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Bordeaux Values-Old and New

Some wines old and some wines young, and all are very much worth the prices!

1975 Château Poujeaux, Moulis\$79.99

1975 Château Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L)\$169.99

This wine is pure old-school Bordeaux. No reverse osmosis or fancy new techniques here. This is grapes crushed and aged in some old barrels, bottled and left in their cellar for 30 years. Now right from them to us to you. We tasted this wine in January, and it was delicious—earthy, a touch rustic, full of sweet fruit. Only 40 cases available.

1994 Château Haut Brion, Pessac\$159.99

94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Has wonderful richness and suppleness, lovely fruit and harmony. A superb example of a graceful, balanced wine that is delicious now and can evolve over many years." Buy Pessac wines from 1994. If you can't afford this one, try the Haut Bailly for 1/3rd the price.

1994 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L)\$159.00

91 points Robert Parker: "One of the stars of the vintage, a gorgeously perfumed, exotic, smoky, blackcurrant, Asian spice, and sweet vanillin-scented bouquet. It is followed by thick, rich, moderately tannic flavors that exhibit medium to full body, good structure, outstanding purity, and a classically layered, long, pure finish." (02/97)

1997 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$31.99

According to the *Wine Spectator*: "This red has mineral, currant and mint aromas. Medium- to full-bodied, with polished tannins and a fruity, succulent finish. An early drinking Las Case, yet a very good red for the vintage. Can age but why wait. Drink now through 2006." Clyde loves this wine and the vintage in general.

2000 Château Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$114.99

Number 2 of the *Spectator's* top 100 wines of 2003! 96 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "Cos puts together serious reds in serious years, and with large production for a relatively reasonable price. Cos's head, Jean-Guillaume Prats, has made the property's best red since 1989. Gorgeous on the nose, with currants, blackberries and cut flowers, it is full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins and a solid core of fruit. Goes on and on. It is the essence of class and refinement. Best after 2010." (01/03)

2001 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$66.99

93 points Robert Parker: "A distinctive bouquet of violets, soy, pepper, blackberries, cassis, and tree bark gives this 2001 a singular style. It exhibits plenty of structure, wonderful sweetness, a closed style, but a rich, textured, persistent character. This beauty needs some time in the cellar. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2018." (06/04)

2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande, Pauillac\$25.99

According to the *Wine Spectator*: "Aromas and flavors of blackberries, cherries and minerals follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a fresh finish ... Best after 2006." (Web only, 2005) According to Robert Parker: "A blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, this wine is excellent ... a complex nose of cedar wood, spice box, black currants, and smoke, and abundant plumpness and flesh, it is ideal for drinking over the next 7-10 years." (04/05)

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We Buy, You Save!

K&L's Direct Buys offer quality, complexity and savings, throughout the wine world. See page 6-7.

Back-to-Back Stars in Australia

Both 2004 and 2005 deliver down under. See Jimmy C's article on page 9.

2001 Brunello di Montalcino

Greg St.Clair and the critics agree: Ideal vintage! See page 20.

How About Moulis?

When looking for great wines from Bordeaux we often think of the bigger names and overlook other appellations by fear of the unknown. Well, fear no more: Moulis is here to save the day. The smallest appellation in the Médoc (surface wise) with only 600 hectares, which represent 4% of the region, offers wines of high standards as the **1975 Ch. Poujeaux (\$79.99)** can attest. This wine offers delicate red fruit on the nose. The wine has fresh and still lively sweet slightly red berry fruit on the palate. WOW!!! You want all wines to achieve this with age. It was served with the cheese course at the Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel diner K&L organized at the University Club, and it was the best pairing of the night. We also had **2003 Ch. Poujeaux (Pre-Arrival \$22.99)**. It was a great vintage, the warmest ever recorded, and this wine shows you the best of 2003. Tones of fruit in the glass: raspberry, cassis, red cherry, a bit of spice as well as some smoke. It has good structure and a very long finish. Another hidden gem of the vintage is **2003 Ch. Chasse-Spleen (\$25.99)**. A more traditional style, the nose was fairly closed. Slightly rustic touch, showing fresh berries, cherries and spices. Will keep for a good ten years.

Two other good buys are **2002 Ch. Potensac (\$17.99)** and **2001 Les Ormes the Pez (\$24.99)**. The Potensac, owned by the Delon family (Léoville-Las-Cases), is still quite young. Showing black currants, dark berries, earthy tannins and good acidity, it will be drinkable after 2006. Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe, is straightforward. Good dark fruit with a bit of spice. Firm structure that still needs more time but opens up well with decanting.

—Alexandre Brisoux

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It Can't be March Already!

Another year flying by faster than a Shelby Mustang 500GT! Buyers leaving for all parts of the wine world. Chanty, Elisabeth and I have been back for over a month from Aussie Land. We did find some excellent wines on this trip from the very good 2004 and outstanding 2005 vintages. They should start arriving soon. Speaking of the 2005 vintage, it promises to be very good to great in quite a few wine regions. For sure the wines from the Barossa and McLaren Vale areas of Australia will be superb. Also great reports from Bordeaux and California. The Futures campaign for 2005 Bordeaux promises to be very hectic and fast moving. Other regions are forecasting excellent vintages, and our buyers will tell you what they find on their trips. Let's all slow down a bit and enjoy this year!

—Clyde Beffa Jr

Ch. Phelan Segur is Truly Exceptionnel!

We spend an incredible amount of time and energy bantering about the virtues and differences of the 61 great estates, First Growths thru Fifth, that make up the 1855 Classification. These are of course the top wines of Bordeaux. They represent about 25% of the Médoc appellations total production and are collected and treasured worldwide, but these wines are by no means the only great wines made in Bordeaux. There are over 450 estates that make up the Syndicat des Crus Bourgeois. They account for about 40% of the Médoc wine over three levels of status. In ascending order, Crus Bourgeois, Crus Grands Bourgeois and the top level Crus Bourgeois Exceptionnel. These titles are bestowed as a result of government controlled law and are revisited every 12 years. The previous six vintages are evaluated and judged, changes are made and the new classification released.

One of the Exceptionnels is now a top selling wine at K&L, and you may be surprised to hear that the wine is Ch. Phelan Segur. The reason is simple: Phelan is an elegant St-Estèphe in a commune with few elegant wines. The blend of 60% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot and 10% cabernet franc tastes good at almost any stage of its life. The wine of Phelan is not "pushed." Rather, it is naturally extracted and honest wine. It tastes good, it's a fine value, and it has early drinkability. This is a winning combination, my friends.

1996 Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe (\$31.99) is your perfect example of Claret at 10 years of age. Good definition and focused, already a nice drink but will hold for numerous years. For the price it is hard to stay away from with an hour decanting.

2000 Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe (\$26.99) still needs 5-7 years to blossom. It is firm with everything in good harmony, very similar in many ways to the 1996. It will be one of 2000's earlier drinkers.

Also, just in stock ... **2003 Carbonnieux Blanc (\$24.99)** ...sells fast!

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

Tasting Schedule for March, 2006

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 events in the "local events" section of our website, www.klwines.com.

Saturday, March 4: French Regional Wines. What are French Regional wines, you ask? These are wines from Southwest France, the Languedoc and other regions. Mulan Chan and Jeff Vierra will show us the best wines from these regions, highlighting organic selections. Twelve wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, March 11: Bordeaux! Highlighting Ch. Cos d'Estournel. Clyde, Ralph and Steve bring us our monthly picks from Bordeaux. They will highlight the fantastic wines of Château Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe this time out. Eight wines to be presented. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, March 18: Wines from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Jim Chanteloup and Mike Jordan present their current favorites from "down under." Come join us for some wonderful Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet and other varietals from this popular region. Twelve wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, March 25: Wines from the Northwest in Redwood City. Louis Dressner Tasting in San Francisco. Martin Reyes and Trey Beffa pick some gems from Oregon and Washington for Redwood City including a few whites, Pinot Noir, Cabernet and Syrah. Ten wines total. Tasting price TBA. In San Francisco, we will have our parking lot closed and tented for the spectacular Louis Dressner event, which will highlight the wines of France. Tickets must be prepaid in advance. For more information, call the San Francisco store at (415) 896-1734 ex 1012. —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
Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc	\$17.99
Cantenac-Brown, Margaux	\$24.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-87-90 points Tanzer	\$34.99
Clerc-Milon, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$29.99
Climens, Sauternes	\$59.99
Climens, Sauternes (375ml)	\$31.99
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
Doisy-Vedrine, Sauternes (375ml).....	\$14.99
Doisy-Vedrine, Sauternes-89-91 points Wine Spectator	\$29.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-88-91 points Tanzer	\$29.99
Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (1.5L)-92-94 points Robert Parker..	\$129.00
Duhart Milon, Pauillac	\$24.99
Fontinel, Fronsac	\$20.99
Gigault "Cuvee Viva" Cotes de Blaye.....	\$14.99
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
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-88-90 points Tanzer	\$25.99
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-Las-Cases, St-Julien (1.5L)-95-100 points Spectator	\$154.99
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
Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe-Spectator: nice wine for the vintage ..	\$21.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac-89-91 points Wine Spectator and Tanzer	\$39.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$84.99
L'Évangile, Pomerol-90-93 points Tanzer	\$84.99

Malartic Lagraviere Blanc, Pessac	\$34.99
Malescot St-Exupéry, Margaux (1.5L \$58.99)-91-93 pts Parker ..	\$28.99
Meyney, St-Estèphe-Excellent wine	\$22.99
Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L \$289.00)-92-94 points Spectator	\$139.99
Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points Spectator.....	\$29.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	\$21.99
Pape Clement, Pessac-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$66.99
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 (1.5L)-92-94 points Robert Parker	\$79.99
Poujeaux, Moulis	\$21.99
Rieussec, Sauternes- 92-94 points Wine Spectator	\$39.99
Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml)	\$20.99
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 (1.5L)-92-94 points Parker	\$78.99

2003 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Exceptional vintage for collectors. Check out our Vintage Report. Scores are from The Wine Advocate. Wines are starting to arrive.

