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Les Exceptionnels

In 2003 nine Bordeaux Cru Bourgeois were put in a class by themselves—Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels. In honor of our dinner (listed below), we offer some of these fine wines—both new and old.

Pre Arrivals

- 1975 Château Poujeaux, Moulis\$79.99
- 1975 Château Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L)\$169.99
- One of the best wines ever made at this property. Clyde tasted it in November:
"Sweet and elegant with good color and finish." Due in soon.
- 2003 Château Potensac, Médoc\$19.99
- 2003 Château Potensac, Médoc (1.5L)\$39.99
- 88-90 points Robert Parker.
- 2003 Château Poujeaux, Moulis-88-90 points Robert Parker\$22.99
- 2003 Château Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe.....\$23.99
- 2003 Château Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe (1.5L)\$47.99
- 89-91 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 2003 Château Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe\$26.99
- 2003 Château Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe (1.5L).....\$54.99
- 89-91 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 2003 Château Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe\$33.99
- 2003 Château Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (1.5L)\$69.99
- 90-92 points Robert Parker.

In Stock

- 1999 Château Phelan-Segur, St-EstèpheInquire
- 1999 Château Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$24.99
- 2000 Château Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe\$26.99
- 2000 Château Poujeaux, Moulis\$29.99
- 2001 Château Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe.....\$24.99
- 2002 Château de Pez, St-Estephe\$18.99
- 2002 Château Potensac, Médoc\$17.99
- 2003 Château Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$23.99
- 88-90 points Robert Parker.

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

Wine Lockers Coming To San Carlos

To sign up for the wait list, visit <http://klwines.com/wine-lockers.asp>

Tightening Your Belt?

Bordeaux reds won't break the bank or your resolutions! Page 4.

It's Not Easy Being Green

But it's easy to love these 100% organic French reds. See Mulan's articles on page 2 and page 8.

New Releases from California

- 2003 Chimney Rock "Stag's Leap" Cabernet Sauvignon\$44.98
- The color of this beauty is a dense red velvet, which makes you think the wine will taste velvety, too. Boy, does it ever! Aromatics of red plums and blackberry are interlaced with vanilla, cocoa and clove. On the palate a voluptuous burst of fruit is followed by an enveloping mid palate with a bright delicate finish.
- 2003 Turnbull Napa Cabernet Sauvignon.....\$34.99
- A follow-up to the extremely successful 2002, the '03 Turnbull Cab shows bing cherry fruit, hints of mocha, spice and ripe velvety tannins.
- 2004 Hess Collection Napa Chardonnay\$16.99
- Exhibits its signature of proprietary flavors and crisp acidity that originate from the vineyard plantings of a unique blend of seven rootstocks and nine hand-selected types of musque chardonnay. This spice rack of chardonnay shows in the aromas of guava, pineapple and orange blossom.
- 2004 Ambullneo "Bulldog Reserve" Santa Maria Pinot Noir \$76.99
- Just released and extremely limited! Powerful, sometimes brooding, but with a balance and sophistication. Ask about their "Canis" and "Mastiff" cuvees, too!

Two Special Dinners

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

Mark on your calendar March 2 (Thursday) for an exciting Bordeaux tasting and dinner at the outstanding Cetrella Restaurant in Half Moon Bay. We will have Gildas d'Ollone, Managing Director of Pichon here to discuss his outstanding wines. Tickets will go on sale January 18. You can get on the waiting list as soon as January 1. Don't miss this event!

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1976-K&L Liquors to 2006-K&L Wine Merchants

It was a cold, rainy, wintry day that December 31st, 1976. Friday we believe. The small store at 209 El Camino Real, Millbrae changed names that day from Ernie's Wines and Liquors to K&L Liquors (we thank you very much dear friend Ernie VanAsperan).

And the rest is history! We started as a "bomber" liquor store (meaning we sold products at prices less than the so-called "Fair Trade" prices of the day, and you had to have a K&L card signed by a staff member to buy alcoholic products). The favored drink of that era was Ancient Age mixed with Lejon Vermouth (i.e. a Manhattan).

Now the business is quite a bit different, but we still try to serve our wonderful customers the same way. If it wasn't for all of you, we would not be here today! And we thank you for that, hope we can go another 30 years. Let's toast together ... with a Manhattan, of course!

—Clyde Beffa Jr and Todd Zucker

Live for Tomorrow, Drink Organic!

It is January once again, a time when many folks (myself included) resolve to be better people by making and sticking to a series of New Year's resolutions. My resolutions this year are modest and I believe completely do-able. In no particular order of importance they are as follows. I will resolve to stretch daily, read the Sunday New York times on a weekly basis, and consume more organically produced food and wine. All of this I believe will make for a more happy, healthy, spiritual and productive me. I will let you know how it goes. On the vinous front, here are a few southern French gems that will help me stick to my resolutions. Did I mention that they are also delicious?

2004 Provence Domaine de l'Attilon (Marselan) Rouge ORGANIC (\$8.99) Marselan, a cross between cabernet sauvignon and grenache, is a new grape variety being developed in the Aude and Bouches du Rhone areas of southern France. Vinified for the first time in 2002, Marselan has quickly become a darling of many French wine professionals and consumers. Domaine de l'Attilon's organic version of this new cepage is bursting with bright, crunchy black currant and cherry fruit balanced by violet floromatics and a vibrant acidity. This deliciously user friendly red is a wine you can feel good about on all levels, as it delivers delicious enjoyment at a fantastic price!

2004 Domaine Beau Thorey VdT "Patus" (Pic St. Loup) ORGANIC (\$8.99) Domaine Beau Thorey is a biodynamically run enterprise located in the Coteaux du Languedoc appellation of Pic Saint Loup. Vigneron Christophe Beau describes Beau Thorey as a "human scale winery" of 10 acres, which is just large enough for he and his team to manage and work though manual viticulture and vinification. The vines here are comprised of grenache and syrah, along with more esoteric varietals like carignan, aramon, carignan blanc, ocellade, cinsault and alicante. Beau Thorey's Patus is composed of 100% grenache from the 2004 vintage. This juicy red is bright and chock full of crunchy cherry, hibiscus flower and red beet. Chill this lovely red much like you would a beaujolais and enjoy with grilled tuna or grilled steak sandwiches.

—Mulan Chan

Tasting Schedule for January, 2006

The following is our tasting schedule for January. All tastings are from noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 to 4 p.m. in Redwood City. Look for special dinners and other events are listed in the "local events" section of our website, www.klwines.com.

Saturday, January 7: Bordeaux! Clyde, Ralph and Steve bring us our monthly picks for Bordeaux. They will highlight the 2002/2003 vintage with an older pick as well. Ten wines to be presented. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, January 14: Wines from the Northern Rhône. Mulan Chan and Thornton Jacobs present their current favorites from the Northern Rhône. Come join us for some wonderful syrah-based wines to chase those winter blues away! Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, January 21: Italian Wines. Greg St. Clair and Mike Parres jump start the New Year with some great imports from Italy. Look not only for new releases but also for some outstanding cellar candidates. Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, January 28: Boutique Reds from California. Mike Jordan, Trey Beffa and Martin Reyes pick some gems with miniscule production from California. Expect everything from Cabernet to Syrah. Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

—Scott Beckerley

2004 BORDEAUX FUTURES

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

Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux-Spectator: A lovely, silky wine.....	\$32.99
Angélus, St-Emilion (1.5L)	\$179.99
Angélus, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and Spectator	\$86.99
Ausone, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$229.99
Barde Haut, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$27.99
Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc	\$14.99
Branais-Ducru, St-Julien (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$56.99
Branais-Ducru, St-Julien	\$28.99
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (1.5L)-90-91 points Robert Parker	\$59.99
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux.....	\$30.99
Calon Segur, St-Estèphe (1.5L)-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$78.99
Calon Segur, St-Estèphe.....	\$37.99
Canon-La-Gaffelière, St-Emilion-92-94 points Wine Spectator.....	\$46.99
Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc	\$17.99
Cantenac-Brown, Margaux	\$24.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$66.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac.....	\$34.99
Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion-93-95 points Robert Parker	\$219.00
Clerc-Milon, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$29.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-(1.5L)	\$49.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$24.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-92-94 points Robert Parker and WS	\$69.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (1.5L)	\$144.99
d'Aiguilhe, Côtes d'Castillon-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$18.99
d'Angludet, Margaux-An outstanding value	\$22.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$23.99
du Tertre, Margaux (1.5L \$51.99)-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$24.99
Destieux, St-Emilion-Tanzer: sweet berry and dark chocolate flavors ..	\$23.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac	\$29.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien-92-94 points Parker	\$59.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (1.5L)	\$129.00
Giscours, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker	\$29.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (1.5L \$71.99)-88-91 points Tanzer ..	\$34.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (1.5L)	\$69.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$35.99
Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan-93-95 points Robert Parker	\$139.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$38.99
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-88-90 points Tanzer	\$25.99
La Mission-Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Parker	\$98.99
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe	\$26.99
Lagrange, St-Julien-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$27.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien.....	\$32.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L)-89-91 points Spectator.....	\$66.99
Larcis-Ducasse, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$27.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points Wine Spectator	\$74.99
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker	\$35.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac (1.5L).....	\$89.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-89-93 points Stephen Tanzer	\$46.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator and Tanzer	\$39.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$84.99
Malescot St-Exupéry, Margaux (1.5L \$58.99)-91-93 pts Parker ..	\$28.99
Meyney, St-Estèphe-Excellent wine	\$22.99
Montrose, St-Estèphe-92-95 points Stephen Tanzer	\$49.99
Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L \$299.00)-92-94 points Spectator	\$139.99

Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points Spectator.....	\$29.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	\$21.99
Palmer, Margaux-91-93 points Stephen Tanzer.....	\$79.99
Pape Clement, Pessac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$66.99
Pavie, St-Emilion-95-97 points Robert Parker.....	\$109.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux (1.5L)	\$69.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer	Inquire
Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe-Tanzer: "supple and lush..."	\$24.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac (1.5L \$99.99)-90-93 points Robert Parker..	\$51.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-91-94 points Robert Parker	\$59.99
Pichon Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L).....	\$129.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Quinault L'Enclos, St-Emilion-91-93 points Robert Parker	\$24.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc, Pessac-Léognan-91-92 points Tanzer..	\$37.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-Léognan-91-93 points Parker ..	\$36.99
Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Parker.....	\$36.99
Troplong-Mondot, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$38.99

2003 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Exceptional vintage for collectors. Check out our 16-page Vintage Report. Scores are from The Wine Advocate. These wines are starting to arrive.

Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (90-93)	\$34.99
90-93 points Robert Parker: "Showing better several months prior to bottling than it did last year ... sweet black currant, herbaceous aroma with hints of earth, blue fruits, and some of the forest floor characteristics ..." (04/05)	
Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion (89-92)	\$34.99
d'Issan, Margaux (90-92)	\$29.99
90-92 points Robert Parker: "...Elegant, focused bouquet of floral notes inter-mixed with blueberry, black currants and some earth and spice, this wine reveals elegance, ripeness, good freshness, and a medium-bodied, attractive finish with low acidity, outstanding depth, and overall balance." (04/05)	
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes du Castillon (87-89)	\$19.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (94-96)	\$104.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (91-94)	\$43.99
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (90-92)	\$33.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan (90-92)	\$37.99
Parker says, "...nose of roasted herbs and scorched earth, this wine has sweet cherry and black currant fruit notes along with hints of graphite and toasty oak. Pure, rich and more powerful than usual, it remains elegant and precise."	
Haut-Brion, Pessac (93-95+)	\$279.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (96-100)	\$359.00
Latour, Pauillac (98-100)	\$489.00
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien (93-95)	\$169.99
95-100 points Wine Spectator: "...Very complex. Layers of cashmere-like tannins, turning to leather. Warm and inviting, yet rich and powerful; fantastic purity, yet voluptuous. This is what exciting wine is about."	
Margaux, Margaux (96-100)	\$369.00
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac (95-96)	\$259.99
95-100 points Wine Spectator: "Complex aromas of blackberries, citrus and tobacco. Currants. Subtle nose yet complex..."	
Palmer, Margaux (88-91)	\$114.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (93-95)	\$98.99
95-100 points Spectator: "This tastes like crushed grapes and red fruits. It's big and rich, full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, long finish. Juicy wine. A cross between the 1995 and 1996. In fact, it could be better than 2000."	
Potensac, Médoc (88-90)	\$19.99
Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper)	\$22.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac-Léognan (90-93)	\$39.99

Ch. d'Angludet: A Margaux for the Purist

The wine world as it exists today in 2006 is just bursting with a phenomenal amount of great quality wines, from every corner of the world and in every style imaginable. For the wine lover it is a dream-like marketplace.

The commune of Margaux in Bordeaux is where two of France's six great rivers meet, the Garonne and the Dordogne to form the Gironde. The glacial deposits over thousands of years, has always created great diversity in the style and quality of wines produced here. Not so very long ago, the perception of style and quality was real easy; there was good and there was bad. A typical work day was to taste at Ch. Margaux, Palmer, maybe Rauzan-Segla and then head north to St-Julien. There were so many underachievers with famous names that it was shame; but even in those days we would stop and taste the wines of Ch. d'Angludet.

Now it is a whole different story, and Margaux is a perfect reflection of our wine world today. A vast selection of fine wine made throughout the entire commune, in different styles and price ranges. Wonderful re-emergence of estates like Ch. Lascombes, Giscours, du Tertre and Cantenac Brown that feature new the world style of abundantly forward ripe fruit and oak, Ch. Malescot St. Exupéry with its bold and rich feel, the same can be said for Ch. d'Issan. Brane-Cantenac is once again the epitome of elegance and purity, owning up to its reputation and 2nd growth status, very similar to Ch. Kirwan and the outstanding smallest classified growth, Ch. Ferriere. Top to bottom this large commune finally has got it all.

Clyde and I have always loved the quiet estate and classically styled wine produced at Ch. d'Angludet in Margaux. We sold many vintages in the early years of K&L, 1978, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83 and '85, and we continue today with this consistent performer with a fine track record and aging potential. In fact I've bought many, and they are great with age. We taste every year at the chateau with the co-owner James Sichel, the son of the late Peter Sichel who was a great ambassador of Bordeaux wine.

The wines of d'Angludet are firm and focused. They feature flavors of deep blackberry/black cherry fruit with a solid core of tannin and lots of mineral tones. Ch. d'Angludet is a K&L favorite and also a favorite of the great Master of Wine, Michael Broadbent from the UK.

This trio of vintages we've just received are perfect examples of each vintage. The **1999 d'Angludet (\$34.99)** shows the supple roundness for early drink ability with an hour decanting. The **2001 d'Angludet (\$34.99)** is lively, bright and fresh as well as perfectly balanced and it will drink very well for numerous years. The **2000 d'Angludet (\$39.99)** shows you the brooding power of this vintage. Broad, dark and deep, this wine is the one for extended aging in the cellar. I'm sure you will enjoy all of them as they are well made wines for the purist.

Warm New Year's wishes to everyone, and please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at ex # 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com. Toujours Bordeaux!

—Ralph Sands

Lovely Bargains to Start Off the New Year!

2004 Château St. Jean des Graves, Blanc (\$10.99) 90% sauvignon blanc makes this wine steely and clean. There is no oak to obscure the flavors of grapefruit, citrus and fresh melon, which are bright and racy. This is zippy, lively white Bordeaux at its best! Great with shellfish or goat cheese.

2004 Château Roquefort, Bordeaux Blanc (\$9.99) This 85% sauvignon blanc wine is a bit rounder (due to 15% semillon) and more herbaceous than the St. Jean but still has plenty of lively acidity. Here we have a somewhat richer more nuanced blend that could stand up to stronger cheeses or even fish in a sauce but still retains a juicy by-the-glass appeal. Easy to drink and easy to buy!

2000 Château La Cardonne, Médoc (\$14.99) From Bordeaux's greatest vintage ever comes a great bargain. This starts with lusty aromas of toast, coffee and herb that leap out of the glass. The palate is clean, fresh and firm showing lots of dark fruit and a touch of spice on the substantial finish. This is food friendly, affordable and got 89 points from the *Wine Spectator*.

