Gerard Seguin..	\$29.99
Special price on this Chambolle, ready to drink, with lots of red fruit flavors.	
2002 Volnay, Grand Poisots, Domaine Louis Boillot	\$36.99
2002 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jerome Chezeaux	\$36.99
2002 Pernand-Vergelesses, “Les Fichots,” 1er, Dom Rollin	\$38.99
2002 Pommard, Domaine Louis Boillot	\$41.99
2002 Volnay, Santenots, Domaine Matrot.....	\$41.99
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Michel Gros.....	\$43.99
2002 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Guyon.....	\$44.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, Ostrea, Domaine Trapet	\$45.99
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Boudots,” 1er, Jerome Chezeaux.....	\$46.99
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, “Richemone,” 1er Cru, Moillard.....	\$46.99
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Henri Gouges	\$46.99
2002 NSG, “Les St. Georges,” 1er, Dom. Xavier Liger-Belair ..	\$46.99
2002 Nuits-St-Georges, Bas de Combes, Dom Jean Tardy	\$47.99
The NSG comes from the Vosne border, very rich, elegant and lovely Burgundy.	
2002 Pommard, Clos des Commaraine, Jadot	\$53.99
2003 Charmes-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Frederic Esmonin ..	\$59.99
2003 Ruchottes-Chambertin, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin	\$59.99
2001 Nuits-St-Georges, “Murgers,” 1er Cru, Cathiard	\$59.99
2002 Vosne-Romanée, “Les Beaumonts,” 1er Cru, Champy ..	\$64.99
2002 Vougeot, Les Petite Vougeots, Domaine Fourrier	\$65.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, “Malconsorts,” 1er, Dom. Moillard	\$67.99
2002 Corton Pougets, Grand Cru, Domaine Jadot.....	\$69.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, “Suchots,” 1er Cru, Dom. L’Arlet	\$69.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Denis Mortet	\$69.99
2002 Volnay, “Mitans,” 1er Cru, Domaine de Montille	\$71.99
2002 Vosne-Romanée, “Suchots,” 1er Cru, Jerome Chezeaux ..	\$72.99
1999 Nuits-St-Georges, “Clos des Forêts,” 1er Cru, l’Arlet.....	\$74.99
2002 Gevrey-Cham, “Combe aux Moines,” 1er, Faiveley	\$74.99
2002 Pommard, “Grands Epenots,” 1er, Dom. Pierre Morey ..	\$74.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Combe du Dessus, Denis Mortet ..	\$79.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin	\$88.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard.....	\$89.95
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, “Hauts Doix,” 1er Cu, Groffier	\$97.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, “Sentiers,” 1er Cu, Groffier	\$99.99
2003 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, V.V., Vincent Girardin	\$99.99
2002 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Dom. Louis Remy	\$99.95
2003 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin.....	\$99.95
2003 Château Corton Grancey, Grand Cru, L. Latour	\$99.99
2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Dom Hubert Lignier.....	\$99.95
2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Dom. Xavier Liger-Belair ..	\$104.99
2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Michel Gros	\$108.99
2002 Latricieres-Chambertin, Domaine Louis Remy.....	\$109.99

2003 Clos Vougeot, “Maupertuis,” Grand Cru, Anne Gros ..	\$124.99
1999 Clos Ruchottes Chambertin, Grand Cru, Rousseau	\$139.99
2002 Chambertin, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$149.95
2003 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Dom. Robert Groffier	\$159.99
2002 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Dom. Xavier Liger-Belair.....	\$174.99
2003 Chambertin, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$189.99
1999 Romanée St. Vivant, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot	\$199.95
2003 Romanée St. Vivant, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$229.95
2003 Charmes-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$229.95
2003 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Domaine Anne Gros	\$279.95

Beaujolais

This is a partial list. See www.klwines.com for all of our selections.

The Nouveau are here, so celebrate the fine 2005 harvest!

2005 Beaujolais Nouveau, Bouchard Aîné & Fils	\$9.99
2005 Beaujolais Nouveau, Louis Tête	\$10.49
2005 Beaujolais Nouveau, Domaine Ruet	\$10.99
2005 Beaujolais Villages Nouveau, Georges Duboeuf	\$11.99
2005 Beaujolais Villages Nouveau, Dom. Manoir du Carra	\$11.99
2005 Beaujolais Villages Nouveau, Dom. Dominique Piron ..	\$12.99

Don't forget the great Cru Beaujolais, which improve with age:

2003 Chiroubles, Clos le Farge, Domaine Chrysson	\$14.99
Soft, Supple and elegant, with lovely fruit and great richness.	
2003 Morgon, Domaine Ruet	\$14.99
2003 Cote de Brouilly, Domaine Ruet.....	\$16.99
The Morgon is spicy, bright and focused, the Brouilly rich with a long finish.	

