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December

"Crus Bourgeois Exceptionnels" Dinner

Plan to attend this outstanding event on January 18, 2007. Last year we sold out quickly. Nine châteaux and their owners/winemakers will come the Bay Area with their 2004 vintage Bordeaux and an older vintage for a grand tasting and dinner at The University Club in San Francisco. The châteaux presenting their wines are Poujeaux, Chasse Spleen, Phelan Segur, Potensac, Siran, Haut Marbuzet, Ormes de Pez, de Pez and Labegorce Zede. \$125 inclusive. This will be a great event!

Clyde's Holiday Bordeaux Picks

- 1966 Château Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$239.00**
According to Parker: "Siran remains an underrated ... wine that frequently outperforms many of the Margaux appellation's more prestigious wines..."
- 1985 Château Pape Clement, Pessac\$99.99**
Clyde says: "Delicious wine-very elegant and earthy." According to Robert Parker: "The 1985, the best Pape-Clement since the 1975, is a fragrant, supple, tasty wine with a great deal of finesse and charm. It is deeply concentrated, medium bodied, long, and complex. Last tasted, 3/89."
- 1990 Château Rochebelle, St-Emilion\$49.99**
Clyde says: "This unknown jewel of a château lies near Tertre Roteboeuf. Ch. La Mondotte was at one time part of this property. Sweet and long on the palate. Great structure and will cellar well for a few more years."
- 1990 Château Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$119.99**
Great terroir and outstanding old-school wine. Fabulous wine-sweet and lush.
- 1995 Château Coufran, Médoc\$28.99**
The best Coufran we've tasted in several years. And look at the price!
- 1995 Château Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien\$84.99**
- 1995 Château Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien (1.5L)\$179.99**
93 points *Spectator*: "Best Léoville Poyferré ever. Big, mouthpuckering wine. Bubbling over with mint, blackberry and currant character. Full-bodied, with extremely full yet finely textured tannins and a long, silky texture."
- 1996 Château Montrose, St-Estèphe\$84.99**
This Montrose displays not only how exceptionally St-Estephe performed in 1996, but also that they're as good as anybody in the world when they get it right. 95 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 2003 Château Clarke Rothschild, Listac\$26.99**
Robert Parker writes: "Clarke's 2003 may be a sleeper of the vintage." Clyde says it is a steal. Affordable Rothschild wine.
- 2003 Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac\$264.99**
- 2003 Château Haut-Brion, Pessac\$294.99**
Stunning 2003 first growths for those who have everything wine-wise.

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

Purely Delicious

Paul Courtright is on the hunt for organic, biodynamic and all together natural wines. See his picks on page 16.

Old Champagne from a Master

See Gary's article on page 17 for a description of Leclerc-Briant's beauties.

Parker Loves Rasteau

Especially those made by Domaine la Soumade! See page 10.

Wine Lockers in Our San Carlos Location

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

The Best of the Best!

Two Chards and three Cabs that are sure to please!

- 2004 Newton "Unfiltered" Napa Chardonnay\$39.98**
Just released! Typical Newton California Chard! Big, rich, buttery and thick in the mouth with hints of vanilla oak, cream and green apple on the finish.
- 2005 Lewis Sonoma Chardonnay\$41.99**
From Dutton and Ritchie vineyards. Crisp and delicious, this has a distinctly toasty and tropical nose this year with aromas of custard and meringue. Framed in spicy oak and loaded with ripe citrus and apricot fruit flavors, the wine is balanced, rich, and refreshing, with trademark Meyer lemon zest on the finish.
- 2004 Lewis Cellars Napa Cabernet Sauvignon\$74.99**
Showcasing the unique personalities of small hillside vineyards from Pritchard Hill, Rutherford and Calistoga, this delivers aromas of black currant, mocha and sweet oak spice. The wine is complex, rich and focused.
- 2004 Caymus Napa Cabernet Sauvignon\$64.99**
A burst of black fruit aromas, the essence of perfect summer berries. Sweet, ripe blackberry flavors with an undertone of mocha and toasted oak.
- 2004 Caymus "Special Selection" Cabernet Sauvignon\$129.00**
92-94 points *Wine Spectator*. Absolutely delicious! Congratulations to Caymus Vineyards, Voted #1 Cabernet by the *Wine Spectator*!

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The Ultimate Wine Gift for 2006!

Just one case of wine for this year's gift, but that case is the most famous Bordeaux from the 20th Century: **1945 Château Mouton-Rothschild**. Mr. Parker scores it 100 points and says: "A consistent 100 point wine (only because my point scale stops at that number), the 1945 Mouton is truly one of the immortal wines of the century... this remarkably youthful wine (only light amber at the edge) is mindboggling! Will it last another 50 years?"

And the cellar this wine will come from is the Mahler-Besse cellar in Bordeaux, the best wine cellar in Bordeaux! In fact, you will be able to go to the cellar (two of you) accompanied by me to pick out your case and have lunch at the Mahler-Besse property. See our website for the particulars!

The price is \$150,000 which is 40% less than the wine just sold for at auction. Have a great holiday season.
—Clyde Beffa

Brick's Bordeaux Picks

We've just purchased a fantastic lot of older wines direct from Château Chasse Spleen. The **1990 Ch. Chasse Spleen, Moulis (\$119.00)** is drinking wonderfully with its crystalline raspberry fruit and earthy qualities of grilled portabello mushrooms. It is amazingly youthful, perfectly ripe on entry with firm tannin in the finish. Pot roast anyone? Oh, and by the way, the **1989 Ch. Chasse Spleen, Moulis (\$129.00)** may be even better. This zingy and lively number wows with its fresh core of acidity supporting roasted chestnuts, grilled plums and pencil lead. Alive and well, this is the kind of wine that dances on the tongue rather than clumsily stepping on it.

We all need values this time of year, and no deals in the world of Bordeaux are more exciting right now than this trio which, by the way, are all part of our Wine Club program. The **2003 Ch. Caronne St. Gemme, Haut-Médoc (\$17.99)** is a big creamy number, luscious and packed with the glycerin that only the '03 vintage can produce. This wine is reminiscent of those chocolate-covered cherries that are so popular as office gifts this time of year. But this might actually be appreciated as a gift! A more serious and structured effort, the **2001 Ch. Caronne St. Gemme, Haut-Médoc (\$17.99)** is racy, pretty wine, the kind of wine that perks the mouth up and makes it take notice. Pomegranate and chanterelle mushroom notes make this wine perfect for any pork dish.

Last but not least (and actually one of the biggest surprises of the last couple of months), is the **2003 Ch. Clarke, Lustrac (\$26.99)**. The nose alone is worth price of admission, flaunting violet, lavender and black currant candy. Good news is that it tastes just as good! A heck of a wine, and one which you can drink over the next seven years.
—Bryan Brick

Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

The holidays are upon us, and we're all pressed for time so here are some suggestions to make your Bordeaux buying a little easier. Each of these drinks well above its price point.

2005 Reynon Blanc, Bordeaux (\$11.99) This is rich and juicy yet still vibrant. In the middle the semillon shines with complex sweet grapefruit and white peach flavors. The lively, mineral laced finish has a striking smoke and gunflint aspect that adds freshness and complexity and really shows the greatness of the 2005 vintage.

2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac-Léognan (\$26.99) This is a big, structured white for cellaring or enjoying now. The mid palate has loads of rich apple, citrus, mineral and lemon oil that stay firm and focused. There is even a hint of honey on the long finish, which is clean and fresh.

2003 Fourcas Hosten, Lustrac (\$19.99) This amazing find is earthy and rich with oodles of warm, ripe fruit in the supple mid palate. Despite the low acidity and the richness of the fruit, this is not a fruit bomb. It shows surprising class and breed. Balanced and bargain priced, this wowed everyone at a recent staff tasting.

2003 Malescot St-Exupéry, Margaux (\$44.99) Flowery aromas of coffee, raspberries and blackberries jump from this smooth and easy-to-drink wine. Super rich and almost flashy, this stays balanced and shows plenty of terroir in a dense and chewy style. The finish here is long and rich with plenty of ripe tannins. One of the stars of the appellation in this vintage.

2001 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (Inquire) This starts out with beautiful aromas of dark berries, flowers, pencil lead and tobacco. The body is very concentrated and tight with seamless flavors of blackberry, currant, mineral and cedar all in harmony. This is amazingly elegant, long and classy and sells for about half of some other vintages of this wine.

—Steve Bearden

2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES-SEE TASTING NOTES ON KLWINES.COM

Angelus, St-Emilion-96-98 points Robert Parker	\$244.99	Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$279.99
Barde-Haut, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99	Les Gravières, St-Emilion-Spectator: "silky tannins....Balanced."	\$24.99
Beaumont, Haut-Médoc-Elegant. Easy drinker. Value.	\$13.99	Lucia, St-Emilion-Parker 92-94 points	\$46.99
Beauregard, Pomerol-89-91 points Parker and <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$38.99	Lynch Bages, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$79.99
Bellevue Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$279.99	Lynsolence, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Bernadotte, Médoc-Spice on the nose. Elegant wine.	\$17.99	Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Beychevelle, St-Julien-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$52.99	Malmaison, Moulis-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$20.99
Bourgneuf, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$36.99	Margaux, Margaux-96-100 points Robert Parker	\$769.99
Brane Cantenac, Margaux-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$49.99	Marjosse, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$12.99
Brown Rouge, Pessac-88-90 points Robert Parker.....	\$23.99	Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$549.99
Brun, St-Emilion-Spicy, black cherries. Good richness. Great value.	\$12.99	Mylord, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$8.99
Calon-Segur, St-Estèphe-93-96 points Robert Parker	\$81.99	Nenin, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$59.99
Canon, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$79.99	Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$37.99
Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$28.99	Petrus, Pomerol-96-100 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$13.99	Petit Mouton, Pauillac-88-90 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$55.99	Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Chasse Spleen, Moulis-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99	Picard, St-Estèphe-Sweet ripe with a full, round palate impression.	\$17.99
Chauvin, St-Emilion-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$34.99	Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-92-95 points Robert Parker	\$119.99
Clarke, Lustrac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$21.99	Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$119.99
Clerc Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$45.99	Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$44.99
Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$699.00	Potensac, Médoc-Spectator: "... well done."	\$22.99
Clinet, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$109.99	Poujeaux, Moulis-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$49.99	Quinault l'Enclos, St-Emilion-Parker 92-95 points	\$41.99
Clos Fourtet, St-Emilion-94-96 points Robert Parker.....	\$79.99	Rauzan Gassies, Marguax-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Clos des Jacobins, St-Emilion-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99	Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$69.99
Clos l'Eglise, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker	\$119.99	Roc de Cambes, Cotes de Bourg-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$45.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$189.99	Rochebelle, St-Emilion-Exceptional palate with great sweetness.	\$44.99
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon-89-91 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$27.99	Rouget, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99
d'Angludet, Marguax-90-92 points Robert Parker.....	\$29.99	Senejac, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$22.99
Dauzac, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$39.99	Siran, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$27.99
de Sales, Pomerol	\$19.99	Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
Desmirail, Margaux-Elegant, from Brane Cantenac owners.	27.99	St-Pierre, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$55.99
Doisy Vadrines, Sauternes-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	34.99	Talbot, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$51.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-91-94 points Robert Parker..	\$51.99	Tour de Mons, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$19.99
Duhart-Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$45.99		
Ferrand Lartigue, St-Emilion-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$21.99		
Gigault "Cuvee Viva" Cotes de Blaye.....	\$17.99		
According to Robert Parker: "One of my favorite inexpensive offerings..."			
Goulee, Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker	\$25.99		
Grand-Puy-Ducasse, Pauillac-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$29.99		
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$72.99		
Guiraud, Sauternes (375ml \$26.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$49.99		
Haut Bergey Rouge, Pessac-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$29.99		
Haut-Brion, Pessac-96-100 points Robert Parker	Inquire		
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-93-95 points Robert Parker	\$74.99		
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$39.99		
Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$41.99		
Joanin Becot, Cotes de Castillon-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$29.99		
la Cour d'Argent, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$10.99		
la Croix de Beaucaillou, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99		
la Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-90-92 points Parker	\$33.99		
La Fer, St-Emilion-Great concentration. Sweet and lush.	\$29.99		
La Tour Carnet, Médoc-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99		
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	Inquire		
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99		
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$73.99		
La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99		
Lascombes, Margaux-94-96 points Robert Parker.....	\$74.99		

2004 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Angéus, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$96.99
Brancaire-Ducru, St-Julien-90-92 points Robert Parker.....	\$36.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$74.99
d'Angludet, Margaux-An outstanding value	\$23.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-WS: Gorgeous aromas of blackberry	\$24.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$35.99
Lagrange, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$32.99
Lascombes, Margaux-93-94 points Robert Parker.....	\$45.99
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-91-93 points Robert Parker.....	\$48.99
Lynch Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$48.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$189.99
Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-89-91 Points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe-Tanzer: "supple and lush..."	\$24.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-89-92 points Robert Parker	\$54.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$64.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-90-92 points Parker	\$37.99

BORDEAUX IN STOCK 1950-2005

1950 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)\$599.00
 1952 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)\$599.00
 1953 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)\$1099.00
 These three are in perfect condition and direct from the property.

1966 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$239.00
 1971 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$129.00
 These two direct from the château.

1966 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$349.00
 1970 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$199.00
 1971 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$149.00
 1971 Latour, Pauillac\$299.00
 1975 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$289.95
 Bin Soiled labels on these four wines. Great fills.

1975 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$129.00
 1975 Poujeaux, Moulis\$89.99
 1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L).....\$169.99
 1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (3.0L).....\$399.99
 Awesome value! Old school style, lingering finish.

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

1981 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$199.99
 1982 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$349.95
 1982 Ducru-Beaucaillou\$259.00
 1982 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$399.00
 1982 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....\$199.00
 1982 Palmer, Margaux (3L)Inquire
 1982 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$199.00
 1982 Talbot, St-Julien\$139.95
 1983 Canon, St-Emilion\$89.95
 1983 Margaux, Margaux.....\$439.00
 1983 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$169.00
 1983 Larcis Ducasse, (1.5L)\$159.00
 1985 Larcis Ducasse, (1.5L)\$159.00
 1983 Chasses Spleen (1.5L)\$189.00
 1986 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$119.00
 1986 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$229.00
 Right from the property. Perfect condition.

1983 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$199.00
 1985 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$239.00
 1985 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien.....\$89.99
 1985 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien..\$229.00
 1985 Pape-Clement, Pessac\$99.99
 Parker: "...the best Pape-Clement since the 1975, ... It is deeply concentrated, medium bodied, long, and complex."

1985 Rochebelle, St-Emil (1.5L).....\$139.99
 Elegant, fruity, smooth and lingering finish.

1986 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$189.00
 1986 Siran, Margaux (3L).....\$399.00
 1986 Siran, Margaux (5L).....\$599.00
 These large formats are direct from the Property-value. Perfect condition. Outstanding wines

1986 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac...\$99.99
 1986 Haut-Bages-Libéral (1.5L)\$189.99
 This wine is stunning-full of life and flavor.

1986 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien..\$349.00
 1986 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$199.00
 92 points Robert Parker: "... exhibits tremendously rich, classic, blackcurrant fruitiness..."

1988 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac...\$79.99
 1988 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$119.99
 91 points *Wine Spectator*: "...Full-bodied, with a compacted fruit structure, firm tannins and long finish. As outstanding as it should be..."

1988 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien..\$149.95
 1988 Léoville-Las-Cases (1.5L)\$329.95
 95 points *Wine Spectator*.

1988 Larcis Ducasse, (1.5L)\$129.00
 1989 Larcis Ducasse, (1.5L)\$149.00
 Direct from property-perfect condition. The 1989 is a fabulous wine-tons of ripe fruit-silky!

1989 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$129.00
 1989 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$239.00
 91 points Parker: "The 1989 Chasse-Spleen is the finest wine this property has produced since their great 1949." Direct from the property.

1989 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$169.00
 95 points *Wine Spectator*.

1989 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)\$249.00
 1989 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien\$149.00
 1989 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$289.00
 90 points *Wine Spectator*.

1989 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$139.99
 94 points *Wine Spectator*.

1989 Rochebelle, St-Emilion\$49.99
 Elegant, black fruit, mineral aromas. Sweet fruit on mid palate. Long finish. Direct from property.

1989 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$139.00
 Parker: "...a graceful, medium-bodied wine displaying the vintage's soft, silky texture, plenty of alcohol, low acidity..." (02/93)

1990 Chasse Spleen (1.5L)\$219.00
 1990 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$119.00
 90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Superclean and racy."

1990 Rochebelle, St-Emilion\$49.99
 Richer than 1989 with more tannin and earthy characters. Sweet and long on the palate.

Au Revoir à une Grand Année pour Le Bordeaux

It has truly been a great year for the wines of Bordeaux here at K&L Wine Merchants! This year was just loaded with excitement, controversy and amazing amounts of great wines!