Brane-Cantenac, Margaux (90-93)	\$35.99
90-93 points Parker: " ... sweet black currant, herbaceous aroma with hints of elderberry, blue fruits, and some of the forest floor characteristics ..." (04/05)	
Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion (89-92)	\$36.99
d'Issan, Margaux (90-92)	\$30.99
90-92 points Robert Parker: " ...Elegant, focused bouquet of floral notes intermingled 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)	\$21.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac (91-94)	\$44.99
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe (90-92)	\$34.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan (90-92)	\$37.99
Parker says, " ...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 cashmerelike tannins, turning to leather. Warm and inviting, yet rich and powerful; fantastic purity, yet voluptuous. This is what exciting wine is about."	
Margaux, Margaux (96-100)	\$369.00
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac (95-96)	\$264.99
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)	\$99.99
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."	
Potensac, Médoc (88-90)	\$19.99
Poujeaux, Moulis (88-90 sleeper)	\$22.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac-Léognan (90-93)	\$39.99

BORDEAUX 1961-2004

1961 Palmer, Margaux\$1899.00
Direct from Mahler-Besse cellar, best in Bordeaux.

1970 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$99.95

1975 Poujeaux, Moulis\$79.99

1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L).....\$159.99
Awesome value!

1978 Trotanoy, Pomerol\$119.00

1979 Latour, Pauillac\$199.95

1981 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac.....\$149.00

1982 Cheval-Blanc (1.5L)Inquire

1982 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$219.00

1982 Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien\$179.99

1983 l'Évangile, 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 Beychevelle, St-Julien\$69.95

1988 l'Arrose, St-Emilion\$79.95

1989 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$119.99

1989 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac....\$89.00

1990 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge \$109.00

1993 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$139.99
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 wine is rich yet ethereal in the mouth..." (02/97)

1994 Haut Brion, Pessac.....\$159.99
94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Has wonderful richness and suppleness, lovely fruit and harmony. A superb example of a graceful, balanced wine that is delicious now and can evolve over many years."

1994 Latour, Pauillac\$189.99
93 points Robert Parker: "It is a superbly rich, concentrated, full-bodied Latour with remarkable intensity. The wine exhibits fabulous intensity, excellent richness, a sweet inner-core of fruit, and a powerful, tannic but brilliantly well-defined, long finish." (04/96).

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

1994 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$159.99
91 points Robert Parker: "One of the stars of the vintage, a gorgeously perfumed, exotic, smoky, blackcurrant, Asian spice, and sweet vanillin-scented bouquet. It is followed by thick, rich, moderately tannic flavors that exhibit medium to full body, good structure, outstanding purity, and a classically layered, long, pure finish." (02/97)

1995 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$309.99
96 points and a Cellar Selection designation from the *Wine Spectator*: "...This powerhouse needs time. Best after 2003." (01/98)

1995 Pichon-Baron (1.5L)\$149.00
91 points Parker: "...suave, elegant, rich fruit presented in a medium to full-bodied, surprisingly lush style. Anticipated maturity: 2001-2016."

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

1996 Palmer, Margaux\$129.99

1996 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$54.99
92 points *Spectator* and \$20 less than 2003.

1996 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$299.99
96 points Robert Parker: ". Deep and full-bodied, with fabulous concentration and a sweet, opulent texture. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2025." (04/99)

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

1997 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$31.99

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-Estèphe\$17.99

1997 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$29.99

1998 Carillon d'Angelus, St-Emil.....\$24.99

1998 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe\$51.99
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 Pontet Canet, Pauillac\$26.99
According to Robert Parker: "Pontet-Canet's dark ruby/purple-colored, closed 1998 (50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot) is undoubtedly a vin de garde."

1998 Reserve St-Julien, St-Julien\$14.99

1998 St Georges Trilogie, St-Emilion\$19.99

1998 St Georges Trilogie (1.5L)\$39.99

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.....\$26.99
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.

2000 Bellerose Figeac Reserve, St-Emilion\$27.99
The ripe round fruit is wrapped around a core of dark chocolate and earthy spice.

2000 Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac\$29.99
Robert Parker says, "Probably the finest Carbonnieux I have tasted in over three decades. Anticipated maturity: 2006-2018." (04/03)

2000 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$114.99
Number 2 of the *Spectator's* top 100 wines of 2003! 96 points from the *Wine Spectator*.

2000 d'Angludet, Margaux\$39.99
88 points Robert Parker: "The 2000 is a traditional claret, displaying a deep ruby color and a nose

Bordeaux Bargains: Four New Wines & One Old Favorite!

2004 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (dry) (\$13.99) Cerons is an area just north of Sauternes and Barsac known for producing value-priced sweet wines, although some excellent dry wine is also produced. This bone-dry blend of semillon and sauvignon blanc comes from soils that consist of flinty stones over gravelly subsoil, which show in the wine's character. Crisp, clean aromas of stone fruit and mineral lead to a firm, steely mid palate that is substantial and beautifully fresh. Great with shellfish, goat cheese or as an aperitif.

2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande, Pauillac (\$25.99) Pichon Lalande's 2nd wine is delicious and a bargain to boot! This is bright and deep with lots of blackberry and cherry fruit, hints of herb and mineral, plenty of plump merlot juiciness in the middle and toasty, well-rounded tannin on the finish. Enjoy this now with decanting, or cellar several years.

2003 Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc (\$19.99) The team at Pichon-Lalande also crafted this rich, chunky beauty from the much heralded 2003 vintage. Sweet blackberries abound in the chewy middle, and there is surprising elegance on the long finish. This shows the forward ripeness of the 2003 vintage but has plenty of underlying structure for those who want to cellar some.

2003 Lascombes, Margaux (\$39.99) This 2nd Growth with vineyards spread throughout the appellation of Margaux has been on a roll since it changed hands in 2000. This is viscous and extracted with boatloads of plush blueberry fruit, toasty oak and licorice flavors in a flashy, velvety, full-bodied style. 92-95 points from Robert Parker.

2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion (\$45.99) This tiny (by Bordeaux standards) "garage" wine has become known for producing jammy, oaky fruit bombs that have enough underlying structure to age well, and never appear heavy or over the top. This fat, low-acid wine has lots of ripe black cherry and sweet oak richness in addition to an opulent liquid-mineral component on the perfumed finish. This is flashy, flamboyant, fruity and already easy to drink. —*Steve Bearden*

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of cedar, damp earth, plums, and currants. Medium to full-bodied, solidly tannic, and attractive, it will age well for 10-15 years..."

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 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 Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac\$31.99

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

2000 Meyney, St-Estèphe\$24.99

2000 Mondorian, St-Emilion\$19.99

2000 Mouton-Rothschild (5L)\$4499.00

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

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

2000 Pressac, St-Emilion\$24.99

2001 Beausejour-Duffau\$44.95

2001 Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion\$189.99

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 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 Amavivon, Castill...\$18.99

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

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 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$139.99

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 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..\$27.99

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

2002 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$29.99

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

2002 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe....Inquire

93 points Robert Parker: "One of the candidates for wine of the vintage..."

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

90 points 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 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$154.99

94 points Parker: "A brilliant offering and a candidate for wine of the vintage, this is classic Lafite that reminded me somewhat of the 1976..."

2002 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$79.99

2002 Lynch Bages, Pauillac\$44.99

2002 Margaux (1.5L)\$259.00

2002 Mouton-Rothschild\$159.99

2002 Mouton, St-Estèphe.....\$45.99

2002 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$22.99

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

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

On the palate there is a soft attack, drawing one's attention to the excellent fruit. Very charming with notes of coffee and toast developing.