Pour Votre Plaisir

2004: A Star in the Mâcon

The 2004 White Burgundies are beginning to arrive, and I am finding the vintage incredibly charming. In particular, the wines from the Mâcon are truly brilliant. Two direct imports have arrived. They are suitable for Tuesday night drinking, based on their price, and for parties and family gatherings, based on their charm and lovely fruit. They are made by Domaine Renaud, which is run by a young couple, who have recently built a new cellar for their winery. It gleams, and is completely clean, but retains the best of the old traditions. They use upright oak ovals and stainless tanks, but few small barrels.

Their 2004 **Domaine Renaud Mâcon Charnay (\$9.99)** has a lovely floral nose, a thread of sweet cream on the palate, and shows a bit of buttered apples. This is charming and balanced, and a ridiculously good deal for the quality of the wine in the glass. This is a lovely chardonnay, ripe and rich, but also balanced and elegant, without the buttery oak of many new world offerings. The 2004 **Domaine Renaud Mâcon Solutré (\$10.99)** comes from the slopes below the towering monolith of Solutré. This area is higher in the hills, with cooler nights and rocky, well-drained soil. The result is a chardonnay that has a bright floral nose, great minerality and richness on the palate, and shows both more weight and more focus than expected from a Mâcon. This is long and elegant, and a ridiculously good deal for the quality of the wine in the glass. Again, this shows little overt oak, focusing on the carefully grown fruit from the domaine vineyards, instead. *À Santé.*

—Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

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Tuscany

2004 Maritima Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"	\$7.49
2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano	\$9.99
2001 Castello di Monastero Chianti Superiore.....	\$10.95
2004 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano	\$11.95
2002 Felsina Chianti Classico	\$16.99
2002 San Vincenti Chianti Classico.....	\$17.99
2001 Cecchi Val delle Rose Morellino di Scansano Riserva	\$17.99
2002 Palazzino Chianti Classico "Pieve"	\$18.99
2003 Le Cinciole Chianti Classico.....	\$19.99
2002 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano	\$21.99
2003 Querciabella Chianti Classico	\$23.99
2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano "Asinone"	\$33.99
92 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	
1999 Fanetti Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva	\$28.99
2000 Castello di Fonterutoli Chianti Classico	\$33.99
2001 Felsina Fontalloro	\$34.99

Montalcino

2003 Poggiarellino Rosso di Montalcino	\$12.99
2003 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino	\$17.99
2003 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino.....	\$18.99
2003 Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
1999 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino"	\$19.99
An outstanding Super Tuscan blend of sangiovese and merlot from the sensational 1999 vintage!	
2003 La Fortuna Sant'Antimo Rosso	\$28.99

2000 Poggiarellino Brunello\$29.99

There is a certain sweetness that emanates from the nose; it is the ripeness of the grapes, the plummy, and chocolate cherry character, unstoppable, flowing powerfully from the glass layering flavors across the palate like sedimentary deposits. Warmth, dense richness, lush thickness, pleasing, warming, enriching, and filling the palate. The finish is sunny, warming, complete, balanced and lingering with more chocolaty intrigue. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2000 Baricci Brunello\$36.99

"Sweet earth" were my first notes for this wine, that classic Montosoli nose, elegantly spicy, full of cinnamon, cardamom, anise and leather. The wine exudes a feminine mystique, lithe, supple, delicate, giving then taking, hinting not demanding, complex however simple, yet leaves you with a warmth, round and complete feeling on the palate. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2000 La Fortuna Brunello\$36.99

A warm, sweet ripeness, full of dark and intense plum aromatics rise from the glass and give you an immediate sense of density, weight, and richness. The wine is so supple on the palate, easy like the first warm day of spring, comfortable, invigorating and relaxing. Complex, chocolaty amarena (Italian wild cherry) flavor dance around your palate and come together for a long, graceful finish that would state with a rather clipped British accent "rather well-balanced." Drink now with a couple of hours in a decanter, or it will continue to evolve for another 4-5 years. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2000 Pian dell'Orino Brunello\$39.99