Let's take a look back. The perfect weather in 2005 produced brilliant wines, classic in style, which prompted a few famous estates to price themselves beyond what normal wine lovers and collectors will tolerate. There is your controversy. For the rest of Bordeaux and wine lovers all over the world this may end up to be a great blessing, as there are so many lovely wines in Bordeaux that never get the limelight. Believe me, these wines are the future of Bordeaux, fine wines at fair prices that will perform, not glorified dust collectors. Prime examples are: from St-Emilion/Pomerol, Ch. Rouget, Beauregard, Clos d'Oratoire and Fombrauge; from Pessac-Leognan, Ch. Brown, Malartic Lagravere and Clos Marsalette; from Margaux Ch. Brane Cantenac and Lascombes, d'Issan and Ferriere; from St-Julien St-Pierre and Duhart Milon along with Pauillac's Haut-Bages-Libéral; and from St-Estèphe Lafon Rochet, Phelan Segur, Sociando Mallet and Goulee. Our tasting notes on all of these are on the website. Check out the value!

Just as the dust was settling from the 2005 campaign the ripe, opulent and fantastic vintage of 2003 arrived, delicious wines like **Ch. Mouton-Rothschild (\$269.99)** with its flashy ripe fruit and firm backbone, built for the long haul and featuring the picture of the founder, Le Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild on the Special 150th Anniversary label. **Ch. Haut Brion (\$299.99)** with its classic layers of ripe fruit with hints of leather, stone and spice is flat out stunning as is **Ch. Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande (\$109.99)**. This wine will surely rival the monumental 1982 with time, so cellar this and drink the delicious and forward second wine, **2003 Reserve de la Comtesse (\$31.99)** while the great wine sleeps.

We end every year here at K&L with a smell and sip of what will be arriving next year at our annual Fete de Bordeaux Dinner. What a great event, a glass of Champagne followed by 14 wines at dinner with 2004s from Lynch Bages, Cos d'Estournel, Langoa and Léoville-Barton flown over specially for the event. The 2004s certainly fly under the radar of the super hyped 2003 and 2005 vintages. The pricing is quite refreshing and the quality far better than most in attendance might imagine. People were taken aback by the forward fruit of the **2004 Lynch Bages (\$48.99)** and the complexity and focus of the **2004 Langoa-Barton (\$32.99)**. The deep black and blue fruit of the **2004 Ch. Léoville-Barton (\$49.99)** is unmistakable, and to quote one of our newest wine specialist, Nadia Dmytriw, "amazing it is so big but so elegant" (and she used to work at Lynch Bages and Pichon-Baron). The wine of the night, the **2004 Cos d'Estournel (\$74.99)** was rich, deep, exotic and spicy with everything in harmony. Hats off to Jean Guillaume Pratts as he continues to raise the bar of quality and the percentage of Cabernet at Cos.

Warmest holiday wishes and thank you to all our loyal customers and friends in the business of wine. Please feel free to call me anytime with questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at ext# 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com. Cheers and Go Niners!
 —Ralph Sands

BORDEAUX 1998-2005

1986 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$699.00	1997 Certan de May, Pomerol\$24.99	2003 Canon-la Gaffeliere, St-Emil\$52.99
1988 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (1.5L) \$189.00	1997 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$49.99	2003 Clement-Pichon, Médoc\$15.99
1988 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$699.00	1998 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$279.00	2003 Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion.....\$34.99
1989 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$999.00	94-98 points from Parker	89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "A sweet and delicious wine with blackberry and cherry aromas."
1990 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (6L)\$999.00	1998 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$134.99	2003 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$39.99
1990 Ducru Beaucaillou, St-Julien..\$139.00	1998 Res de Léoville-Barton (1.5L) ..\$59.99	2003 Clos Marsalette, Pessac\$18.99
1990 d'Armailhac, Pauillac.....\$89.99	1999 Camensac, Médoc\$21.99	2003 Clos les Lunelles, Castillon\$32.99
1990 Figeac, St-Emilion\$239.00	1999 d'Angludet, Margaux\$36.99	2003 Dame de Montrose, St-Estèphe \$34.95
1990 Figeac, St-Emilion (5L)\$1999.00	Sweet, silky black fruit. Soft tannins and broad on the palate. Similar to Palmer. Terrific length.	2003 de Pez, St-Estèphe\$27.99
94 points Robert Parker: "This property has not made a wine as rich as the 1990 since 1982."	1999 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$44.99	2003 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99
1990 Gloria, St-Julien\$94.99	1999 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$69.99	2003 Fonbadet, Pauillac-91 pts WS.....\$23.99
1990 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$179.00	A very spicy wine on the nose and palate.	2003 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$36.99
1991 Margaux, Margaux.....\$249.00	2000 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon\$38.99	Very sweet aromas of violets and undertones of black licorice. Sweet palate entry-substantial.
Just tasted by Clyde and Chip-stunning wine!	2000 d'Angludet, Margaux\$39.99	2003 Haut-Beausejour, St-Estèphe....\$18.99
1993 Cos d'Estournel, St Estèphe.....\$79.99	Parker: "The 2000 is a traditional claret... it will age well for 10-15 years..."	2003 Hauts de Pontet, Pauillac.....\$21.99
GREAT WINE! Fabulous price-right from property.	2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol \$34.99	2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux\$10.99
1993 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$89.99	Great value with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak.	2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion.....\$39.99
1993 Poujeaux (6L)\$399.00	2000 Lafleur, Pomerol\$1299.00	2003 La Couspaude (1.5L)\$79.99
Great party wine!	2000 Fiefs Lagrange, St-Julien\$26.99	2003 La Fleur de Bouard\$28.99
1994 Latour, Pauillac\$199.00	2000 La Louviere, Pessac\$32.99	2003 La Gomerie, St-Emilion.....\$64.99
93 points Robert Parker: "It is a superbly rich, concentrated, full-bodied Latour with remarkable intensity."	2000 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....\$149.00	2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol ..\$39.99
1994 Phelan-Segur (1.5L)\$89.99	2000 Mondorion, St-Emilion\$21.99	2003 Lascombes, Margaux\$48.99
According to Robert Parker: "...a very good wine, with a healthy dark ruby color with purple tints, fine ripeness, medium body, good density, and an overall sense of balance, extract, and character."	2000 Mouton-Rothschild (5L)\$3599.00	2003 Latour Martillac, Pessac\$23.99
1995 Coufran, Médoc.....\$28.99	2000 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$39.99	2003 La Tour de Mons, Margaux\$19.99
1995 Lafleur, Pomerol\$429.00	2000 Pressac, St-Emilion\$24.99	2003 Carmes Haut Brion\$43.99
1995 Latour, Pauillac\$419.00	2000 Trilogie St Georges,St-Emilion \$15.99	2003 Carmes Haut Brion (1.5L)\$79.99
96+ points Robert Parker: "...an extremely powerful and concentrated, full-bodied, backward wine, does not exhibit any harshness or toughness."	2001 Croix de Beaucaillou\$24.99	2003 Malartic Lagravieere Rouge\$29.99
1995 Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac ..\$109.99	2001 La Roche Amavinum\$18.99	2003 Marquis de Calon, St-Estèphe ..\$19.99
1995 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien\$89.99	2001 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$189.99	2003 Nenin, Pomerol\$36.99
1995 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L).....\$189.00	2001 Lafleur, Pomerol\$279.00	2003 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$24.99
93 points <i>Spectator</i> : "Best Léoville Poyferré ever. Full-bodied, with extremely full yet finely textured tannins and a long, silky texture." (01/98)	2002 Lafleur, Pomerol\$189.00	2003 Pagodes de Cos\$31.99
1995 Palmer, Margaux\$139.99	93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	2003 Palmer, Margaux\$119.99
94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	2001 Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$29.99	2003 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$109.99
1995 Phelan-Segur (1.5L)\$89.99	2001 Margaux, Margaux.....\$219.99	2003 Pibran, Pauillac\$29.99
1995 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$179.99	93 points Robert Parker.	2003 Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe\$31.99
96 points Robert Parker.	2001 Reserve Léoville-Barton\$25.99	2003 Potensac, Médoc\$21.99
1995 Reserve de Comtesse (1.5L)\$119.00	2001 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..\$27.99	2003 Prieure Lichine, Margaux\$32.99
Absolutely delicious wine-buy it.	"Super delicious! As good as any Reserve I have ever had. Silky and elegant," Clyde Beffa Jr.	2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore ..\$22.99
1995 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99	2002 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99	2003 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..\$31.99
1996 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99	<i>Wine Spectator</i> : "...medium body, fine tannins and a delicate finish."	2003 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$59.99
Only a few cases of these two wines available.	2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$37.99	2003 St Paul, Haut-Médoc\$10.99
1996 Canon Mouiex, Bordeaux\$9.99	2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol..... ..\$69.99	Very fine sweetness on the mid palate.
1996 Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac\$99.99	2002 Eglise-Clinet (1.5L)\$119.99	2003 Teyssier, St-Emilion\$24.99
1996 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....\$84.99	90-92 points Robert Parker.	2004 Seigneurs d'Aiguilhe,Castillon \$12.99
1996 Palmer, Margaux\$129.99	2002 Léoville-Barton (1.5L)\$119.99	<u>White/Rosé Bordeaux</u>
91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	2002 Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac..\$159.99	2000 Château "Y" Yquem\$139.99
1996 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$159.99	2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..\$24.99	2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac\$26.99
1996 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac.....\$59.99	Bright and deep with blackberry and cherry, hints of herb and mineral and plump merlot juiciness.	2003 Monbousquet, St-Emilion\$49.99
These three wines came direct from the property.	2003 Angelus, St-Emilion.....\$144.99	2003 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$39.99
	2003 Bahans de Haut-Brion, Pessac..\$39.99	2004 Château "Y" Yquem\$89.99
	2003 Bernadotte, Médoc\$20.99	2004 Lynch Bages Blanc, Bordeaux ..\$33.99
	90 points Robert Parker.	2004 Trochard Sauvignon Blanc\$9.99
		2005 Reynon Blanc, Dubourdieu.....\$11.99
		2005 Rosé of Domaine de Chevalier \$10.99
		2005 Calon Segur Rosé.....\$12.99

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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

France:

Alsace/Loire Valley

Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur	\$14.99
Delightful sparkler, clean and refreshing.	
Cremant d'Alsace, Becker	\$14.99
2004 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$17.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2004 Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur	\$19.99
2004 Muscadet, Château la Moriniere	\$6.99
2005 Rosé de Loire, Château Soucherie	\$7.99
2005 Touraine Rosé Riage, Grange Tiphaine	\$9.99
2005 Touraine-Amboise Bel Air Sec, Grange Tiphaine	\$11.99
2005 Tessier Cheverny Rouge	\$12.99
2005 Touraine Cot Vieilles Vignes, Grange Tiphaine	\$13.99
2004 Cour Ceverny "La Porte Doree," Tessier	\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Blanc, Franck Millet-Best ever	\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Rosé, Franck Millet	\$13.99
2004 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet	\$14.99
They are back in store-our biggest sellers!	
2004 Menetou Salon Morogues, La Tour St Martin	\$14.99
2004 Menetou Salon Rouge, La Tour St Martin	\$14.99
2005 Benedicte de Ryke Coteaux de Loire Blanc	\$14.99
2002 St Nicholas de Bourgueil "de Domaine," Joel Talau	\$14.99
2004 St Nicolas de Bourgueil VV, Joel Talau	\$16.99
1999 Domaine du Viking Vouvry Tendre, Gauthier-Lhom	\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Rosé, Gerard Boulay	\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Blanc, Gerard Boulay	\$18.99
2004 Sancerre Clos du Beaujeu, Gerard Boulay	\$24.99
2005 Sancerre Clos du Beaujeu, Gerard Boulay	\$24.99
2005 Sancerre Mont Damnes, Gerard Boulay	\$26.99

Bordeaux: White/Red/Stickers

2005 Château St Jean des Graves, Pessac	\$11.99
2005 Château Reynon, Dubourdiou	\$11.99
These two delicious whites just arrived.	
2005 Rosé de Domaine de Chevalier, Bordeaux	\$10.99
First time on the market! Very limited	
2005 Rosé de Calon Segur, Bordeaux	\$12.99
One of the truly great values in Bordeaux Rosé. Delicious.	
2003 Château Bois Malot, Bordeaux Superiore	\$9.99
Fruit forward, raspberry aromas and flavors-lush!	
2003 Etoiles de Mondorion, St-Emilion	\$15.99
Second wine of Mondorion-fruity and forward. Enjoy now.	
2000 Château Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc	\$17.99
It is back in stock-our last 25 cases.	
2003 Château Perron, Lalande de Pomerol	\$18.99
Black fruit aromas and flavors-spicy and round. Soft tannins.	
2003 Château Le Doyenne, Premier Cotes de Bordeaux	\$18.99
Just arrived-toasty and fruity.	
2003 Château Saransot Dupre, Lustrac	\$18.99
Quite lush for a Lustrac. Good stuffing.	

2003 Château Serilhan, St-Estèphe	\$19.99
Ripe from the vintage and richness from the good terroir.	
2003 Château Leonie, Graves	\$21.99
Earthy and mineral driven wine with tons of upfront fruit.	
2000 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc (375ml)	\$12.99
Absolutely delicious stickie.	
2001 Château Dudon, Sauternes-Serious stickie!	\$25.99

White Burgundy/Red Burgundy

2004 Meursaults, Jean Monnier	Inquire
2004 Bourgogne Aligote, Domaine Jean Monnier	\$10.99
2005 Macon Solutre, Renaud	\$11.99
2005 Macon Charnay, Renaud	\$11.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince	\$13.99
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud	\$13.99
2005 Chablis, Château de Maligny	\$14.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay "Signature," Champy	\$15.99
2004 Pouilly Fuissé, "Chataignieres" Domaine Nembrets	\$18.99
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, "Les Folles," Domaine des Nembrets	\$21.99
2004 St-Romain Blanc, Champy	\$20.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy	\$21.99
2005 Pouilly Fuisse "La Roche," Domaine des Nembrets	\$24.99
2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dents de Chien" 1st Cru, Champy	\$29.99
2004 Bourgogne Pinot Noir "Signature," Champy	\$15.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, VV, Maison Champy	\$29.99
1999 Pomard Les Grands Epenots, Jean Monnier	\$41.99
2004 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode	\$54.99
2004 Vosne-Romanee "Suchots" Champy	\$59.99
2004 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode	\$59.99

Southern France

2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Felines Jourdan	\$7.99
2004 Grenache-Syrah, Felines Jourdan	\$7.99
2004 Marselen, Domaine l'Attilon (Organic)	\$8.99
2005 Viognier, Laurent Miquel "Nord Sud"	\$9.99
Cremant de Limoux, Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531"	\$9.99
Back in stock-going fast!!	
2004 Domaine Beau Thorey "Patus", Coteaux de Languedoc	\$11.99
2005 St Chinian Blanc, Rimbart	\$11.99
2000 Chardonnay "Sainte Marie" Jean Denois	\$14.99
Tastes like Meursault-super value!	
NV Tradition Brut Sparkling, Denois	\$14.99
2004 Saint Chinian "Le Mas au Schiste," Rimbart	\$14.99
2005 Cerdon de Bugey, Caveau de Mont St July	\$14.99
2003 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Rouge	\$17.99
2004 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Blanc	\$19.99
Must trys, and also try their olive oils.	
2003 Coteaux de Languedoc Faugetes, Hecht & Bannier	\$22.99
2003 Palette Blanc, Château Simone	\$19.99
2003 Saint Chinian, Rimbart "Le Mas au Schiste" (1.5L)	\$29.99
2003 Palette Blanc, Château Simone-Just arrived!	\$33.99
2004 Palette Rose, Château Simone-Just arrived!	\$33.99
2003 Palette Rouge, Château Simone-Just arrived!	\$33.99

Corsica

2003 Corse-Figari Clos Canarelli "Le Petit Clos"(Organic)	\$11.99
2003 Corse-Figari Clos Canarelli (Organic)	\$19.99
The red "Le Petit Clos" from Clos Canarelli is a blend of younger vine syrah, nielluccio and sciacarello. It displays bright violet and hibiscus flora-matics along with juicy canberry and cassis fruit.	