2002 Petrus, Pomerol\$529.99

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 de Comtesse Lalande ..\$25.99

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 Bernadotte, Médoc\$19.99

2003 Chauvin, St-Emilion (1.5L)\$56.99

2003 La Chapelle de La Mission.....\$23.99

2003 Gigault "Viva" Cotes de Blaye ..\$14.99

2003 Haut-Bages-Liberal, Pauillac....\$25.99

2003 Haut Gay, Bordeaux Superior ..\$13.99

2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion.....\$45.99

2003 La Couspaude (1.5L)\$92.99

2003 Lascombes, Margaux\$39.99

2003 Les Gravettes, Cotes de Bourg..\$12.99

2003 Le Gay, Pomerol\$57.99

2003 Peyraud, Premieres

Cotes de Blaye\$9.99

2003 Petit Manou, Médoc\$14.99

2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore ..\$24.99

2003 Roc de Cambes, C du Bourg\$29.99

2003 Teyssier, St-Emilion\$26.99

70% merlot and 30% cab franc. Rich, balanced.

White Bordeaux

2000 Château "Y"-From d'Yquem.....\$139.99

2002 Clos Floridene Blanc, Graves ..\$17.99

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

2003 Les Plantiers Haut Brion\$29.99

2003 Carbonnieux Blanc, Pessac\$24.99

90-93 points Robert Parker.

2003 Reynon "VV" Blanc, Bord\$10.99

2004 Roquefort Blanc.....\$9.99

Sauternes

d'Yquem Vertical Case.....\$4,499.00

One each of 12 different vintages: 1982, '83, '84, '85, '86, '91, '94, '95, '96, '98, '99, '00. In stock!

1987 Raymond-Lafon (1.5L)\$89.00

1991 d'Yquem\$159.00

1993 d'Yquem\$144.99

1994 d'Yquem\$159.99

1999 d'Yquem\$149.99

1999 Raymond-Lafon.....\$39.99

2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$13.99

2001 Castelnau de Suduiraut\$29.99

2001 Cypres de Climens (500ml)\$26.99

2001 de Faugeres.....\$99.99

2001 Rayne-Vigneau.....\$37.99

2002 Doisy-Védrines\$29.99

2002 Doisy-Védrines (375ml)\$16.99

"Aromas of lemon and honey and a touch of oak. Appley with pear nuances on the palate. Very long on finish. Reminds me of their wonderful 1988," Clyde Beffa Jr.

2002 Dauphin de Guiraud (375ml) ..\$13.99

2002 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml)\$12.99

2002 Petit-Védrines (375ml)\$10.99

2002 Suduiraut\$39.99

2002 RieussecInquire

92-94 points Robert Parker and *Spectator*.

Lockers Coming Soon!

New temperature-controlled lockers are coming soon to K&L's San Carlos facility. Please visit www.klwines.com to add yourself to a waiting list for notification. We will use your entry to contact you when lockers have been completed. We expect the lockers to be ready in March. You will have the option to rent at that time, pending availability within your desired size.

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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

France-Alsace/Loire Valley

- 2004 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur\$9.99
 2003 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker\$16.99
 2001 Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker\$17.99
 2001 Gewürztraminer Eichberg, Charles Baur.....\$19.99
 2004 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur\$19.99
 2004 Muscadet, Ch La Moriniere\$9.99
 Crisp, clean, flinty-bring on the oysters.
- 2004 Cour Cheverny, Tessier\$12.99
 2004 Menatou Salon Rouge, La Tour St Martin\$13.99
 2004 Menatou Salon Blanc, La Tour St Martin\$13.99
 Great value sauvignon blanc.
- 2004 Sancerre Blanc, Franck Millet-Great value!\$12.99
 2004 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet-Another great value!\$14.99
 2003 Sancerre Blanc "Insolite," Franck Millet\$19.99
 Our best selling Sancerres-clean, balanced, earthy.
- 2003 Sancerre Chavignol Rouge, Gerard Boulay\$18.99
 2004 Sancerre Chavignol Blanc, Gerard Boulay.....\$18.99
 These are wines of the soil, that echo the land with precision and delineation found in only the greatest of white wines.

Bordeaux: White/Clairet/Red/Stickies

- 2004 Château Roquefort Blanc, Bordeaux\$9.99
 Great balance with almost Alsatian Pinot Blanc richness. Lingering finish.
- 2004 Château St Jean des Graves, Graves\$10.99
 Clean, crisp, refreshing and a great value.
- 2004 Château Thieuley Blanc, Bordeaux\$10.99
 A bit richer style with plenty of semillon in blend.
- 2003 Château Reynon, "V.V" Bord Blanc\$11.99
 One of the best 2003 white wines from Bordeaux-perfect acidity.
- 2004 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc\$13.99
 Superb elegance and refinement. Soft, fruity mid palate with very dry finish.
- 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 rosé style wine rich enough to serve with beef course.
- 2003 Château Souvenir, Bordeaux\$9.99
 Ripe and very fruity, forward red. Enjoy now.
- 2003 Château Peyraud, Premieres Cotes de Blaye\$9.99
 90% merlot, 10% cabernet sauvignon, very aromatic and bright and perfect for consumption now and over the next three years. Sweet and lovely. Ripe and lush on the palate. Tastes great right now. Long finish. (Clyde Beffa, K&L Bordeaux buyer)
- 2003 Château 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
 Blended from 44% merlot, 56% cabernet sauvignon aged for 12 months in one-year-old barrels (50% American and 50% French oak) and bottled without fining or filtration, this heady unctuous red is ready to drink now.
- 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
 Marked by fully mature tannins joined together with a supple and round personality, qualities giving the wine an elegance that makes it easily enjoyable in its youth.
- 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

Rosé/White Burgundy

- 2003 Bourgogne Cotes d'Auxerre Rosé, Domaine Goisot\$9.99
 NV Plaisir des Princes Vin de Pay (Chardonnay)\$6.99
 2004 Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud.....\$9.99
 2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay "Signature" Champy.....\$14.99
 It is all barrel fermented in small French oak barrels, 80% new.
- 2003 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet\$14.99
 The 2003 St-Veran has a delicate nose, with honey and rich flavors.
- 2004 Pouilly Fuissé, Les Chataignieres, Dom des Nembrets, Barraud\$18.99
 2003 St Romain, Champy\$19.99
 2002 Meursault, Maison Maurice Chenu\$19.99
 Rich and concentrated, with classic Meursault nuttiness and weight.
- 2004 Pouilly Fuissé, "La Roche," Vieilles Vignes, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$23.99
 We are directly importing three spectacular wines from a tiny domaine in the hills of Mâcon in a town called Vergisson. Denis Barraud has a tiny estate called Domaine des Nembrets. This is his Old Vine Cuvée Pouilly Fuissé, which comes from the slopes of the Roche de Vergisson. It sees a bit more new oak, and more lees stirring, resulting in a very rich, creamy style of Pouilly Fuissé. (Keith Wollenberg, K&L Burgundy buyer)

Red Burgundy

- 2003 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, "Signature," Maison Champy\$14.99
 This charming blend comes from Champy's domaine vineyards in Ladoix and Auxey Duresses, from Nuits St. Georges, near the Chaliots vineyard, and from Marsannay. It is ripe and rich, with black cherry fruit and enough tannin and structure to provide interest and length. Definitely black-fruit driven, but lots of wine for the money. (Keith Wollenberg, K&L Burgundy buyer)
- 2003 Pernand-Vergelesse, "Les Fichots," 1er Cru, Champy ..\$21.99
 2003 Gevrey Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Maison Champy ..\$29.99
 The nose shows licorice and earthy notes, followed by lovely, bright Cherry fruit, with teh charcterisic size and meatiness of Gevrey. The tannins are plentiful, but so beautifully fine in character that they are unobtrusive.
- 2002 Beaune, "Clos des Mouches," 1er Cru, N. Rossignol\$46.99
 2001 Volnay, "Ronceret," 1er Cru, Domaine N. Rossignol\$49.99
 2002 Volnay, "Taillepieds," 1er Cru, Nicolas Rossignol\$51.99
 Clive Coates writes: "65 year old vines which belong to his grandfather. 29 hl/ha. Medium-full body. ripe, ceramy and sophisticated. good tannins. Long. Intense. Very classy. ..."
- 2002 Volnay, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, Nicolas Rossignol\$51.99
 Clive Coates writes: "Fragrant, p[lump and stylish. Very elegant. Medium full body. Cool and composed. Very good acidity. this is fat, round and ample. Quite fat. Long. very good indeed."
- 2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er Cru, Rossignol-Jeanniard\$51.99
 2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Suchots," 1er Cru, Champy\$59.99
 2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Beaux Monts," 1er Cru, Champy\$59.99
 Rich, chocolatey, round, this is classic Beaumonts.

Southern France/Rhône

- 2004 Provence Domaine de l'Attilon (Marselan)\$8.99
 Marselan is cross of cabernet and grenache. Organic and delicious.