The nose just explodes out of the glass, a chocolaty, plummy, spicy array of complex wild fruits that just envelop you. On the palate the wine is bold, dramatic, lots of mid palate structure, like someone with powerful, muscular shoulders, a real depth of flavor flows from the chocolaty, plummy nose to more, herb, leather, a taste of the earth but finish with more ripe, yet very focused and structured plummy fruit. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2000 Sesta di Sopra Brunello-92 points *Wine Spectator*\$42.99

The nose just jumps out at you spicy, complex, wild cherry fruit, with hints of sage, leather, intriguing, seductive and inviting. On the palate the wine is broad, full-bodied and rich yet not heavy, it has an elegance, more like a lithe, muscular athlete, supple yet forceful and is full of the complex character evident in the nose yet is slightly plummier, meatier, warmer, sweeter. As the wine

Podere Rinascimento

Babbo Natale's Christmas gift to you!

I wish to truly thank (I mean that seriously) all of the wine writers for their help in generating interest in Italian wines. James Suckling of the *Wine Spectator* has done more for Montalcino and Barolo than any other single person, how they haven't made him a "Cavaliere della Repubblica" (a knight) yet, I don't know. To use a little baseball parlance, Suckling is a Dominican hitter, a free swinger. Or perhaps the best analogy would be a closer, throwing out nothing but high 90 mph fastballs in the way of scores. Robert Parker has abandoned (read, please come back Bob, he has a great fastball) reviewing Italian wines. His choice as Italian reviewer for the *Wine Advocate*, Daniel Thomases (known as "Mr. 88 points" in the inner circle of the Italian wine industry) would be best thought of as the crafty, veteran pitcher who throws nothing but junk off the plate and all in the mid 80 mph (sorry for all of the baseball analogies but as the World Series ended yesterday it seems appropriate). The blazing 90+ mph fastball gets your attention, but you can win just as many games by throwing 86 mph. Unfortunately in the wine world 86 as a score is never noticed because no one reads anything lower than 90 points for wines over \$20. Why all of this? The scores really mean nothing; it is really what these guys write about that should be important to you. That is a better strategy.

What should be your strategy? I would like to suggest something

revolutionary! Use your wine merchant! Think of your wine merchant as your most trusted tailor, someone who has seen you through thick and thin, someone you can actually talk to. Someone who can tell you that a certain reviewer has a style. And as a fine tailor I could say "he likes clown suits," "he's rather tweedy" or perhaps "do polka-dots look good on you?" The key is to define your style and learn from someone who knows your wine tasting and drinking habits. As a wine merchant it really doesn't matter what I like to drink; my duty is to find what is right for you.

Let me suggest some "off the rack" wines for you this holiday season! First, start every occasion with some **Silvano Follador Prosecco Brut (\$10.99)**, and you will not be disappointed. Its delicate, flavorful yet complex character is simply scintillating, and hard to beat at the price. Aged in French oak, the **2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan" (\$17.99)** is rich, creamy, spicy, with superb balance and a long, lively finish, perfect for rich pasta dishes. The **2003 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino (\$17.99)** is soft, warm, open and showing inviting fruit, with character, length and balance. So perfect for the cool winter nights. Our red wine find of the year, the **2000 Poggiarellino Brunello di Montalcino (\$29.99)**, is a stunningly good wine. Rich, complex fruit, round and soft on the palate, ready to drink now or age, all at an unbelievable price. Stock up for the winter! Buon Natale!

—Greg St. Clair

ITALIAN WINES

lies on your palate its incredible length begins to blossom, as you follow its ever lengthening finish seems to be depositing mineral character, iron like, focused, powerful and very, very long. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

Piedmont

2003 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto d'Alba.....\$11.99

2002 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe\$14.99

This is the poor man's Barolo I went crazy over when I first tasted it, the classic nebbiolo nose of rose and earth, yet soft and rich in the mouth at an unbelievable price! (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"\$17.99

Vibrant fruit, incredibly balanced, richness, great finish, drinking beautifully now!

Barolo/Barbaresco

2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella"\$25.99

2001 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo-90 points *Wine Spectator*\$31.99

2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin"\$32.99

2000 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo-91 points *Wine Spectator*\$32.99

I was impressed by the seductive elegance in the wines; it seemed as if a feminine touch had softened the powerful structure of the nebbiolo grape, relaxing its muscles, allowing the personality of the soil to gently state its character, coupled with the classic rose petal aromatics that make Barolo so famous. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2000 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-92 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$43.99

2001 Seghesio Barolo "La Villa"\$47.68

1998 Famiglia Anselma Barolo\$47.99

2001 Elio Grasso Barolo Gavarini "Vigna Chiniera"\$55.99

1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$59.99

2001 Einaudi Barolo "Nei Cannubi"-91 points *Wine Spectator*\$69.99

Silvano Follador Prosecco Arrives!