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD CONTINUED

Rhône

2003 Côtes du Rhône, Château Montfaucon	\$9.99
Back in stock-fruity, ripe and delicious.	
2004 Côtes du Rhône, "Generation" Domaine Jaume	\$10.99
Clairette de Die Cave Carod	\$12.99
2004 Beaume de Venise, Ferme st Martin "Terres".....	\$12.99
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Domaine Soumade	\$13.99
2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique"	\$14.99
2004 Beaume de Venise, Ferme st Martin "Cuvee St mar"	\$16.99
2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"	\$16.99
2003 Rasteau Prestige, Soumade	\$17.99
2000 Cotes du Rhone Ch Montfaucon "Baron Louis"	\$19.99
Mature red-ready now. Good spice and structure.	
2004 Cornas, Vincent Paris	\$19.99
2004 Cotes du Rhone "Les Violettes," Soumade	Inquire
2004 Cornas, Vincent Paris "Granit 30"	\$29.99
2004 Cornas, Vincent paris "Granit 60"	\$34.99
2004 Côte Rôtie, Joel Champet "La Villiere"	\$34.99

Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut-Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	\$22.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve	\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!	\$26.99
de Meric Sous Bois Brut-Rich style	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve.....	\$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition	\$27.99
Michel Arnould Grand Reserve Brut	\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rose Reserve	\$29.99
Ariston Blanc de Blanc Brut	\$29.99
Bruno Michel Brut.....	\$29.99
Marguet Pere Cuvee Reserve Brut.....	\$29.99
2001 LeClerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé.....	\$29.99
2000 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut.....	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Les Crayeres" Brut.....	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Les Cheves Pierreuses" Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Clos des Champions" Brut	\$29.99
Fleury Carte Rouge	\$29.99
de Meric Blanc de Blanc Sous Bois Brut	\$34.99
Rene Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut.....	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-New 1996/1997 cuvée	\$39.99
1999 de Meric Sous Bois Brut	\$44.99
1990 Rene Collard Reserve.....	\$49.99
Tarlant Single Vineyard Blanc de Blancs.....	\$49.99
1996 Bruno Michel Cuvee Millesime	\$59.99
1985 Rene Collard Rosé.....	\$69.99

Italy:

Tuscany/Montalcino

2004 Poggipiano Chianti Classico.....	\$13.99
2004 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino	\$17.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico	\$17.99
2004 Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
2001 Poggiarellino Brunello di Montalcino	\$29.99
2001 Casiano Columbaio Brunello di Montalcino	\$29.99
2001 Ferreo Brunello di Montalcino	\$29.99

2001 Baricci "Colombaio di Montesoli" Brunello	\$34.99
2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino	\$39.99
2001 Lisini Brunello di Montalcino	\$39.99
2001 Piancornello Brunello di Montalcino.....	\$39.99
2004 Poggipiano Rosso di Sera IGT	\$44.99

Piedmont/Friuli/Etc

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba-1 Glass Gambero Rosso	\$13.99
2004 Ermacora Merlot COF	\$9.99
2004 Ermacora Refosco COF.....	\$15.99
2004 Blason Cabernet franc or Pinot Grigio	\$8.99
2005 Blason Tocai Friulino	\$8.99
2005 Blason Chardonnay "Bruma" or Sauvignon	\$9.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro-Three types	\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Robusco	\$10.99
Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut or Extra Dry.....	\$10.99

SAUTERNES IN STOCK

1991 Yquem-91 points Robert Parker	\$159.99
1995 Rieussec.....	\$59.99
1996 Rieussec.....	\$59.99
1997 Rieussec-91 points Robert Parker.....	\$69.99
1997 Guiraud-93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$46.99
2000 Yquem	\$239.99
2001 Dudon-Delicious stickie-great value!.....	\$25.99
2001 Guiraud-96 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$59.99
2001 Yquem-100 points from everyone.....	\$439.99
2002 de Fargues (375ml)	\$34.99
2002 de Fargues	\$69.99
92-94 points Robert Parker (04/05) Five Stars from <i>Decanter</i> magazine: "Tight and youthful and biding its time, this has a nose of citrus and mandarins, while the wine is concentrated, full bodied, with ripe citrus tones and fine acidity..."	
2002 Rieussec-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$54.99
2002 Yquem	\$209.99
2002 Yquem (1.5L)	\$399.99
2002 Yquem (375ml)	\$109.99
A beautiful wine, all purity and finesse, very long with incredible balance. 96 points and a Collectibles designation from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> .	
2003 Guiraud (375ml)-95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$25.99
2003 Lafaurie Peyraguey-97 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99
2003 Rayne Vigneau-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
2003 Sigalas Rabaud-92 points Robert Parker	\$35.99
2003 Suduiraut-95 points Robert Parker	\$46.99

Tasting Bar Schedule

All tastings are from noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. Prices TBA.

Saturday, December 2: *Wines of Italy* in San Francisco and Redwood City. Both stores will feature the combined talents of Mike Parres, Kirk Walker and Greg St. Clair. Look for some great everyday wines and some outstanding cellar picks.

Saturday, December 9: *Champagne!* Last tasting of the year! In Redwood City and San Francisco, Gary, Paul and Scott pick their favorites for our final tasting of 2006. For those of you who missed our Fete du Champagne tasting in October, this will be a good opportunity to taste the hottest Champagnes of the season.

—Scott Beckerley & Jeff Garneau

RHÔNE VALLEY

2005 Costières de Nîmes Blanc Château Grande Cassagne	\$9.99
2004 St. Joseph Blanc Pierre Coursodon	\$25.99
2004 St. Joseph Blanc "Le Paradis St. Pierre" Coursodon	\$32.99
2000 Hermitage Blanc Ferraton Pere et Fils "Le Reverdy"	\$49.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Ch. de Segries "Clos de l'Hermitage" ..	\$18.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Bois de Boursan	\$37.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquets des Pape Tradition	\$32.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur	\$25.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur "Origines"	\$39.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (1.5L), Grand Veneur	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Ch. Fortia Cuvée Baron	\$32.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Pierre Usseglio "Tradition"	\$34.99
2004 Châteauneuf Mas de Boislauzon "Cuvée de Quet"	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Pape "Chantemerle"	\$59.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos des Papes	\$79.99
2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"	\$16.99
2004 Lirac Domaine de la Mordoree "La Dame Rousse"	\$14.99
2004 Beaumes de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin "Terres Jaunes" (ORGANIC)	\$12.99
2004 Beaumes de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin "Cuvée Saint Martin" (ORGANIC).....	\$16.99
2004 Gigondas Château de Saint Cosme.....	\$26.99
2004 Gigondas Château de Saint Cosme "Valbelle"	\$42.99
2005 Vacqueyras Domaine Montvac	\$15.99
2001 Cairanne Domaine Richaud "l'Ebrescade"	\$36.99
2004 Crozes Hermitage Domaine du Colombier "Cuvee Gaby"	\$24.99
2004 Hermitage Yann Chave	\$59.99
2003 Cornas Robert Michel "Cuvée des Coteaux"	\$44.99
2003 Côte Rôtie Bernard Levet "La Chavaroche"	\$59.99
2004 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet "La Vialliere"	\$34.99
2004 St. Joseph Pierre Coursodon.....	\$25.99
2004 St. Joseph Pierre Coursodon "L'Oliveia"	\$32.99

No-Brainer Rhone Reds!

I realize that this last month of the year is a hectic one for most folks. There are just too many people, gifts and parties to remember (or to avoid, like in my case, the malls!) For these reasons (and because I care about your vinous wellbeing) I have made this month's Rhones selections super easy. Both are red, \$12.99 and organic! Both are in good supply. Each is distinctly delicious and will definitely make you the star of your next Mediterranean-themed dinner party!

2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique" (ORGANIC) (\$12.99) Domaine Duseigneur is a small organically managed estate owned by brothers Frederic and Bernard Duseigneur. The 2004 Angelique is composed of 50% grenache, 20% syrah, 20% cinsault and 10% mourvèdre from quartz pebbles over red clay and limestone soils. Bright, crunchy blackcurrant fruit with subtle hints of rhubarb and cracked black pepper give this Lirac tremendous personality.

Beaumes de Venise Rouge Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin "Terres Jaunes" (ORGANIC) (\$12.99) This organic combination of grenache (70%) and syrah (30%) shows a very expressive and pure taste of berry fruit with hints of minerals and spice. Meant to drink while young and fresh, this is a very pure and delightful example of fruit-forwardness, with finesse to boot. Bottled unfiltered. Guy Jullien is the owner of this small domaine, located in the beautifully scenic Beaume de Venise appellation. —Mulan Chan

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

2005 Stormhoek Pinotage or Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$8.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2005 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$10.99
2004 Glen Carlou Chardonnay	\$12.99
2003 Black Pearl "Oro" Shiraz-Cabernet, Paarl.....	\$16.99
2005 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch	\$18.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"	\$22.99

New Zealand

2005 Kim Crawford Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2006 Bird "Old Schoolhouse" Sauv Blanc, Marlborough	\$13.99
2005 Highfield Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$13.99
2005 Sacred Hill Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$14.99
2006 Huia Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$14.99
2005 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$15.99
2005 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$16.99
2005 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$21.99
2004 Olssen's "Jackson Barry" Pinot Noir, Otago.....	\$23.99

Australia

2004 Richmond Grove "Black Cat" Shiraz	\$8.99
2004 Richmond Grove "Weathervane" Cab-Merlot	\$8.99
2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
Soft and subtle, but also has fine structure.	
2004 Craneford Private Selection Chardonnay	\$9.99
Subtle and elegant.	
2005 Water Wheel "Memsie"SCM.....	\$11.99
2004 Sylvan Springs "Hard Yards" Shiraz-90 points Parker	\$14.99
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz.....	\$15.99
Classic McLaren Vale fruit, aromas of blueberries, toffee and milk chocolate.	
2005 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz	\$15.99
2005 Mr Riggs "The Gaffer" Shiraz	\$16.99
2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve.....	\$16.99
2004 Grant Burge Barossa Miamba Shiraz	\$18.99
2005 Two Hands "Angel's Share" Shiraz	\$28.99
2004 Craneford Merlot "John Zilm" Barossa-92 pts Spectator....	\$29.99

Jim C's View Down Under

Judi Cullam and Barrie Smith have 29 hectares under vine in Frankland River, the coolest and most isolated area of Western Australia. The vineyards are organic and dry farmed with all harvesting done by hand. The **2005 Frankland Estate "Isolation Ridge" Riesling Frankland River Western Australia (\$17.99)** has soaring aromatics of stone fruit, lime and a wax note with hints of lanolin. There is fine balance with crystal clean fruit on the palate supported by great acidity and a long finish. The **2004 Frankland Estate "Isolation Ridge" Chardonnay Frankland River Western Australia (\$19.99)** is barrel fermented but goes through about 10% malolactic fermentation and spends nine months in French oak barriques of which are 20% are new. The wine has a bouquet of pear, citrus, mineral and hazelnut that follow on the palate with pristine clarity. The Rocky Gully is a less expensive tier from Frankland Estate that uses purchased fruit, but still has the commitment to quality. The **2004 Rocky Gully Shiraz-Viognier Frankland River Western Australia (\$10.99)** offers a beautiful aromatic lift with its bright boysenberry fruit and black pepper notes accented by a peach and floral component. The wine is a fine example of Aussie Shiraz that does not have knock you over the head with oak and alcohol but rather elegance and finesse. Happy Holidays —Jimmy C

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC WINES

Check our website for new arrival rare/old wines. Most of these are in very limited supply.

1974 Heitz "Martha's"	\$699.00
1977 Beaulieu PR Napa	\$99.00
1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve (6L)	\$999.00
1979 Beringer State Lane (9L)	\$1,399.00
1980 Beringer Reserve Lemmon-Chabot	\$125.00
1980 Dunn Howell Mtn (5L)	\$1,099.00
1982 Mayacamas Napa (1.5L)	\$199.00
1983 Beringer PR Napa	\$109.95
1983 Caymus Spec Sel Napa	\$225.00
1984 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa	\$89.95
1984 Caymus Estate Napa (1.5L)	\$279.00
1984 Spottswoode Napa	\$129.95
1985 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill	\$169.95
1985 Dunn Howell Mtn (5L)	\$1,299.00
1985 Dunn Howell Mountain	\$179.00
1985 Heitz Martha's Napa	\$299.00
1985 Silver Oak Napa Valley (3L)	\$849.00
1986 Beaulieu PR (1.5L)	\$199.95
Outstanding value for the cellar.	
1986 Beringer PR Napa	\$129.95
1986 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill	\$129.00
1986 Diamond Creek RR Terrace (9L)	\$1,599.00
1986 Stag's Leap Cask 23 Napa	\$229.00
1987 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa	\$89.95
1987 Silver Oak Alexander (3L)	\$599.00
1988 Caymus Special Select Napa	\$169.95
1988 Montelena Napa	\$89.00
1989 Heitz Martha's Vineyard Napa	\$110.00
1990 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa	\$74.99
1990 Grace Family Napa (1.5L)	\$899.00
1990 Montelena Estate Napa	\$149.95
1991 Silver Oak Bonny's Vineyard	\$219.00

1992 Bryant Family Napa	\$450.00
1992 Diamond Creek Red Rock Ter	\$125.00
1992 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill	\$125.00
1992 Opus One (1.5L)	\$499.00
1992 Silver Oak Alexander Valley	\$110.00
1992 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$129.00
1993 Beaulieu Vineyard PR Napa	\$64.99
1993 Beringer PR Napa	\$99.00
1993 Burgess Vintage Selection	\$39.95
1993 Opus One Napa (1.5L)	\$469.00
1993 Silver Oak Alexander Valley	\$109.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa (1.5L)	\$325.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa (6L)	\$899.00
1994 Ridge Monte Bello (6L)	\$999.00
1994 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello	\$139.95
1994 Silver Oak Alexander (1.5L)	\$269.00
1994 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$179.00
1994 Swanson Napa	\$59.95
1995 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello	\$129.00
1995 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$169.99
1995 Swanson Napa	\$49.95
1996 Montelena Estate, Napa (5L)	\$999.00
1996 Robert Mondavi Reserve Napa	\$99.95
1996 Silver Oak Alexander Valley	\$119.00
1996 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$149.99

Old and Rare Sterling Vineyards

Direct from the property-great prices.
Limited availability.

1976 Sterling Napa Cabernet	\$19.99
1977 Sterling Napa Cabernet	\$19.99
1977 Sterling Napa Cabernet (1.5L)	\$49.95
1982 Sterling Napa Cabernet	\$14.99
1984 Sterling Napa Cabernet	\$19.99
1992 Sterling "Diamond Mtn" Cabernet	\$39.95
1993 Sterling "Diamond Mtn" Cabernet	\$39.95

A Star Shines in Saint Jean de Minervois

This May I had the good fortune of visiting one of the smallest and least well known regions in the Languedoc: Saint Jean de Minervois (population: 50!). This is where I met Nicole and John Bojanowski who work 5 hectares of vines and produce a mere 1200 cases a year. Yields are kept low (around 20 hectolitres/hectare), and all vineyard work is done *a la main*. All of this special attention is evidenced in the glass. Production is limited, so don't wait long!

2003 Vins de Pays Cotes de Brian Clos du Gravillas "Le Rendez-Vous du Soleil" (\$15.99)
From John Bojanowski: "Carignan, treated seriously and respectfully, returns the flavor. And like some famous Priorats, a touch of cabernet sauvignon puts a bit of extra oomph into this delicious Languedoc red... Blackberry, cherry cola, cocoa and hibiscus notes abound as its silky texture glides down the throat!" Perfect with roast guinea fowl, beef daube, or grilled tri-tip.

2005 Muscat de Saint Jean de Minervois Clos du Gravillas "Douce Providence" (500ml) (\$13.99)
Although Nicole and John consider the once very maligned carignan grape to be their passion, something must be said for their sweet wine. It is one of THE best muscat vin doux that I have ever tasted. Pineapple, roses, tangerine, guava nuances make this wine oh so pretty. An outstanding accompaniment to Roquefort, fruit tarts or holiday spice cookies. Also great if you just want to put a big ol' smile on your face.

—Mulan Chan

K&L Staff

In Redwood City: Linda A, Alex B, Bryan B, Jim B, Clyde B Jr, Trey B, Jim C, Paul C, Mike D, Nadia D, Jeff G, Shaun G, Thornton J, Matt K, Gary L, John L, Mark M, Susan P, Anne P, Mike P, Nicole R, Sharon R, Ralph S, Jeff V, Jorge V, Gary W, Keith W, Brian Z, Todd Z and Joe Z.

In San Carlos: Gary A, Don D, Max D, William E, Alberto G, Izaak J, Brian K, Bob M, Jim M, Jimmy M, Rick N, Kit O, Sal R, Julio S, Sal S, Steve S and Don V. any new

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In Phoenix: Kerri B.

PORT IN STOCK

Ramos White Port	\$11.99
1945 Dow	\$899.00
1950 Kopke Colheita	\$249.00
1958 Krohn Colheita	\$99.99
1970 Graham	\$189.00
1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita	\$84.99
1978 Krohn Colheita	\$46.99
1983 Dow	\$74.99
1983 Graham	\$79.99
1983 Taylor	\$89.00
1983 Warre	\$69.99
1994 Dow	\$84.99
1994 Graham	\$89.00
1994 Krohn Colheita	\$21.99
1997 Fonseca	\$59.00
1997 Warre	\$39.99
1997 Ramos Pinto	\$32.99
1998 Ramos Pinto LBV	\$16.99
2003 Dow	\$74.99
2003 Graham	\$82.99
2003 Quinta do Noval "Silval"	\$34.99
Graham 10-year-old Tawny	\$24.99
Ramos Pinto Collector	\$14.99

CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS

2002 Amici, Napa\$39.99

CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!

2002 Arrowood, Sonoma\$35.99

Classic Cabernet fruit! Packed with red currants, coffee, minerals, anise and hints of spicy oak, this fruit-driven Cabernet will be at its best with a few more years in the bottle.