2003 Les Gravettes, Côtes de Bourg (\$12.99) The satellite region of Côtes de Bourg is home to many tasty, bargain-priced wines, and this lush beauty is a perfect example. Ripe berries gush from this merlot-based gem with juicy cherries rounded out by a chocolaty finish showing very mild tannin. This is a traditionally made wine done in a more modern style for early drink ability.

—Steve Bearden

BORDEAUX 1996-2003

- 1996 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$96.99**
95 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$54.99**
92 points *Spectator* and \$20 less than 2003.
- 1996 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$129.99**
96 points Robert Parker: "...just as awesome from bottle as it was from multiple cask tastings."
- 1997 Canon Moueix, Bordeaux\$9.99**
Easy drinking merlot-poolside red.
- 1997 Lagrange, St-Julien\$21.99**
Absolutely delicious-fruity with a touch of oak.
- 1997 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$39.99**
A well-crafted red; silky tannins and pretty berry, mineral and spice character. Decant one hour.
- 1997 Ormes de Pez, St-EstèpheInquire**
- 1997 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$31.99**
- 1998 Carillon d'Angelus, St-Emilion \$24.99**
- 1998 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$51.99**
According to Robert Parker: "Concentrated and powerful..."
- 1998 Malartic-Lagraviere, Pessac.....\$26.99**
Good minerality and lingering finish. Fine plus.
- 1998 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$57.99**
- 1998 St Georges Trilogie, St-Emilion\$19.99**
- 1998 St Georges Trilogie (1.5L)\$39.99**
- 1998 St Georges, St Emilion (1.5L) ..\$19.99**
- 1999 d'Angludet, Margaux\$34.99**
Super sweet and silky black fruit notes. Hints of orange zest. Really soft tannins and quite broad on the palate. Very similar to Palmer. Terrific length
- 1999 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.....\$24.99**
Robert Parker: "The 1999 is charming. It exhibits strawberry, cherry, and black currant fruit, a touch of minerals, earth, and underbrush." (04/01)
- 1999 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$39.99**
Black currant and spicy aromas, with nice thickness in the mouth. It has a tinge of coffee and vanilla on the palate. An exotic wine.
- 1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$39.99**
One of Clyde's favorite '99s. Elegant-fruity.
- 1999 Talbot, St-Julien\$29.99**
According to Robert Parker: "An impressive effort for the vintage, this is an opulent, velvety-textured 1999 that comes across as a hypothetical blend of a Pomerol and Burgundy."
- 2000 Bellerose Figeac Reserve, St-Emilion\$27.99**
Dark red fruits and berries on the nose peppered with oaky spice and earthy minerality, the wine has good structure. The ripe round fruit is wrapped around a core of dark chocolate and earthy spice.
- 2000 Cantemerle, Medoc\$29.99**
- 2000 Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac\$32.99**
Robert Parker says, "Probably the finest Carbonnieux I have tasted in over three decades. Anticipated maturity: 2006-2018." (04/03)
- 2000 Clerc-Milon, Pauillac.....\$49.99**
- 2000 d'Angludet, Margaux\$39.99**
88 points Robert Parker: "The 2000 is an

BORDEAUX 1996-2004

uncompromising, traditional claret, displaying a deep ruby color and a nose of cedar, damp earth, plums, and currants. Medium to full-bodied, solidly tannic, and attractive, it will age well for 10-15 years. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2017."

2000 Destieux, St-Emilion\$29.99

2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol\$34.99

Great value Pomerol from 2000 vintage with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak, hints of spice and earth. The palate is round and quite juicy.

2000 Greysac, Médoc\$18.99

According to Robert Parker: "A deep ruby color is accompanied by scents of wet stones, cold steel, and black currant fruit. This medium-bodied, attractively made, elegant Medoc offers sweet fruit as well as a clean finish. Enjoy it over the next decade."

2000 Grangeneuve, Pomerol\$27.99

Superb value from a great vintage and property.

2000 La Cardonne, Médoc\$14.99

Sweet and lush. 89 points *Wine Spectator*.

2000 Laforge, St-Emilion\$19.99

2000 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac\$31.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "...Full-bodied, yet fine and silky, with a long, delicious finish."

2000 Mouton-Rothschild (5L)\$4499.00

97 points Robert Parker-special box and bottle-collector's item.

2000 Palmer, Margaux\$169.99

2000 Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe.....\$26.99

89 points *Wine Spectator*: "Refined and silky."

2000 Pontet Canet, Pauillac\$49.99

2000 Poujeaux, Moulis\$29.99

One of Clyde's favorites. Cellar it a few years. Packed with ripe fruit flavors.

2000 Poumey, Pessac\$29.99

According to Parker: "...delicious plum, anise and tobacco nose ... possesses soft flavors."

2000 Pressac, St-Emilion\$26.99

2000 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$64.99

2001 Angéhus, St-Emilion.....\$89.99

2001 Beausejour-Duffau, St-Emilion \$44.95

2001 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$74.99

94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderful spice and currant aromas...Full-bodied, with super well-integrated, refined tannins. Long caressing finish..."

2001 d'Angludet, Margaux\$34.99

Robert Parker: "A sleeper of the vintage, this excellent offering possesses a deep ruby/purple color as well as a sweet nose of melted asphalt, cedar wood, black currants, gravel and tar."

2001 de Franc les Cerisiers.....\$13.99

Hubert de Bouard made this delicious red. Fruity, sweet, and forward. Outstanding value.

2001 du Moulin, Haut-Médoc\$18.99

According to the *Spectator*: "Good berry and mineral character with silky tannins..."

2001 d'Issan, Margaux\$29.99

Super delicious wine and a great value.

2001 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$149.99

94 points Robert Parker: "...currants, licorice,

smoke, and crushed stones. Medium bodied with excellent purity, firm tannin ..." (06/04)

2001 La Fleur de Bouard,

Lalande de Pomerol\$31.99

2001 La Roche Amavinum, Castill....\$18.99

75% merlot. Coffee and chocolate aromas. Good middle and fine length. Sweet and lush.

2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien....\$74.99

94 points *Spectator*: "Very floral and perfumed with violets, roses, berries. Full-bodied, with ultra-fine tannins and racy finish..."

2001 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Marg.....\$29.99

2001 Margaux, Margaux.....\$164.99

93 points Robert Parker: "...an elegant, seamlessly constructed effort with a deep ruby/purple color, and a beautiful nose of flowers, creme de cassis, blackberries, and cedar..."

2001 Montlisse, St-Emilion\$23.99

Wine Spectator: "A intense red, with fresh herbs and berries on the nose and palate."

2001 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$24.99

Excellent. From the Jean Michel Cazes group.

2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe.....\$24.99

Soft, perfumed and silky-drinking very well now.

2001 Palmer, Margaux\$129.99

2001 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$66.99

95-100 points *Spectator*: "Very well-integrated."

2001 Quinault d'Enclos, St-Emilion \$39.99

2001 Reserve de Comtesse, Pauillac..\$27.99

"Super delicious! As good as any Reserve I have ever had. Silky and elegant," Clyde Beffa Jr.

2002 Cantemerle, Médoc\$17.99

2002 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$29.99

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderful aromas of currants and berries with hints of flowers."

2002 du Tertre, Margaux\$25.99

89 points from Robert Parker.

2002 de Pez, St-Estèphe\$18.99

2002 Ducru Beaucaillou, St-Julien....\$44.99

2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol.....\$74.99

2002 Eglise-Clinet (1.5L)\$129.99

90-92 points Robert Parker: "An exceptionally

strong effort from a vigneron, Denis Durantou..."

2002 Filet, Fronsac\$9.99

2002 Haut-Bailly, Pessac.....\$34.99

90 points Robert Parker: "...displaying notes of tobacco smoke intermixed with sweet currant, cherry, and some toast... has the hallmark purity married graciously with nicely concentrated fruit."

2002 Haut-Bergey, Pessac.....\$19.99

2002 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$149.99

2002 Latour-Martillac, Pessac\$19.99

2002 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien....\$84.99

95 points Robert Parker.

2002 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$79.99

2002 Malescot St-Exupery, Margaux \$31.99

2002 Margaux (1.5L)\$259.00

2002 Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L).....\$299.99

2002 Montrose, St-Estèphe.....\$45.99

2002 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe.....\$22.99

2002 Pape Clement, Pessac.....\$51.99

2002 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$32.99

2002 Pedesclaux, Pauillac.....\$24.99

2002 Petrus, Pomerol\$549.00

2002 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac (1.5L) ..\$64.99

2002 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac.....\$29.99

92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long finish."

2002 Potensac, Médoc\$17.99

2002 Reserve Comtesse-LalandeInquire

Pichon-Lalande's 2nd wine. Bright and deep with dark blackberry and cherry fruit, hints of herb and mineral, plenty of plump merlot juiciness.

2003 Teysier, St-EmilionInquire

70% merlot and 30% cabernet franc.

2003 Haut Gay, Bordeaux Superior ..\$13.99

White Bordeaux

2002 Clos Floridene Blanc, Graves ..\$17.99

2002 Haut Bergey Blanc, Pessac.....\$19.99

2003 Carbonnieux Blanc, Pessac\$24.99

90-93 points Robert Parker.

2003 Reynon "VV" Blanc, Bord.....\$10.99

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OLD & RARE IMPORTS

Red Bordeaux

1961 Palmer, MargauxInquire
 1966 Palmer, Margaux\$649.00
 1971 Latour, Pauillac\$319.00
 1978 Palmer, Margaux\$159.99
 90 points Robert Parker. Perfect condition.

1978 Trotanoy, Pomerol\$119.00
 1981 Palmer, Margaux\$99.99
 1982 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$219.00
 1982 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac\$225.00
 1983 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$139.00

1986 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$139.99
 95 points Robert Parker: "Highly extracted wine, with a black/ruby color and plenty of toasty, smoky notes in its bouquet that suggest ripe plums and licorice." Decant one hour.

1988 Palmer, Margaux\$139.99
 1988 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$129.99
 90 points Robert Parker: "One of the stars of the vintage, the 1988 has evolved beautifully."

1989 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$149.99
 95 points *Wine Spectator* (03/92). Delicious right now. Direct from the chateau.

1989 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$64.99
 91 points *Wine Spectator*: "...firm tannins and long, silky-textured, minty, berry finish..."

1990 Meyney, St-Estèphe\$59.99
 1993 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$134.99
 4 stars *Decanter* magazine: "Good solid nose. Tannic fruit on the palate. Good, big and sound."

1994 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$29.99
 Robert Parker: "Gruaud's 1994 offers an excellent, saturated ruby/purple color, and a tight, but sweet nose of ripe berry and cassis fruit and underbrush..."

1994 Haut-Bailly, Pessac.....\$42.99
 According to Robert Parker: "One of the finest 1994s...The sweet, blackcurrant, earthy, and mineral-scented nose, and ripe, medium-bodied, fleshy flavors represent the quintessentially elegant style of red Graves. The wine is rich yet ethereal in the mouth..." (02/97)

1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$34.99
 Robert Parker: "...sweet, smoky, cassis scented nose, supple, round tannin...excellent richness..."

1995 Angélu, St-Emilion.....\$159.99
 95 points Parker: "A superb effort in this vintage ...Most concentrated of the 1995 St.-Emilion premier grand crus." Direct from chateau.

1995 Palmer, Margaux\$129.99
 1995 Pichon-Baron (1.5L)\$144.00
 91 points Parker: "...suave, elegant, rich fruit presented in a medium to full-bodied, surprisingly lush style. Anticipated maturity: 2001-2016."

1996 Palmer, Margaux\$119.99

Sauternes

Chateau d'Yquem Vertical Case ..\$4,499.00
 One bottle each of 12 different vintages: 1982, 83, 84, 85, 86, 91, 94, 95, 96, 98, 99, 2000.
 What a great gift or tasting set!! Sold on futures basis.

1986 Raymond-Lafon (1.5L)\$129.00

1987 Raymond-Lafon (1.5L)\$89.00
 1988 Lamothe-Guignard (375ml)\$34.95
 1991 d'Yquem\$159.00
 1995 Raymond-Lafon\$39.99
 1996 Raymond-Lafon\$59.99
 1999 Raymond-Lafon\$39.99
 1999 Raymond-Lafon (375ml)\$22.99
 Fabulous buy for the cellar-perfect acidity with pineapple nuances and coconut undertones.

2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$14.99

2001 Castelnau de Suduiraut\$29.99
 2001 Cypres de Climens (500ml)\$26.99
 2001 de Fauquieres.....\$99.99
 2001 Doisy-Védrines\$39.99
 2001 Lamothe-Guignard\$29.99
 2001 Rayne-Vigneau.....\$37.99
 2002 Climens\$54.99
 2002 Climens (375ml)\$27.99
 Best price in the world?? Close to 2001 in quality.

2002 Doisy-Védrines\$29.99
 2002 Doisy-Védrines (375ml)\$16.99
 "Aromas of lemon and honey and a touch of oak. Apple with pear nuances on the palate. Very long on finish. Reminds me of their wonderful 1988," Clyde Beffa

2002 Dauphin de Guiraud (375ml) ..\$13.99
 2002 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$13.99
 2002 Petit-Védrines (375ml)\$10.99

Champagne

1985 Rene Collard Reserve.....\$59.99
 1990 Rene Collard Reserve.....\$49.99
 1990 Krug\$169.00
 98 points *Wine Spectator* and a Collectibles designation: "A profound wine of great depth and complexity ..." (08/04)

1995 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne.....Inquire
 1995 Heidsieck Blanc de Millenieres \$79.99
 1995 Salon Blanc de Blancs\$159.00
 1996 Dom PerignonInquire
 1996 Franck Bonville Blanc de Bl\$32.99
 1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage\$39.99
 1997 Laurent Perrier Rosé "Alex"\$89.95
 1998 Ariston Brut.....\$32.99
 1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blancs\$27.99
 1998 Launois Brut Blanc de Blanc\$29.99
 1998 Perrier Jouet "Fleur"\$89.99
 1998 Franck Bonville Blanc de Bl\$27.99

Miscellaneous Old Imports

1995 Chateau Musar, Lebanon.....\$47.99
 1995 Royal Tokaji Wine Company Mezes Maly 6 puttonyos\$110.00
 Quite forward for the vintage-enjoy now.
 1995 Royal Tokaji Wine Company Nyulaszo 5 puttonyos.....\$76.99

Sherry

Hartley and Gibson Sherries\$7.99
 Hidalgo La Gitana Manzan (500ml) ..\$8.99
 Antonio Barbadillo Manzanilla\$9.99
 Antonio Barbadillo Amontillado\$9.99
 Pedro Romero Manz "Aurora"(500ml)\$9.99
 Cossart Gordon Rainwater Madeira \$11.99
 Lustau "Los Arcos" Dry Amont\$13.49
 Tio Pepe Fino\$13.99
 Lustau Puerto Fino\$14.99
 Sandeman Royal Ambrosante 20 year (500ml)\$21.95
 Sandeman Royal Correg (500ml).....\$21.95
 A Barbadillo "San Rafael" Oloroso ..\$22.99
 A Barbadillo "Laura" Mosc Muscat \$22.99
 Gonzalez Byass Apostles Muy Viejo Palo Cortado (375ml)\$24.99
 Gonzalez Byass del Duque Muy Viejo Amontillado (375ml)\$24.99
 Lustau "Pata de Gallina" Oloroso\$29.99
 Sacrista de Garvey Onana Amont\$49.99
 Sacristia de Garvey "Museo" Cream \$49.99

Port Old and New

1945 Dow\$990.00
 1950 Kopke Colheita\$249.00
 1958 Krohn Colheita\$99.99
 1960 Kopke Colheita\$99.99
 1960 Krohn Colheita\$89.99
 1966 Krohn Colheita\$79.99
 1970 Fonseca.....\$199.00
 1970 Graham\$199.00
 1975 Kopke Colheita\$59.95
 1977 Dow\$139.00
 1977 Fonseca.....\$239.00
 1977 Graham\$139.00
 1978 Krohn Colheita\$46.99
 1983 Dow\$74.99
 1983 Graham\$84.99
 1985 Dow\$79.99
 1985 Taylor\$89.99
 1985 Warre\$79.99
 1989 Offley Boa Vista\$42.99
 1992 Fonseca.....\$99.00
 1994 Krohn Colheita\$21.99
 1994 Graham\$99.00
 1995 Quinta do Noval\$32.99
 2000 Krohn LBV\$13.99
 2003 Croft\$64.99
 2003 Graham (375ml)\$44.99
 2003 Quinta do Noval\$79.99
 2003 Smith Woodhouse\$52.99
 Quinta do Tedo Ruby Reserve\$14.99
 Warre Otima 10-yr Tawny (500ml) ..\$18.99
 Quinta do Noval 40-yr-old Tawny\$99.99
 Ramos Pinto White Port\$11.99
 Krohn 20-yr-old Tawny\$39.99

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Alsace/Loire Valley

- 2004 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur\$9.99
 NV Cremant d'Alsace, Baur\$14.99
 2001 Gewürztraminer Eichberg, Charles Baur.....\$19.99
 2004 Riesling Eichberg, Charles Baur\$19.99
 2003 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker\$16.99
 2001 Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker\$17.99
 2004 Muscadet, Ch La Moriniere\$9.99
 Crisp, clean, flinty-bring on the oysters.
 2004 La Tour St Martin, Menatou Salon Rouge\$14.99
 Lemony, grapefruity aromas and flavors.
 2003 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet\$14.99
 2003 Sancerre Blanc "Insolite," Franck Millet\$19.99
 Our favorite Sancerre producer-the white will be in soon.