For years I have looked for a Prosecco that would fit into the quality level of our Direct Import portfolio and had all but given up hope.

But I have finally snatched the best Prosecco I have ever had, and at unbelievable prices!

NV Silvano Follador Brut Prosecco Valdobbiadene.....\$10.99

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Slightly off dry, the "classic" style for Prosecco.

NV S. Follador "Cartize" Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superior \$17.99

The premier appellation for Prosecco di Valdobbiadene is Cartize. This magnificent sloping vineyard produces a very rich and complex wine and the natives like their best wine with a slightly higher dosage.

Blason is Back!!!!

Giovanni Blason's tremendous Friulian bargains have arrived. The sensational 2004 vintage is really evident in each and every wine, and the prices are incredible enough to make them every day drinking wines!

2004 Pinot Grigio DOC Isonzo\$7.99

We have a great price on Santa Margherita, the most famous Pinot Grigio in America, and I'd like to save you some money. You could buy two bottles of Giovanni Blason's Pinot Grigio and still save money. I've tasted this wine as well as the rest of our staff and there is no comparison, the Blason IS THAT MUCH BETTER! It is twice the wine and you can get twice as many. If you're old enough to remember "Double your fun"!

2004 Merlot DOC Isonzo\$7.99

The incredible backlash from the film "Sideways" has shortened Merlot to a four letter word, and rightfully so for much of the simplistic plonk passed off as a drinkable wine. However if you are unsure of what "real" Merlot tastes like, this is it. Complex fruit, balance, length and medium body, this is such an incredible bargain you won't believe your luck!

2004 Sauvignon DOC Isonzo\$8.99

2004 Chardonnay DOC Isonzo\$8.99

2003 Venc Bianco DOC Isonzo\$14.99

2002 Vencjar Rosso DOC Isonzo\$19.99

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

2000 Convento Muri-Gries Lagrein Scuro-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$8.99

2003 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$14.99

2003 Ermacora Merlot\$10.99

This is ripe, complex fruit filled and sensationally balance wine at a great price, Yes Friuli makes great Reds in hot vintages. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2003 Ermacora Refosco\$11.99

2004 Jermann Pinot Grigio\$24.99

Sicily, Puglia, Campania, Basilicata, Lazio, Abruzzi and Sardegna

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2003 D'Angelo Aglianico "Sacravite"\$10.99

2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola\$12.99

2003 Antica Masseria Sigillo Primo Primitivo\$13.99

2001 D'Angelo Aglianico del Vulture\$14.99

Lombardia, Umbria, Veneto, Marche and Other

2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico\$8.99

2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso \$16.99

2003 Bucci Verdicchio Classico dei Castelli di Jesi\$17.95

Chablis on the Adriatic Coast? No, yet this is certainly reminiscent, even in this hot vintage the linear focus and minerality come through on the palate this is magnificent wine perfect with meatier fish like grilled halibut!

2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"\$39.99

2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

December's Picks

Silvano Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut (\$10.99)

This is a GREAT wine for this time of year. This Prosecco is one of four we have in the stores right now from this producer, and it received Two Glasses in the 2005 *Gambero Rosso*. There is peach and green apple on this sparkler, which is very lush on the palate. This wine will work well as an alternative to Champagne or try a little peach gelato floated on top for an easy Bellini.

2004 Blason Pinot Grigio (\$7.99)

This wine will help keep your budget in check while giving you lots of bang for you buck. Friulian in style, there is hazelnut and dried figs on the nose. On the palate a good dose of ripe fruit dances with a satly minerality and a crisp dry finish. Use as a cocktail wine or with a salad course.

2002 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Lange (\$14.99)

Here we have a Nebbiolo to serve your dinner guests without getting into a Barolo or Barbaresco pricing. Classic aromatics of leather, cedar and tobacco, and on the palate you will find blackberries, tar, and spice with soft tannins. Think a truffle fondue or aged cheses for this wine.