2002 Burgess, Napa \$29.99

2002 Cooper Garrod Cab Franc.....\$21.99

2002 Corison, Napa \$59.99

2002 Jordan, Alexander Valley..... \$41.99

2002 Keenan, Napa\$34.99

2002 Kunde, Sonoma\$15.99

2002 Mount Eden Santa Cruz \$34.99

2002 Robert Mondavi, Napa .375ml \$12.99

2002 Schweiger, Spring Mnt\$41.99

2002 Silver Oak, Alexander Vly\$59.99

2002 Spring Mountain "Elivette"\$69.98

2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards \$39.99

2003 Artesa Napa/Sonoma\$15.99

2003 Baron Herzog (Kosher)\$12.99

2003 BV "Georges de Latour"\$69.98

2003 BV "Tapestry"\$36.98

2003 Cain Concept, Napa.....\$49.99

2003 Cakebread, Napa\$54.98

2003 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma\$19.99

2003 Ch. Montelena, Napa \$32.98

2003 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma\$16.99

2003 Chimney Rock Stg Lp Dist\$44.98

2003 Cliff Lede Stgs Lp Dist.....\$47.99

2003 Cliff Lede Napa Claret.....\$29.99

2003 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex\$17.99

2003 Cuvaion "Mount Veeder"\$29.99

2003 Dare "Viader" Napa \$37.99

2003 Darioush, Napa \$59.99

2003 Dominus, Napa \$99.99

2003 Duckhorn, Napa\$59.99

2003 Dynamite, North Coast\$11.99

2003 Estancia Paso "Meritage"\$19.98

2003 Etude, Napa\$79.99

2003 Far Niente, Oakville\$89.99

2003 Forth, Dry Creek\$18.99

Bright, bountiful berries and cherries, toasty oak, and supple tannins combine to create a delightfully accessible Cabernet.

2003 Franciscan, Oakville\$19.99

2003 Frank Family Reserve, Napa\$64.99

2003 Frei Brothers, Alexander Vly....\$14.99

2003 Groth, Napa \$39.98

2003 Hess Estate, Napa.....\$16.99

2003 Honig, Napa\$29.99

2003 J. Runquist "Colina Poca"\$23.99

2003 Joseph Phelps, Napa.....\$36.98

2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"\$114.99

2003 Kalinda, Alexander Vly\$16.99

Ripe, spicy and lively. Great for BBQs!

2003 Kenefick Ranch, Napa\$56.99

2003 La Sirena, Napa\$119.00

2003 LAventure "Optimus"\$34.99

2003 Ladera, Howell Mnt\$59.99

2003 Larkmead "Firebelle," Napa \$36.98

2003 Larkmead, Napa.....\$39.98

2003 Miner Family, Napa\$49.99

2003 Mount Veeder, Napa\$31.99

2003 Nickel & Nickel.....Inquire

2003 Opus OneInquire

2003 Pine Ridge, Oakville\$59.98

2003 Purisima Canyon, Napa.....\$16.99

2003 Purisima Canyon, Alex. Vly\$16.99

Packed with fruit, ripe and lively. A crowd pleaser!

2003 Quintessa, Rutherford\$99.98

2003 Raymond "R Collection"..... \$14.99

2003 Revana, Napa\$89.99

2003 Ridge Santa Cruz Mnts Red \$29.99

2003 Robert Mondavi, Napa \$19.99

2003 Robert Mondavi, Oakville\$29.98

93 points from Robert Parker and still under \$30!

This has been our hottest deal for the last few months and it should be gone by December.

Stock up for the holidays!

2003 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$99.98

2003 Rombauer, Napa\$29.99

2003 Sequoia Grove, Napa\$27.99

2003 Simi, Alexander Valley\$19.99

2003 Spottswoode, Napa\$109.00

2003 Stepan Vincent, California\$8.99

2003 Stewart, Napa.....\$59.99

2003 Terra Valentine, Napa\$27.99

2003 Terra Valentine "Wurtele"\$46.99

Two excellent '03s from one of our favorite producers in all of Napa. This Spring Mountain property is one to keep an eye on!

2003 Turnbull, Napa.....\$34.99

2003 Veraison, Napa.....\$49.99

2003 Veraison "Synchrony"\$64.99

2003 Waterstone, Napa.....\$19.99

2003 Whitehall Lane, Napa \$29.99

2004 Alexander Valley Vineyards\$14.99

2004 Avalon, Napa\$9.99

2004 B.R. Cohn "Silver Label"\$14.98

2004 Beringer Founders'\$7.98

2004 Bogle, California\$9.99

2004 Caymus, Napa\$64.99

2004 Caymus Special Select\$129.00

91-93 points Robert Parker: "The 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection reveals the vintage's up-front, sweet fruit, loads of opulence, and plenty of intensity as well as depth."

2004 Decoy, Napa\$25.99

2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa\$29.99

2004 Francis Coppola "Claret"\$12.99

2004 Hess Select, California.....\$10.99

2004 House Wine, Washington \$9.99

2004 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"\$10.99

2004 Justin, Paso Robles.....\$21.99

2004 Lewis Cellars, Napa\$74.99

2004 Philip Togni, Spring Mnt.....\$85.99

2004 Screw Kappa, Napa\$10.99

2004 Stag's Leap Cellrs "Artemis".....\$39.98

2004 Tamber Bay "Two Rivers"\$26.99

2004 Ten Mile, California.....\$9.99

2004 Twenty Bench, Napa \$14.99

2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa\$8.99

2004 Von Strasser "Diam Dist Ser" ..\$49.99

2004 Waterbrook Melange\$11.98

2004 ZD, Napa\$39.98

2005 Esser, California.....\$7.99

2005 McManis, California\$8.99

The Soumade Wines from Rasteau

We are proud to welcome four unique wines from southern Rhone in the village of Rasteau. Domaine la Soumade has wooed us again with these wonderful rich wines. The self-taught Andre Romero is known for his highly extracted, powerful and dense wines. La Soumade has been in Romero's family for 200 years. The vines are between 40-95 years old and take up around 5 hectares of land. Grenache is the dominate varietal grown and is the base grape for most of his wines as one would expect in the Southern Rhône.

The 2004 Soumade Côtes du Rhône "Les Violettes" (\$29.99), 90 points from Parker, has a gregarious personality. Wafts of acacia flowers hits the olfactory, and the palate offers a lavish blueberry, blackberry and earth extravaganza. This blend is 80% syrah and 20% white grapes.

The 2003 Soumade Côtes du Rhône Villages, Rasteau "Prestige" (\$17.99) is more restrained. According to Robert Parker. "...exhibits earthy, peppery, chocolaty, cassis notes, plenty of spice, moderately hard tannin, and medium to full body."

The 2003 Soumade Côtes du Rhône Villages, Rasteau "Fleur de Confiance" (\$54.99) got 95 points from Parker. This baby is very dense and intense. I picked up ripe plum liqueur notes, stewed figs, espresso and blue and blackberries.

Showing woody notes on the nose and palate, the 2003 Soumade Vin de Pays de la Principaute d'Orange Cabernet Sauvignon (\$13.99) is for serious classic cab lovers. This is quite a deal, too. Definitely not a soft down pillow of a wine or a mere quaffer!

—Keelyn Healy

CHARDONNAY

2002 Chalk Hill, Sonoma\$29.99	2004 Landmark "Overlook"\$21.99	2005 Edna Valley Vineyards.....\$9.98
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa\$29.99	2004 Mark West, Central Coast\$8.99	2005 Far Niente, Napa\$41.99
2003 James Henry "Woolsey Rd"\$39.99	2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$19.99	2005 Foxglove, Edna Valley\$10.99
2003 Marimar Torres\$18.99	2004 Meridian, Santa Barbara\$6.99	2005 Frank Family, Napa\$28.99
Soft and creamy with a touch of oak.	2004 Merryvale "Starmont"\$11.99	2005 Francis Coppola "Diamond"\$11.99
2003 Mayacamas, Napa\$26.99	2004 Mer Soleil, Central Coast\$34.99	2005 Heitz, Napa\$14.99
2003 Murphy Good, Sonoma\$11.99	Ripe tropical fruit explodes from this glass.	2005 Heron, California\$7.99
2003 Ridge "Monte Bello"\$44.99	2004 Mount Eden "Wolf Vineyard" ..\$14.99	2005 Hess, Monterey\$8.99
2003 Simi, R.R Reserve\$19.99	2004 Newton Red Label\$19.99	2005 Hess "Su'skol Vineyard"\$19.98
2003 Stony Hill, Napa.....\$34.99	2004 Olivet Lane "Russian River"\$19.99	2005 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco.....\$10.99
2003 Talbott "Cuvee Cynthia"\$39.99	2004 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"\$27.99	2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406," Napa\$15.99
2003 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow".....\$31.99	2004 Ramey "Hyde Vineyard"\$47.99	2005 Kali Hart, Monterey.....\$9.99
The nose is loaded with signature Sleepy Hollow	2004 Raymond "R Collection".....\$9.99	2005 Kalinda Los Carneros\$12.99
minerality and intense tangerine and white peach.	2004 Ridge, Santa Cruz Mnts.....\$29.99	2005 Kalinda, Anderson Valley\$12.99
2004 Ambullneo, "Big Paw".....\$54.99	2004 Robert Mondavi, Carneros\$14.99	2005 Kendall Jackson Vint Res.....\$9.98
2004 Beron Herzog (Kosher)\$12.99	2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....\$34.99	2005 La Crema, Sonoma\$14.99
2004 Beringer Private Reserve\$29.99	2004 Toasted Head\$10.99	2005 Lewis, Sonoma\$39.99
2004 Beringer "Sbragia"\$39.98	2004 Tolosa, Edna Valley\$16.99	2005 Lioco "Stuhlmuller Vine"\$19.99
2004 Bernardus, Monterey\$14.99	Richly textured with elegant oak tones.	A collaboration between Matt Lickliger, wine
2004 Cambria "Katherine's".....\$12.98	2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll\$21.99	importer and Kevin O'Connor, sommelier at
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey\$11.99	Aromas of almonds, honey, ripe peach and pear	Spago-Beverly Hills. This is fermented in stainless-
2004 Ch. Montelena, Napa\$32.99	entice the nose. The palate is racy and bright.	steel and sees NO OAK. Crystalline and pure.
2004 Dehlinger, Russian River\$29.99	2004 Trincherro, California.....\$6.99	2005 Logan "Sleepy Hollow"\$11.99
2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Sonoma\$21.99	2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa\$7.99	2005 MacRostie, Carneros\$16.99
2004 Esser, California.....\$7.99	2004 Varner "Bee Block"\$31.99	2005 Margaret's Vineyard, CA\$6.99
2004 Ferrari Carano, Alexander Vly \$22.98	2004 Varner "Home Vineyard"\$29.99	2005 Melville, Santa Rita\$21.99
2004 Foley "Rancho Santa Rosa"\$23.99	2004 Vine Cliff, Carneros.....\$27.99	2005 Mer Soleil "Silver"\$37.99
2004 Franciscan "Cuvee Sauvage"\$29.99	2004 Walter Hansel, Russian River ..\$26.99	2005 Morgan "Highland" S.L.H.\$19.99
2004 Gary Farrell "Cresta Ridge"\$36.99	2005 A by Acacia, California\$8.98	2005 Miner Family, Napa\$27.99
2004 Groth, Napa\$22.98	2005 Acacia, Carneros\$15.99	2005 Neyers Carn & Napa\$24.98
CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!	2005 Babcock, Santa Rita Hills\$16.99	2005 Nickel & Nickel "Searby"\$34.99
2004 Handley, Dry Creek\$17.99	2005 Beringer Founders.....\$7.99	2005 Nickel & Nickel "Truchard"\$34.99
A glorious melange of floral and fruit characteris-	2005 Bogle, California\$7.99	2005 Patz & Hall "Durrell"\$39.99
tics on the nose—melons, pineapples, narcissus	2005 Cakebread, Napa\$34.99	2005 Patz & Hall, Napa.....\$31.99
and orange blossoms—leads to nicely balanced	2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Ca.....\$8.99	2005 Smith Madrone, Napa\$24.99
flavors of citrus and crème brûlée.	2005 Chalone, Monterey\$9.99	2005 Solitude, Carneros\$26.99
2004 Hanzell, Sonoma\$59.99	2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma\$10.99	2005 Storrs, Santa Cruz\$18.99
2004 Hartford, Sonoma Coast\$17.99	2005 Cinnabar, Monterey.....\$15.99	2005 ZD California.....\$26.98

Lewis at the Ritz

On October 28 I attended a tasting of Lewis Cellars at the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay. It was very interesting to taste the progression of wines. Many of you may have these wines in your cellar, so I am sharing my tasting notes on the Reserves and the 2002 Cuvee L.

1996 Lewis Reserve: Soft, ripe nose. Spicy. Firm tannins still present. Fleshy mid with lots of Cabernet character. Almost at its peak for me. Classic Cabernet!

1997 Lewis Reserve: Big dark jammy nose, fat, sweet and thick in the mouth. A drinker now if you like them big. Low acid, ripe tannins.

1998 Lewis Reserve: Tons of classic Cab aromas, sweet herbs. Shows some nice complexity and elegance. Nice acid and finish. Fresher than '97. A drinker! Pair with a variety of foods.

1999 Lewis Reserve: Almost tastes like a barrel sample. Primary fruit, rich, big. And firm. Very young. Could be the longest lived of the bunch. Big wine!

2000 Lewis Reserve: A well balanced, fruity wine that is delicious now. More richness than '98 and a fleshy finish. If I had to drink a vintage now this would be it! Delicious.

2001 Lewis Reserve: Ultra rich and juicy. Very sweet and thick but with more acid than the '97. Amazing balance between ripe fruit and power. Big tannins. Should age for a long time. Probably best wine of the tasting.

2002 Lewis Reserve: Loaded with vanilla, mocha and spicy ripe fruit. Almost over-the-top in style. Super thick and juicy. Fleshy ripe tannins. High alcohol. Red fruits! Sweet and delicious! Will not live as long as '01 but it sure tastes good now.

2002 Cuvee L: Big and thick with monster fruit and structure. Much bigger tannins, more for the cellar. Black fruits. Intense. Patience required.

—Trey Beffa

PINOT NOIR

2003 Burrell School "Veranda"	\$27.99
2003 Fort Ross "Fort Ross"	\$34.99
2003 Londer "Keefer"	\$39.99
2003 Mendelson "Sleepy Hollow"	\$34.99
2003 Mount Eden Vineyards Estate ..	\$32.99
2003 Oak Arbour "Toulouse".....	\$29.99
2003 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$44.99
2003 Stoller Estate, Willamette Vly ..	\$32.99
2003 Tolosa, Edna Valley	\$19.99
2003 Turjanis "Steiner"	\$32.99
2003 Truchard, Carneros	\$27.99
2003 Walter Hansel, Russian River ..	\$26.99
2004 Aubin Cellars "Verve" RR	\$29.99
2004 Andrew Rich, Willamette	\$28.99
2004 Beau Freres "Belles Soeurs"....	\$41.99
2004 Belle Glos "Clark & Teleph"	\$39.99
2004 Bogle, California	\$11.98
2004 Brandborg, Umpqua Vly	\$16.99
2004 Byron, Santa Maria	\$16.99
2004 Cambria "Julia's Viney"	\$16.98
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$14.98
2004 Domaine Serene "Yamhill"	\$29.99
The effusive nose bursts with ripe raspberry, red cherry, lavender, cranberry, red plum, tobacco, slight orange peel and cola.	
2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Sonoma	\$22.99
2004 Frei Brothers, Russian River	\$19.99
2004 Foley, Santa Rita Hills	\$32.99
2004 Gainey "Limited Select"	\$43.99
2004 Gary Farrell, Russian River	\$39.99
2004 Hartford, Sonoma	\$24.99
2004 Lane Tanner, Santa Barbara	\$19.99
2004 Londer, Anderson Vly	\$27.99

2004 Londer "Paraboll," Andr Vly	\$47.99
2004 MacPhail "Goodin"	\$51.99
2004 Mayacamas, Napa	\$31.99
2004 Ponzi, Willamette Valley.....	\$29.99
2004 Robert Sinskey, Carneros	\$29.99
2004 Roessler Cellars "Bluejay".....	\$29.99
2004 Woodenhead "Morning Dew" ..	\$44.99
This is the first vintage from the vineyard owned by famed former owner of Williams Selyem, Burt Williams. Raspberry forward fruit, with a bit of cinnamon and clove which finishes in perfect balance with just a hint of oak.	
2005 A by Acacia, California	\$14.99
2005 A to Z, Oregon	\$16.99
2005 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly	\$24.99
2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Calif	\$9.99
2005 Chalone, Monterey	\$13.99
2005 Drew "Gatekeepers" Snt Rita ..	\$29.99
2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif	\$12.99
2005 Jezebel, Oregon	\$16.99
2005 Lazy Creek "M&B Vineyard"....	\$27.99
Ripe blackberries and Bing cherries highlight this wonderful Pinot that is filled with fruit, spice and minerals.	
2005 Lutea, Russian River	\$31.99
2005 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99
2005 Melville, Santa Rita	\$23.99
2005 Morgan "Twelve Clones"	\$24.99
2005 Owen Roe "Sharecropper's"	\$19.99
2005 Parker Station, Santa Barb	\$10.99
2005 Rex Hill Oregon	\$17.99
2005 Sineann Oregon	\$27.99
2005 Smoking Loon, California.....	\$7.99
2005 Stephen Ross, Central Coast	\$16.99