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD CON'T

2004 Garrigues Blanc, Jean Louis Denois-Delicious!	\$9.99
2002 Garrigues Rouge, Jean Louis Denois-Great value!	\$9.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Maurelle	\$9.99
Meaty and spicy aromas follow to the palate. Good sweet middle palate fruit.	
2003 VdT Coteaux du Languedoc Domaine Beau Thorey "Patus" (ORGANIC).....	\$10.99
2004 Coteaux du Languedoc Domaine La Sauvageonne "Les Ruffes"	\$10.99
NV Brut Rosé Pinot Noir, Jean Louis Denois	\$12.99
Here is the last of this sparkling beauty.	
2004 Beaumes de Venise Rouge Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin "Terres Jaunes" (ORGANIC)	\$12.99
2004 Cotes du Roussillon Dom du Roc des Anges "Segna"	\$13.99
2000 "Vins Rares" Rosé, JL Denois	\$14.99
2003 Coteaux du Languedoc Domaine Beau Thorey "Danse des Ceps" (ORGANIC)	\$15.99
2001 "Vins Rares" Blanc "Les Ruchers," JL Denois	\$16.99
Two new arrivals from the great Jean Louis Denois.	
2003 Côtes du Rhône "Baron Louis" Ch Montfaucon	\$14.99
New vintage, but same great wine. Packed with spicy fruit.	
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 Gigondas, Domaine de la Maurelle	\$16.99
Spicy, rich, minerally. Lots of black fruit on the palate. Decant.	
2003 Cotes du Roussillon Dom du Roc des Anges "Vieilles Vignes"	\$17.99
2003 Les Baux de Provence Château d'Estoublon Rouge	\$17.99
2004 Les Baux de Provence Château d'Estoublon Blanc	\$19.99
Fabulous wines-just arrived.	
2003 Gigondas Tradition, Moulin de Gardette.....	\$18.99
Black fruit, spicy, and a bit peppery. Long finish.	
2003 Cotes du Roussillon Dom du Roc des Anges "VV"	\$19.99
2001 Gigondas "Ventabren" Moulin de Gardette	\$26.99
89 points Robert Parker: "The black/purple-colored 2001 Gigondas Ventabren possesses enormous concentration in addition to high tannin (some of it rustic), but a rich, full-bodied, muscular personality with abundant fruit and structure."	
Champagne	
Ariston Carte Blanche Brut.....	\$22.99
Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$24.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$25.99
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé-Fantastic!	\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve	\$26.99
Quality obsessed grower, direct pricing!	
Tarlant Brut Zero.....	\$26.99
Our driest. No sugar added.	
De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious.....	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve Champagne	\$27.99
1998 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$28.99
Leclerc-Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut.....	\$29.99
1998 Ariston Vintage Brut.....	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige	\$34.99
1996 Leclerc-Briant "Cuvee Divine" Brut	\$39.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru.....	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99

Rene Collard Brut Carte d'Or	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige-New 1996/1997 cuvee	\$39.99
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

Corsica

2001 Corsica Clos Canarelli	\$24.99
2003 Corsica Clos Canarelli "Petit Clos"	\$14.99

Italy-Tuscany/Montalcino

2003 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso ..	\$17.99
2003 La Fortuna Sant'Antimo Rosso	\$28.99
2000 La Fortuna Brunello-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$36.99
2003 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$18.99
2000 Baricci Brunello-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$36.99
2003 Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
1999 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino" Super Tuscan	\$19.99
2000 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino	\$39.99
2000 Sesta di Sopra Brunello-92 points Wine Spectator	\$42.99
1996 Casisano Colombaio Brunello-1 Glass Gambero Rosso	\$24.99
1997 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Riserva	\$54.99
92 points Wine Spectator and 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	
1999 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Riserva	\$54.99
95 points Wine Spectator and 2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	

Piedmont

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba-1 Glass Gambero Rosso	\$12.99
2002 R Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe-1 Glass Gambero Rosso	\$14.99
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba Superiore "Armujan" ..	\$17.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	
2001 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo.....	\$31.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso and 90 points Wine Spectator.	

Veneto

Silvano Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut	\$10.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	
Silvano Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Extra Dry.....	\$10.99
2 Glasses Gambero Rosso.	

Friuli

2004 Blason Merlot DOC Isonzo	\$7.99
2004 Blason Chardonnay DOC Isonzo	\$8.99
2003 Blason Venc Bianco DOC Isonzo-1 Glass Gambero Rosso ..	\$14.99
2002 Blason Vencjar Rosso DOC Isonzo	\$19.99
2004 Ermacora Pinot Bianco COF-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso	\$14.99
2004 Ermacora Pinot Grigio COF-2 Glasses Gambero Rosso ..	\$14.99

New Zealand

2004 Griffin Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$11.99
Tank fermented with lees contact, this 2004 offers a focused red-pepper to classic SB grassy nose that carries through on the palate in a clean, crisp, focused style with undertones of white peach and excellent acid structure.	

Tasting with Louis-Dressner

Saturday March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to our San Francisco store, at 638 4th St between Brannan and Townsend. Tickets (\$50) are available at www.klwines.com.

RHÔNE VALLEY

2003 Cotes du Rhone Montfaucon "Baron Louis"	\$14.99
2003 Cotes du Rhone Blanc, Les Figuières, Colombo	\$14.99
2003 Cotes du Rhone, Forots, Jean-Luc Colombo	\$16.99
2004 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc Domaine Combier	\$17.99
2004 Côtes de Ventoux Domaine de Fondreche "O'Sud"	\$13.99
2004 Costieres de Nimes Chateau Grande Cassagne Blanc	\$9.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Senechoux	\$36.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Monpertuis "Classique"	\$31.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Monpertuis "Tradition"	\$62.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Patrick Lesec "Pierres Dorees" ..	\$36.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine de la Côte de l'Ange	\$28.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine Bois de Boursan	\$39.99
2001 Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette "Ventabren"	\$26.99
2003 Gigondas Domaine Santa Duc	\$36.99
2003 Gigondas Chateau Saint Cosme	\$30.99
2003 Gigondas Montirius	\$29.99
2003 Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette "Tradition"	\$18.99
2003 Vacqueyras Bastide St. Vincent "Pavane"	\$16.99
2003 Vacqueyras Montirius	\$19.99
2003 Cairanne Domaine Richaud	\$24.99
2001 Cairanne Domaine Richaud "l'Ebrescade"	\$36.99
2003 Cairanne Feraud-Brunel	\$14.99
2002 Côte Rotie Clusel Roch	\$39.99
2003 Côte Rotie, Patrick Jasmin	\$62.99
2003 Cornas Eric and Joel Durand	\$39.99
2001 Crozes Hermitage Albert Belle "Cuvée Louis Belle"	\$28.99
2003 Crozes Hermitage, du Colombier, "Cuvee Gaby"	\$21.99
2003 Crozes Hermitage Yann Chave "Tete de Cuvée"	\$24.99
2003 Hermitage Yann Chave	\$59.99

Rhone Discovery

This month I would like to share with you one of the most exciting discoveries of my trip through the Rhone Valley last year. Domaine de la Ferme Saint-Martin is a small domaine located in the Cotes du Rhone appellation of Beaufort de Venise. Vigneron Guy Jullien farms approximately 22 hectares of vineyards of several parcels spread across the appellations of Beaufort de Venise and Cote de Ventoux. Guy deeply believes in making wine that is respectful of both the soil and nature. For this reason, yields are kept low, and he tends to his vines organically. In order to preserve the purity of his gorgeous syrah and grenache grapes, Guy vinifies in cement vats, and élevage in old wood is utilized only for syrah. I first met Guy after an incredibly long and very hot day of tasting. Guy's good friend and neighbor Eric Tabardon thought that it might be a good idea for us to meet, and boy was he right. Each wine, from the entry level "vin de soif" up to the cuvee Saint Martin, exhibited a distinct personality. As I tasted, my mind conjured up the perfect occasion: on the deck with grilled veggies, with roast duck, or on a cold rainy night with great friends and a beef daube. Fantastic! The **2004 Beaufort de Venise Rouge Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin "Terres Jaunes" (ORGANIC) (\$12.99)** is comprised of grenache (70%) and syrah (30%) from limestone and clay soils formed some 240 million years ago. This "yellow earth" imparts a brightness to the wine, along with fine tannins and a tight mineral core. Bright cherry, violets and black licorice provide a forwardness and charm that will captivate you. Notes of white pepper and star anise add an element of spicy complexity, coupled with good acidity that will make this red Rhone a lovely companion at the table. I hope you will taste this delicious gem of a wine! —Mulan Chan

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

2004 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.99
2005 Le Bonheur Sauvignon Blanc	\$7.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2005 Spice Route Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2005 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc	\$18.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"	\$22.99

New Zealand

2005 Matua Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$7.99
2004 Griffin Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc-Delicious!	\$11.99
2004 Pencarrow (Palliser) Martinborough Sauvignon Blanc..	\$11.99
2004 Konrad Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc-91 pts Spectator ..	\$13.99
2004 Highfield Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$13.99
2004 Goldwater "New Dog" Marlborough Sauvignon Bl.....	\$14.99
2004 Seven Terraces Marlborough Pinot Noir	\$15.99