Bordeaux: White/Clairet/Red/Stickies

- 2004 Château Roquefort Blanc, Bordeaux\$9.99
 2004 Château St Jean des Graves, Graves\$10.99
 2004 Château Thieuley Blanc, Bordeaux\$10.99
 A bit richer style with plenty of semillon in blend.
 2002 Clos Floridene Blanc, Graves\$17.99
 Very similar to Domaine de Chevalier-Richness and tons of mineral.
 2004 La Peyrere du Tertre Clairet\$12.99
 A deep colored rose style wine-rich enough to serve with beef course.
 2003 Château Souvenir, Bordeaux\$9.99
 Ripe and very fruity, forward red. Enjoy now.
 2002 Château de Birot, Premiere Cotes de Bordeaux.....\$10.99
 Lots of structure, with broad fruit and complexity. A fine value.
 2003 Chateau Les Gravettes, Cotes de Bourg\$12.99
 Fruity, ripe berry aromas. Forward and drinkable now.
 2000 Château Trebiac, Graves\$13.99
 Tons of crushed berries. Enjoy now.
 2003 Château St. Hilaire, Médoc.....\$14.99
 2003 Petit Manou, Médoc\$14.99
 2nd wine of Clos Manou. Perfect crossover from California Cab to Bordeaux.
 2000 Château Thieuley Cuvee Reserve F Courselle\$16.99
 It is back and still great. Toasty, full-flavored from the great 2000 vintage.
 2003 Château Saransot Dupre, Lustrac\$17.99
 2003 Château Perron, Lalande de Pomerol.....\$18.99
 Black fruit aromas and flavors-spicy and round. Soft tannins.
 2003 Château Serilhan, St-Estèphe\$19.99
 Ripe from the vintage and richness from the good terroir.
 2000 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$14.99

White Burgundy

- NV Plaisir des Princes Vin de Pay (Chardonnay)\$6.99
 2004 Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....\$9.99
 2004 Mâcon Solutre, Domaine Renaud.....\$10.99
 Three delicious, value-packed whites that have just arrived.
 2003 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet\$14.99
 The 2003 St-Veran has a delicate nose, with honey and rich flavors.

Southern France/Rhône

- 2004 Provence Domaine de l'Attilon (Marselan)\$8.99

Marselan is cross of cabernet and grenache. Wine is organic and delicious.

- Cremant de Limoux Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531"\$9.99
 Beautiful package and clean, palate-pleasing sparkling wine.
 2002 Rouge, Jean Louis Denois-Great value!\$9.99
 NV Brut Tradition, Jean Louis Denois\$14.99
 Delicious sparkler from a great winemaker.
 2002 Grand Cuvee Red, Jean Louis Denois.....\$16.99
 Sold out quickly last time-last 50 cases have arrived.
 2002 "La Riviere" Chenin Blanc, Jean Louis Denois\$16.99
 Sold out immediately last time-here is last 25 cases.
 2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Maurelle\$9.99
 Meaty and spicy aromas follow to the palate. Good sweet middle palate fruit.
 2001 Corbieres, "Cuvee Henri Serres" Domaine Serres\$12.99
 Serious wine, with dark fruit backed by chewy tannins, hints of oak and spice.
 2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols.....\$14.99
 Spicy on palate with an assertive black pepper character, with the syrah shining through! This wine is lush, rich and full, with a long, warm finish.
 2003 Cotes du Rhone "Baron Louis" Ch Montfaucon\$14.99
 New vintage, but same great wine. Packed with spicy fruit.
 2004 Gigondas, Domaine de la Maurelle\$16.99
 Spicy, rich, minerally. Lots of black fruit on the palate. Decant.
 2002 Rasteau, Domaine de la Soumade\$16.99
 2002 Gigondas, Moulin de Gardette\$16.99
 A mixture of their Ventabren and Tradition-excellent wine value.
 2003 Cotes du Roussillon Dom du Roc des Anges "VV"\$19.99
 2001 Gigondas "Ventabren" Moulin de Gardette\$26.99
 Sold out quickly six months ago. Rich, round and deep.

The Great Come Back!

Perched on a rocky plateau overlooking the town of Paulliac, Château Pedesclaux shares position with such graces as Mouton-Rothschild, Lafite-Rothschild, Lynch-Bages and Pontet-Canet. Pedesclaux hasn't always been at the top of its capacities. The château received 5th growth classification in 1855. After World War II it was purchased by the Jucla family. Renovations of the estate began in 1996 when the two youngest Juclas took over the management, and improvements are tangible. It's planted with traditional Médoc grapes averaging 35 years (50% cabernet sauvignon, 45% merlot, 5% cabernet franc), and then matured for 18 months in 33% new oak. The 2002 Ch. Pedesclaux (\$24.99) is opaque and deep in color with aromas of ripe dark fruit, and spices on the nose. The palate opens slowly introducing you to tender fruit with a touch of earthiness that evolves to light notes of coffee and tobacco. This is a great wine that will age well over the next 5-8 years.

Three other noteworthy values under \$20 are from the great 2003 vintage. 2003 Ch. Perron (\$18.99), Lalande-de-Pomerol, is primarily merlot and has a dandy black berry and gravelly nose. Bright cherry hints with bits of cassis and plum are the main characters on the palate. 2003 Ch. Serilhan (\$19.99), Saint-Estèphe, has undertones of earth and leather on the nose and palate. This wine provides the opportunity to explore dense black fruit and spice. It's ready to drink now! A rarity in St-Estèphe. From a small appellation, Lustrac-Médoc, 2003 Ch. Saransot-Dupre (\$17.99) is a merlot-based wine. This beauty is aged in 30% new oak barrels creating hints of spice, and cassis exploding on the nose. This wine offers supple tannins that makes it approachable today. Enjoy now and over the next couple of years.

—Alexandre Brisou

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2003 Cotes du Rhone Montfaucon "Baron Louis"	\$14.99
2003 Côtes du Ventoux, Delas	\$9.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Domaine Garrigue "Cuvee Romaine"	\$8.99
2004 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc Domaine Combier	\$17.99
2004 Côtes du Ventoux Domaine de Fondreche "O'Sud"	\$13.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur	\$24.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Jean Royer "Tradition"	\$27.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine de la Côte de l'Ange	\$28.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Monpertuis "Classique"	\$31.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Bosquet des Papes.....	\$34.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Senechoux	\$36.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Bois de Boursan	\$39.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape, Roger Perrin "Reserve"	\$44.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Monpertuis "Tradition"	\$62.99
2002 Gigondas, Moulin de la Gardette	\$13.99
2001 Gigondas, Moulin de la Gardette "Ventabren".....	\$26.99
2003 Gigondas, Château Saint Cosme	\$30.99
2003 Gigondas, Domaine Santa Duc.....	\$36.99
2001 Rasteau, Domaine Girasols.....	\$15.99
2003 Vacqueyras, La Bourgeat	\$14.99
2003 Vacqueyras, Bastide St. Vincent "Pavane"	\$16.99
2003 Cairanne, Domaine Richaud	\$24.99
2001 Cairanne, Domaine Richaud "l'Ebrescade"	\$36.99
2003 Côte Rotie, Joel Champet, "La Viallière"	\$37.99
2003 Côte Rotie, Patrick Jasmin	\$62.99
2001 Cornas Alain Voge "Vieilles Vignes"	\$44.99
2003 Crozes Hermitage, Colombier "Cuvee Gaby"	\$21.99
2001 Crozes Hermitage Albert Belle "Cuvée Louis Belle"	\$28.99
2001 St. Joseph Pierre Gaillard "Cuminaille"	\$31.99

Biodynamic Wines for a Dynamic You

Happy New Year Rhône heads! Those of you who have read my article on page 2 already know of my optimistic resolutions to stretch more, read more and eat and drink organically whenever possible. Fortunately for us, many appellations in the Southern Rhône exhibit a dry micro climate and windy conditions, making it easier for vignerons to produce their wines along organic, nearly organic (or in this case biodynamic) lines, as they do not have to deal with conditions such as rot and mildew nearly as often. Below are two beautiful examples!

2003 Montirius Vacqueyras (\$22.99) Montirius is the family estate of Christine and Eric Saurel, fifth generation growers whose vineyards grace the prestigious Plateau des Garrigues above the village of Vacqueyras in the southern Rhône valley. Their vineyards are tended biodynamically, a strict form of sustainable viticulture. This 2003 Vacqueyras is a grenache-based red that is hands down one of the best Vacqueyras I have tasted from the 2003 vintage. Black currant ripeness is matched by rich black olive flavors. Good acidity to boot makes this southern Rhône one long, cool beauty.

2003 Montirius Gigondas (\$29.99) The Montirius Gigondas is another grenache-based beauty that displays ample flesh, yet maintains a degree of elegance and restraint not that easy to come by in most 2003 Southern Rhones. In fact, *La Revue du Vin de France* (July/August 2005) gives the 2003 Gigondas from Montirius four stars out of five, a truly impressive accolade from what I believe is one of the best reference points for rating French wines. Enjoy now with one hour of decanting and over the next six years. —Mulan Chan

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

2003 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.99
2004 Bonheur Sauvignon Blanc.....	Inquire
2004 Excelsior "Paddock" Shiraz	\$9.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2005 Spice Route Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2001 Mischa Estate Shiraz	\$14.99
2005 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc	\$18.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"	\$22.99
2003 Rudi Schultz Syrah Stellenbosch	\$32.99

New Zealand

2005 Matua Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$7.99
2004 Griffin Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc-Just arrived!	\$10.99
2004 Pencarrow (Palliser) Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc..	\$11.99
2005 Kim Crawford Marl. Sauvignon Blanc-90 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$14.99
2004 Konrad Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Craggy Range Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$18.99

Australia

2004 Deakin Shiraz or 2004 Milton Park Shiraz	\$6.99
2004 Pillar Box Red Padthaway.....	\$8.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Terra Barossa" VS Cabernet	\$10.99
2002 Eagle Vale Margaret River Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc ..	\$12.99
2004 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier	\$15.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz	\$15.99
2001 Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc	\$16.99
2004 Longwood Estate "Sheep Shearer" Shiraz, McLaren	\$16.99
2002 Cullen "Ephraim Clarke" Sauvignon Bl/Semillon.....	\$17.99
2004 Torbreck Woodcutters Shiraz, Barossa	\$17.99
2002 Wolf Blass "Gold Label" Shiraz, South Australia.....	\$19.99
2002 Bleasdale "Frank Potts" Red, Langhorne Creek.....	\$24.99
2003 Possimus Vineyard, McLaren Vale Shiraz	\$27.99
2003 Spinifex "Esprit"	\$34.99
2003 d'Arenberg "The Dead Arm" Shiraz	\$49.99

Jim C's View Down Under

2004 Gravitas "St. Arnaud Vineyard" Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand (\$15.99) This wine shows great intensity with a bouquet full of melon, passion fruit, white grapefruit, citrus, wet stone and minerals. These elements follow on the palate with great balancing acidity and superb length that is precise and pure.

2000 Petaluma Cabernet-Merlot Coonawarra South Australia (\$19.99) Here's a chance to try a classic Coonawarra blend for HALF PRICE, that was given 91 points from *Wine & Spirits*. This wine, made of equal parts cabernet sauvignon and merlot, offers aromas of mint, currant, dark cherry, tobacco leaf and minerals. On the palate, the wine has good acidity with gravelly fine dusty tannins that lend structure to the components above and lead to a fine finish.

2004 Water Wheel "Memsie" Bendigo Victoria (\$9.99) This one got 90 points from the *Wine Spectator* AND Robert Parker. The dark purple color leads to juicy black and blueberry fruit with notes of earth and licorice. A GREAT bargain.

2004 Sylvan Springs "Hard Yards" Shiraz Vale South Australia (\$14.99) This wine is lovely. It shows supple silky peppery cassis and blackberry fruit with some earthy notes. The palate reveals fine balance with good acidity and excellent length. Another fine value.

Happy New Year!

—Jimmy C

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC

1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$119.99

The 1978 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve has consistently been a 90-point wine.

1982 Beringer Private Res (9L)\$1,699.00

1984 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"\$249.00

1985 Dunn Howell Mount (5L)\$1,399.00

1985 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..\$129.00

1986 Beringer Private Res Napa\$109.99

1986 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..\$129.95

1987 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve..\$114.99

91 points in a later review from the *Wine Spectator*: "Generous, soft and big, with a dark ruby color and mint, plum and smoke character. Full-bodied and very velvety, with lots of ripe berry and chocolate flavors and a long, long finish.-- Georges de Latour Private Reserve vertical. Best after 2002." (02/2000)

1987 Kenwood Artist (3L)\$399.95

1988 Anderson's Conn Valley Res ..\$59.95

1988 Caymus Special Selection\$169.95

1989 Beaulieu Private Res (6L)\$349.00

According to the *Wine Spectator*: "pretty plum and cherry character ... Medium-bodied, with medium tannins and a fruity finish." (02/2000)

1989 Beringer Private Res Napa\$99.00

1990 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$89.99

Clyde just tasted this beauty-sweet mid-palate, plenty of richness. Delicious.

1990 Beaulieu Vineyards Tapestry\$39.99

1990 Pahlmeyer Caldwell\$129.00

1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley\$125.00

1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley (6L)..\$1,099.00

1991 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$79.99

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Smooth and elegant, with a cedar and spicy edge to the cherry and currant flavors, finishing with a firm tannic edge. Best to cellar into 1999 to soften. Fits in well with the BV style. Should only get better." (12/95)

1991 Kathryn Kennedy.....\$125.00

1992 Sterling Diam Mt Rnch (3L) ..\$149.95

90 points Robert Parker: "Progress is noticeable with the Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignons. The 1992 exhibits a saturated black/ruby color, a big, cassis, herbal, licorice, vanillin-scented nose, full body, and plenty of flavor depth and concentration. It is a candidate for two decades of aging." (12/94)

1992 Sterling Reserve (6L)\$349.95

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

1993 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$79.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Complex and harmonious, with a pretty core of ripe plum, cherry and currant flavors and shades of herb and cedary oak. Comes together quite nicely on the finish, where the fruity flavors remain and the tannins weave in. Drinks well now, or can age." (11/96)

1993 Burgess Vintage Select\$44.99

Wine Spectator: "Tight and well focused, with cedar, currant, tobacco and spice flavors at the core, finishing with firm tannins..." (05/97)

1993 Silverado Res Napa\$99.00

1993 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"\$149.00

1994 Barnett Spring Mountain\$89.95

1994 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$94.99

93 points *Wine Spectator*: "One of the most prestigious wines in California, the 1994 version shows an impressive core of spicy currant and mineral-laced Cabernet flavors emerging from chewy tannins, picking up cedary oak, coffee and sage notes." (10/97)

1994 Beaulieu Vineyard Tapestry\$49.99

91 points and a Spectator Selection designation from the *Wine Spectator*.