ZINFANDEL

2002 Amici "Panek"	\$26.99
2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt.....	\$14.99
Well balanced, ripe and rich with great structure and finish! It's BBQ Time!	
2003 Bucklin Old Hill Ranch	\$25.99
2003 Burrell School "Ryan Oaks"	\$21.99
2003 D Cubed Howell Mountain	\$32.99
2003 Ridge "Geyserville"	\$29.99
2003 RustRidge.....	\$29.99
2003 S.E. Chase "Hayne"	\$39.99
2003 Scott Harvey Old Vines	\$19.99
2003 St. Francis Old Vine	\$14.99
2003 Tin Barn "Glisson"	\$28.99
2003 Unti, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2003 Woodenhead "Martinelli"	\$35.98
2004 Alexander Valley "Sin Zin"	\$14.99
2004 Bogle Old Vines	\$9.99
2004 Cloud 9 "Seity"	\$29.99
2004 Dover Canyon "Cujo"	\$17.99
2004 Edmeades, Mendocino	\$13.99
2004 Elyse "Morisoli"	\$29.99
2004 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$19.98
2004 Hartford, Russian River.....	\$24.99
2004 Hendry "Block 7," Napa.....	\$27.99
2004 Holdredge, Dry Creek	\$22.99
2004 J. Runquist "Z"	\$18.99
2004 JC Cellars "Arrowhead Mnt"	\$32.99
2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"	\$21.99
2004 Klinker Brick "Old Ghost"	\$34.99
2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi	\$14.99
2004 Lolonis, Redwood Valley	\$16.99
A soft, generous Redwood Valley Zinfandel, which has distinctive blackberry, plum and black peppercorn flavors, and a background note of spicy oak.	
2004 Mauritsen "Rockpile"	\$33.99
2004 Michael & David 7Deadly Zins	\$13.99
2004 Neyers "Pato/Tofanelli"	Inquire
2004 Norman "The Monster".....	\$19.99
2004 Plungerhead, Dry Creek	\$10.99
Spicy, jammy mouthful of peppery cherry and plum fruit with a long finish that sings of cinnamon and black cherry soda!	
2004 Preston, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2004 Rancho Zabaco "Dancing Bull" ..	\$6.99
2004 Ridge, Paso Robles.....	\$24.99
2004 Ridge "Three Valley's".....	\$16.99
2004 Rombauer.....	\$21.99
2004 Rosenblum Paso/SF Bay	\$14.98
2004 Sobon "Rocky Top"	\$12.99
2004 Seghesio "Home Ranch"	\$29.99
2004 Turley Juvenile	\$54.99
2005 Dashe Lt Harvest Zin .375ml....	\$24.99
2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif	\$10.99
2005 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..	\$8.99
2005 Seghesio Sonoma.....	\$16.98
2005 Shenandoah Amador Spec Res ..	\$7.99
2005 Windmill Estates Old Vine	\$9.99
Rosenblum Vintners Cuvee XXIX	\$7.98

Table-Friendly Wines for the Holidays

I'm happy to introduce some holiday-friendly domestic wines. The **2004 Sutton Cellars Carignan (\$15.99)** is an austere beauty that shows vibrant, spicy berry fruit not laden with new oak. It's a wine with a good amount of acidity and structure, which is key when pairing wine with food. This wine will provide will scintillate your palate, and there are less than 200 cases made, a fun fact for the enophiles at your table.

Another luscious, yet food-friendly wine is the **2004 T-Vine Grenache (\$26.99)**. This little tootsie is sure to dazzle. This is an example of a full-figured wine dressed with finesse and always exhibiting elegance. Honestly, grenache just doesn't get any better than this in the U.S.A.

Lastly, I'd like to recommend the **2003 Clos Saron "Holy Moly" (\$33.99)**, adequately titled if I must say so myself. I remember tasting this wine for the first time at the Family Winemaker tasting extravaganza, and boy did this wine evoke a "holy moly" from little old me. Gideon Beinstock is the winemaker for both Renaissance winery and Clos Saron. He understands balance and restraint in a country where the trend is to impart cannon balls of fruit and forget about acidity, varietals correctness and a little notion called structure. I'm thrilled that this guy is making wine in a mood of passionate reverence. He and his crew up in North Yuba literally put their entire soul into the craft. And as a result of this care and attention to detail, the wines are exceptional! This is a blend of grenache, syrah and mouvèdre. You can expect a wine made from a cool microclimate and made in an old-world style with no manipulation, organically farmed, and always with a gentle hand in the cellar. this won't clobber your food, rather its structure and savory flavor profile will leave you wanting more and more.

—Keelyn Healy

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

2002 Corazon Gewürztraminer.....	\$19.99
2002 Treana White Blend.....	\$17.99
2004 Bocce California Pinot Grigio....	\$8.99
2004 Graff Chalona Pinot Blanc	\$18.99
2005 Alban Central Coast Viognier..	\$23.99
2005 Chehalem Pinot Gris	\$16.99
2005 Cold Heaven St. Rita Viognier	\$16.99
2005 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2005 Cycles Gladiator Pinot Grigio..	\$11.99
2005 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc	\$9.99
2005 Elk Cove Oregon Pinot Blanc ..	\$13.99
2005 Fish Eye Pinot Grigio.....	\$5.99
2005 Fortitude Napa Semillon	\$17.99
2005 Jana, Napa Riesling	\$14.99
2005 Lange Willamette Pinot Gris	\$12.99
2005 Lazy Creek Gewurztraminer	\$21.99
2005 Margerum "Alisos" Pinot Gris	\$17.99
2005 Palmina SB Tocai Friulano	\$21.99
2005 Ponzi Pinot Blanc	\$13.99
2005 Rex Hill Oregon Pinot Gris	\$16.99
2005 Smoking Loon Viognier	\$5.99
2005 Sobon Amador Roussanne	\$14.99
2005 Spencer Roloson Gren. Blanc ..	\$16.99
2005 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling....	\$14.99
2005 Vinum Cellars CNW Chenin.....	\$8.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2004 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly....	\$12.99
2004 Mason, Napa	\$12.98
2004 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$26.99
2005 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$10.99
2005 Cakebread, Napa	\$23.99
2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$9.99
2005 Cliff Lede, Napa	\$19.99
2005 DeSante, Napa	\$16.99
2005 Duckhorn, Napa	\$21.99
2005 Everett Ridge, Dry Creek.....	\$14.99
2005 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$11.98
2005 Geyser Peak, California	\$7.99
2005 Girard, Napa	\$12.99
2005 Gregory Graham "Red Hills" ..	\$14.99
2005 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$19.98
2005 Honig, Napa	\$12.99
2005 Husch, Mendocino.....	\$9.99
2005 Kalinda, Dry Creek	\$9.99
2005 Kathryn Kennedy.....	\$16.99
2005 Kunde "Magnolia Lane"	\$10.99
2005 Ladera, Howell Mnt.....	\$21.99
2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$15.99
2005 Peter Franus, Napa.....	\$18.99
2005 Provenance, Rutherford	\$15.99
2005 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$13.99
2005 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$7.99
2005 Sauvignon Blanc Republic.....	\$14.99
2005 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$23.99
2005 St. Supery, Napa.....	\$12.99
2005 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$12.99
2005 Voss, Napa	\$13.99

Domestic Red

Fess Parker "Frontier Red"	\$7.99
2003 Altamura Napa Sangiovese	\$31.99
2003 Concannon "Stampmakers"	\$10.99
2003 Edmunds St. John Rcks & Grvl	\$16.99
2003 Spencer Roloson Tempranillo ..	\$29.99
2003 Tablas Creek "Esprit de B."	\$34.99
2004 Fortitude Napa Field Blend	\$26.99
2004 Palmina Barbera	\$24.99
2004 Peirano "The Other Wine"	\$12.99
2004 Rabid Red California Red	\$11.99
2004 Sutton Cellars Carignane	\$15.99
2004 T Vine Napa Grenache.....	\$26.99
2004 Unti Dry Creek Grenache	\$23.99
2005 Owen Roe "Abbot's Table"	\$24.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2001 Castle, Sonoma	\$9.99
2002 Pt. Concepcion "Jalama" (1.5L).....	\$44.99
2002 Rock Block, Seven Hills	\$36.99
2003 Kalinda, Los Carneros	\$17.99
2003 Melville, Santa Rita	\$18.99
2003 Sidney Sonoma	\$7.99
2003 Van Enoo, Santa Ynez	\$18.99
2004 Bogle California Petite Sirah.....	\$8.99
2004 JC Cellars Calif Cuvee	\$24.99
2004 K Vintners "Milbrandt"	\$27.99
2004 Four Vines "Heretic" Petite	\$24.99
2004 Foxen "Williamson-Dore"	\$36.99
2004 Girard Napa Petite Sirah	\$17.99
2004 JC Cellars Calif Cuvee	\$24.99
2004 La Diligence	\$39.99
2004 Olson Ogden Sonoma	\$21.99
2005 Hocus Pocus, SB Syrah	\$17.99
2005 McManis Cal. Petite Sirah	\$9.99
2005 Vinum Cellars "PETS".....	\$9.98

Merlot

2002 Atalon, Napa	\$24.98
2002 Duckhorn, Howell Mnt	\$69.99
2002 Franciscan, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Havens, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Hogue "Genesis".....	\$9.99
2002 Keenan, Napa	\$26.99
2002 Swanson, Napa.....	\$22.99
2003 Burgess, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Vly.....	\$19.99
2003 Duckhorn 3 Palms/Estate	\$79.99
2003 Dynamite, North Coast	\$11.99
2003 Etude, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$19.99
2003 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$29.99
2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Wash	\$29.99
2003 Markham, Napa	\$15.99
2003 Paradigm, Napa	\$41.99
2003 Provenance, Napa.....	\$24.99
2003 Rombauer, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Twomey, Napa	\$64.99

91-93 points Robert Parker: "Notes of pepper, dried herbs, damp earth, sweet cherry liqueur, and chocolate-infused coffee jump from the glass."

2004 Bogle, California	\$6.98
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$44.99
2004 Francis Coppola "Diamond"	\$12.99
2004 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek	\$13.99
2004 Hacienda, California	\$4.99
2004 McManis, California	\$7.99
2004 Parcel 41, Napa	\$15.99

This Merlot is enormously rich, ripe and concentrated showing layers of blackberry, currant and mocha.

2004 Screw Kappa Napa	\$11.99
2004 Shafer Napa Merlot	\$39.98

Boutique Corner

Donati Family Vineyards is a small winery in Paicines. Paicines? The town of Paicines, population 204, consists of a country store, restaurant and post office, all in one convenient building, all 10 miles from Hollister. The Donati Family Vineyard is the only brand located in the Paicines appellation. Neighboring appellations are home to Calera Wine Company, Chalona Vineyard, Leal Vineyards and DeRose Vineyards. I never thought of the Central Coast as an area for growing Bordeaux varietals, but these wines have changed my mind.

2004 Donati Family Claret, Estate Vineyard (\$16.99) This wine consists of the younger vines that have just come on line. The wine is made up of 71% cabernet sauvignon 20% merlot and 9% cabernet franc. This wine has great balance, fantastic structure and beautiful hints of chocolate and dust, plus great finesse for such a great price. Let it breathe for an hour and drink it tonight. Only 1500 cases made.

2003 Donati Family Meritage, Estate Vineyard (\$27.99) This is the king of the Donati Family wines. This Bordeaux blend consists of the best lots from the estate vineyard. The wine is big and broad with very soft tannins, solid structure and a very long finish. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 27% merlot, 7% cabernet franc and 2% malbec. This is accessible now or drink over the next couple of years. 1,100 cases produced.

See you in the City...

—Michael Jordan

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

2003 Santa Ema 60/40, Cab-Merlot Blend (Chile) (was \$6.99)	\$4.99
2004 Santa Ema Barrel Select Carmenere (Chile) (was \$6.99)	\$4.99
2005 Bodegas Lurton Torrontes (Argentina)	\$6.99
2005 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$6.99
2005 Luis Felipe Edwards Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$6.99
2004 Alamos Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2005 Apaltagua Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$8.99
2004 Casa Silva Carmenere (Chile)	\$9.99
2004 Kaiken Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2004 Navarro Correas Colec. Privada Malbec (Argentina)	\$10.99
2003 Montelomas Malbec (Argentina)	\$11.99
2005 Viña Doña Paula Malbec (Argentina)	\$11.99
2004 Felipe Rutini Malbec (Argentina)	\$12.99
2004 Valentin Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$12.99
2003 MontGras Antu Ninquen Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$13.99
2004 Montes Syrah Colchagua Valley (Chile)	\$15.99
2003 Luigi Bosca, Malbec (Argentina)	\$16.99
2004 Achával Ferrer Quimera, Malbec/Cab/Merlot (Arg)	\$36.99

Portugal/Spain

2005 Finca Luzon, Luzon, Jumilla	\$6.99
2004 Las Rocas de San Alejandro, Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2004 Payva Ribera del Guadiana	\$7.99
2004 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2005 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado Navarra	\$8.99
2003 Campo Viejo Crianza Rioja	\$8.99
2004 Candela Carro, Murcia	\$8.99
2005 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco	\$8.99
2004 Mas Que Vinos, Ercavio Roble, La Mancha	\$8.99
2003 Bilbao Tempranillo, Rioja	\$9.99
2005 Vinos Piñol Ludovicus, Terra Alta	\$9.99
2003 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla	\$10.99
2001 Quinta dos Roques Vinho Tinto (Portugal)	\$10.99
2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas	\$11.99
2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos Prima, Toro	\$12.99
2004 Pucho, Bierzo	\$12.99
2004 Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestizaje, Valencia	\$13.99
2004 Dominio de Tares Baltos, Mencia, Bierzo	\$13.99
2005 Raventos i Blanc Parfum de Vi Blanc, Penedes	\$13.99
2005 Angel Rodriguez Martinsancho Verdejo	\$14.99
2001 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Reserva, Navarra	\$14.99
2003 Ramon Bilbao Rioja Limited	\$14.99
2004 Vinos Piñol Portal Crianza, Terra Alta	\$14.99
2001 Marques de Riscal Reserva Rioja	\$15.99
2001 Salceda Rioja Reserva	\$16.99
2004 Fefiñanes Albariño	\$16.99
2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha	\$16.99
2000 La Rioja Alta, Alberdi, Rioja	\$18.99
2001 Quinta de Cabriz Dão Reserva (Portugal)	\$18.99
1996 Marques de Arienzo Gran Reserva Rioja	\$21.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Reserva	\$23.99
2001 Cillar de Silos, Ribera del Duero, Crianza	\$24.99
2003 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza	\$26.99
2004 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto	\$26.99
2001 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero	\$31.99
2003 Dos Victorias Gran Elias Mora Daniel	\$41.99
1999 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Reserva	\$44.99
2004 Chryseia (Portugal)	\$49.99

Big Wines for the Holiday Fun!

2001 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero (\$31.99) 91 points Robert Parker: "A blend of 75% Tempranillo, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Merlot, the 2001 Reserva enjoyed malolactic in barrel and aging in French oak (much of it new) for 24 months prior to bottling. A complex nose of dried herbs, blueberries, black currants, licorice, and espresso is followed by a ripe, full-bodied, opulent, pure, elegant as well as nuanced wine."

2001 Ramon Bilbao Mirto (\$36.99) 90 points *Wine Spectator*: "This thick red is rich with ripe, black fruit flavors of plum and blackberry, backed by toasty, smoky oak notes and muscular tannins. Not showing much finesse now, but it's solid and balanced."

2001 Bodegas Ostatu Gloria de Ostatu (\$49.99) Priced elsewhere for \$64.99! 94 points from Robert Parker: "...This fabulous effort offers a saturated ruby/purple color as well as gorgeous aromas of cigar tobacco, smoke, black currants, blackberries, and cedar. Deep, full-bodied, and opulent, with a voluptuous mid-section, great intensity, and fine purity, this is a superb offering. Sadly, only 500 cases were produced. This is clearly a winery of which to take note, and the influence of the brilliant Hubert de Bouard can not be discounted."

1995 La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva 904 (\$51.99) 90 points from Robert Parker: "The current release of the estate's Rioja Gran Reserve 904, the 1995, is reminiscent of a Spanish version of a top-notch Graves from Bordeaux. Earthy mineral aromas intermixed with smoky tobacco, scorched earth, red currants, sweet cherries, and spice box jump from the glass of this complex, nuanced red. The light to medium ruby/garnet color is followed by notes of old wood, sweet, fresh mushrooms, roses, currants, and cherry fruit. With good structure and tannin, this is a classic example of an old style Rioja." Buen Provecho!

—Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

Argentine Malbec for Dark Winter Nights

I'd like to introduce two wines from Weinert, an excellent producer making Old World style wines from Bordeaux grapes in Mendoza. The **2003 Bodega Weinert Carascal Red (\$10.99)** is a blend of 50% malbec, 30% cabernet and 20% merlot and exhibits integrated tannins, balanced acidity, black fruit, and slight earthy aromas. Elegant and smooth, this is a fantastic wine so don't let the price fool you.

The second wine from Weinert is the **2002 Bodega Weinert Malbec (\$18.99)**, and it's a stunner from the rockin' good 2002 vintage. 100% malbec and aged three years in French oak, this wine shows mature fruit, a lovely bouquet, slight gamy notes and a bit of spice. This would be a perfect pairing with roasted fowl or hearty beef stew and not to be missed as a ringer in your next blind Bordeaux tasting.