2003 La Fortuna Sant'Antimo Rosso (\$27.99)

This is a blend of cabernet sauvignon and sangiovese. This wine is a little new world in style. Ripe blackberries, cassia and a hint of cocoa powder, soft terroir (just a little dust and minerality), medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a long finish. This baby is very user-friendly after an hour of decanting. A great gift for the boss or wine friend who you know will share with you.

Salute!

—Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

The holidays are here and 2006 is right around the corner. Our selection of high quality, unique spirits will be just what you need for that special gift! For a more complete listing with descriptions and tasting notes, check out our website at klwines.com. —Susan Purnell

Gin

Distillery No. 209 Gin\$29.99

Here is a new gin being made locally. Distillery No. 209 is being produced at Pier 50 in San Francisco. It is the only distillery in the world built over water.

Nocino

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

It is our pleasure to introduce Nocino della Christina. Artisan, handcrafted, local, small production, wonderful! Here is a brief history from the proprietor George Monteverdi: "In making Nocino della Cristina, family and friends gather and break into two teams: pickers and sorter/cutters. Over the next 12 or so hours we hand pick, hand-inspect and hand cut over 1,100 pounds of walnuts from a small orchard in the Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District. These walnuts are then immediately placed in brandy and the long alchemic journey begins. Over the next weeks and months, we make daily sensory evaluations of the infusion process. When the time is right, the walnuts are removed and our super-duper secret mix of 100% natural whole spices and sugar are added. Daily evaluations allow us to carefully track and fine-tune the emerging flavor profile. When the time is right, the spices are removed and we allow the flavors to integrate over the next month or so. The final step is a weeks-long process of creating the unique, rich and sensuous mouthfeel of Nocino della Christina."

Rye Whiskey

Hirsch Selection 21 year Kentucky Straight Rye.....\$114.99

The whiskey enters the palate with warmth and then works back from the rear of the palate to cover the entire palate with rich, multi-layered flavors. Hirsch Selection Kentucky Straight Rye is a complex and intriguing whiskey that comes along once very rarely. Dark, rich color, aged 21 years in fine oak casks; distilled in 1983 by Hirsch Distillers, Bardstown, Kentucky. Hirsch Selection is a supreme hand-picked series representing the finest spirits available, each chosen with connoisseurs of small batch fine spirits in mind. Produced using column stills and aged to perfection in oak casks.

Single Malt Whisky

Classic Malts Distillers Editions

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 1990 Dalwhinnie\$74.99
 1991 Glenkinchie\$69.99
 1992 Talisker\$75.99
 Talisker, 175th Anniversary.....\$99.99

Gordon & MacPhail

Here are some very old and rare malts from the world-renowned family of Gordon & MacPhail. These would make exception gifts!

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 1946 Glenlivet\$1,220.00
 1956 Glen Grant.....\$499.99
 1966 Macallan Speymalt\$479.99
 1966 Old Pultney\$249.99

Mackillop's Choice

Mackillop's Choice is a range of specially selected single malt scotch whiskies drawn from individual casks. The whisky is only available through specialist retail and connoisseur outlets, where the whisky lover expects to find something more rare and exclusive.

1983 Bowmore, 20-year-old.....\$144.99
 1975 Glen Albyn, 27-year-old\$149.99
 1965 Glen Albyn, 37-year-old, Sherry Wood\$209.99
 1968 Longmorn, 35-year-old, Sherry Wood\$189.99
 1969 Strathisla, 33-year-old, Sherry Wood\$169.99
 1966 Tomintoul, 37-year-old\$209.99

The McGibbon's Provenance

The casks come from Douglas Laing and are hand picked by Peter Wilkens who has an incredible palate and years of experience!

Bladnoch 13-year-old\$67.99
 1985 Bowmore 19-year-old\$89.99
 1993 Highland Park 10-year-old\$69.99
 1990 Inchgower 14-year-old\$69.99
 1990 Macallan 14-year-old\$69.99
 1982 Port Ellen 21-year-old, Sherry Wood\$189.99

Murray McDavid Mission Series Five

Working at Bruichladdich I had the opportunity to experience a variety of these casks that Jim McEwan is putting through his ACE Program (Additional Cask Enhancement, the enhancement of already lovely whisky in Madeira, Port and wine casks).

Auchentoshan 24-year-old.....\$134.99
 Glenlivet 31-year-old\$159.99
 Glenturret 27-year-old.....\$149.99
 Linkwood 22-year-old\$129.99
 Macallan 18-year-old\$124.99
 Rosebank 16-year-old\$114.99

The Old Malt Cask

The Old Malt Cask from Douglas Laing are bottled from single casks, and with selections from the Highlands, Lowlands, Islay, Maritime and Speyside regions? No coloring. No chill-filtration. No nonsense.