1994 Groth Reserve\$199.00

1994 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$109.95

1994 Stag's Leap "Cask 23" (1.5L) ..\$429.00

1995 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$89.99

93 points and a Cellar Selection designation from the *Wine Spectator*: "Complex and elegant, with ripe, round, plush, currant, cherry, berry and spice flavors, and a long, rich finish that gains nuances of cedar, anise, tobacco and mineral. Echoes toasty, spicy, vanilla-tinged oak on the aftertaste. Impressive finesse and polish. Best from 1999 through 2007." (10/98)

1995 Hess Collection\$59.95

1996 Beaulieu Private Reserve\$84.99

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

1996 Beaulieu Vineyard Tapestry\$49.99

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



French Regional: Faugères et Chignin

This month I would like to share with you two of my favorite French regional wines here at K&L. First, the AOC of Faugères is a tiny 1800 ha, to the north of Béziers in the foothills of the Cévennes, composed of an outcrop of pure schist that is known for its pungent, intense and concentrated wines. Though plantings are in decline, this is an area in which the carignan can reveal its subtlety, finesse and haunting perfume. The **2003 Château de la Liquière Vieilles Vignes Faugères (\$15.99)** is a lovely example of what happens when a talented wine maker meets old vines (50 to 100 years old) and great terroir. The old-vine carignan and grenache planted on poor schistous soils yield just a few, intensely flavored grapes that translate into a wine redolent of violets, red and black fruits and notes of garrigue, that intoxicating scent of wild herbs, warm earth and roasted meats. Despite the heat of 2003, the wine is amazingly fresh and balanced on the palate with a fine minerality, elegant tannins and a very long finish. This wine can be cellared mid-term but it so delicious now you'll soon want to enjoy some with all manner of hearty fare.

I would also like to recommend a second wine which hails from the Savoie region of France directly across from the swiss border. The **2004 Chignin Domaine Quenard (\$10.99)** is composed of a little know varietal known as jacquere, and although somewhat esoteric in nomenclature, I am certain that it is not so in taste or likeability. Having cracked crab? Open a bottle of this delicate Savoie blanc and watch your tastebuds sing! Or, as a bright, and refreshing counterpoint to rich raclette or fondue, this jaunty little wine will seal the deal as a natural food wine pairing. Fresh, zingy green apples, creamy pear and gorgeous acidity make trying this little white a no brainer!

—Thornton Jacobs

Have a Great 2006 from the K&L Staff

In Redwood City: Linda A, Alex B, Dan B, Jim B, Clyde B Jr, Trey B, Jim C, Jeff G, Shaun G, Brian H, Thornton J, Matt K, John L, Susan P, Anne P, Sharon R, David R, Martin R, Greg S, Ralph S, Jeff V, Jorge V, Gary W, Keith W, Molly Z, Brian Z, Todd Z and Joe Z.

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2001 Arrowood, Sonoma	\$39.99	2002 Joseph Phelps, Napa.....	\$36.98	2003 Alexander Valley	\$14.99
2001 Artesa, Napa.....	\$21.99	92 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "A rich, dense and		2003 Avalon, Napa	\$9.99
2001 Atalon, Napa	\$34.99	deeply concentrated young Cabernet, with layers		2003 Buehler, Napa.....	\$21.99
2001 Amici, Napa	\$34.99	of currant, plum, spice, cedar and blueberry notes		2003 Caymus, Napa	\$64.99
2001 Beringer Knights Valley	\$19.99	that are tightly focused and supported by firm,		2003 Chalone Monterey	\$12.99
2001 Burgess, Napa	\$29.99	ripe tannins."		2003 Chappellet, Napa	\$39.99
2001 Cuvaison, Napa	\$26.99	2002 Kathryn Kennedy, Small Lot	\$56.99	2003 Château La Grande Roche.....	\$29.99
2001 Dominus, Napa	\$99.00	2002 Miner Family, Oakville	\$46.99	A second wine from Rick Forman in Napa!	
2001 Guilliams, Spring Mnt.....	\$36.99	2002 Nickel & Nickel	Inquire	2003 Chimney Rock, SLD	\$44.98
2001 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$44.98	2002 Opus One	\$129.00	2003 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa	\$26.99
2001 Hetiz, Napa	\$29.98	2002 Pine Ridge, Rutherford	\$24.99	2003 Esser, California.....	\$7.99
2001 Hess Collection, Napa	\$39.99	2002 Pine Ridge "Stag's Leap"	\$56.99	2003 Hess Select, California.....	\$11.99
2001 Jordan, Alexander Valley.....	\$39.99	2002 Quintessa, Rutherford	\$99.00	Toasty and full of sweet berry and cherry fruit,	
2001 La Jota "Howell Mnt"	\$39.99	2002 Ridgeline, Alexander Valley	\$39.99	this is forward Cab that is hard not to like!	
2001 Lancaster, Alexander Valley	\$48.99	2002 Robert Craig "Affinity"	\$36.99	2003 House Wine, Washington	\$9.99
2001 Mount Eden, Santa Cruz	\$29.99	2002 Robert Mondavi Res	\$99.00	2003 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"	\$10.99
Cassis, bitter chocolate, tobacco, cinnamon and		2002 Roth, Alexander Valley	\$34.99	2003 Jan Kriss "Crossfire"	\$8.99
eucalyptus on the nose with a note of dried rose.		2002 Selene, Napa.....	\$69.99	2003 Liberty School California	\$11.99
2001 Mount Veeder Res. Meritage	\$49.99	2002 Sequoia Grove, Napa	\$26.99	2003 Melka "CJ," Napa	\$44.99
2001 Paradise Ridge "Rockpile"	\$21.99	Deep garnet in color; aromas of cassis and black-		2003 Philip Togni, Spring Mnt.....	\$84.99
2001 Schweiger, Spring Mnt.....	\$44.99	berry, a touch of spice, notes of eucalyptus and		2003 Provenance, Rutherford	\$29.99
2001 St. Clement, Napa	\$24.99	peppermint, mellow tannins but well-structured		2003 Seven Hills "Ciel du Cheval"	\$29.99
2001 Stonestreet "Legacy"	\$49.99	with firm acidic length		2003 Stag's Leap "Artemis"	\$39.98
2001 Stonestreet, Alexander Vly	\$17.99	2002 Serdonis, Napa	\$69.99	2003 Stephen Vincent, California	\$8.99
2001 Terra Valentine, Sprg Mnt	\$26.99	2002 Shypoke, Knights Valley	\$17.99	2003 Turnbull Old Bull Red.....	\$14.99
2001 Trefethen, Napa	\$29.99	2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards	\$36.99	2003 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$34.99
Lush and full, the use of oak is masterfully inte-		2002 St. Clement "Oropas"	\$37.99	2003 Twenty Bench, Napa	\$14.99
grated so as to provide perfect spice without an		2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	\$32.99	2003 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$8.99
overshadowing influence.		Rich and concentrated. Fruit aromas of blackberry		A great value for a Napa Cab. Owned by Beringer	
2001 Vine Cliff, Oakville	\$46.99	and cassis backed by hints of black pepper,		2003 Whispering Dove, Napa	\$29.99
91 points <i>Spectator</i> and listed at a \$75 retail		2002 Veraison, Napa.....	\$46.99	2003 ZD, Napa	\$34.99
price: "This is an intense, firmly tannic youngster,		2002 Viader, Napa.....	\$74.99	2004 McManis, California	\$8.99
with loads of mocha, toffee, currant and black		2002 Vine Cliff, Napa	\$34.99	2004 Waterbrook Melange	\$12.99
cherry flavors that are rich and concentrated."		2002 William Hill, Napa.....	\$14.99		
2001 White Rock Claret	\$42.99				
2002 Andrew Rich Cab Franc	\$19.99				
2002 BV Rutherford	\$21.99				
2002 BV Res. "Georges de Latour" ..	\$69.98				
Expressive aromas, with clean fruit, lush mouth-					
feel and a spicy lingering finish. Best in years!					
2002 BV Tapestry	\$36.98				
2002 Cain Concept	\$46.99				
The 2002 Concept emphasizes the lush fruit and					
supple tannins of grapes grown on the alluvial					
fans lining the edges of the Napa Valley and the					
hillsides of Carneros.					
2002 Charles Krug "Vint Select"	\$44.99				
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$34.99				
2002 Chateau Souverain, Alex Vly	\$16.99				
2002 Chateau St. Jean, Sonoma	\$19.99				
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Vly.....	\$16.99				
2002 Cornerstone, Napa.....	\$49.99				
2002 Darioush, Napa	\$59.99				
2002 Ehlers, Napa Cab Franc	\$27.99				
2002 Far Niente, Napa	\$89.99				
2002 Flora Springs, Napa	\$22.99				
2002 Groth, Napa	\$42.98				
2002 Hanna, Alexander Valley.....	\$24.99				
2002 Hess Estate, Napa.....	\$16.99				
2002 Honig, Napa	\$28.99				

Trey's Picks: Pinot is Perfect for January!

The first thing I should do is apologize for writing up the 2002 Phelps Insignia last month. I did not know the *Wine Spectator* was going to give it wine of the year. And boom, we had no wine to sell. The way Pinot Noir is selling lately I might have the same problem this month. I will try to buy enough to last us till the end of January, but who knows these days. The **2002 Willakenzie Pierre Leon Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (\$31.99)** is one of the staff's favorite Pinots in the store. Pierre Lion is a selection of different estate grown Pinot Noir clones, including several Dijon clones. The '02 Pierre Leon is balanced, fresh and lively in the mouth. The fruit is integrated and juicy. This wine is delicious now and will be excellent to enjoy over the next five years. 91 points from the *Wine Spectator* doesn't hurt either. Probably one of the best values in the store, in any category, is the **2000 Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir (\$14.99)**. Originally planted in 1969 by David Bruce, the vineyard is entirely Estate owned and operated. For those of you who are looking for a Pinot Noir that is delicate and fresh, this is your wine. It is filled with bright, ripe cherry flavors, and hints of spice and strawberries that linger on the finish. This is a classic example of a wine that is not over-manipulated or extracted. Enjoy it over the next few years. Perfect with your delicate dishes such as salmon or chicken! The last wine I will write up this month is the **2003 Domaine Serene "Yamhill Cuvée" Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (\$29.99)**. This is the wine I am worried about. The wholesaler is almost out, but I just had to write it up. 2003 in Oregon was a year of record heat. This warm weather can be tasted in most of the 2003s. The 2003 Yamhill Cuvée is loaded with ripe and spicy aromas of dark cherry plum, candied strawberry, sandalwood, beetroot, cola, anise, candle wax and allspice. The Yamhill is a blend of different estate vineyards. This is a wine to enjoy over the next 5 years!

—Trey Beffa

CHARDONNAY

2001 Marimar Torres	\$18.99	2003 Mer Soleil, Central Coast	\$34.99	with good viscous texture and body.
2002 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$27.99	Rich and ripe tropical style with hints of spice, mango, pineapple and citrus.		
2002 Mount Eden Estate.....	\$32.99	2003 Merryvale “Starmont”	\$15.99	2004 Chappellet, Napa
2002 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$14.99	2003 Mi Sueno, Los Carneros	\$32.99	2004 Chateau Souverain, Napa
2002 Stony Hill, Napa.....	\$26.99	2003 Miner Family “Wild Yeast”	\$44.99	2004 Ch St. Jean, Sonoma
2002 Talbott “Sleepy Hollow”	\$29.99	2003 Mount Eden “Wolff”	\$14.99	2004 Chehalem, “Inox”
2003 Arrowood, Sonoma	\$23.99	New vintage and better than ever!		2004 Cinnabar, Monterey.....
2003 Baileyana “Firepeak Cuvee”	\$19.99	2003 Pine Ridge “Dijon Clones”	\$21.98	2004 Edna Valley Vineyards.....
2003 Benziger, Carneros	\$9.99	2003 Qupe “Block Eleven”	\$23.99	2004 Elisabeth Spencer, Napa
2003 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$14.99	2003 Robert Young Estate	\$27.99	2004 Esser, California.....
Rich, golden color, hints of butterscotch and hazelnuts are followed by a bright, crisp, fresh fruit quality!		2003 Solitude, Carneros	\$23.99	2004 Far Niente
2003 Cambria “Katherine’s”.....	\$12.98	2003 Talley Estate, Arroyo Grande ..	\$24.99	2004 Four Vines “Naked”
2003 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$29.99	2003 Taz, Santa Barbara.....	\$12.99	2004 Foxglove, Edna Valley
2003 Chalone Estate	\$19.99	2003 Three Saints, Santa Maria	\$15.99	2004 Groth, Napa
2003 Clos La Chance, Santa Cruz	\$14.99	2003 Trefethen, Oak Knoll.....	\$21.99	2004 Hartford, Sonoma
2003 Cuvaision, Carneros	\$15.99	Aromas and flavors of tropical fruit, mango and Fuji apple spiced with hints of tarragon pave the way for a palate that is lush and creamy.		2004 Heitz, Napa
2003 Domaine Alfred “Chamisal”	\$18.99	2003 Villa Mt Eden Bien Nacido	\$12.99	2004 Heron, California
2003 Gainey, Santa Barbara	\$12.99	2003 Walter Hansel “Cahill Ln”	\$29.99	2004 Hess Collection, Napa
2003 Gary Farrell, Russian River	\$29.99	Just released. 91 points from Robert Parker!		2004 Hess Select, California.....
2003 Grand Cru, California.....	\$4.99	2003 West Slope, Edna Valley	\$11.99	90% of the chardonnay comes from Monterey vineyards. This wine is clean, well-made and fresh! Hints of oak but not overdone.
2003 Handley, Dry Creek	\$16.99	2004 Acacia, Carneros	\$15.99	2004 Jayson, Napa.....
2003 Hanzell, Sonoma	\$54.99	2004 Ambullneo, “Big Paw”	\$54.99	2004 Kali Hart, Monterey.....
2003 Jordan, Russian River	\$21.99	2004 Beringer “Founders”	\$7.99	2004 Kalinda, Sonoma
2003 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco.....	\$10.99	2004 Beringer “Private Reserve”	\$29.99	Creamy, appley aromas that follow to the palate. A touch of oak on the nose and palate, soft and fruity with good, clean acidity and lingering finish. Great value!
2003 Logan, Monterey	\$12.99	2004 Bogle, California	\$7.99	2004 Kendall Jackson Vint Res.....
2003 Margaret’s Vineyard, Cal.	\$5.99	2004 Chalone, Monterey	\$10.99	2004 La Crema, Sonoma
2003 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99	Shows cool climate freshness in the fruit, along		2004 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande
2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$17.98			2004 Landmark “Overlook”

Spotlight on New Year’s Resolutions

This year, I resolve to drink more white wine! I’m not kidding. Non-Chard whites are seriously underrated in this country and have been an afterthought for yours truly for essentially most of my wine-drinking life. This is almost like a confession, but in truth, I feel like it’s a revelation. The true virtues of classy whites weren’t obvious to me for a long time and are admittedly hard to believe, yet there’s no denying anymore—white wine is more versatile than red, more refreshing than red, and the right ones can be as complex and age-worthy as most reds. My, oh my, it shocks me, an avowed “Big Cab” drinker for so long that I’m actually writing this now! Perhaps some are thinking, “Nope, not me, I’m still an eat-it-with-a-spoon, rocket fuel-strength red lover.” Fine. But if you’re looking for a unique and rewarding resolution this year, come join me in this one. Let’s look at a couple of special baby steps:

2004 Long Shadows Poet’s Leap Riesling Columbia Valley (\$21.99) Riesling in many ways is the anti-Merlot. Everyone jokes how the masses love Merlot, but the connoisseurs turn their nose up, right? Well Riesling is the exact opposite. Ask any wine shop and they’ll tell you. Serious Riesling is a breath-taking experience. It produces some of the most dazzling, poetic and gracefully wines the world has to offer, plus its natural acidity make it a stunning food-pairing machine. But guess how many noses wrinkle when I suggest it for a meal? I know, I know, I was a nose-wrinkler too! Now take a step forward with me and try this one with fresh cracked crab and garlic butter, and see what happens!