Would you like a bit more explosive fruit in your Malbec while still keeping it balanced and fresh? Look no further than the **2004 Felipe Rutini Malbec (\$12.99)** with a bright, red fruit nose and notes of vanilla and cherry tobacco. Richness and compact power makes this is winner paired with steak.

Rounding out the list is the beautiful Malbec for the darkest December nights. The **2004 Dominio del Plata, Susana Balbo Malbec (\$25.99)**, is a top-notch wine every year, but as the 2004 vintage was particularly kind to Malbec, this is a true winner. The *Wine Spectator* gave it 91 points, an understatement for the finesse and purity of this 90% malbec/10% cabernet blend. With a luscious nose of dark chocolate and tobacco notes followed by a plush mouthful of perfectly ripe fruit. This wine is a must.

—Dan Buckler

AUSTRIA/GERMANY

Austria

2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Classic	\$15.99
2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Mandel-Höh	\$25.99
2004 Berger Blauer Zweigelt (1L)	\$13.99
2005 Berger Grüner Veltliner (1L)	\$10.99
2004 Weingut Pfaffl Gruner Veltliner Weinviertal DAC	\$17.99
2005 Iby Zweigelt Classic.....	\$11.99
2005 Bernard Ott Grüner Veltliner Der Ott	\$24.99
2005 Bernard Ott Grüner Veltliner Rosenberg Reserve.....	\$36.99
2005 Knoll Grüner Veltliner Federspiel	\$21.99
2005 Prager Grüner Veltliner Hinter der Burg Federspiel.....	\$21.99
2005 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss	\$13.99

Germany

1969 Dr. Pauly Bergweiler Bernkasteler Badstube Spätlese	\$64.99
2003 August Kessler Spätburgunder	\$22.99
2003 Bercher Burkheimer Feuerberg Spätburgunder	\$19.99
2004 Schlossgut Diel Rosé de Diel	\$18.99
2004 Joh. Jos. Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese	\$36.99
2004 Schmitt-Wagner Longuicher Maximiner Herrenb Kab ..	\$19.99
2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry.....	\$9.99
2005 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Kabinett (375ml)	\$10.99
2005 Ökonomierat Rebholz Müller-Thurgau Dry	\$11.99
2005 Ökonomierat Rebholz Vom Rotliegenden Spätlese Dry	\$29.99
2005 Lang. von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Kabinett	\$18.99
2005 Karthausenhof Eitelsbacher Karthausenhofberg Kab.....	\$21.99
2005 Fritz Haag Estate Riesling.....	\$16.99
2005 Gysler Weinheimer Riesling Kabinett	\$13.99
2005 Josef Leitz Rüdeshheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" ..	\$14.99
2005 Robert Weil Estate Dry Riesling	\$21.99

Power? I'll Give You Power!

So, you're one of those people who refuses to admit that Riesling is the most versatile varietal on the face of the planet. If you're not, continue to the bottom portion*. But if you are, please continue to read on...

Riesling is a picky grape; it needs the proper climate, terroir and the tender loving touch of the grower and winemaker. This ain't no Cab! When done right, Riesling is full of complexity, elegance and a powerful grace that is unmatched by any other varietal in the world. Yes, they can be dessert in a bottle, but have you ever had one from a producer who knows the varietal better than their own children? And yes, they do have quite a bit of acid, but have you ever tried them with the proper foods (which isn't too hard as they pair up with almost anything). One of my most memorable food/wine experiences was at a restaurant in Germany, sauerbraten with an older eiswein. It was life changing! Want another? Sitting outside with a plate of freshly smoked trout while sucking down a dry (trocken) Riesling. Talk about a party!

*The Austrian region known as the Wachau has long been known for its powerful, dry Rieslings such as the **2005 Prager Riesling Smaragd Hollerin (\$39.99)**. A wine filled with aromatic complexity and stunning mouth feel, this is definitely not one of your everyday sippers. The **2005 Josef Leitz Rüdeshheimer Berg Rottland Spätlese Trocken Alte Reben (\$39.99)** is Germany's answer to the powerful wines of the Wachau. Johannes has produced one of the biggest, most powerful dry wines I have ever had. I realize that it can be frustrating, but I find absolutely no reason why these wines should not be coveted and treated with the same patience—they need it—with which you would treat your own little sister or brother!!!

—Eric Story

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace	\$14.99
Jean Philippe & Francois Becker Cremant d'Alsace	\$14.99
2004 Domaine Roland Schmitt Tokay-Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2004 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	\$18.99
2004 Jean Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	\$17.99
2004 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru ..	\$18.99
2000 Trimbach Riesling Cuvee Frederic Emile.....	\$39.99
2004 Boeckel Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes.....	\$13.99

Loire

François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	\$16.99
Domaine de l'Ecu, Bossard, Cuvée Ludwig Hahn Sparkling ..	\$13.99
2002 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Cuvee Domaine	\$14.99
2003 Domaine Fouet Saumur Champigny	\$18.99
2004 Jo Pithon Les Bergères Anjou Blanc.....	\$19.99
2004 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Vieilles Vignes	\$16.99
2004 Château du Hureau Saumur Champigny, Vatan	\$13.99
2004 Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly	\$42.99
2004 Didier Dagueneau Pouilly-Fume Silex.....	\$79.99
2005 Franck Millet Sancerre Blanc	\$13.99
2005 Domaine Daulny Sancerre	\$15.99
2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Côt Vieilles Vignes	\$13.99
2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Rosé Riage Tournant.....	\$9.99
2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine-Amboise Bel Air Sec.....	\$11.99
2005 Benedicte de Rycke Coteaux du Loir Blanc	\$14.99
2005 François Pinon Vouvray Cuvee Tradition	\$15.99
2005 Domaine de la Pépière Clos des Briords Muscadet	\$12.99
2005 Domaine de la Pépière Cepage Côt	\$12.99
2005 Domaine Patrick Coulbois Pouilly-Fume Les Charne....	\$17.99

Loire, Alsace and Beyond: Boulay is Back

Our ship has finally landed, and we are again in the privileged position of having the one-of-a-kind Sancerres of Gerard Boulay in Chavignol on the shelves and ready for your discovery. This is my absolute favorite property in Sancerre, and the 2005s are stunning. This is one really great vintage here. Now a little about the estate: Gerard Boulay works the soil manually. The youngest vines at the domaine were planted by Mr. Boulay in 1972. The average vine age is about 45 years old. The wines ferment naturally; he adds no yeast and minimal amounts of SO₂. He describes his role as one of surveillance to make sure nothing goes wrong. In general he works by instinct, *au feeling*, because he wants to let the wine live. In his words: "C'est la nature qui fait le vin," or nature makes the wine. These wines show aromas of candied grapefruit, mandarin orange, lime and wildflowers but what really sets them apart is their mineral infused personality. These are wines of the soil that echo the land with precision and delineation found in only the greatest of white wines. We have three cuvees of Sancerre Chavignol in stock and the delicious **2005 Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Rosé (\$16.99)** that is just opening up. Grab some and save it till spring!

2005 Boulay Sancerre Chavignol.....\$18.99

2005 Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Clos du Beaujeu\$24.99

Old-vine cuvee, vinified in neutral wood, one of the greatest wines of the region. From 40-60 year old vines, very age worthy.

2005 Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Mont Damnés\$26.99

This comes from a plot inherited recently from Boulay's father-in-law. Deep, powerfully concentrated Sancerre with incredible purity.

—Jeff Vierra

A Holiday Verse

Twas the night before Cringle, and in this olde shoppe,
Not a customer there, you could hear a pin drop.
The corkscrews were ready and glasses were poised,
When out of one corner came a burp of a noise,
It was Jiminy Christmas, old Jimmy Barr.
Drunk as a skunk, which of course is the par.
Whilst waiting for Nick to show up on this night,
Jim drank middle Mosel, then left and then right
He drank Monte Bello, Petrus and Le Pin,
He drank old Madeira, Solera and gin,
He drank old wine, new wine, Merlot and Meyney
But Jiminy kept it to only red, white and rosé.
As he slumbered and snored in this olde shop of wine
He dreamt of St Nick—it was quarter to nine.
And outside the window as if it was sent
A sleigh filled with presents began its descent.
“On Wallace! On grommit! On Reagan and Nixon!
Hurry on up or it’s deer that I’m fixin’!
And if you don’t want to end up on a plate
Then move your white butts or Christmas is late!”
And Jiminy snored, and he snarked and he whooshed
And he dreamt he was Tiger—he putted and swooshed.
But he never woke up, That Jiminy Barr...
Not hearing St Nick or when thieves stole his car.
And Nick came down softly, a trick for his girth
And spotting old Jiminy He chuckled with mirth
And stooped to deposit a gift on Jim’s lap
And drink some Champagne during Jiminy’s long nap.
Back up through the chimney went Nick in a flash
Leaving old Jiminy with his vinous stash.
But lo and behold, old Jim woke right up
And rubbed on his eyeballs and drank from his cup
Twas then that he spied the lone gift by the tree
And said “I weren’t dreaming, this present’s for me!”
He tore at the wrapping, and untied the bow
And opened the box (and he feasted on crow)
For coal was the item contained in the box
Not crayons or neckties or athletic socks,
But just at the moment when Jim was to cry
The coal tumbled out and caused Jimmy to sigh
For sure as there’s heaven he spotted a note
From Jiminy’s employers, and here’s what they wrote:
“Although you are deaf and you’re blind and you’re dumb
And you grumble and mumble and suck on your thumb,
Here is a raise in your twice weekly pay
For if not for you Joe Z couldn’t stay
There’d be no one to hassle and no one to blame
For everything wrong, there’s be no one to frame
So thank you, and bless you, and sleep good and tight,
And a thrice merry Christmas to all, and good night!”
To you great K&L customers,
please take good care.
You may not be old,
but you certainly are rare!

—Joe Zegulder

Jim’s Holiday Gems

October 29th: Two weeks ago, I received a wonderful email from Zac Robinson (one of the two owners of Husch Vineyards), who recently purchased my Anderson Valley vineyard/home. They had picked seven tons of Pinot Noir the previous week from the site and were extremely pleased with the quality of the fruit (Gosh, sometimes I think that I actually knew what I was doing). It took the picking crew nearly two days (fifteen hours total) to get the fruit in, the berries were small, but the juice smelled and looked very intense according to Zac. This is really exciting to me, even though I couldn’t see it through to its fruition. Based on all my previous research and vineyard locale, Husch should be making some absolutely incredible Pinots from that site.

The holidays are here and there is no better way to celebrate them than with bubbly. Our regional wine buyer, Mulan Chan, once again has purchased a “super-gem” for your holiday enjoyment with the **NV Jean-Louis Denois Brut “Tradition” (\$14.99)**, from the Languedoc. As Mulan points out, Jean-Louis makes exciting, world-class wines, and this little gem is a great representation of what comes from this small producer. This sparkler has incredible elegance, is dry and mouthwatering in the mid-palate and provides notes of almonds, red fruits and sourdough yeast. This is our house sparkler for the holidays according to Vanilla. 🍾🍾🍾🍾🍾

Domestically, 99% percent of our Chardonnays are going to be as good as they are going to become the day that they are released. This has to do with climate, soil, vinification techniques and clones. So when an older chardonnay that comes from a much warmer, California style environment, as with the **2000 Jean-Louis Denois Vin Pays d’Oc Chardonnay “Sainte Marie” (\$14.99)**, is as fresh, lively, and loaded with flavors as this gem, I have to ask myself, “What do I know about older Chardonnays?” This is incredible stuff, and you really shouldn’t miss it. Eby gives it countless cat faces and says this is our house white forever! 🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱🐱 as high as it gets!

Two years ago, our first ever Anderson Valley Chardonnay made its debut and was, in our estimation, the best Kalinda Chardonnay ever. That great producer of Chardonnay from my former neighbor has allowed us to put our label on a small quantity of their estate fruit, and it will become the greatest of all Kalinda Chardonnays. The **2005 Kalinda Anderson Valley Chardonnay (\$12.99)** is barrel fermented and is aged sur-lies for nine months. The aromas suggest that you are standing in a pear orchard, while in the mouth there is tons of structure, vibrant fruit that is supported by just a hint of French oak and a finish that will make you say “Wow!” Anderson does not usually consume white wine, but for this puppy/gem he says that it is our house white for the next x-amount of months or until we are sold out, which may be tomorrow. Jump on this gem! 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

We hope everyone has a wonderful, safe and festive holiday season, and a special “Happy Holidays” to all of Anderson’s buddies, those that he plays and pals around with each day.

—Jim, Anderson, Eby and Vanilla

Pure Wines: Muscadet & Lirac

I once heard François Chidaine, a winemaker in the Loire Valley, say that biodynamic winemakers need to approach their craft with “a peasant’s mentality.” It’s idealistic, but at heart it’s a sentiment that well describes the goals of most producers that use natural practices in the vineyard. Whatever it takes for a grower to pay attention to his or her vineyards is a good thing. Even if we throw out the debate over the holistic “health” of the soil, Biodynamic practices discipline growers to pay more attention to their vineyards, and many feel that this focus allows winemakers to make wines with a stronger sense of terroir. Pierre and Monique Luneau in Muscadet hold to this philosophy. The Luneau-Papin wines are serious about showing a sense of place. Tasting through vintages of the (biodynamic) cuvée L d’Or, it’s easy to notice. We have 2004, 1997, 1995 and 1989. The wines are classic Muscadet, but there’s something more; each vintage is distinctive while still expressing the vineyard. That expressive quality is not unique to the Loire. The **2004 Domaine Duseigneur Lirac “Angelique” (\$12.99)** shows its origins in a similar manner. Frederic and Bernard Duseigneur farm organically, and the luscious red they produce is as full of character as it is easy to drink. The aim of both of the producers is to make the best wine possible, by using natural farming methods. And the proof is in the glass.

—Paul Courtright

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut.....	\$22.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs (1.5L \$49.99)	\$24.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" & "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$26.99
Laurent Perrier Brut & Demi-Sec	\$29.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve & Brut Zero	\$26.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve	\$27.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious.....	\$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve.....	\$27.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$28.99
Ariston Aspasie Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
2000 Franck Bonville Vintage	\$29.99
Fleury Brut Carte Rouge-Now direct!.....	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant Various Single Vineyard Bruts	\$29.99
2001 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé-Barely legal!	\$29.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé-Exciting new pink!	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$34.99
Michel Arnould Grand Cuvee Brut.....	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé-Now direct!	\$34.99
Lallement Brut.....	\$39.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru.....	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99
René Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige (1.5L \$99.00)	\$39.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Brut	\$44.99
Lallement Brut Reserve	\$49.99
1990 Rene Collard	\$49.99
1999 Roederer Vintage Brut	\$49.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Blanc de Blancs	\$49.99
Tarlant Vigne d'Or Meunier Single Vineyard	\$49.99
1996 Bruno Paillard Brut	\$54.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé.....	\$54.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Brut Rose	\$54.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Gold Label Reserve	\$54.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	\$59.99
1999 Veuve Clicquot Brut Rosé.....	\$59.99
1985 René Collard Cuvee Speciale Rosé Brut	\$69.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"	\$79.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Alexandra Rosé	\$99.99
Krug Grand Cuvee Brut.....	\$119.00
1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1996 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1998 Dom Perignon	Inquire
1992 Krug Clos de Mesnil	Inquire
Domestic Sparkling Wine	
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage".....	\$32.99
2000 Iron Horse Classic Vintage Brut.....	\$24.99
2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc.....	\$24.92
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	\$26.99
2003 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir	\$24.98
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir.....	\$14.99
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc de Noir	\$14.99
NV Scharffenberger Brut.....	\$13.99
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut.....	\$16.99

Pascal Leclerc Briant's Oenotheque

Many of you met Mr. Pascal Leclerc when he visited us this February. He had a great time in the U.S. and was very impressed with K&L's clientele. This helped him decide to open up his Oenotheque (old wine library) for a unique purchase of older vintages such as:

1981 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Divine Brut Champagne (\$99.00) This has been stored in the 90-foot-deep cellars of Leclerc-Briant, disgorged to order especially for K&L after 25 years on the lees. Only 48 bottles available in the U.S. Apple tart nose with a medium bodied impression on the palate. Velvety, textural with a quite potent!

1988 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Divine Brut Champagne (\$79.00) Only 15 cases of this extraordinary rarity made it to U.S. soil. It is hard to believe that this is 16 years old; the color is still hay and white gold, and the nose is still full of minerals and fresh honey. Balanced and elegant in every way, this bottle achieves the complexity of aged wine without sacrificing the bracing refreshment of young Champagne.

1989 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Divine Brut Champagne (\$79.00) Only 4 cases imported. It is 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir grown in estate vineyards. The color is deep golden hay, and the nose is full of developed pinot noir with big brioche and ripe apples. This wine is a powerhouse, full bodied and vinous next to the lithe and bright 1988.

1990 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Divine Brut Champagne (\$79.00) 17 cases are available. Also half chardonnay and half pinot, this has an ultimately fresh and primary apple and white flower nose. On the palate it is full and elegant with finesse to spare. It is extraordinarily long finishing. I only wish we had many more bottles to offer!

1987 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé Champagne (\$79.00) Only 10 cases imported. 100% pinot (from Cumieres) made using full skin contact (saignee) to achieve the salmon and copper color. This has strawberries and maraschino cherries on its pure and generous nose. A delicious bottle that has hardly aged at all over 19 years!