Australia

2004 Deakin Shiraz	\$6.99
2004 Water Wheel "Memsie"-90 points Parker and Spectator	\$9.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Terra Barossa" VS Cabernet	\$10.99
2003 d'Arenberg "Footbolt" Shiraz	\$13.99
Reynella "Old Cave" Tawny Port (500ml)	\$13.99
2004 Sylvan Springs "Hard Yards" Shiraz-90 points Parker	\$14.99
2004 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier-91 points Spectator	\$15.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz-92 points Parker	\$15.99
2004 Longwood Estate "Sheep Shearer" Shiraz, McLaren	\$16.99
2002 Cullen "Ephraim Clarke" Sauvignon Bl/Semillon	\$17.99
2004 Hewitson "Miss Harry" GSM	\$17.99
2004 Torbreck "Woodcutters" Shiraz-91 points Parker	\$17.99
2003 d'Arenberg Laughing Magpie Shiraz-Viognier	\$19.99
2003 Yalumba Hand Picked MGS	\$21.99
2003 Longwood Estate Shiraz, McLaren Vale	\$27.99
2003 Henry's Drive Shiraz Padthaway	\$31.99
2003 d'Arenberg "The Dead Arm" Shiraz	\$49.99

A Night in Provence!

This month I would like to get on my soapbox and champion one of the most underrated wine regions in France: Provence. Sure, it's beautiful. Of course, the food is great. But what about the wine? Provence certainly gets lots of attention in the form of tourism, but because of its good looks does not often see the need to develop quality wines. Fortunately, there is a small but growing group of vigneron producing wines that are delicious and characterful. Château Estoublon, located in Les Baux de Provence, consist of 10 hectares of vines and 35 hectares of olive trees, all organically grown. Winemaker Remy Reboul is after rich and elegant wines that are reflective of the sun-drenched colors and flavors of Provence. The **2004 Les Baux de Provence Château d'Estoublon Blanc (ORGANIC) (\$19.99)** is a blend of ugni blanc and grenache blanc. This most serious Provencal white is rich and grand, with notes of honey and almonds. On the palate, however, it is pure refreshing fruit showing citrus along with more tropical notes toward the end. A dead ringer for a great white Châteauneuf-du-Pape! The **2003 Les Baux de Provence Château d'Estoublon Rouge (ORGANIC) (\$18.99)** is composed of grenache, syrah and about 10% cabernet sauvignon. Ripe griotte aromatics and notes of black olive and thyme abound in this supple red. The wine maintains the requisite amount of mineral drive and acidity to keep make this a perfect accompaniment to an eggplant tian or leg of lamb. —Mulan Chan

OLD & RARE CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MERITAGE

1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$109.99

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

1980 Caymus "Special Select"\$269.00

1980 Heitz "Bella Oaks"\$89.95

1982 Beringer Private Res (9L)\$1,499.00

1984 Heitz "Bella Oaks"\$79.95

1984 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"\$229.00

1985 Dunn Howell Mount (5L)\$1,299.00

1985 Heitz "Martha's"\$299.00

1985 Silver Oak Alexander Valley ..\$129.00

1986 Heitz "Bella Oaks"\$79.95

1986 Robert Mondavi Reserve\$99.99

1986 Sterling Reserve\$89.95

1987 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve..\$109.99

91 points *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." (02/2000)

1987 BR Cohn "Olive Hill"\$79.95

1987 Corison.....\$69.00

1987 Heitz "Bella Oaks"\$79.95

1987 Kenwood Artist (3L)\$349.95

1988 Caymus Special Selection\$149.95

1989 Beringer Private Res Napa\$99.00

1989 Gauer Estate.....\$49.95

1990 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$84.99

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

1990 Beaulieu Vineyards Tapestry\$39.99

1990 Caymus Special Selection\$225.00

1990 Heitz "Bella Oaks"\$79.95

1990 Pahlmeyer Caldwell\$129.00

1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley\$125.00

1990 Silver Oak Alex Valley (6L)\$999.00

1991 Abreu\$249.00

1991 Araujo "Eisele"\$269.00

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)

1992 Caymus "Special Select"\$199.95

1992 Caymus "Special Select"

(1.5L)\$449.00

1992 Corison.....\$69.00

1993 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....\$74.99

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..." (11/96)

1993 Beringer Private Reserve\$99.00

1993 Katherine Kennedy\$119.00

1993 Silverado Res Napa\$99.00

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

1994 Anderson's Conn Valley.....\$89.95

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

93 points *Wine Spectator*: "One of the most pres-

tigious 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 Groth Reserve\$199.00

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

1995 Togni\$129.00

95 points Robert Parker.

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)

Jim C's View Down Under

In January, Clyde, Elisabeth and I spent a week and a half in South Australia. With the exception of a day trip to the Clare Valley, we divided our time between the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale. The trip offered a view of everyone from the "big boys" (Penfolds, Rosemount, Jacob's Creek) to the smaller producers (Hewitson, Torbreck, Longwood), and quality was very high across the board. For me, it was a chance to revisit 2003, taste many of the 2004s coming on to the market, and barrel sample the much anticipated 2005 vintage.

Tasting the warmer 2003 vintage confirmed what I thought from my visit in 2004, which was that the wines generally were more even and balanced in the cooler region of McLaren Vale. The 2004s showed well in the Barossa as well as McLaren Vale with the cooler vintage offering wines of good balance and a more streamlined structure. Whether it was the cool 2004s and the somewhat cool, long, even season of 2005, or a maturing of winemaking styles, the trend seemed to be showing better balance of wood and control of alcohol levels.

The 2005 vintage showed what I'd been hearing from various Australian winemakers since last year. These guys experienced a perfect, long, even growing season with very good balancing acidity and fine mid-palate richness. This was certainly true of all the white wines I tasted and that are now starting to come in. The reds out of barrel were superb, and we were able to get a preview from Thorn-Clarke, Elderton, Craneford, Ross Estate, Tait, Kaesler, Hewitson and Clarendon. So, to sum it up, the 2004 and 2005 vintages will give fans of Australian wine much to look forward to whether it's wines for current consumption or for the cellar.

Here are two classic Barossa Valley Shiraz to try:

2004 Torbreck Woodcutters Red Shiraz (\$17.99) and the **2004 Hewitson Ned & Henry's Shiraz (\$17.99)** David Powell from Torbreck and Dean Hewitson are both making superb wines. You owe it to yourself to try these great examples of the vintage and varietal. The Woodcutter is from 10- to 15-year-old vines that are cropped at about 2.5 tons to the acre and sees larger neutral barrels. There are notes of tar, black olive, meats and blackberry with a juicy, long finish. Parker gave this 91 points. Ned & Henry's has 9% mourvèdre added and shows ripe silky boysenberry and blackberry fruits with meats and spice. Dean uses all French barriques, very few of which are new. The wine has superb balance and length. Cheers!
—Jimmy C

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET BLENDS

2001 Aia, Oakville	\$21.99
2001 Amici, Napa	\$34.99
2001 Burgess, Napa	\$29.99
2001 Chimney Rock Elevage	\$59.99
2001 Cuvaision, Napa	\$26.99
2001 Dominus, Napa	\$99.00
2001 Flora Springs "Trilogy"	\$39.99
2001 Guilliams, Spring Mnt.....	\$36.99
2001 Hetiz, Napa	\$29.98
2001 Jordan, Alexander Valley.....	\$39.99
2001 Kenwood "Artist Series"	49.99
2001 La Jota Howell Mnt	\$39.99
2001 Mount Eden, Santa Cruz	\$29.99
2001 Mount Veeder Res. Meritage	\$49.99
2001 Paradigm, Napa	\$49.99
2001 Paradise Ridge "Rockpile"	\$21.99
2001 Philip Togni "Tanbark Hill"	\$54.99
2001 Schweiger, Spring Mnt.....	\$44.99
2001 St. Clement, Napa	\$24.99
2001 Stonestreet "Legacy"	\$49.99
2001 Terra Valentine, Spring Mnt	\$26.99
2001 Trefethen, Napa	\$29.99
Lush and full, the use of oak is masterfully integrated so as to provide perfect spice without an overshadowing influence.	
2001 Vine Cliff "Oakville"	\$46.99
2001 White Rock Claret	\$42.99
2002 Altamura, Napa	\$59.99
2002 Benziger, Sonoma	\$12.99
2002 BV Rutherford	\$21.99
2002 BV Res. "Georges de Latour"	\$69.98
2002 BV Tapestry	\$36.98
2002 Cain Concept	\$46.99
2002 Cain Five	\$89.99
2002 Chateau Souverain, Alex Vly.....	\$16.99
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Vly.....	\$16.99
2002 Corison, Napa	\$59.99
2002 Cornerstone, Napa.....	\$49.99
2002 Darioush, Napa	\$59.99
2002 Far Niente, Napa	\$89.99
2002 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$19.99
Was \$32! A steal for under \$20!	
2002 Flora Springs, Napa	\$22.99
2002 Groth, Napa	\$42.98
2002 Hanna, Alexander Valley.....	\$26.99
2002 Honig, Napa	\$28.99
2002 Hess Collection, Napa	\$36.99
2002 Joseph Phelps, Napa.....	\$36.98
2002 Kamen Estate, Sonoma	\$47.99
2002 Larkmead, Napa.....	\$39.98
93 points Robert Parker: "The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is performing even better from bottle than it did from cask. It is a sexy, supple Cabernet offering a dense saturated purple color, and a big, full-bodied, heady bouquet of black fruits, melted licorice, and smoke."	
2002 Miner Family, Oakville	\$46.99
2002 Mi Sueno, Napa	\$57.99
2002 Michael Scott "Bondio/Bella"	\$29.99

This is from one of the finest vineyards (100% estate grown) in the famed Rutherford Bench (behind Mondavi, and by such stars as Staglin and Opus One). It's an organically-certified single vineyard nestled below the western slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains.