2003 Spring Mountain Napa Sauvignon Blanc (\$24.99) Don’t let the words “sauvignon blanc” mislead you. There is nothing light, tart or simple about this impressive wine. I don’t usually write a laundry list of fruit descriptors, but this one shot out of the gate and didn’t let up. Guava, fig, pineapple, grapefruit, meyer lemon and peach, all caressed with a touch of embracing yet refined Bordeaux-like creaminess. This is one of the all-around greatest and most glorious Sauvignon Blancs this state has to offer, period. Enjoy! —*Martin Reyes*

2004 Newton “Red Label”	\$19.99
2004 Neyers Carn/Napa	\$23.99
2004 Nickel & Nickel “Truchard”	\$34.99
2004 Purisima Canyon, Sonoma	\$9.99
2004 Qupe “Y Block”	\$16.99
2004 St. Clement, Napa.....	Inquire
2004 Storrs, Santa Cruz	\$18.99
A great expression of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Tons of mineral elements here, for the French Chard nut, but plenty of fruit too.	
2004 Talley “Oliver’s”	\$21.99
2004 Toasted Head	\$10.99
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$7.99
2004 ZD, California	\$24.99

PINOT NOIR

1999 Whitethorn "Hyde"	\$34.99
2002 Baileyana "Firepeak Cuv"	\$29.99
2002 Domaine Drouhin, Ore	\$34.98
2002 Domaine Drouhin Laurene	\$54.99
2002 Donum, Carneros	\$59.99
2002 Mount Eden Estate.....	\$32.99
2002 Oak Arbour "Toulouse".....	\$29.99
2002 Robert Sinskey, Carneros	\$21.99
2002 Row Eleven, Santa Maria.....	\$24.99
2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley.....	\$14.99
2003 Amici, Mendocino	\$39.99
2003 Andrew Rich, Willamette	\$26.99
2003 Auteur "Hyland Vineyard"	\$42.99
2003 Bethel Heights "Casteel Res"....	\$36.99
2003 Brandborg, Umpqua Valley.....	\$16.99
2003 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"	\$21.99
2003 Cristom "Mnt Jefferson"	\$25.99
2003 Dierberg, Santa Maria	\$32.99
2003 Domaine Serene "Yamhill"	\$29.99
2003 Elk Cove, Willamette Valley	\$18.99
2003 Etude, Carneros	\$36.99
2003 Gainey "Lmt Select" S.B.	\$39.99
2003 Gary Farrell, Russian River	\$29.99
2003 Handley, Anderson Vly	\$19.99
2003 Hatcher, Willamette Vly	\$32.99
2003 Kalinda, Willamette Valley	\$14.99
2003 Londer, Anderson Vly	\$27.99
2003 Mia's Playground, Russ Rivr	\$12.99
2003 Ponzi Reserve	\$44.99
2003 Rex Hill "Kings Ridge"	\$13.99
2003 Rex Hill, Oregon	\$19.99
2003 Taz, Santa Barbara.....	\$17.99
2003 Three Saints, Santa Maria	\$15.99
This wine is medium dark ruby in color. Spicy, forward Bing cherry and dark cherry aromas with a touch of oak and hints of violets. From the Dieberg winery!	
2003 Varner "Hid Blck," Snt Crz	\$36.99
2003 Woodenhead "Buena Tierra"....	\$31.99
Only 86 cases of this incredible Pinot were produced. Burgundian style.	
2004 Acacia, Carneros	\$19.99
2004 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly	\$24.99
2004 Ambullneo "Bulldog Res"	\$76.99
2004 Au Bon Climate, Santa Barb	\$17.99
2004 Chalone Monterey	\$14.99
2004 Chalone Estate	\$21.99
2004 Erath, Oregon	\$12.99
2004 Esser, California.....	\$9.99
2004 Hartford, Sonoma	\$19.99
2004 Kenwood, Sonoma.....	\$14.99
2004 Lutea, Russian River	\$27.99
2004 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99
2004 Melville, Santa Rita	\$24.99
2004 Morgan "Twelve Clones"	\$24.99
Aromas of black cherry, minerals, hard spices and toast.	
2004 Parker Station, Santa Barbara..	\$10.99
2004 Roessler "Bluejay," Ander Vly ..	\$29.99
2004 Smooking Loon California	\$6.99
2004 Torii Mor, Oregon	\$19.99

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night.....

But that didn't stop us! 80 wine fanatics braved the season's biggest storm and gathered at the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay to celebrate Château Montelena's wines with Bo and Heidi Barrett. True to form, each and every wine was stellar! We started the evening with the brilliant heir to the winner of the 1976 Paris Chardonnay challenge (showing the world that California's Chardonnay can stand up with the best). The **2003 Ch. Montelena Napa Chardonnay (\$29.99)** was brilliant with character, avoiding the crutch of over oaking and malo. This bright and structured wine has deep density and richness offering ripe pear, green apple, hints of spice and white flowers. The wonderful acidity and beautiful structure bode well for ageing or drinking now (the 1999 was also showing wonderfully. Paired with a wild mushroom salad, it was gorgeous). This may be the best Chardonnay in California. The **2002 Ch. Montelena Napa Cabernet (\$34.99)** was also showing its brilliance with Rutherford-like dustiness to the explosive nose and an intense concentration of black cherry highlighted by wonderful sous-bois and anise. At an incredibly good price, this is a mini Estate that you can buy and drink today! This wine will age well for 5-10 years, if you can keep your hands off it, but I bet most of us will not be able to wait. The 1999 was showing just how well these wines do age. It was beginning to soften its core just a bit, and drank like liquid velvet. And ahhhh... the Estate, a wine I always collect. The Montelena Estate is my favorite California Cab because it gives everything, every time. Every wine since 1978 is still drinking beautifully. The evening's '94 and '97 were showing the vintages' softer supple and luxurious sides, and the '95, '96 and '01 were showing a serious and unbeatably solid side. Bo seems to pull the best out of each vintage and bottle it as the Estate, but you have to be fast. These are always offered as pre-arrivals, and you must get them quickly, since I'm not the only unbridled fan. Lastly, don't forget the **2002 Ch. Montelena Zinfandel (\$24.99)**. Lush and heady have been used to describe this wine, I think it is just pleasure in a bottle. Lifted with a touch of viognier. Don't deprive yourself of this experience. Hope to see you at the next dinner!

—Shaun Green

ZINFANDEL

2002 Amici "Panek Vineyard"	\$26.99
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$24.99
2002 D Cubed, Napa.....	\$22.99
2002 Dry Creek "Old Vine" Sonoma	\$24.99
2002 Howell Mountain, Blck Sears ..	\$34.99
2002 Jessie's Grove "Westwind"	\$14.99
2002 Little 8 Ottimino "Vn W"	\$29.99
2002 Montevina Terra d'Oro	\$19.99
2002 Renwood "Sierra Series"	\$9.99
2002 Rombauer, El Dorado	\$21.99
2002 St. Francis "Old Vine"	\$13.99
2002 Storrs "Rusty Ridge"	\$24.99
2002 Storybook "Mayacamas"	\$25.99
2002 Storybook Estate Reserve	\$44.99
2002 Unti Vineyards, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2003 Alexander Valley "Sin Zin"	\$16.99
2003 Arzein, California	\$11.99
2003 August Briggs, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Bogle Old Vine.....	\$8.98
2003 Brown Estate, Napa	\$32.99
2003 Carol Shelton "Rocky Res"	\$32.99
90 points from the <i>Wine Spectator!</i>	
2003 Cline, California	\$7.99
2003 Four Vines Old Vine Cuvee	\$10.99
2003 J. Runquist "Z," Amador	\$18.99
2003 Jan Kriss, Paso Robles	\$9.99
2003 Kalinda, Sonoma	\$9.99
Deeply colored, loaded with blackberry, raspberry, and spicy clove-like tones with just a touch of cedary oak as a supporting element!	
2003 Klinker Brick "Old Ghost"	\$34.99
2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"....	\$12.99
2003 Ravenswood Single Vinyrds.....	Inquire
2003 Ridge-Many vineyards in stock! ..	Inquire
2003 Rosenblum "Carla's"	\$21.99
2003 Scott Harvey Old Vn, Amador	\$19.99
2003 Seghesio "Old Vine".....	\$27.99
2003 Sobon "Rocky Top"	\$12.99
2003 Storybook Mnt "Eastern Exp" ..	\$36.99
2003 Tin Barn "Gilsson"	\$24.99
2003 Tobin James "Ballistic," Paso ..	\$14.99
2003 Unti, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2004 Balleto, Russian River	\$14.99
2004 David Coffaro, Dry Creek	\$19.99
2004 Earthquake, Lodi	\$23.99
2004 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..	\$8.99
2004 Joel Gott, California	\$12.99
2004 Rosenblum Paso Robles.....	\$14.98
2004 Rosenblum San Francisco Bay	\$14.98
Two new wines under their new appellation series. Both are typical Rosenblum wines, tons of fruit with a velvety texture and lingering finish.	
2004 Seghesio Sonoma	\$16.99
2004 Shenandoah Spec Rs. Amador ..	\$7.99
2004 Windmill Estates Old Vine	\$9.99
Produced from the vineyards of four of Lodi's top growers, this zin is heady with the aromas of ripe, soft, brambly blackberries.	
Rosenblum Cuvee XXVIII	\$7.99

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

2001 Corazon Gewürztraminer	\$19.99
2003 Brandborg Ore. Riesling	\$10.99
2003 Erath Pinot Gris.....	\$10.99
2004 A to Z Pinot Gris (Ore)	\$10.99
2004 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2004 Cold Heaven "S&B" Viognier ..	\$32.99
2004 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc	\$9.99
2004 FishEye CA Pinot Grigio	\$5.99
2004 Londer Gewurztraminer	\$19.99
2004 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$16.99
2004 Margerum "Alisos" Pnt Gris	\$17.99
2004 Michael Austin Viognier	\$16.99
2004 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$11.99
2004 Ponzi Will. Vally Pinot Gris	\$13.99
2004 Smoking Loon Viognier	\$6.99
2004 Thomas Fogarty Gwrtz	\$12.99
2004 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling....	\$14.99
2004 Tremani RR Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2004 Willakenzie Pinot Blanc/Gris ..	\$17.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2003 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$10.99
2003 Gainey "Limited Select"	\$15.99
2003 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Source "Heart Block"	\$46.99
The Haut-Brion Blanc of California!	
2003 Voss, Napa	\$14.98
2003 Wattle Creek, Mendocino	\$16.99
2004 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly	\$12.99
2004 Clos Pegase, Carneros	\$17.99
2004 DeSante, Napa	\$16.99
Fresh citrus-like fruit that is lively and zippy.	
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$21.99
2004 Geyser Peak, California	\$7.99
2004 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$19.98
2004 Hanna, Russian River	\$11.99
2004 Honig, Napa	\$11.99
2004 Honig, Rutherford	\$19.99
2004 Husch, Mendocino.....	\$9.99
2004 Joel Gott, California	\$9.99
2004 Kalinda, Mendocino	\$9.99
2004 Kathryn Kennedy.....	\$18.99
2004 Kenwood, Sonoma.....	\$9.99
2004 Mason, Napa	\$12.98
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$15.99
2004 Morgan, Monterey	\$10.99
2004 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"	\$6.98
2004 Paige 23, Santa Barbara.....	\$13.99
2004 Palmina "Sisquoc," St Maria	\$14.99
2004 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$7.99
2004 Saracina, Mendocino	\$21.99
John Fetzer and David Ramey have produced this organic SB with no new oak or ML.	
2004 Sauvignon Republic, RR	\$12.99
2004 Selene "Hyde"	\$26.99
2004 Source "Gamble"	\$22.99
2004 St. Supéry, Napa.....	\$13.99
2004 Sterling, Napa	\$10.99

Merlot

1999 Newton Unfiltered (375ml)	\$14.99
Originally \$22. 90 points Robert Parker!	
2001 Keenan "25th Anniv," Napa.....	\$22.99
2001 Rombauer, Napa	\$24.99
2001 St. Clement, Napa	\$19.99
2001 Stonestreet, Sonoma	\$14.98
2001 Vine Cliff, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Burgess, Napa	\$13.99
2002 Chateau Soverain, Sonoma	\$13.99
2002 Ch St. Jean, Sonoma	\$18.99
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex	\$16.99
2002 Emmolo, Napa	\$18.99
2002 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$19.99
2002 Flora Springs, Napa	\$17.98
2002 Franciscan, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Markham, Napa	\$15.98
2002 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.98
2002 Provenance, Carneros	\$21.98
2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Swanson, Napa.....	\$22.99
2002 Taft Street, Sonoma	\$9.99
2002 Twomey, Napa-94 points Parker! ..	\$64.99
2002 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$22.98
2003 Bogle, California	\$6.98
2003 Chappellet, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Cinnabar, Paso Robles	\$16.99
2003 Duckhorn, Napa	\$44.99
2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Columbia Vly ..	\$29.99
2003 McManis, California	\$8.99

Domestic Red

2001 Concannon "Stampmakers"	\$11.99
2002 Altamura Sangiovese.....	\$32.99
2002 Bogle "The Phantom"	\$13.99
2002 Palmina "Stolpman" Nebbiolo	\$31.99
2002 Paraduxx Napa Red	\$39.99
2003 Bacio Divino "Pazzo"	\$23.99
2003 Cline Anc Vines Mourvèdre	\$12.99

2003 Edmund St. John "Rock & Gr" ..	\$17.99
A blend of grenache, mourvèdre and syrah.	
2003 Ethan Paso Rob, Sangiovese	\$21.99
2003 Garretson G Red	\$19.99
2003 Shypoke Napa Charbono.....	\$19.99
2003 Tablas Creek Esprit Red.....	\$34.99
2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy	\$9.99
2004 Margerum "M5" Red Blend.....	\$23.99
2004 Orin Swift "The Prisoner".....	\$27.99
2004 Palmina Barbera	\$24.99
2004 Palmina "Zotovitch" Dolcetto ..	\$19.99
NV Marietta Lot #38 OV Red	\$9.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2001 Miner, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Foppiano Sonoma Petite Sirah	\$10.99
Was \$15. Deep rich purple color, complex aromas of spices and black pepper, and concentrated flavors of ripe berries and chocolate.	
2002 Kahn, Santa Ynez.....	\$27.99
2002 Martella "The Hammer"	\$19.99
2002 Stags' Leap Petite Sirah	\$29.99
2002 Tobin James "Rock & Roll"	\$14.99
2003 Concannon CC Petite Sirah	\$11.99
2003 EXP, Dunnigan Hills	\$9.99
2003 Girard Napa Petite Sirah	\$17.99
2003 Hahn Central Coast.....	\$9.99
2003 J. Runquist, Paso Robles	\$23.99
2003 JC Cellars California Cuvee.....	\$24.99
2003 K Vintners "Milbrandt"	\$27.99
2003 Leveroni Sonoma	\$14.99
2003 Melville, Santa Rita	\$18.99
2003 Ojai, Santa Barbara	\$23.99
2003 Piedrasassi California	\$49.99
2003 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$9.99
2003 T-Vine "Duarte"	\$28.99
2004 Margerum "Purissima Mnt"	\$29.99
If you like big, rich and juicy Syrah, you'll love it!	
2004 Vinum "Pets" Petite Sirah	\$9.98

San Francisco Focus

Philip Togni Vineyards first planted their vines on Spring Mountain in 1981. The vineyard is run by Philip, his wife Birgitta and their daughter Lisa. Both Philip and Lisa have spent time in Bordeaux and Togni wines are California wines that Bordeaux lovers must have. California born with European sensibility.