1985 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé Champagne (1.5L \$179.00) 100% pinot noir (from Cumieres), the nose is one of the most complex I have ever encountered with violets, leather and dried cherry. Extraordinarily firm and full of mystery and intrigue. It is savory, has a slight touch of tannin and ultra long finish, plus potential for further cellaring. It has been aged on the cork. —Gary Westby

Something for Everyone!

As Christmas approaches and things become more hectic, Champagne De Meric offers something for everyone, saving you precious shopping time. The **NV Reserve Sous Bois Brut (\$27.99)** is 80% pinot noir and 15% chardonnay with a small bead, red and yellow fruits and light toast. Balanced, with medium-bubbles and just enough yeast. The **1999 Sous Bois Brut (\$44.99)**, 70% pinot noir and 30% chardonnay, has a nose of fresh cream and brioche. On the palate, Bing cherries, oranges, vanilla and a nice hint of oak. The **NV Blanc de Blanc Sous Bois (\$34.99)** is 100% chardonnay and received 90 points from the *Wine Spectator*. Made solely from the 2000 vintage, it is a richly styled Blanc de Blanc with cream, vanilla, nuts and minerals. The **NV Sous Bois Rosé Brut (\$34.99)** has a classic nose of violets, rose petals and honeysuckle. In the mouth, it distinguishes itself with red cherry fruit and a dry, light finish. The "queen bee" from De Meric is the **1995/1996 Cuvee Catherine de Medicis Brut (\$69.99)**. A classic blend of 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir, this wine was aged eight years on the lees. Dense black cherry fruit from the pinot noir while the chardonnay shines on the long finish, which is reminiscent of Salon. Happy holidays! —Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

NV Chardonnay Plaisir des Princes	\$6.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, V.V., Domaine A & A Goisot.....	\$10.99
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Jean Monnier	\$10.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté," Domaine G & J-H Goisot	\$11.99
2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....	\$11.99
2005 Macon Solutré, Domaine Renaud.....	\$11.99
2004/05 St. Veran, Domaine des Nembrets	\$13.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince-Was \$16.99.....	\$13.99
Bright, attractive and extraordinarily well priced!	
2004 Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Domaine Arnoux	\$14.99
2004 Chablis "Montmains," 1er Cru, Vocoret (375ml).....	\$14.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Maison Champy	\$15.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Château Laboure Roi (Meursault)	\$16.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine Pinson	\$16.99
2004/05 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine des Nembrets	\$18.99
2004 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine Jean-Pierre Seve	\$19.99
2004 St-Romain, Champy	\$20.99
2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy	\$21.99
This is a baby Corton Charlemagne, with lovely minerality.	
2004 Hautes Cotes de Nuits, Cuvée Marine, Anne Gros.....	\$25.99
2004 St-Aubin "Friottes," 1er Cru, Domaine Jomain	\$27.99
2003 Marsannay Blanc, Domaine Joseph Roty	\$27.99
2004 Monthélie Blanc, Château de Puligny Montrachet	\$27.99
2004 Meursault, Chevalières, Domaine Jean Monnier.....	\$29.99
2004 Meursault, Clos du Cromin, Domaine Jean Monnier.....	\$29.99
Extraordinary values, our Direct Import. Both are delightful. The Clos du Cromin is more forward and very rich, while the Chevalières shows lime blossoms and focus.	
2004 St. Aubin 1er Cru, Murgers Dent de Chien, Champy	\$29.99
Extraordinary value, this is essentially Puligny-Montrachet for a great price!	
2004 Chablis "Monte de Tonnerre," 1er Cru, Long-Depaquit	\$32.99
2004 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Deux Montille	\$40.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Mont	\$41.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, V.V., Dom. Fontaine Gagnard .	\$41.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$46.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Jomain	\$49.99
2003 Meursault "Poruzots," 1er, Château de Puligny Mont	\$53.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet "Pucelles," 1er, Domaine Jomain ..	\$54.99
2004 Chass-Mont "Boudriotte," 1er, Dom. Fontaine Gagnard	\$56.99
2004 Meursault, Meix Chavaux or Vireuils, Domaine Roulot	\$58.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er, Clos Murees, Dom. Fontaine Gagnard	\$59.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er, Chenevottes, Dom. Fontaine Gagnard	\$59.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, 1er Cru, Marquis Laguiche	\$63.99
2002 Chablis "La Moutonne," Grand Cru, Long Depaquit	\$64.99
2004 Beaune Clos des Mouches, Blanc, Domaine J Drouhin ..	\$64.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Caillerets," 1er, Dom. Fontaine Gagnard	\$65.99
2004 Meursault "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Ch. De Puligny Mont....	\$68.99
2004 Corton Charlemagne, Grand cru, Domaine Moillard	\$74.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet "Folatières," 1er, Ch de P-Mont	\$76.99
2004 Meursault "Charmes," 1er Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey	\$78.99
2003 Chassagne-Montrachet "Champs Gain," 1er Cru, Niellon	\$81.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos Maltroie," 1er Cru, Niellon	\$82.99

2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$86.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin.....	\$89.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Girardin	\$99.00
Also available in half bottles for \$47.99	
1999 Meursault "Goutte D'Or," 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon	\$119.95
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey	\$119.99
2004 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, P. Pernot	\$123.99
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot	\$149.95
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Etienne Sauzet	\$199.95
2004 Chevalier Montrachet Grand Cru, Girardin	\$240.00
2004 Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marquis Laguiche (Drouhin)	\$335.00
2003 Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$549.95

Beaujolais

FRV100 (Method Ancienne) Sparkling Gamay, Domaine Terres Dorées, Jean-Paul Brun	\$14.99
This demi-sec, off-dry, low-alcohol sparkler is full of fun and a delight to drink.	
2006 Beaujolais Nouveau, Louis Tete	\$10.49
2006 Beaujolais Villages Nouveau, Georges Duboeuf	\$10.99
2005 Julienas, Domaine Milleranche, Terres et Vins	\$11.99
2005 Chiroubles, Maison Joseph Drouhin	\$12.99
2006 Beaujolais Nouveau, Domaine Dominique Piron.....	\$12.99
2005 Moulin-à-Vent, Domaine des Gandelins, Terres et Vins.	\$13.99
2004 Chenas, Domaine Pascal Granger	\$15.99

Domaine Barraud Shines in 2005

The Domaine des Nembrets is what Denis Barraud calls his estate on the slope of the Roche de Vergisson. The "Roche" are soils of highly folded and well-drained Limestone, and depending on the specific soils, the wines of Pouilly Fuisse, Saint Veran, or Macon Vergisson all call this home. 2005 has already been praised in the press, and after trying these wines you'll see why. They have the poise and definition of the 2004s while possessing richer, riper fruit and more concentration. Denis does not like to chapitalize, and in this vintage there was no need to. These wines have become some of the best values we have from Burgundy, and we proudly support this artisanal wine maker.

2005 Domaine des Nembrets Saint Veran (\$14.99) A mixture of stainless steel and a small percentage of oak; only the oldest vines that are capable of handling the oak go into barrel. The wine exhibits good weight and length. More open than in previous vintages, with aromatics and flavors that range from bright citrus, soft floral, to soft pear. The fruit is framed with good acidity, and a soft minerality plays out on the surprisingly long finish.

2005 Domaine des Nembrets Pouilly Fuisse "Les Chataignieres" (\$19.99) This is what Pouilly Fuisse should be! It sees more oak, batonage and longer aging than the previous wine. The fruit is dominantly citrus, with hints of vanilla and spice. On the palate the wine sparkles with a richer texture, crisp acidity and intense minerality.

2005 Pouilly Fuisse "Les Folles" Vieilles Vignes (\$21.99) This wine has more drive and focus. Its juicy fruit balances the mouth-watering acidity, yet it has plenty of concentration so it is not tart nor lean just Chardonnay grown over Limestone!

2005 Pouilly Fuisse "La Roche," Vieilles Vignes (\$24.99) From the rockiest parcels of the estate, this is serious white Burgundy! It begs comparisons to more expensive wines from the Cote d'Or! It is rich, focused and elegant, with every facet—oak, fruit, leanness and minerality enhancing the next. Seriously good wine!
—Kirk Walker

RED BURGUNDY

2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Vincent Sauvestre	\$11.99	2004 Vosne-Romanée “Petits Monts,” 1er Cru, J. Drouhin	\$88.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Patrick Size	\$14.99	2003 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard	\$89.95
2004 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, “Signature” Maison Champy	\$15.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny “Hauts Doix,” 1er Cru, Groffier	\$89.99
2002 Marsannay Rouge, Louis Latour.....	\$15.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Cras,” 1er Cru, Barthod	\$89.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus Bruchon.....	\$16.99	2001 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Damoy	\$89.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Michel Gros	\$19.99	2004 Mazis-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Maison Champy	\$89.99
2002 Cote de Nuits Villages, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand	\$20.99	2004 Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin	\$94.99
2004 Pernand-Vergeleses “Fichots” 1er Cru, Champy	\$21.99	2004 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin.....	\$94.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, “Deux Papis,” Alex Gambal	\$23.99	2002 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru, Domaine Olivier Guyot....	\$97.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Prieur, Frederic Esmonin	\$26.99	2003 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$99.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Grands Liards, Camus Bruchon	\$26.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny, “Sentiers,” 1er Cru, Groffier	\$99.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, “Lavières,” 1er, Camus Bruchon	\$28.99	2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Domaine Hubert Lignier	\$99.95
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, “Narbaton,” 1er, Camus Bruchon ..	\$28.99	2003 Gevrey-Chambertin “Fontenys,” 1er Cru, Dom. Roty ..	\$104.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Maison Champy ..	\$29.99	2004 Clos Vougeot Grand Maupertuis, Anne Gros	\$114.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Joseph Drouhin	\$35.99	2003 Clos St. Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn.....	\$116.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin “Estournelles St. Jacques,” 1er, F. Esmonin	\$36.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny “Amoureuses,” 1er Cru, Drouhin \$127.99	
1999 Pommard-Epenots, “Clos Citeaux,” 1er Cru, J. Monnier	\$41.99	2003 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru, Mongeard-Mugneret ..	\$134.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village V.V., Heresztyn.....	\$42.99	2004 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$143.99
2004 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Michel Gros.....	\$44.99	2003 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Comte de Vogue	\$149.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue Vergy, Domaine Michel Gros	\$44.99	2003 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier ..	\$159.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros	\$44.99	2003 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Très V.V., Roty	\$174.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Maison Joseph Drouhin	\$46.99	2004 Musigny, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$175.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros	\$47.99	2003 Chambertin Grand Cru, Louis Latour-Was \$199.99	\$169.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Champs Chenys, Domaine Roty ..	\$49.99	2003 Musigny, Grand Cru, J-F Mugnier	\$335.00
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn	\$49.99		
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Brunelle, Domaine Roty	\$49.99		
2003 Volnay, Domaine Lafarge	\$49.99		
2003 Nuits-St-Georges “Boudots,” 1er Cru, Dom. Jerome Chezeaux.....	\$50.99		
2002 Pommard Perrieres, Vignes Centenaires, Chas Vienot ..	\$52.99		
2002 Monthelie “Les Duresses,” 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon	\$53.99		
2000 Vosne-Romanée “Les Malconsorts,” 1er Cru, N. Potel ..	\$54.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges “Clos l’Arlot,” 1er Cru, Dom. l’Arlot .	\$54.99		
2004 Corton Renardes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode	\$54.99		
2004 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode	\$54.99		
2000 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru, Tolleot Beau.....	\$54.99		
2003 Volnay, Vendanges Selection, Domaine Lafarge	\$57.99		
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Prieur Bas, Domaine Roty	\$57.99		
2004 Vosne-Romanée “Suchots,” 1er, Maison Champy	\$59.99		
2001 Nuits-St-Georges “Murgers,” 1er Cru, Cathiard	\$59.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges “Clos des Forêts,” 1er, Dom. l’Arlot ..	\$54.99		
2004 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode	\$59.99		
2003 Beaune “Clos des Ursules,” 1er Cru, Domaine Jadot	\$60.99		
2004 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin	\$63.99		
Sweet, delicious and aromatic, with a bit of toasty oak. This is a great value!			
2004 Mazy-Chambertin Grand Cru, Frederic Esmonin.....	\$63.99		
2003 Gevrey-Cham “Champonnets,” 1er Cru, Heresztyn	\$65.99		
2003 Gevrey-Cham “Goulots,” 1er Cru, Heresztyn	\$66.99		
2004 Vosne-Romanée “Suchots,” 1er Cru, Domaine l’Arlot ..	\$67.99		
2003 Chambolle-Musigny “Gruenchers,” 1er, Dom. Fourrier	\$69.99		
2003 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Baudes,” 1er, Barthod	\$74.99		
2003 Pommard “Fremiers,” 1er Cru, Louis Boillot.....	\$79.99		
2003 Vosne-Romanée “Clos des Reas,” 1er Cru, Michel Gros	\$79.99		
2003 Morey-St-Denis “Millandes,” 1er Cru, Heresztyn	\$79.99		
2003 Nuits-St-Georges “Roncieres,” 1er Cru, Jean Grivot	\$84.99		
2004 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Maison Champy	\$84.99		

Pour Votre Plaisir

Artisanal Cru Beaujolais, Hooray!

The Beaujolais producers have a problem. Their great idea for Nouveau Beaujolais helps them sell a great deal of their production quickly. It is also light, fruity and just fun to drink. But it obscures the fact that the top Cru Beaujolais, from villages like Julienas, Chiroubles, Fleurie, Moulin à Vent and others, are complex wines with much more to recommend them than simply a forgettable fruity quaff. They are spicy, interesting, food-friendly wines with the ability to age and improve in your cellar. The good news is that due to the market neglecting these wines, they are available for extraordinarily reasonable prices. This is particularly true when we seek them out, and buy directly from the growers. You owe it to yourself to see what these fabulous artisanal wines are about.

We are working with an organization calling itself Terra Vitis. They are a group of winemakers who deal with low-impact viticulture to produce wines typical of their terroirs. We have two wines to offer at present: the **2005 Terra Vitis Julienas, Domaine Milleranche (\$11.99)**, from Jerome Corsin, which has good weight on the mid-palate and a very lovely, bright and spicy finish; and the **2005 Terra Vitis Moulin-a-Vent, Domaine des Gandelins (\$13.99)**, from Nathalie & Patrick Thévenet. Their vines are 70 years old, and that old-vine concentration really shows. The nose shows griottes, or wild cherries, and on the palate it is concentrated, bright and long. Balanced and elegant in style, this reflects the granitic and quartz soil, with no clay, in which the vines grown. And it sells for a song, thanks to our Direct Import. Don't miss it!

À Sante!

—Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

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

Pre-Arrivals

Pre-Arrival Barolo!

- 1999 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"-95+ points Stephen Tanzer ..\$59.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"\$59.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L)-95 points Tanzer ...\$174.95

In Stock:

Tuscany

- 2005 Maritima Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"-A new cuvee..... \$7.49
2003 Poggipiano M'ama non M'ama-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* \$9.99
2003 Poggipiano Chianti Classico-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.....\$13.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico\$17.99
2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.
2004 Felsina Chianti Classico Chianti Classico\$17.99
2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.
2004 Querciabella Chianti Classico-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*..... \$23.99
2001 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia"\$26.99
2001 Rocca Montegrossi Chianti Classico Ris "Marcellino" ..\$29.99
2003 Poggipiano Rosso di Sera "IGT"-3 Glasses *Gamb. Rosso*....\$44.99

Montalcino

- 2004 Poggiarellino Rosso di Montalcino\$10.99
2004 Ferrero Rosso di Montalcino\$15.99
2004 Casiano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino\$16.99
1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*.
2004 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$17.99

2004 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino\$18.99

2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*..\$19.99

The stunning quality of the 2004 vintage will blow you away in this wine.

2004 Frescobaldi Campo ai Sassi Rosso di Montalcino\$19.99

2001 Poggiarellino Brunello\$29.99

3.5 Stars: The powerful, focused center extends right down the middle of your palate; the wine is rich, fleshy with a chocolaty, ripe cherry flavor filled body. The wine has considerable depth and a texture that makes me think of a Bisteca Fiorentina. Where the 2000 had loads of plump and fun fruit, this vintage shows far more complexity, layers of spice, distinct mineral components and a truly dramatic and long-lasting finish where the spice and mineral go on forever. Capable of aging 15-20 years easily yet balanced and rich enough to excite anyone today (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2001 Baricci-90 points *Wine Enthusiast*\$34.99

4 Stars: The 2001 Baricci is full of the classic "Montosoli" nose, black cherry, cinnamon, anise, cardamom and leather. The power of this vintage really shines through and sangiovese's linear nature stretches the frame of this feminine wine to Amazonian proportions. Focused, long, complex and structured, the finish stands out while ripe layers of spicy black cherry and plum are deposited onto your tongue. Vital, lithe, colorful, the 2001 is the best Baricci for me since the 1985. It must be something for your cellar. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2001 La Fortuna-3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* and 90 points *Spectator*\$34.99

3 Stars: The wine's sweet ripeness is full of intense plum and dark cherry aromatics that seem poised to jump out of the glass. The thick, lush, yet dazzlingly fresh fruit character is accented with hints of earth, spice and mineral that is wrapped around a powerful foundation. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2001 Argiano-2 RED Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.....\$39.95

93 points Stephen Tanzer: "Full red. Highly complex aromas of medicinal black cherry, mocha, licorice and black olive, with a roasted aspect and a whiff of celery seed. Sweet, densely packed and concentrated, with lush, seamless dark fruit flavors spreading out to saturate the palate. A big, firmly structured Brunello that finishes with ripe tannins and intriguing hints of iron and peat."