2002 Nickel & Nickel	Inquire
2002 Pine Ridge, Rutherford	\$24.99
2002 Ridge "Home Ranch" Red	\$54.99
2002 Robert Craig "Affinity"	\$36.99
2002 Robert Craig Hwl Mnt.....	\$44.99
2002 Robert Mondavi Res	\$99.00
2002 Sequoia Grove, Napa	\$26.99
2002 Serdonis, Napa	\$69.99
2002 Silverado, Napa	\$27.99
2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards	\$39.99
2002 St. Clement "Oropas"	\$37.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	\$32.99
2002 Veraison, Napa.....	\$46.99
2002 Viader, Napa.....	\$74.99
2002 Vine Cliff, Napa	\$34.99
2002 Whitehall Lane Reserve.....	\$59.99
2002 William Hill, Napa.....	\$14.99
2003 Alexander Valley	\$14.99
2003 Avalon, Napa	\$9.99
2003 BR Cohn "Silver Label"	\$14.98
2003 Beringer Founders	\$7.99
2003 Block 16, Napa	\$39.99
2003 Buehler, Napa.....	\$21.99
"This wine is ready to pop and pour. Full of bright black fruit and soft tannins, this sees 18 months of oak," Mike Jordan, K&L	
2003 Caymus "Special Select"	\$129.00
2003 Chappellet, Napa	\$39.99
2003 Château La Grande Roche.....	\$29.99

2003 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$19.99
2003 Chimney Rock, SLD	\$44.98
2003 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa	\$26.99
2003 Hawk Crest California.....	\$9.99
2003 Hess Select, California.....	\$11.99
2003 Hess Estate, Napa	\$16.99
2003 House Wine, Washington	\$9.99
2003 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"	\$10.99
2003 Jan Kriss "Crossfire"	\$8.99
2003 Justin "The Orphan"	\$14.99
2003 Kalinda, El Dorado	\$12.99
2003 L'Aventure Estate Cuvee	\$54.99

Was \$75! 94 points Robert Parker: "The inky/purple-tinged 2003 Estate Cuvee (66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah, and 6% Petit Verdot) exhibits a restrained/reticent bouquet. With coaxing, lovely aromas of camphor, cassis, truffles, and vanilla emerge from this full-bodied, powerful, sweet blend."

2003 Liberty School California	\$11.99
2003 Philip Togni, Spring Mnt.....	\$84.99
2003 Provenance, Rutherford	\$29.99
2003 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Stag's Leap Cellars "Artemis"	\$39.98
2003 Stephen Vincent, California	\$8.99
2003 Tobin James "Notorious"	\$14.99
2003 Turnbull Old Bull Red.....	\$14.99
2003 Turnbull, Napa.....	\$34.99
2003 Twenty Bench, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$8.99
2003 Whispering Dove, Napa	\$29.98
2003 ZD, Napa	\$34.99
2004 Esser California	\$7.99
2004 McManis, California	\$8.99
2004 Waterbrook Melange	\$11.99

Springtime Sauvignon Blanc

Spring hits us this month, and it's about time! I'm ready for some fresh sauvignon blanc on the patio, and I've found just the wines!

The **2004 St. Supéry Napa Sauvignon Blanc (\$13.99)** is a great backyard quaff. Crisp and clean on the nose with notes of tangerine and sweet chalk, the wine has a touch of Asian pear filling out the palate of bright and crisp lime peel, lemon, sweet fresh hay and a smooth lemon curd touch. Absolutely refreshing.

I stole the **2004 Morgan Monterey Sauvignon Blanc (\$10.99)** from Martin's article on Monterey, and I'm not sorry! Creamy in texture with exotic fruits, Mexican papaya, white peaches and apricot. It's lifted a bit with notes of citrus and a lively acidity and finished clean and crisp. Everything you want from an everyday SB, varietally correct, easy to pair and a crowd pleaser.

If you really want to wake up your palate, try the **2004 De Sante Napa Sauvignon Blanc (\$16.99)**. Leading off with a bright figgy/grassy noted nose, this zippy and lively sauvignon blanc is absolutely mothwatering! White grapefruit, guava, fresh grass, lemon blossom and a chalky/fine mineral edge combine to perfection. I love this wine. It's a bit like a cross between New Zealand and classic Napa. If I were Jim Barr I would give this many cat faces.

The **2001 Spring Ridge Santa Cruz Mountain Chardonnay (\$12.99)** breaks the SB rule for this article, but this wine is a steal so I'm putting it in anyway. The rich nutty/praline nose reminds me of the Burgundian notes found in expensive Chardonnay. A palate of exotic pear and Fuji apple mingles with hazelnut, orange rind and fine minerals. Rich and opulent, but not overbearing, the oak is fully integrated and simply complements its fantastic fruit, and the acidity forms a wonderful complement to the supple textures.

—Shaun Green

CHARDONNAY

2001 Marimar Torres	\$18.99	2003 Robert Young Estate	\$27.99	2004 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$10.99
2002 Mount Eden Estate.....	\$32.99	2003 Sbragia "Gamble Ranch"	\$34.99	2004 Chehalem "Inox"	\$16.99
2002 Stony Hill, Napa.....	\$26.99	Ed Sbragia, the longtime winemaker at Beringer,		2004 Cinnabar, Monterey.....	\$14.99
2002 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow"	\$29.99	has started something special here. Big, rich and		2004 Edna Valley Vineyards	\$10.99
2003 Benziger, Carneros	\$9.99	buttery!		2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa	\$21.99
2003 Bernardus, Monterey.....	\$14.99	2003 Solitude, Carneros	\$23.99	2004 Esser, California.....	\$7.99
2003 Beringer "Sbragia"	\$39.98	2003 Sonoma Cutrer RRR (375ml)	\$8.99	2004 Far Niente	\$34.99
2003 Chalone Estate	\$19.99	2003 Tantara "Talley/Rincon"	\$31.99	Aromas of melon, hazelnut, orange, spice and cin-	
2003 Cuvaision, Carneros	\$15.99	2003 Trefethen, Oak Knoll	\$21.99	namon are complimented by toasty aromas in the	
2003 El Molino, Napa	\$39.99	2003 Varner "Bee Block"	\$29.99	nose.	
2003 Ferrari Carano, Alex. Vly	\$27.99	94 points Robert Parker: "Minerality is present in		2004 Four Vines "Naked"	\$10.99
2003 Foley "Rancho Santa Rosa"	\$21.99	the 2003 Chardonnay Bee Block (606 cases),		2004 Foxglove, Edna Valley	\$9.99
2003 Gary Farrell, Russian River	\$29.99	along with notes of smoky hazelnuts, sweet nec-		2004 Franciscan, Napa	\$12.99
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$29.99	tarines, and citrus oil."		2004 Frei Brothers, Russian River	\$12.99
2003 Handley, Dry Creek	\$16.99	2003 Villa Mt Eden Bien Nacido	\$12.99	2004 Groth, Napa	\$22.98
2003 Hanzell, Sonoma	\$54.99	2003 West Slope, Edna Valley	\$11.99	2004 Hartford, Sonoma	\$17.99
2003 Jordan, Russian River	\$21.99	2004 Acacia, Carneros	\$15.99	2004 Heitz, Napa	\$12.99
2003 Logan, Monterey	\$12.99	2004 Ambullneo, "Big Paw"	\$54.99	2004 Heron, California	\$7.99
2003 Margaret's Vineyard, Cal.....	\$5.99	2004 Aquinas, Carneros	\$9.99	2004 Hess Collection, Napa	\$16.99
2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$17.98	2004 Beringer "Founders"	\$7.99	2004 Hess Select, California.....	\$8.99
2003 Mer Soleil, Central Coast	\$34.99	2004 Beringer "Private Reserve"	\$29.99	2004 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco.....	\$10.99
2003 Mi Sueno, Los Carneros	\$32.99	2004 Bogle, California	\$7.99	2004 Jayson, Napa.....	\$32.99
2003 Miner Family "Wild Yeast"	\$44.99	2004 Buehler, Russian River.....	\$9.99	2004 Kali Hart, Monterey.....	\$9.99
2003 Mount Eden "Wolff"	\$14.99	2004 Cakebread, Napa	\$34.99	2004 Kendall Jackson Vint Res.....	\$9.98
2003 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$14.99	2004 Cambria "Katherine's".....	\$12.99	2004 La Crema, Sonoma	\$12.98
New vintage and always a favorite at K&L!		2004 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$11.99	2004 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande	\$14.99
2003 Qupe "Block Eleven"	\$23.99	2004 Chalone, Monterey	\$10.99	2004 Landmark "Overlook"	\$21.99
2003 Ramey "Hyde Vineyard"	\$46.99	Shows cool climate freshness in the fruit, along		2004 Macrostie, Carneros	\$16.98
2003 Ramey, RR and Carneros.....	\$29.98	with good viscous texture and body.		2004 Mark West, Central Coast	\$8.99
		2004 Chappellet, Napa	\$27.99	2004 Melville, Santa Rita	\$21.99
		2004 Ch. Souverain, Napa	\$11.99	2004 Meridian, Santa Barbara	\$5.99

Spotlight on Monterey Masters!