You read about Bryant, Screaming Eagle and Harlan, but Togni is a wine that belongs alongside the top wines of California. I've had several vintages of this wine and the 1990 and 1994 sit on the top of my list. K&L has many older vintages of the estate along with the current releases below. If you give these wines a try, it will put a smile on your face.

2003 Philip Togni Cabernet Sauvignon (\$84.99) One of the better 2003 cabs that I've tried, this wine will need at least five years to really show its best. 92-94 points from Robert Parker.

2001 Tanbark Hill Cabernet Sauvignon (\$54.99) The second label of the estate, this wine was just released and is drinking very well now with another ten years of cellaring possible. 90 points Stephan Tanzer.

2002 Tanbark Hill Cabernet Sauvignon (\$47.99) There wasn't a Philip Togni in the 2002 vintage. Everything went into the second label, and this wine shows it. 92 points from *Wine Spectator*. See you in the City...

—Mike Jordan

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile/Argentina

2004 Concha y Toro Xplorador Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) ..	\$5.99
2005 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Pinot Gris (Argentina)	\$6.99
2004 Alamos Chadonnay (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$7.99
2004 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2004 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Concha y Toro Casillero del Diablo (Chile)	\$7.99
2003 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$7.99
2002 Budini Cabernet (Argentina)	\$8.99
2004 Casa Lapostolle Rapel Valley Merlot (Chile)	\$9.99
2003 Fin del Mundo, Postales Cab/Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2003 Valentin Bianchi Famiglia Malbec (Argentina)	\$12.99
2003 Terrazas de los Andes Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$13.99

90 points from the *Wine Spectator*.

2003 Fin del Mundo, Malbec, Patagonia (Argentina)	\$14.99
2004 Bodegas Caro, Amancaya, Malbec/Cabernet (Arg)	\$15.99
2003 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvée Alexandre, Cabernet (Chile)	\$16.99
2003 La Posta Bonarda or Malbec (Argentina)	\$17.99
2003 Luca Syrah (Argentina)	\$31.99

Portugal/Spain

2004 Wrong Dongo, Jumilla	\$6.99
2003 Candela Carro, Murcia	\$7.99
2004 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2003 Marco Real Tempranillo, Navarra	\$8.49
2003 Bodegas Tintoralba Higuera Almansa-Grenache	\$8.99
NV Broadbent Vinho Verde (Portugal)	\$8.99
2004 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco	\$8.99
2003 Mano a Mano, La Mancha	\$8.99
2001 Conde de Valdemar Crianza Rioja	\$9.99
2001 Casa Ferreira Esteva (Portugal)	\$9.99
2003 Hecula, Yecla	\$9.99

90 points Robert Parker: "...sweet bouquet of ripe plums, figs, raspberries, and cherries, it boasts a terrific texture, enviable purity, medium to full body, and a long, seamless finish. Drink this outstanding bargain over the next 2-3 years."

2004 Naia Rueda Blanc	\$9.99
2002 Castell del Remei Gotim Bru	\$10.99
2004 El Quintanal, Ribera del Duero	\$10.99
2000 Mont Marcal Cava	\$11.99
2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas	\$11.99
2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Luna Beberide, Mencia	\$12.99
2003 Vinas del Cenuit, Venta Mazzaron, VDT de Zamora	\$13.99

90 points Robert Parker: "A superb discovery by broker Jorge Ordonez..."

2003 Bodegas Arrocal, Arrocal	\$14.99
2003 Dominio de Tares, Bierzo	\$14.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Crianza	\$14.99
2001 Bodegas Montebaco, Pago Senda Misa Crianza	\$16.99
2004 Fefiñanes Albariño	\$16.99
2002 Gramona "Grand Cuvee" Cava	\$16.99
2003 Pago Florentino, La Mancha	\$16.99
2001 Bodegas Garanza Cyan, Crianza, Toro	\$19.99
2001 Casa Castillo, Las Gravas, Jumilla	\$24.99
2001 Remondo Palacios, Propiedad, Rioja	\$26.99
2000 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera del Duero	\$28.99
2000 Bodegas Muga Reserva Selección Especial Rioja	\$29.99
2001 Hacienda Monasterio, Ribero del Duero	\$34.99

Big Points! No Whammies!

2004 Vinos Sin-Ley G2 Garnacha, Montsant (\$7.99) 88 points
Robert Parker: "This deep ruby/purple-tinged offering displays notes of crushed rocks, raspberries, and kirsch in a rich, medium-bodied, fruit-driven style with hints of earth, garrigue, and spice."

2003 Bodegas Tintoralba Higuera (Grenache) (\$8.99) 88 points
Robert Parker: "Old vines, low yields, and impeccable winemaking have resulted in a dense ruby/purple-colored wine with medium to full body as well as a delicious kirsch, blackberry, currant, licorice, and spice-scented bouquet."

2004 Senorio de Barahonda Monastrell Tinto (\$9.99) 90 points
Robert Parker: "For \$10, the 2004 Monastrell Tinto is amazing. An extraordinary bouquet of raspberries, blueberries, and vanilla jumps from the glass of this dense, medium to full-bodied, luscious, fruit-filled, seamlessly constructed effort. It is ideal for consumption over the next several years. The good news is that 2,500 cases are exported to the U.S. This estate is one of the top discoveries of all my tastings."

2003 Celler de Capcanes Mas Donis Barrica (\$10.99) 92 points
Robert Parker: "Its dense ruby/purple color is followed by sumptuous aromas of blueberries, black currants, cold steel, and minerals. Evocative of a baby Priorat, it possesses an amazing fragrance, considerable nobility as well as complexity, medium to full body, and a long, concentrated, heady finish. Enjoy it over the next 5-7 years."

2004 Vinos Piñol Sacra Natura, Terra Alta (Organic) (\$15.99) 90 points
Robert Parker: "A terrific bargain is the 2004 Sacra Natura, a blend of 60% Carignan and 40% Tempranillo. A pungent earthy note provides a distinctive terroir aspect to this dark purple-hued 2004. Sweet raspberry and blueberry fruit along with scents of new saddle leather, spice box, toast, and vanilla emerge from this beautiful effort. It is hard to believe such quality is available at this price."

Happy New Year!

—Anne Pickett

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I know I've written about this before, and I will continue to pound away at the subject till the day I die... PURITY. I refuse to accept any wine that has been muddled over by some scientist, wearing a sterile white lab coat, who could care less about the juice he or she is now manipulating into "wine." I want wines made from a farmer, someone who has a passion for the land on which he or she drops blood, sweat and tears. Someone who can step outside and have a complete understanding of what nature is doing all around them, to know it is time to prune based solely on instinct and the feeling that they have in their bones, not some chart.

With these people, come wines with tradition, honor. They have a distinct, pure, presence of place, wines that speak to you, wines that represent the people and the land from which they come. That's the passion I want. I want to shake a winemaker's hand and feel the life of the vineyard through that handshake. Had enough? Try these on for size...

2004 Peter Schandl Furmint (\$14.99) Due to its long maturation, this varietal has an extremely unique acid balance. Clear, ripe fruits like apple and quince explode upon your senses, and then take a sip. Its long, expressive finish will then win you over.

2004 Weingut Pfaffl Grüner Veltliner Weinviertel DAC (\$17.99) A zippy, refreshing wine that is a step or two above your "entry level" grüner. Well structured and precise, this little gem will keep you thinking well after you have finished the bottle.

—Eric Story

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace	\$14.99
2000 Marcel Deiss Burlenberg Pinot Noir	\$31.99
2001 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	\$17.99
2002 Domaine Charles et Dominique Frey Riesling Tradition	\$7.99
2002 Domiane Charles Schleret Sylvaner Cuvee Reserve.....	\$13.99
2002 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru ..	\$18.99
2003 Rene Barth Muscat	\$14.99
2003 Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	\$17.99
2004 Charles Baur, Pinot Blanc.....	\$9.99
2004 Martin Schaetzel Pinot Blanc	\$12.99
2004 Martin Schaetzel Riesling	\$15.99
2004 Charles Baur Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg.....	\$19.99

Loire

François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	\$13.99
Château du Hureau Saumur Sparkling	\$13.99
1985 Couly Dutheil Chinon Clos de l'Echo (1.5L)	\$129.99
Direct from the estate!! This '85 is very pure and elegant, with a sweet nose of plums and spice leading to a rich and voluptuous texture, very long and still very fresh. Drink now till 2010+.	
1996 Clos Rougeard Saumur Champigny	\$45.99
2002 Chinon Couly Dutheil Clos de l'Echo	\$25.99
2002 Luneau-Papin Le L d'Or Muscadet Sèvre & Maine	\$16.99

2002 Domaine Laureau Savennieres "Cuvee des Genets"	\$18.99
2002 Domaine des Baumard Savennieres "Clos du Papillon"	\$28.99
2002 Domaine Philippe Alliet Chinon Coteau de Noiré	\$34.99
2003 Xavier Frissant Touraine Amboise	
"Cuvee Renaissance"	\$12.99
2003 Domaine Fouet Saumur Champigny	\$18.99
2003 Belliviere Rouge-Gorge Pineau d'Aunis	\$21.99
2003 Château Hureau Saumur Champigny Lisagathe	\$24.99
2003 Philippe Foreau Vouvray "Clos Naudin" Demi Sec	\$26.99
2004 Château La Moriniere Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie..	\$9.99
2004 Domaine de la Pépière V.V. Clos des Briords Muscadet ..	\$12.99
2004 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2004 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Pineau d'Aunis Rosé.....	\$12.99
2004 Adèle Rouzé Quincy	\$13.99
2004 Domaine de la Pépière Cuvée Eden Muscadet	
Sèvre et Maine	\$13.99
2004 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Pif	\$14.99
Made from young vine cot (malbec) and very old vine cabernet franc.	
2004 Luneau-Papin Clos des Allees V.V. Muscadet	
Sèvre & Maine	\$15.99
2004 Domaine Philippe Alliet Chinon	\$16.99
2004 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol	\$18.99
2004 Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly	\$42.99

Loire, Alsace and Beyond

Arriving this month, hopefully on time, is one of the real standouts of my trip last July to the Rhône. We were staying at great little hotel in Orange, and some producers sent wines ahead for tasting and possible importation. One of these was the Silice de Quincy, a biodynamic estate in the little-known appellation of Quincy run by Jacques Sallé.

Quincy lies east of Borges on the River Cher where soils are less limestone being more gravel and sand washed down from the Massif Central millennia ago. The wines here have always fetched far less than in Sancerre or Pouilly. So, I was a bit shocked at first by the prices asked for the wines of Silice de Quincy and imagined I would not buy them for sale here at K&L. What happened next was revelatory... and what I learned was that I knew little about what wines should be "worth" and to what heights sauvignon blanc could attain. The **2002 Silice de Quincy (\$24.99)** is as good as Boulay's '02 Chavignol Clos de Beaujeu, which I am crazy for, and Dagueneau in a great vintage, though each has its own interpretation, pitch and nuance. I tasted this wine when I was exhausted and wanted nothing more than to escape the sweltering heat and drink a beer. Immediately I smiled, and if that is not the sign of good wine I don't know what is. Then I laughed and then fell silent. The 2002 Silice de Quincy has more than you bargain for, so don't come looking here for simple, quaffable sauvignon. This is a wine of power and poise with pungent layers of flavor built upon a foundation of stone. There is a definite scent and flavor of lime and a muskiness typical of the grape with a purity that brings to mind the water in a deep stone sided alpine lake. There is texture as well that flirts just shy of being rich due to its bright and piquant acid structure. All this, no doubt, due to the very old vines, some 100 years, that are carefully tended by vigneron Jacques Sallé using no chemicals, pesticides or herbicides and following the biodynamic model. There are only 15 cases of this monument, so act accordingly, which means quick!!

Be happy!

—Jeff Vierra

The 15th Page Man: Schloss Saarstein

Near the ancient city of Trier, once the northern capital of the Roman Empire, the Saar River empties its frigid waters into the swelling Mosel. In this most northerly of wine growing regions, growers are at the mercy of nature, and total ripeness is only achieved in three-four years out of ten. Often the bulk of the production is sold off to sparkling wine cellars as the high-acid base wine needed for making Sekt. Yet it is in this valley that legends are born, for if nature abides and the sun shines well into October and November, we are blessed with wines unparalleled anywhere in Germany and the world. Wines of astonishing depth, with slate and honeyed fruit that seems to float on the air like music, yet with a taut backbone like cool steel that cuts and refreshes. As Hugh Johnson puts it: "This is not the country for everyday wine; it is either the successful result of a skillful struggle or it is nothing." The early bud break and flowering in 2004 gave the riesling a "head start" in the Saar, and harvest was carried out in October of healthy grapes with a ripe acid structure. The estate in Serrig of Christian and Andrea Ebert, Schloss Saarstein, sits like a jewel atop the 24-acre monopole vineyard that is as imposing as it is beautiful. The **2004 Serriger Schloss Saarsteiner Kabinett (\$18.99)** sings with slate and wafts of flowers. Honey and pineapple jump from the glass. On the palate the steely grip of the cool Saar earth keeps the effusive fruit in check. An icy blade of pure riesling is wielded with exacting precision and focus providing an experience that lightens the heart and brings a smile to your face. The **2002 Serriger Schloss Saarsteiner Spätlese (\$23.99)** is as explosive as it is long, with more richness and depth, a commanding wine with a silent intensity that seethes beneath its surface of crystalline fruit. The longer hang time adds depth and polishes the already rapier-like acidity to a high sheen, which carries the citrus and juicy apricot flavors that bring this wine to a lilting mineral finish.

For a full inventory of German wines check go to www.klwines.com or call me at (650) 364-8544 ex 736. Live in the Light! —Jeff Vierra

Château Palmer, Arnold Palmer, Emerson Lake and Palmer

Temporary immortality is my goal. And now it is possible—with the advent of the internet. Key words are the way to go, so I'll be slipping a few throughout this column in the hopes that I will pop up on the internet when someone types in the word. Thanks for your patience in this matter. Narwahl. Punch drunk. Newsprint.

Château Palmer is, for my money, one of the most compelling properties in Bordeaux. This Margaux is ranked as a third growth according to the 1855 classification, but make no mistake: Palmer makes wine of first growth quality, and seems to embody the characteristics of each Bordeaux commune. The wines are powerful, they are supple; they show great aromatics in their youth, yet possess great aging potential. Palmer is the yin/yang property—a melting pot for all that is fine in this wine region, yet maintains a distinctive personality.

Sawhorse. Umame. Gymnasium.

1978 was a watershed year for Palmer. The wine seemed to have more “meat on its bones” than many other properties in this vintage, and a flatter aging curve as well. The wine is at the perfect stage of drinkability, beautifully balanced, all spice, herbs and sweet black fruits.

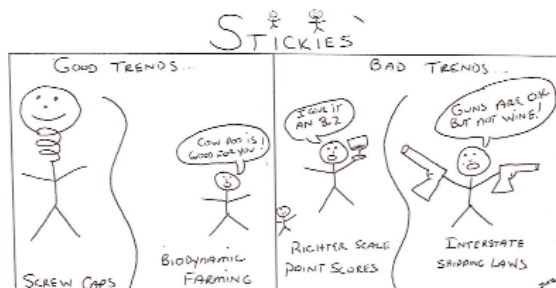
Scripture. Gastronome. Plesiosaur.

The 1981 Palmer, on the other hand, is all subtlety and elegance. Herbal and slightly ‘dusty,’ the wine manages to retain a core of sweet fruit and is quite lovely in a more classic style. Perfect with pandemonium, notoriety, monophonic.

Which brings us to the 1995 Palmer—plump and ripe, full-bodied and

forward—this is a Broadway musical in a bottle. The merlot gives this offering a softness that is so engaging you can't help but love it. Gorgeous now, and will age gracefully for a number of years.