1984 Caol Ila 10-year-old, Barrel Ceramic\$129.99
 Macallan 26-year-old, Premier Barrel Ceramic\$285.99
 1979 Port Ellen 25-year-old\$239.99
 1980 Rosebank 24-year-old\$164.99

Scott's Selection

In the 1970s Robert Scott was appointed Master Distiller at the Speyside distillery. Robert began working in the whisky industry at the age of 16 when he left school. Before he retired he was asked to create a line of his personal favorite single malts.

1984 Bladnoch\$159.99
 1975 Bunnahabhain\$129.99
 1964 North Of Scotland.....\$159.99
 1982 Port Ellen.....\$189.99

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1992 Auchentoshan 12-year-old\$55.99
 1994 Benriach 11-year-old.....\$59.99
 1990 Bladnoch 14-year-old\$55.99
 1981 Brora 21-year-old\$134.99
 1989 Imperial 14-year-old\$63.99
 1991 Mannochnore 13-year-old, Cask Strength\$91.99

Vodka

Idol Vodka From Burgundy\$36.99

This is the vodka for Burgundy lovers. Made out of chardonnay and pinot noir grapes from low-yield vineyards in the Cotes d'Or. Fruitiness on the nose and a delicate texture that is elegance on the palate with a touch of grape tannins.

Medoyeff Russian Style Vodka From Oregon\$26.99

This little distillery in Corvallis, Oregon produces small batches of vodka in a traditional Russian way, through a maze of charcoal and limestone giving Medoyeff Vodka its signature sweet supple mouth feel and bright mineral finish.

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	per glass
Bordeaux glass (6 per case)	\$6.99
Burgundy glass (6 per case)	\$6.99
Port glass (6 per case)	\$6.99
White wine glass (6 per case)	\$6.99

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Late last year, we integrated our Wine Club database with the rest of our business, enabling Club members to order any Club wine online and still receive the Club discount. The result has been a tremendous improvement in our ability to provide top-flight service to our Club members. In addition to the ability to order online, members may also view their order activity and update shipping address and credit card numbers. Local Club members are able to skip the shipping fee and pick up the monthly at either of our retail stores. We provide special discounts to Club members only, on certain wines that are not part of the Club monthly packages.

We continue to look for interesting wines from around the world. If the wine does not meet our high standards, we pass. Some selections have been from well-known wineries such as Beaulieu Vineyards, Château Pichon-Lalande, Dominus, and others are wines that we directly import providing further savings. Monthly shipments have included 10-year-old Napa Cabernets, Barolo, Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Viognier, Chardonnay, Burgundy and Bordeaux and a host of others. Wines have come from Australia, Argentina, Austria, Italy, Spain, France, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany and others. Regardless of their origins, these wines are offered to Club members for less than anyone else in the country. We do our best to insure not only the highest quality but also the very best value.

All new members (gift recipients excluded) now receive a beautiful two-bottle Wine Tote with your first shipment! Join today and become one of our thousands of satisfied members. —Dave Rosenzweig

Prices are according to the *Wine Spectator* website listings as of 07/05.

SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

This is a Club for the connoisseur and the passionate wine lover. Two magnificent bottles of red will arrive each month. Though drinkable now, they would benefit from cellaring. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$30 and \$50 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$49.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$23.95 per bottle. Previous Signature selections (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices): 1999 Seghesio Barolo, "La Villa" (\$53), 2001 Morlanda "Criança" Priorat (\$48) and 1999 Clos du Val Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$59.99).

PREMIUM WINE CLUB

This Club features a tremendous selection of wines from around the world. These wines show complexity and true varietal character. See below for two of our past selections. Usually, but not always, we include a white and a red. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$18 and \$30 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$29.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$13.99 per bottle. Previous Premium selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices) 2001 Blackford Chardonnay (\$30) and 1998 Passing Clouds "Graemes" (\$25).

BEST BUY WINE CLUB

A great way to learn about wines from around the world with a very high quality-to-price ratio. Usually we include a white and a red. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$10 and \$15 a bottle. Monthly Cost: Only \$17.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$8.49 per bottle. Previous Best Buy selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices) 2003 Nugan Chardonnay, Australia (\$12) and 2003 Langwerth Von Simmern, Reisling (\$13).



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