Monterey County and its sub-appellations hold an increasingly prominent place in California's wine history. Currently, Monterey is re-affirming itself as a world-class winemaking region for grapes like chardonnay, pinot noir and other warm-climate haters. Santa Lucia, without a doubt, is the premium growing region in Monterey, and one of the best producers there is Morgan Winery. Founded in 1982, Morgan's quest for shocking Chardonnays and perfect Pinots has produced wines that are heads, shoulders and torso above much of the surrounding wineries. The 2004 Morgan "Metallico" Chardonnay (\$16.99) is a laser of a wine, made in stainless steel, no ML, yet clean, bright, crisp fruit with superb minerality and focus. The richly dressed 2004 Morgan "Twelve Clones" Pinot Noir (\$24.99) jumps out of the glass with sumptuous aromatics and rounded vanilla and cherry notes. Double L, short for Double Luck, named for the owner's twin daughters, is an organically grown vineyard that is probably one of the best pinot/chardonnay vineyards in the Central Coast. Each effort, the 2003 Morgan "Double L" Pinot Noir (\$46.99) and the 2004 Morgan "Double L" Chardonnay (\$27.99), reflects the exquisite purity, power and refinement that come from meticulously cared for, pesticide-free vines planted at the right place with the right grapes.

Farther south, we run into Graff Family Vineyards, the family that started it all in Monterey. What, you say? Never heard of them before? The family only co-founded Chalone! Now, the same winemaker whose deft hand makes world-class pinot noir is making wine from the old family estate. The 2003 Graff Family Chalone Pinot Blanc (\$15.99) shows the classy, elegant and supple side of this lovely grape while the 2003 Graff Family Chalone Mourvèdre (\$15.99) shows the softer, sexier side of this otherwise powerful, husky grape. In fact, it's one of those rare bottles that appeals to the entire spectrum of wine appreciators, from beginners all the way up to our own store manager! I've seen it with my own eyes. Incredible! Take a bow, Monterey. You have superstars in your midst. Enjoy!

—Martin Reyes

2004 Morgan, Monterey	\$16.99	Bright, green apple, pear, and tropical fruit aromas	
		with toasty and fresh butter notes.	
2004 Mueller, Russian River.....	\$24.99	2004 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"	\$21.98
2004 Napa Cellars, Napa	\$15.99	2004 Qupe "Y Block"	\$16.99
2004 Newton "Red Label"	\$19.99	2004 Silverado, Napa	\$14.99
2004 Neyers Carn/Napa	\$23.99	2004 St. Clement, Napa	\$10.99
2004 Nickel & Nickel "Truchard"	\$34.99	2004 Storrs, Santa Cruz	\$18.99
2004 Nickel & Nickel "Searby"	\$34.99	2004 Talley "Oliver's"	\$21.99
2004 Patz & Hall-Various vineyards	Inquire	2004 Taz, Santa Barbara.....	\$12.99
Call to inquire about price and availability on Dut-		2004 Testarossa "Castello"	\$25.99
ton, Hyde, Durell!		2004 Toasted Head	\$10.99
2004 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"	\$21.98	2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$7.99
2004 Qupe "Y Block"	\$16.99	A steal for Napa Chardonnay!	
2004 Silverado, Napa	\$14.99	2004 ZD California.....	\$24.99

PINOT NOIR

2002 Chehalem "Stoller"	\$34.99
2002 Donum, Carneros	\$59.99
2002 Oak Arbour "Toulouse"	\$29.99
2002 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$19.99
2003 A to Z, Willamette Valley.....	\$14.99
2003 Amici, Mendocino	\$39.99
2003 Andrew Rich, Willamette	\$26.99
2003 Argyle Reserve	\$28.99
2003 Auteur "Hyland Vineyard"	\$42.99
2003 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"	\$21.99
2003 Cristom "Mnt Jefferson"	\$25.99
2003 David Bruce, Santa Cruz	\$24.99
2003 Domaine Serene "Evenstad"	\$46.99
2003 Etude, Carneros	\$36.99
2003 Evesham Wood Oregon	\$26.99
2003 Handley, Anderson Vly	\$19.99
2003 Hatcher, Willamette Vly	\$32.99
2003 Londer, Anderson Vly	\$27.99
2003 Morgan "Double L"	\$46.99
2003 Porter Creek "Fiona Hill"	\$29.99
2003 Sand Hill, Durrell	\$39.99
2003 Tandem "Keefer Ranch"	\$39.99
2003 Taz, Santa Barbara.....	\$17.99
2003 Varner "Hid Blck," Snt Crz	\$36.99
2003 Westry, Willamette.....	\$17.99
2003 Woodenhead, Russian Rvr	\$31.99
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 Cambria "Julia's"	\$16.98
2004 Carter "Hillblock"	\$36.99
Carter fruit has gone to Ken Wright Cellars and Domaine Serene for many years. You can taste elements of both of these famous producers' wines in this spectacular Pinot Noir.	
2004 Chalone Monterey	\$14.99
2004 Chalone Estate	\$21.99
2004 David Bruce Central Coast	\$18.99
2004 Erath, Oregon	\$12.99
2004 Esser, California.....	\$9.99
2004 Hartford, Sonoma	\$19.99
2004 Kenwood, Sonoma.....	\$14.99
2004 La Crema, Sonoma	\$14.98
2004 Laetitia, Arroyo Grande	\$17.99
2004 Lutea, Russian River	\$27.99
This 125 cases production was made in Califor- nia's cool north coast region. Bright ruby in color with heady aromas of plum and violet!	
2004 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99
2004 Melville, Santa Rita	\$24.99
2004 Morgan "Twelve Clones"	\$24.99
2004 Parker Station, Santa Barbara..	\$10.99
2004 Patz & Hall, Sonoma	\$29.99
2004 Raptor Ridge, Reserve	\$29.99
2004 Rex Hill Oregon	\$17.99
2004 Roessler Cellars "Bluejay"	\$29.99
2004 Smoking Loon, California.....	\$6.99
2004 Torii Mor, Willamette	\$19.99

ZINFANDEL

2002 Amici "Panek"	\$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, Black Sears	\$34.99
2002 Martin "Talty," Dry Creek	\$15.99
2002 Renwood "Sierra Series"	\$9.99
2002 Sobon Estate ReZerve	\$19.99
2002 Storrs "Rusty Ridge"	\$24.99
2002 Storybook "Mayacamas"	\$25.99
2002 Storybook Estate Reserve	\$44.99
2003 Alexander Valley "Sin Zin"	\$16.99
2003 Arzezin, California	\$11.99
2003 Brown Estate, Napa	\$32.99
2003 Carol Shelton "Rocky Res"	\$32.99
2003 Downing Family "Fly By N"	\$21.99
2003 Elyse "Morisoli"	\$29.99
2003 Four Vines Old Vine Cuvee	\$10.99
2003 J. Runquist "Z," Amador	\$18.99
2003 Klinker Brick "Old Ghost"	\$34.99
2003 Marietta, Sonoma	\$14.99
2003 MD Phillips "7 Deadly Zins"....	\$12.99
2003 Ravenswood-Single Vineyards.....	Inquire
2003 Ridge-Single Vineyards	Inquire
2003 Rombauer.....	\$21.99
2003 S.E. Chase "Hayne"	\$39.99
2003 Scott Harvey Old Vn, Amador	\$19.99
2003 Storybook Mnt "Eastern Exp" ..	\$36.99
2003 Tin Barn "Gilsson"	\$24.99
2004 Amphora "Mounts"	\$17.99
2004 Balleto, Russian River	\$14.99
2004 Bogle Old Vines	\$9.99
2004 Buehler, Napa.....	\$14.99
2004 Cline, California	\$7.99
2004 Cosentino "CigarZin," Lodi	\$19.99
2004 David Coffaro, Dry Creek	\$18.99
2004 Earthquake, Lodi	\$23.99
2004 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..	\$8.99
2004 Hartford, Russian River.....	\$24.99
93 points Robert Parker: "A terrific buy is the blend of 7 different vineyards (the average age of 80+ years), the 2004 Zinfandel Russian River."	
2004 Joel Gott, California	\$13.99
2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi	\$14.99
2004 Kunin "Westside" Paso Robl	\$18.99
2004 Ridge Lytton Springs	\$29.99
Ridge made its first Lytton Springs from the 80- year- old vines here in 1972, and purchased both the eastern and western portions of the vineyard in the early 1990s.	
2004 Rosenblum Paso Robles.....	\$14.98
2004 Rosenblum San Francisco Bay	\$14.98
2004 Seghesio Sonoma	\$16.99
2004 Shenandoah Spec Rs. Amador ..	\$7.99
2004 Sobon "Rocky Top"	\$12.99
2004 Tobin James "Ballistic"	\$14.99
2004 Windmill Estates Old Vine	\$9.99
2004 Woodenhead Martinelli Road ..	\$36.99
Rosenblum Vintners Cuvee XXVII	\$7.98