Weathervane. Compensatory. Aluminum.



A New Pigeon Flies Into the Coop

Welcome to Molly Zucker, our newest employee. She is wonderfully sensitive, incessantly cheery and quite possibly the worst food shopper. We are lucky to have snacks in the break room during the holidays, and thanks to Molly you can make a sandwich from: 100 pounds of processed cheese; eight gallons of mayo, six of mustard (Gulden's, so it's not so bad), plenty of hydrogenated peanut butter and Wonder bread and enough whipped butter to service the IHOP chain for at least a year. We shall never go hungry, nor healthy! Welcome to K&L Molly!

—Joe Zugelder

Clyde's Picks for Dining in Paris

I was fortunate to have dined at quite a few nice restaurants in Paris during my three trips there in 2005 and would like to share a few recommendations. One of the perks of being in the wine business is that wine goes best with food (but both are rough on the waistline!).

In Paris, the outstanding new restaurant **Hiramatsu*** (52 rue de Longchamp) is fantastic. This restaurant gained its first Michelin star faster than any other. For that once-in-a-lifetime meal, try **Guy Savoy** (18 rue Troyon) a *** Michelin and one of the best restaurants in the world. For fun and casual dining I recommend the new **Atelier de Maitre Albert** (1 rue Maitre Albert) for great roasted chicken or lamb shanks; also it is now under the direction of Guy Savoy. If you saw and enjoyed the movie “Something's Got to Give” go to the bistro **Le Grand Colbert** (2 rue Vivienne). Thanks to the movie and the delicious food, it is one of the hot spots on the bistro scene.

If you love caviar **Kaspia** (17 place de la Madeleine) is a must stop. And try one of their Russian vodkas with the caviar. The rather new **Astrance**** (4 rue Beethoven) was fabulous (only about ten tables), and the old standby **La Tour d'Argent**** (15 Quai de la Tournelle) did not disappoint. We had duck number 1036829. What a great wine list and it quite reasonably priced for Paris. They listed but were not serving any wines younger than 1999! Here is where we drank the 1990 Clos Floridene Blanc—young and fresh sauvignon blanc at its best.

The new **l'Atelier** (Joel Robuchon) in the Hotel Pont Royal is worth the wait as they do not take reservations. All counter seating, but exquisite food. And if you like Indian food try **Yugaraj** (14 rue Dauphine). Spicy food—very few tables and good value wine list.

I am getting too hungry to continue. If you want more recommendations from Paris or Bordeaux or the south of France or even San Francisco, the wine country or Half Moon Bay, contact me. Have a great 2006.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

Jim Barr is on vacation this month. Look for his article next month.

Terry Theise German-Austrian Tasting

Join us Saturday, January 21, noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco at restaurant Coco 500 at the corner of 4th st and Brannan across from our SF store. Growers include Maria Angeles Hiedler of Weingut Hiedler, Gertrud Salomon of Salomon Undhof, Heidi Schrock, Leo Alzinger of Weingut Alzinger, Thomas Klinger of Weingut Brundlemayer, Caroline Diel of Schlossgut Diel, Martin Kerpen of Weingut Kerpen, Johannes Leitz of Weingut Josef Leitz, Stefan Rumpf of Kruger-Rumpf, Johannes Selbach of Weingut Selbach-Oster, Andreas Spreitzer of Weingut Spreitzer, among other. \$45.00 per person including small bites prepared by the kitchen.

Château Pichon-Lalande Dinner

Mark on your calendar March 2 (Thursday) for an exciting Bordeaux tasting and dinner at the outstanding Cetrella Restaurant in Half Moon Bay. We will have Gildas d'Ollone, Managing Director of Pichon here to discuss his outstanding wines. Tickets will go on sale January 18. You can get on the waiting list as soon as January 1.

Don't miss this event!

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

French Sparkling Wine/Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut-Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!\$22.99
Marguet-Bonnerave "Cuvee Reserve"\$24.99
Michel Dervin Brut.....	\$24.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$24.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$25.99
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé-Fantastic!\$25.99
Launois "Sable" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Laurent Perrier Brut	\$27.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve-Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!\$26.99
Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added	\$26.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious.....	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve.....	\$27.99
1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$28.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	\$29.99
1998 Ariston Vintage Brut.....	\$29.99
1999 Michel Dervin Vintage Brut	\$29.99
Pol Roger Brut	\$29.99
Taittinger La Francaise Brut Reserve	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru.....	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99
Lallement Brut.....	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-From 1996 and '97	\$39.99
1996 Laurent Perrier Brut	\$39.99
Rene Collard Brut Carte d'Or	\$39.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$39.99
1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-New 1996/1997 cuvee	\$39.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé (1.5L \$110.00)	\$49.99
Lallement Brut Réserve	\$49.99
1990 Rene Collard	\$49.99
Tarlant Single Vineyard Blanc de Blancs.....	\$49.99
De Meric Grande Reserve Sous Bois Brut (1.5L)	\$56.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	\$59.99
1985 Rene Collard	\$59.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"-The new '96, '95, '93 cuvee!\$74.99
1996 Dom Perignon	Inquire
1992 Krug Clos de Mesnil	\$425.00

Domestic Sparkling Wine

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

Cult Blanc de Blancs from Mesnil

We here at K&L feel very proud to represent one of the best producers of Blanc de Blancs in all of Champagne, Launois, from the village of Mesnil. Mesnil is the southern most of all the grand cru villages in the Cotes de Blancs, and the chardonnay grown here is perhaps the most sought after in all of Champagne for its finesse and age worthiness. In addition to being blessed with great soil, the Launois family is obsessed with quality on every level. They harvest after most of their neighbors are done in order to get perfect ripeness in the grapes, and this allows them to add less dosage (sugar) while still maintaining perfect balance in the Champagne. Not content to purchase the commercially available clones of chardonnay, Launois has its own nursery where they are propagating their own best cuttings for replantings. It took me a year and a half of begging to get them to export the wine—they were already selling it all and did not see any reason to expand into the U.S. Please taste them if you have not already. Currently in stock we have the **Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blancs (\$25.99)**, which is like polished white Burgundy with a touch of pine nut and minerals on the nose. The flavors are broad and rich. This is serious wine, with small bubbles and a refreshing finish. Also we have the **1998 Launois Brut Blanc de Blancs (\$29.99)**. This wine has extraordinary concentration and a wonderful tension between ripe chardonnay fruit and scintillating Mesnil minerality. The bead is wonderful; scores of perfect miniscule bubbles jet from the bottom of the flute when you pour this Champagne. Get out the brown paper bags and compare to Salon, Taittinger Comtes de Champagne, etc.

Feel free to contact me at 1-800-247-5987 ex 2728. A toast to you!

—Gary Westby

Great Estate Champagne for Under \$30.00!

2000 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blancs Champagne (\$29.99) This little marvel from the village of Avize has a great richness that still retains the cleanliness of the 1996 vintage. To be honest, I love the 1996 and have it in my cellar. I hold the 2000 in the same esteem but, for different reasons. The Bonville family has been making Champagne for over 100 years and purchased their 15 hectares of land parcel by parcel beginning in the late 19th century... Avize is one of the top 17 villages in Champagne given the highest rating of 100% for producing quality sparkling wines. Like the 1996, the 2000 is very cellar worthy but, it is more drinkable now. Four years of ageing on the lees. An outstanding nose of pears, almonds and flowers. On the palate, lots of richness and complexity with just enough acid to make it extremely balanced. Ripe pear and golden apple flavors greet the palate with just the slightest bit of honeyed apples on the finish. A marvelous Champagne to have with Brie or simply by itself. One-hundred-percent chardonnay and 100% delicious!

N/V Ariston Brut Rosé Champagne (\$28.99) In contrast to the Franck Bonville, we have the Ariston Rosé. Fans of fine rosé Champagne should stop in their tracks right now and read this. A blend of 50% pinot noir and 50% pinot meunier from estate vineyards in Brouillet. Lovely, pale pink colour in the glass. Bing cherry nose with fragrant rose petal accents. Rich and well-rounded with cherry fruit, tangerines, minerals and vanilla. Marvelously creamy with a small bead and a fine frothiness. One of our greatest rosé Champagnes for under \$30.00 that returns to thrill us for the New Year. A perfect foil for anything from white fish to slowly cooked pork roasts or a fruit tart. Or, like the Franck-Bonville, elegant on its own. Champagne time is anytime!

—Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY

NV Plaisir des Princes.....	\$6.99
It's back!! Our favorite declassified Mâcon, at a great price!	
2003 Pouilly-Vinzelles, En Paradis, Louis Latour (375ml).....	\$6.99
2003 St Bris "Sauvignon," Domaine Goisot	\$9.99
2003 Bourgogne Cotes d'Auxerre Rosé, Domaine Goisot	\$9.99
2004 Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....	\$9.99
2004 Mâcon Solutré, Domaine Renaud.....	\$10.99
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté V.V., Domaine Goisot	\$10.99
Delightful fresh and bright wine grown just a stone's throw from Chablis.	
2003 Chablis, Domaine Anne & Arnaud Goisot.....	\$11.99
Crisp and flinty. Classic Chablis, with no oak.	
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Rollin	\$12.99
2003 St-Veran, Maison Drouhin	\$12.99
2002 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet	\$14.99
This is a staff and customer favorite. And it is now at an even better price!	
2003 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Jomain	\$15.99
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, 1902, Alice & Olivier de Moor	\$16.99
2004 Chablis, "Domaine Sainte Claire," J-M Brocard	\$16.99
2002 Givry, "La Plante," 1er Cru, Dom. Deanjean-Berthou..	\$16.99
Great minerality, spice and focus. Absolutely classic Givry!	
2002 Bourgogne Chardonnay, "Vero," Joseph Drouhin	\$17.99
Made by Veronique Drouhin. Old World Chardonnay with New World appeal.	
2004 Macon, Domaine Heritiers Comte Lafon.....	\$17.99
1999 Meursault, Chartron & Trebuchet-Was \$36.99 elsewhere.....	\$21.99
2003 Chassagne-Montrachet, Louis Latour (375ml)	\$21.99
2002 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet.....	\$21.99
2004 Rully, "La Pucelle," 1er Cru, Domaine J-M Boillot	\$23.99
2003 Chablis "Cote de Lechet," 1er Cru, Domaine Barat	\$23.99
2003 Chablis, Rosette, Domaine Alice & Olivier DeMoor	\$24.99
2002 Pouilly-Fuissé, Château de Beauregard	\$24.99
2003 Beaune, Les Aigrots, 1er Cru, Louis Latour	\$29.99
2001 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Gerard Chavy.....	\$29.99
2002 Beaune, Montrevenots, 1er Cru, J-M Boillot	\$31.99
2000 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Hubert Bouzereau	\$34.99
2001 Puligny Montrachet, Clavoillons, 1er, Gerard Chavy	\$35.99
2003 Chassagne-Montr, Machareilles, 1er, J-C Bachelet	\$38.99
2002 Meursault, Meix Chevaux, Dom. Jean-Marc Morey.....	\$39.99
2003 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Paul Pernot	\$39.99
Tropical notes, lush and exotic.	
2003 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Vincent Dancer	\$42.99
Rich and concentrated, lovely and intense. Good minerality and acidity.	
2002 Chass-Mont, "Chenevottes," 1er, Domaine J-M Morey ..	\$44.99
2002 Chass-Mont, "Caillerets," 1er, Dom. Morey-Coffinet	\$44.99
2003 Puligny-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$48.99
2003 Meursault, Poruzots, Château de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$49.99
The vineyard work is really paying off, as the quality continues to rise here.	
2003 Meursaults, Poruzots, 1er, Château de Puligny Mont.....	\$53.99
2003 Meursault, Boucheres, Deux Montilles	\$54.99
Alix de Montille is among the top handful of producers in Meursault!	
2001 Chablis, "La Moutonne," Grand Cru, Long Depaquit	\$56.99
Crisp, flinty, mineral-driven, concentrated. This is quintessential Chablis!	
2002 Meursault, "Tessons," Jean-Philippe Fichet	\$56.99
1996 Meursault, "Tillets," Domaine Guy Roulot	\$59.95
2003 Chass-Mont, "Tête du Clos" (Morgeot) Vincent Dancer ..	\$59.99
2003 Chass-Mont, "La Romanée," 1er Dom. Vincent Dancer ..	\$64.99
2003 Morey-St-Denis, "Mont Luissant," 1er Cru, Dujac	\$67.99
2002 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Bitouzet-Prieur.....	\$68.99

2000 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Pierre Morey	\$69.95
Lovely mineral-laden Meursault form Leflaive's winemaker's own domaine.	
2003 Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer	\$71.99
1995 Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Dom. J-M Boillot	\$76.99
2003 Puligny-Montrachet, "Les Folatieres," Louis Jadot	\$81.99
2002 Corton-Charl., Grand Cru, Bonneau du Martray	\$94.99
2002 Puligny-Montrachet, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, De Montille ..	\$94.99
2003 Puligny Montrachet, "Clavoillons," Domaine Leflaive ..	\$104.99
1999 Puligny-Mont, "Folatieres," 1er Cru, Dom. Leflaive	\$125.00
1995 Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot	\$154.99
2003 Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$179.95
2003 Chevalier-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$199.95
2003 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Mont., Grand Cru, Dom. Leflaive ..	\$234.95
2003 Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin.....	\$375.00
2003 Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$549.95

Brunello Buff?

Meet a gaggle of Brunello producers and taste their extravagantly delicious wines at this incredible tasting in K&L's San Francisco store (located at 638 4th St just a block from the train station). This is a rare opportunity to talk with winemakers and learn what they are doing to make these terrific, sky-high scoring wines. Many estates will be showing samples from the 2001 vintage, as well as their current releases. The tasting will be held on Sunday, January 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$50.00 per tasting.

There will be limited space at this event, so don't dally!

Start the New Year with Domaine Barraud

Denis Barraud's estate is on the slope of the Roche de Vergisson. The Roche is a giant Basalt outcropping in the Mâcon. What makes this an exceptional place for chardonnay? It is the soil surrounding the Roche, highly folded and well drained limestone. From these slopes, depending on the specific soils, comes Pouilly Fuisse, Saint Veran, or Mâcon Vergisson. After the scorching heat of the 2003 vintage, the 2004 comes across as a refreshing late afternoon breeze, cool and long yet full of life. It was a long harvest, beginning on September 18 and continuing until October 12. Barraud does not like to chapitalize, and he kept his fruit on the vine long enough so that it was not necessary. This year we are proudly offering both the St-Veran and the Pouilly-Fuisse here at K&L.

2004 Denis Barraud St-Veran (\$13.99) 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. The aromatics and flavors range from bright citrus, soft floral, to lush tropical and pineapple, but always framed with good acidity and minerality.

2004 Denis Barraud Pouilly-Fuisse (\$18.99) This wine comes from vines on the lower slopes of his Pouilly-Fuisse parcels and is a serious step up from the previous wine with more oak, battonage and longer aging before bottling, and on the technical side and in the glass, more weight and length. Again the fruit tones are dominantly citrus; with more oak influence and hints of vanilla and spice. On the palate the wine sparkles with good texture crisp acidity and lingering minerality. Both of these will drink beautifully over the next year or so. With crab season in full swing, you will not want to be without a bottle.