Podere Rinascimento: Fattoria Poggiopiano

We were stunned to have the opportunity to add this winery to the K&L Direct Import Portfolio, and we jumped at the chance. Fattoria Poggiopiano is a star in Italy yet almost unknown here in the U.S.A. For those who have tasted their incredible Super Tuscan Rosso di Sera, it is an unforgettable experience. *Gambero Rosso* has given this wine 3 Glasses (its highest rating) for eight of the last ten years, 1995-2004 (in 2002 it wasn't made, and in 1996 it received 2 Glasses). Fattoria Poggiopiano hails from San Casciano, the home of Machiavelli and the northwestern portion of Chianti Classico. Here in this idyllic setting one of Tuscany's most sensual wines is made. You didn't misread that; I said sensual, because it is more than a wine. It is a physical experience that warms all of your senses.

The 2003 Fattoria Poggiopiano "Rosso di Sera" (\$44.99), 3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*, is luscious, balanced, full of red and black fruits, cassis, cardamom, saffron and hints of vanilla. The wine is warm and inviting. Its supple elegance veils its power, shimmering like a veil in a summer breeze. The wine is a series of alternating experiences that leads one to feel the pleasure but never quite understand all of the character. It is power and delicacy, bold and subtle, soft and structured all simultaneously. Rosso di Sera gives one the feeling of a large cat, a lioness, smooth, sculptured rippling muscles, grace, power and a certain inscrutable nature that beckons one's curiosity. A siren's song. The wine is a blend of 90% sangiovese and 10% colorino. The

sangiovese provides the backbone and structure while the colorino adds color and texture. If you've ever liked Tignanello you're going to love Rosso di Sera! I could think of nothing nicer on your holiday table, under your tree, in your stocking (or a case in your cellar!).

The 2003 Fattoria Poggiopiano Chianti Classico (\$12.99), 2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*, is an incredible deal! The wine has warm openness to it, balanced, fresh yet stimulating and inviting. It finishes well on the palate with a great blend of crispness and lush fruit. It is full of the classic Chianti flavors of violet, lilac and cherries, yet the middle has hints of complex cassis and hints of the forest floor. The stunning quality for the price really highlights why our Direct Import program really delivers value. This is a great deal!

The 2004 Fattoria Poggiopiano "M'ama, non M'ama" (\$9.99), 1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*, is a superb drinking Super Tuscan blend of sangiovese, cabernet and merlot at a ridiculously low price. For those who aren't familiar with the Italian language, this may be a puzzle. It means "she loves me, she loves me not." Well this time she loves ya! The 2004 vintage is being hailed as a great year across Italy, and this wine shows it! The wine's sangiovese backbone is met with, supple merlot and ripe cabernet filling up the middle. A wonderful wine to drink now and over the next few years.

—Greg St. Clair

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- 2001 Collosorbo-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$39.95**
92 points *Wine Enthusiast*: "A standout wine thanks to lush red apple and cinnamon, coffee, tobacco, cherry cola, spice and peach cobbler-like aromas. Tasty, long finish with firm tannins and a flavorful, fruity tail."
- 2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello..... \$39.99**
91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Impressive blackberry, floral and mineral character. Full-bodied, with with velvety tannins and beautiful berry, plum and vanilla flavors. Long and flavorful."
- 2001 Lisini-90 points Wine Enthusiast\$39.99**
Gorgeous fruit is propped up with young muscle and structure in a warm cloak of spicy, supple flowing fruit.
- 1999 La Fortuna Riserva\$44.99**
92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Beautiful aromas of flowers, berry and light vanilla, with just a hint of coffee. Full-bodied, with bright fruit and a subtle tannin structure. Goes on for a long time. Best from 2006 through 2011. 330 cases made."
- 2000 Casanova Neri Brunello "Cerretalto"-93 points Spectator ..\$89.99**

Tuscany -Addendum - Olive Oil

- 2005 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico Extra Virgin 500ml\$17.99**
The quality of this oil is truly stupendous: bright, focused, peppery but unctuous, balanced and has an unbelievable length. This is truly a treasure and something you need to experience. Drizzle over bruschetta or in the classic Tuscan manner over your grilled meat. I like it with tuscan white beans, a hint of pepper and fresh rosemary. DIRECT IMPORT.
- 2005 Sesta di Sopra Extra Virgin di Montalcino 750ml\$19.99**
The tiny olive grove at Sesta di Sopra is made up of trees too old to date. They produce minute quantities of this magnificent Extra Virgin Olive Oil. We brought in 10 cases of this oil, which is about a third of their production. It is truly a labor of love. The oil is broader, fuller and riper than the Rocca di Montegrossi and has a more unctuous feel. DIRECT IMPORT.

Piedmont

- 2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba-1 Glass Gambero Rosso.....\$12.99**
Vibrant, incredibly balanced, great finish, all stainless steel, drinking beautifully! DIRECT IMPORT
- 2004 Pietro Rinaldi Barbera d'Alba "Bricco Cichetta"\$15.99**
Intensely bold fruit, great balance in this exceptional vintage. The first time this winery has been imported, from winemaker Beppe Caviola.

Barolo/Barbaresco

- 2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella"\$25.99**
2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin"\$32.99
2001 Alessandria Barolo "San Giovanni" \$54.99
3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.
- 2001 Elio Grasso Barolo Gavarini "Chinera"\$55.99**
2001 Einaudi Barolo "Nei Cannubi"-91 points Wine Spectator.....\$69.99
1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
1998 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

- 2005 Blason Pinot Grigio\$8.99**
Don't wait to try this absolutely stunning Pinot Grigio! DIRECT IMPORT.
- 2005 Blason Tocai Friulano-1 Glass Gambero Rosso.....\$8.99**
Last chance to buy a Blason Tocai Friulano, the law changes next vintage making it just Friulano!
- 2005 Blason Cabernet Franc\$8.99**
Looking for a flavor bargain? This is your wine, once you try it you're hooked!
- 2005 Blason Sauvignon-1 Glass Gambero Rosso\$9.99**
2005 Blason Chardonnay.....\$9.99
Un-oaked chardonnay that is REALLY good! Perfect for cocktail or meals!
- 2003 Ermacora Refosco\$15.99**

Sicily, Campania, Lazio and Umbria

- 2004 Arancio Grillo\$5.99**
2004 Arancio Nero d'Avola\$5.99
2004 Falesco Vitiano\$7.95
2004 Planeta La Segreta Bianco & Rosso\$11.95
2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Rubrato Aglianico\$11.99
2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola\$12.99
2004 Pallavicini "Amarasco"\$14.99
2004 d'Antiche Terre Fiano d'Avellino.....\$16.99
2004 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso\$17.99
2003 Valle dell'Acate Cerasuolo di Vittoria\$17.99
Soft, supple, elegant, very easy to drink and wonderful with food.
- 2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Fiano di Avellino "Pietra Calda" \$23.99**
2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Greco di Tufo "Cutizzi".....\$23.99
2004 Planeta Syrah-2 RED Glasses Gambero Rosso.....\$34.95
2004 Planeta Nero d'Avola Santa Cecilia.....\$34.95
2 RED Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.
- 2004 Planeta Chardonnay-2 RED Glasses Gambero Rosso\$36.99**

Emilia-Romagna, Lombardia and Veneto

- Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Amabile"-Sweet.....\$8.99**
2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico-1 Glass Gambero Rosso..\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Classico"-Semi-dry ..\$8.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Tipico"-Dry ..\$8.99
Silvano Follador Prosecco Extra Dry-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso ..\$10.99
Ca Berti Grasp. di Castelvetro "Robusco"-Semi-dry.....\$10.99
Silvano Follador Prosecco Brut-1 Glass Gambero Rosso.....\$10.99
2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Ripasso-2 RED Glasses GR\$16.99
2001 Luigi Righetti Amarone..... \$24.95
Bellavista Franciacorta Brut\$27.95
2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"-2 Glasses Gamb. Rosso ..\$39.99

December's Picks

2005 Cantina Terlan Pinot Grigio (\$17.99) From a hillside in the town of Terlan in the Alto Adige where the soil is sandy, gravelly and calcareous, this wine is aged on the lees for six months in stainless steel with 30% aged in big oak casks. Full bodied, delicately fragrant and mildly floral, ripe honeydew melon and Bartlett pear and lots of minerality. This will keep very easily over the next five years, but you will want to drink lots of this during the holiday season.

2003 Poggiopiano Chianti Classico (\$13.99) Awarded two glasses in *Gambero Rosso*. Here you will find a spicier sangiovese with lots of cinnamon and vanilla, black cherries and ripe strawberries with fine tannins that give this good balance, and a long finish. A great gift for your neighbors or co-workers.

2003 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT (\$44.99) Received Three Full glasses in this year's *Gambero Rosso*. 90% sangiovese and 10% colorino. Very intense, rich and full-bodied, you will find cassis, roasted coffee, blueberries, red currant and a dash of spiciness with well integrated tannins and good length on the finish. Enjoy now and over the next few years.

2005 Rocca di Montegrossi Extra Vergine Olive Oil 500ml (\$19.99) This comes from one of the rising wine stars of Tuscany, an estate now directly imported by K&L. Who would have guessed that they'd be equally as talented with olives as with grapes! This green-flecked extra virgin oil is perfect to douse atop salads and for bread dipping (too good to cooking with). Also a great gift idea. Salute! —Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

There is no better way to spend the holiday season than by enjoying a wonderful glass of an outstanding armagnac, calvados, cognac or single malt whisky with family and friends. I thank you all for supporting K&L this year. May the new year bring only happiness, health and peace!

—Susan Purnell

Whisky

BenRiach 10-year-old “Curiositas” Heavily Peated	\$58.99
Highland Park 18-year-old, Distillery Bottling	\$59.99
1995 Edrour 10-year-old, Un-chillfiltered Signatory	\$62.99
1996 Ardbeg 9 year, Gordon & MacPhail Conn. Choice	\$64.99
Bruichladdich 3D Peat 2nd Edition “Mòine Mhòr”	\$64.99
Laphroaig 15-year-old	\$64.99
Caol Ila 18-year-old, Distillery Bottling	\$69.99
Talisker 18-year-old Isle of Skye	\$69.99
1991 Bruichladdich WMD II - Yellow Submarine	\$72.99
Talisker Distillers Edition Isle of Skye	\$73.99
Mortlach 15 year, Gordon & MacPhail	\$74.99
Bruichladdich “Infinity”	\$76.99
Compass Box Hedonism Vatted Grain Whisky	\$77.99
Bruichladdich 14-year-old “Links Series” Turnberry.....	\$79.99
Ardbeg Uigeadail Traditional Strength.....	\$84.99
Macallan “Fine Oak” 17-year-old Distillery Bottling.....	\$85.99
Macallan 18 year, Murray McDavid Bourbon/Madeira	\$89.99
Macallan Speymalt 17-year-old, Gordon & MacPhail	\$89.99
1989 Bowmore 16-year-old, Cask Strength.....	\$94.99
1991 Mannochmore 13 yr Un-Chillfiltered, Cask Strength	\$97.99
Bunnahabhain 18-year-old, Distillery Bottle	\$99.99
1985 Cragganmore 21 year, Murray McDavid Mission	\$104.99
1974 Glen Grant 31-year-old, Lonach	\$104.99
1974 Braes of Glenlivet 30 year, Signatory, Cask Strength ..	\$109.99
1972 Caperdonich 33-year-old, Lonach	\$109.99
1993 Laphroaig 12-year-old, Cask Strength, Signatory	\$109.99
Macallan 18-year-old, Distillery Bottle.....	\$124.99
1980 Glenturret 26 year, Murray McDavid Mission	\$126.99
Balvenie 21 year Port Wood	\$135.99
1974 Glen Spey, 30-year-old, Murray McDavid Mission	\$139.99
BenRiach 21-year-old “Authenticus” Heavily Peated	\$145.99
1980 Banff 23-year-old, Duncan Taylor Rarest of the Rare ..	\$159.99
Benromach 24-year-old, Cask Strength,	\$169.99
Bruichladdich 20-year-old “Flirtation”	\$179.99
Tomatin, 37-year-old, 1965, Duncan Taylor	\$179.99
1982 Port Ellen 21 year, The McGibbon’s Provenance	\$189.99
1977 Glenugie, 27 year, Jim McEwan’s Celtic Heartland	\$199.99
1981 Glenugie 22 year, Duncan Taylor Rarest of the Rare	\$199.99
1985 Edrour 22 year, Port Wood Finish, Cask Strength	\$205.99
1967 Bunnahabhain, 36-year-old, Duncan Taylor	\$209.99
Bruichladdich 37-year-old, 1969, Duncan Taylor	\$229.99
Bunnahabhain 25-year-old, Distillery Bottle	\$274.99
Highland Park 37-year-old, 1966 Duncan Taylor.....	\$265.99
Bruichladdich Legacy Series Four 32-year-old	\$469.99
Macallan 25-year-old, Distillery Bottle.....	\$479.99
1968 Macallan, 38-year-old, Duncan Taylor	\$499.99
Macallan “Fine Oak” 30-year-old Distillery Bottling.....	\$699.99

Armagnac

1986 Veuve Goudoulin Bas-Armagnac	\$69.99
1991 Château du Busca Tenareze Armagnac	\$94.99
1979 Château de Pellehaut Bas Armagnac from Tenareze	\$94.99

1973 Marie Duffau Bas Armagnac	\$99.99
1976 Veuve Goudoulin Bas-Armagnac	\$99.99
1976 Darroze Bas Armagnac Domaine de Petit Lassies	\$115.99
1973 Château de Pellehaut Bas Armagnac from Tenareze	\$129.99
1978 Château du Busca Tenareze Armagnac	\$139.99
1966 Veuve Goudoulin Bas-Armagnac	\$139.99
1966 Castarede Armagnac.....	\$164.99
1956 Dartigalongue Armagnac	\$399.99
1946 Dartigalongue Armagnac	\$499.99

Cognac

Frapin Cognac VSOP.....	\$51.99
Jean Fillioux La Pouyade Grand Champagne.....	\$53.99
Ferrand Reserve Grande Champagne	\$55.99
Francois Peyrot 18-year-old Extra Reserve.....	\$57.99
Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age du Fruit “10 Carats”	\$63.99
Jean Fillioux Cep D’Or Grande Champagne	\$64.99
Francois Peyrot XO 25-year-old	\$67.99
Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age des Fleurs “15 Carats”	\$76.99
Tesseron “Tradition” Lot No. 76, XO Grande Champagne	\$81.99
Jean Fillioux Tres Vieux Grande Champagne Cognac	\$82.99
Frapin Chateau Fontpinot, Grande Champagne Cognac.....	\$87.99
Brillet Tres Vieille Reserve XO Grande Champagne	\$89.99
Deret XO, 30-year-old, Estate Bottled Petite Champagne	\$99.99
Ferrand Selection Des Anges Grande Champagne.....	\$99.99
Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age de Epices “20 Carats”	\$124.99
Tesseron “Perfection” Lot No. 53, Grande Champagne	\$129.99
Tesseron “Exception” Lot No. 29 Grande Champagne	\$279.99

Calvados/Pommeau

LeMorton Reserve 6-year-old Calvados Domfrontais	\$45.99
Berneroy Blend Number 18, Calvados	\$49.99
Roger Groult 15-year-old Calvados Pay d’Auge	\$73.99
Camut 12-year-old Calvados Pay d’Auge	\$83.99
1984 LeMorton Calvados Domfrontais.....	\$94.99
1976 Coeur de Lion Pays d’Auge Calvados	\$199.99

K&L Hours and Information

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Hours: San Francisco, Monday-Friday 10 to 7. Saturday 9 to 6. Sunday 11 to 6. The store is located at 638-4th St, between Brannan and Bluxome. Private parking is south of the store on 4th St.; Redwood City, Monday-Friday 10 to 7, Saturday 9 to 7, Sunday 10 to 6. Lockers Monday-Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 11 to 5.

Availability: Certain wines are in short supply and may sell out before you receive this newsletter. It takes weeks from the time the newsletter is written to the time you receive it.

Sale Dates: End December 31, 2006. Prices subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to correct errors in pricing.

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Whisperkool 3000 (650 cu ft)	\$1299
Whisperkool 4200 (1,000 cu ft)	\$1459
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Vinotheque 320	264	\$3402	\$2679
Vinotheque 500	368	\$3876	\$2925
Vinotheque 550	428	\$4126	\$3115
Vinotheque 700	528	\$4267	\$3219

QT Models	BOTTLES	RETAIL	K&L
Vinotheque 320	264	\$3544	\$2689
Vinotheque 500	368	\$4229	\$3189
Vinotheque 550	428	\$4608	\$3489
Vinotheque 700	528	\$4994	\$3789

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San Francisco Wine Storage Lockers

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