—Kirk Walker

RED BURGUNDY

2003 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, V.V., Bruno Clavelier	\$12.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Maison Boisset.....	\$12.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Louis Latour.....	\$13.99
2002 Marsannay, Louis Latour	\$15.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Charles Audoin	\$15.99
2001 Bourgogne rouge, Denis Bachelet-Was \$34.99 elsewhere	\$15.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, St. Vincent, Vincent Girardin	\$17.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Pierre Morey	\$18.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Guyot.....	\$19.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Michel Gros	\$19.99
2002 Cote de Nuits Villages, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand	\$19.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret	\$20.99
2002 Cotes de Nuits Villages, Vaucrains, L. Jadot.....	\$20.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, "Vero," Joseph Drouhin	\$21.99
2001 Savigny-Les-Beaune, Domaine Pavelot	\$21.99
2002 Marsannay, La Montagne, Dom. Olivier Guyot.....	\$22.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, Domaine René Leclerc	\$24.99
2003 Savigny-Les-Beaune, Grands Liards, Camus-Brochon ..	\$25.99
2001 Savigny-Les-Beaune, "Peuillet," 1er Cru, Pavelot.....	\$28.99
2002 Fixin, "Clos du Chapitre," 1er Cru, Domaine Dufoleur ..	\$29.99
2000 Chambolle-Musigny, Derriere Le Four, Gerard Seguin..	\$29.99
Special price on this Chambolle, ready to drink, with lots of red fruit flavors.	
2003 Nuits-St-Georges, 1er Cru, La Cerisière.....	\$29.99
This rich Nuits would sell for almost double, if it had the maker's name on it.	
2002 Volnay, Santenots, 1er Cru, Vincent Sauvestre.....	\$30.99
2000 Volnay, Champans, 1er Cru, Marquis d'Angerville	\$36.99
2002 Pommard, Domaine Louis Boillot	\$41.99
2003 Nuits-St-Georges, Chaliots, Domaine Michel Gros.....	\$44.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros	\$45.99
2002 Beaune, "Clos des Mouches," 1er Cru, N. Rossignol	\$46.99
2003 Vosne Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros.....	\$46.99
2001 Pommard, Grand Clos des Epenots, 1er, Dom Courcel..	\$49.99
1996 Gevrey-Chambertin, Denis Mortet	\$49.99
2001 Volnay, "Ronceret," 1er Cru, Dom. Nicolas Rossignol....	\$49.99
2002 Volnay, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, Dom. Nicolas Rossignol ..	\$51.99
2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er Cru, Dom. Nicolas Rossignol ..	\$51.99
2002 Gevrey Chambertin, V.V., Dom. Harmand Geoffroy	\$51.99
2000 Nuits-St-Georges, "Boudots," 1er, Dom. Jean Grivot	\$54.99
2000 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Dom. Tollot Beaut	\$54.99
2001 Nuits-St-Georges, "Murgers," 1er Cru, Cathiard	\$59.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, Les Orveaux, Mongeard Mugneret	\$73.99
2002 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Beaumonts," 1er Cru, Champy ..	\$64.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Malconsorts," 1er, Dom. Moillard	\$67.99
2002 Gev-Chamb, "Clos St Jacques," 1er, Harmand Geoffroy ..	\$69.99
2002 Corton Pougets, Grand Cru, Domaine Jadot.....	\$69.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Dom. L'Arlet	\$69.99
2002 Volnay, "Mitans," 1er Cru, Domaine de Montille	\$71.99
2002 Pommard, "Grands Epenots," 1er, Dom. Pierre Morey ..	\$74.99
1996 Clos de Vougeot, Domaine Amiote Servelle	\$76.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Clos des Reas, 1er Cru, Michel Gros ..	\$79.95
2001 Vosne-Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Sylvain Cathiard ..	\$79.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Combe du Dessus, Denis Mortet ..	\$79.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin	\$88.99
1993 Clos de Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Louis Jadot	\$89.95
2003 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard.....	\$89.95
2001 Chapelle-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Pierre Damoy	\$91.99
2002 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Domaine Olivier Guyot ..	\$97.99

1993 Nuits-St-Georges, "Boudots," 1er, Dom. Jean Grivot	\$97.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, Groffier ..	\$97.99
2003 Château Corton Grancey, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$99.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Sentiers," 1er Cru, Groffier	\$99.99
2003 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, V.V., Vincent Girardin	\$99.99
2002 Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Dom. Louis Remy	\$99.95
2003 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin.....	\$99.95
2003 Château Corton Grancey, Grand Cru, L. Latour	\$99.99
2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Dom Hubert Lignier.....	\$99.95
2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Dom. Xavier Liger-Belair ..	\$104.99
1996 Chambolle-Musigny, Beaux Bruns, Denis Mortet	\$107.99
2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Michel Gros	\$108.99
2002 Latricieres-Chambertin, Domaine Louis Remy	\$109.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, "Maupertuis," Grand Cru, Anne Gros ..	\$124.99
1999 Clos Ruchottes Chambertin, Grand Cru, Rousseau	\$139.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Comte de Vogue	\$149.99
2002 Chambertin, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$149.95
2003 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Dom. Robert Groffier	\$159.99
2002 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Dom. Xavier Liger-Belair.....	\$174.99
2003 Chambertin, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$189.99
1999 Romanée St. Vivant, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot	\$199.95
2003 Romanée St. Vivant, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$229.95
2003 Charmes-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$229.95
2003 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Domaine Anne Gros	\$279.95

Beaujolais

Special pricing on remaining Nouveaus!

2005 Beaujolais Nouveau, Bouchard Aîné & Fils	\$6.99
2005 Beaujolais Nouveau, Louis Tête	\$7.49
2005 Beaujolais Nouveau, Domaine Ruet	\$7.99
2005 Beaujolais Villages Nouveau, Georges Duboeuf	\$8.49
2005 Beaujolais Villages Nouveau, Dom. Manoir du Carra	\$8.99
2003 Chiroubles, Clos le Farge, Domaine Chrysson	\$14.99
Soft, Supple and elegant, with lovely fruit and great richness.	
2003 Morgon, Domaine Ruet-Spicy, bright and focused	\$14.99
2003 Cote de Brouilly, Domaine Ruet-Rich with a long finish	\$16.99

Pour Votre Plaisir

Maison Champy Arrives!

We've been importing wonderful wines from Maison Champy, the oldest negociant in Burgundy, for several vintages. Since many of us have limited budgets after holiday spending, I'll focus on some bargains. The **2004 Champy Chardonnay Signature (\$14.99)** is a favorite of many of our staff. It is made from grapes from Puligny, Meursault and Rully, and is a barrel selection of their best barrels. Its toasty and bright, with richness and toasty oak notes. The **2003 Champy St. Romain (\$19.99)** is from a little village in the hills, protected from the heat of the summer of 2003, and has lovely minerality. The **2003 Champy Pernand Vergelesses (\$20.99)** is really a little Corton-Charlemagne, and a great buy! The **2003 Champy Bourgogne Pinot Signature (\$14.99)** is all from the Cote d'Or, and is rich, with bright black cherry fruit and lots of length. The **2003 Champy Pernand-Vergelesses, "Les Fichots," 1er Cru (\$21.99)** is from an east-facing vineyard on the back of the hill of Corton, and is flat out stunning, with blackberry spice notes, an elegant character and nice minerality threading through the wine. Don't miss this one! Á Santé.

—Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

If you wish to be ahead of the game and get e-mail updates on things 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-Arrival

- 1996 Casisano Colombaio Brunello-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$24.99
I just tasted this wine and it is classic, beautiful, drinkable Brunello, it is limited and will go fast! (Greg St.Clair K&L's Italian Wine Buyer)
- 2000 Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino\$29.99
90 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 1999 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino-91 points *Wine Spectator* ..\$29.99
- 1997 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Ris-92 points *Spectator*\$54.99
- 1999 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Ris-95 points *Spectator*\$54.99
- 2001 Azelia Barolo "San Rocco"-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$59.95
- 2001 Clerico Barolo "Pajana"-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$69.95
- 2001 Clerico Barolo "Ginestra"-96 points *Wine Spectator*\$69.95
- 1999 Clerico Barolo "Pajana"-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$69.99
- 2000 Scavino Barolo "Carobric"-94 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$78.95
- 1999 Lisini "Ugolaia" Brunello-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$54.99
- 1997 Caparzo La Casa Brunello-94 points *Wine Spectator*\$84.99

Tuscany

- 2004 Maritima Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"\$7.49
- 2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano\$9.99
- 2004 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano\$11.95
- 2002 Felsina Chianti Classico\$16.99
- 2001 Cecchi Val delle Rose Morellino di Scansano Riserva\$17.99
- 2002 Palazzino Chianti Classico "Pieve"\$18.99
- 2003 Le Cinciole Chianti Classico-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$19.99
- 2002 Poliziano V/Nobile Montepulciano\$21.99
2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*

- 2003 Querciabella Chianti Classico\$23.99
- 2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano "Asinone"\$33.99
92 points *Wine Spectator* and 3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.
- 1999 Fanetti Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva\$28.99
This is classic sangiovese, exceptional balance and drinkability.
- 2000 Castello di Fonterutoli Chianti Classico\$33.99
3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.
- 2001 Felsina Fontalloro-3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$34.99

Montalcino

- 2003 Poggiarellino Rosso di Montalcino\$12.99
- 2003 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcin-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$17.99
- 2003 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$18.99
- 2003 Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino\$19.99
- 1999 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino"\$19.99
An outstanding Super Tuscan blend of sangiovese and merlot from the sensational 1999 vintage!
- 2003 La Fortuna Sant'Antimo Rosso\$28.99
- 2000 Poggiarellino Brunello\$29.99
The plummy, and chocolate cherry character, unstoppable, flowing powerfully from the glass layering flavors across the palate like sedimentary deposits. Warmth, dense richness, lush thickness, pleasing, warming, enriching, and filling the palate. The finish is sunny, warming, complete, balanced and lingering with more chocolaty intrigue. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
- 2000 Baricci Brunello-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$36.99
That classic Montosoli nose, elegantly spicy, full of cinnamon, cardamom, anise and leather. The wine exudes a feminine mystique, lithe, supple, delicate, giving then taking, hinting not demanding, complex. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
- 2000 La Fortuna Brunello-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$36.99
A warm, sweet ripeness, full of dark and intense plum aromatics rise from the glass and give you an immediate sense of density, weight, and richness. The wine is supple on the palate, complex, chocolaty amarena. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

Podere Rinascimento

MMVI. The New Year dawns and the first opportunity for 2001 Brunello is at hand. Mike Parres and I will be off in a month to get the scoop on the vintage with a power-tasting trip, lambasting our palates to bring back the best for you. One of the most interesting things about Tuscan wines is that you can have multiple opportunities with any given vintage. If you miss a great year in Burgundy it is over and finished. In Tuscany you can get for instance, 2004 Chianti in the marketplace now followed by 2003 Chianti Classico, 2001 and 2002 Chianti Classico Riserva, the 2000 vintage Brunello di Montalcino and finally the 1999 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva. We have already seen the evolution of the 2001 vintage through this series of wines and we've had some truly extraordinary wines. The 2001 vintage is not legally for sale until January 1, 2006, and many producers don't release their wines until late spring or early summer. I'm writing this the 1st of December, so I can't quote you any prices. But we will start to sell shortly after the beginning of the year on a pre-arrival basis. This year we are going to have first "Tranche" (to borrow from the French) prices and they will be real bargains for those who want to put out their money before the points come out. I've tasted many of these wines over the course of the last few years, and I can counsel you on how to prepare yourself.

The 2001 vintage is very similar to the 1999 vintage in structure; it is a pure sangiovese vintage, linear, aromatic, balanced, whereas the

1999 vintage was graceful, poised and classic. You could think of a dancer's or swimmer's musculature—supple, flowing, powerful yet with poise first. The 2001 is powerful yet not with an exaggerated body builder's physique. 2001 is classic architecture, symmetry and proportion. In 2001 coiled energy seethes inside. The color suggests density. Aromatics are exponentially amplified. Power oozes from these wines, yet replete with balance, sophistication and a long-lasting finish. Ripe doesn't describe this vintage. Ripe is a measure of sugar. Like someone reaching his 21st birthday, it tells little of one's maturity, personality or intelligence. This vintage has matured on the vine, like the instruments in a symphonic orchestra or gemstones with many facets; no one flavor dominates. These wines are a bit cocky. They have swagger, and they demand attention. They will reward cellaring. They will be great.

Those of you in and around San Francisco will have a great opportunity to meet and taste with a gaggle (about 10+, tough to get Italians to confirm more than a month ahead of time) of Brunello producers on the evening of Sunday, January 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. \$50.00 at our San Francisco store located at 638 4th St. just a block from the train station. Many will have samples of the 2001 vintage as well as their current releases, and it will be an incredible opportunity to meet and learn what these producers are doing. There will be limited space at this tasting so don't dally!
—Greg St.Clair

ITALIAN WINES

2000 Pian dell'Orino Brunello\$39.99
 Chocolatey, plummy, spicy array of complex wild fruits that just envelop you. On the palate the wine is bold, dramatic, lots of mid palate structure, like someone with powerful, muscular shoulders, a real depth of flavor flows from the chocolatey, plummy nose to more, herb, leather, a taste of the earth but finish with more ripe, yet very focused and structured plummy fruit. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2000 Sesta di Sopra Brunello-92 points *Wine Spectator*\$42.99
 The nose just jumps out at you spicy, complex, wild cherry fruit, with hints of sage, leather, intriguing, seductive and inviting. On the palate the wine is broad, full-bodied and rich yet not heavy, it has an elegance, more like a lithe, muscular athlete, supple yet forceful and is full of the complex character. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

Piedmont

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

2002 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe\$14.99

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

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

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

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

2001 Seghesio Barolo "La Villa"\$47.68

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

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

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2004 Merlot DOC Isonzo\$7.99
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2004 Chardonnay DOC Isonzo\$8.99

2003 Venc Bianco DOC Isonzo-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99
2002 Vencjar Rosso DOC Isonzo\$19.99

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

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

2003 Ermacora Merlot\$10.99
 This is ripe, complex fruit filled and sensationally balance wine at a great price, Yes Friuli makes great Reds in hot vintages. (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)

2003 Ermacora Refosco\$11.99

2004 Volpe Pasini Chardonnay\$12.99

2004 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio\$15.95

2004 Volpe Pasini Zuc di Volpe Ribolla Gialla\$18.99

2004 Volpe Pasini Zuc di Volpe Sauvignon.....\$21.99
 See Mike's comments on the wonderful wines of Zuc di Volpe below.

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 2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"\$39.99

2000 Venturini Amarone "Campo Masua"\$59.99

January's Picks

Just before I started working for K&L, I went to Vinality with Greg, and we did a little wine tour through Austria, the Alto Adige and then to Friuli where we stayed at Volpe Pasini. There are seven rooms inside this 17th century villa. You can go to their website for room rates and availability (www.volpepasini.net). One warning though: There's a church across the street, and at 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. the bell tower goes off!! Not just six or nine bongs, either. A full fifteen minutes of CLANGING and BONGING with no tune or rhythm. Not enjoyable. We did, however, enjoy their wines. Years later we are still enjoying them!

2004 Volpe Pasini Chardonnay (\$12.99) This medium-bodied Chardonnay will take you away from the winter blues. Crisp with lots of green apple and minerals, you will also find some tropical fruits on the finish along with high acidity. Try this wine as an aperitif or with mushroom risotto.

2004 Volpe Pasini Sauvignon Zuc di Volpe (\$21.99) 100% stainless steel, this Sauvignon on the nose will make you think Bordeaux and New Zealand with classic cut grass and grapefruit. On the palate you will find gooseberry, lime zest, slate with nice length to this dry white. Think tomato and basil salad or shellfish.

2004 Volpe Pasini Ribolla Gialla (\$18.99) Ribolla is an indigenous grape, it distinguishes itself for its great liveliness and elegant balance, restrained flavors of golden delicious apples and cantaloupes with good complexity and a long finish. Serve with prosciutto and aged cheeses or white meat dishes. 90 points *Wine Spectator*.

Salute!

—Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

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Jon, Mark and Robbo's "Rich Spicy One"	\$28.99
Jon, Mark and Robbo's "Smokey Peaty One"	\$28.99
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Tobermory 10-year-old Isle of Mull	\$29.99
Bowmore 12-year-old	\$29.99
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Compass Box "Asyla" Blended Whisky	\$34.99
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Dufftown 10-year-old, 1993, Murray McDavid	\$43.99
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Bruichladdich 17-year-old Islay Malt.....	\$119.99
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1970 Baron de Lustrac Folle Blanche Domaine Courros	\$119.99
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