Trey's March Chardonnay Picks

People in the wine industry have a tendency to generalize California Chardonnay. It is perceived by many as over-oaked, heavy and lacking acidity and balance. While this may be true for some it is unfair to say all California Chardonnay is in the same style. There are many that could easily be confused with a great White Burgundy if tasted blind. Two of these wines I believe are the **2003 Varner "Home Vineyard" Santa Cruz Chardonnay (\$28.99)** and the **2003 Varner "Bee Block" Santa Cruz Chardonnay (\$29.99)**. Both really show what California Chardonnay is capable of. The Home Vineyard is made up of vines that are 23 years old. The Bee Block's vines average about 15 years old. Both wines are made in a truly "hands-off" approach. Owners Jim and Bob Varner both believe the wine is made in the vineyard and not in the cellar. New oak is kept in check, 50% new French on the Bee Block and 40% on the Home. Both wines show great acidity and freshness, along with rich mid-palates and long spicy finishes. I think with a couple more years in the bottle both will gain even more complexity and richness.

Another wine in a similar style is the **2003 Hanzell Sonoma Chardonnay (\$54.99)**. Minimal new oak and very little malolactic fermentation makes this a precise and pure Chardonnay worth lying down for a while. This wine shows mineral-driven fruit aroma with flavors of white pear, green apple and citrus notes. Subtle hints of toast and spice notes remain in the background and linger on the finish. For those of you looking for that "typical" California style, I would recommend one of the best. The **2003 Sbragia "Gamble Ranch" Napa Chardonnay (\$34.99)** is for those of you who are looking for that rich, lush and creamy texture in a white wine. Owner Ed Sbragia, the current head winemaker at Beringer, has created this wine with all his signature techniques. The wine is rich and opulent with a buttery, nutty quality that seems to linger on the palate for several minutes.

—Trey Beffa

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

2001 Corazon Gewürztraminer	\$19.99
2003 Concannon "Stampmakers"	\$10.99
2003 Elyse L'Ingune	\$29.99
2003 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2004 Cold Heaven "S&B" Viognier ..	\$32.99
2004 FishEye CA Pinot Grigio	\$5.99
2004 Londer Gewürztraminer	\$19.99
2004 Poet's Leap Riesling	\$21.99
2004 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$16.99
2004 Michael Austin Viognier	\$16.99
2004 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$11.99
2004 Ponzi Will. Valley Pinot Gris....	\$13.99
2004 Ponzi Willamette Valley Arneis	\$19.99
2004 Smoking Loon Viognier	\$6.99
2004 Thomas Fogarty Gwrtz	\$12.99
2004 Tremani RR Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2004 Willakenzie Pinot Blanc/Gris ..	\$17.99
2005 Bonny Doon Malvasia Bian.....	\$11.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2003 Flora Springs Soliloquoy	\$17.99
2003 Bernardus, Monterey	\$10.99
2003 Gainey "Limited Select"	\$15.99
2003 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Source "Heart Block"	\$46.99
2003 Wattle Creek, Mendocino	\$16.99
2004 Cakebread, Napa	\$21.98
2004 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly	\$12.99
2004 Château St. Jean, Sonoma	\$9.99
2004 Clos Pegase, Carneros	\$17.99
2004 DeSante, Napa-Lively and zippy ..	\$16.99
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$21.99
2004 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$14.99
2004 Geyser Peak, California	\$7.99
2004 Girard, Napa	\$12.99
2004 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$19.98
2004 Hanna, Russian River	\$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
2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$14.99
2004 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof"	\$6.98
2004 NO Lake County	\$11.99
Lake County is definitely the new, hot area for producing crisp, bright and fresh SB!	
2004 Paige 23, Santa Barbara.....	\$13.99
2004 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$7.99
2004 Saracina, Mendocino	\$21.99
2004 Selene "Hyde"	\$26.99
2004 Source "Gamble"	\$24.99
2004 St. Supéry, Napa.....	\$13.99
2004 Sterling, Napa	\$10.99
2005 Honig, Napa.....	\$11.99

Merlot

1999 Newton Unfiltered (375ml)	\$14.99
Originally \$22. 90 points Robert Parker!	
2000 Newton "Special Cuvee"	\$19.99
2001 Vine Cliff, Napa	\$21.99
2002 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma	\$13.99
2002 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$18.99
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex	\$16.99
2002 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$19.99
This complex, multi-dimensional wine boasts wild-berry fruit shaded with chocolate-malt.	
2002 Flora Springs, Napa	\$19.98
2002 Franciscan, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Markham, Napa	\$15.98
2002 Rombauer, Napa	\$19.98
2002 Simi, Sonoma	\$16.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Swanson, Napa.....	\$22.99
2002 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$22.98
2003 Bogle, California	\$6.98
2003 Chappellet, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Duckhorn, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek	\$12.99
2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Columbia Vly ..	\$29.99
2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.98
2003 Parcel 41, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Provenance, Carneros	\$24.99
2003 T Vine "Kenefick Ranch"	\$29.99
Layers of jammy ripe black and red stone fruit, with berries filling in the middle and a touch of spice spice on the end.	
2004 McManis California.....	\$8.99

Domestic Red

2002 Altamura Sangiovese	\$32.99
2002 Palmina "Stolpman" Nebbiolo	\$31.99
2002 William Harrison Cab Franc	\$32.99
2003 Cline Anc Vines Mourvèdre	\$12.99
2003 Garretson G Red	\$19.99

2003 Paradoxx, Napa Red	\$39.99
2003 Rocca Bad Boy Red	\$29.99
2003 Shypoke Napa Charbono.....	\$19.99
2003 Tablas Creek "Esprit B." Red	\$34.99
2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy	\$9.99
2004 Bonny Doon Sangiovese	\$11.99
2004 Margerum "M5" Red Blend.....	\$23.99
2004 Orin Swift "The Prisoner"	\$27.99
Intense dark berry fruit and long, rich finish with tannins that are velvety soft.	

2004 Palmina "Zotovich" Dolcetto ..	\$19.99
2004 Porter Creek Carignane.....	\$17.99
NV Marietta Lot #38 Old Vine Red	\$9.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2001 Harrison Napa-Was \$27	\$14.99
2001 Marr Cellars Napa	\$14.99
Only 400 cases produced. Huge fruit with gamey, meaty and smokey hints which are balanced with ripe tannins and a spicy, long finish. WOW	
2001 Miner, Napa	\$19.99
2002 Chalone Estate Syrah	\$27.99
2002 Martella "The Hammer"	\$19.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery Petite Sr	\$29.99
2003 Bonny Doon "Pousseur"	\$12.99
2003 David Bruce CC Pet Sirah	\$14.99
2003 EXP, Dunnigan Hills	\$9.99
2003 K Vintners "Milbrandt"	\$27.99
2003 Lucia "Gary's"	\$34.99
2003 Melville, Santa Rita	\$18.99
2003 Olabisi Knights Valley	\$21.99
2003 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$9.99
2003 Stolpman "Hilltops"	\$31.99
2003 T Vine "Frediani Vineyard"	\$31.99
2004 Earthquake Lodi Petite Sirah ..	\$28.99
2004 Margerum "Colson Canyon"	\$39.99
2004 Neyers "Hudson"	\$39.99
2004 Red Car "Boxcar"	\$19.99
2004 Vinum Cellars "Pets," Petite	\$9.98

San Francisco Focus

I had a small distributor stop by the San Francisco shop in late January to taste us on several wines, and were they fantastic. All of these wines are new to K&L Wine Merchants. Nothing is more fun and satisfying than finding a small production winery with exceptional wines.

2000 Galleron "Aves" Napa Valley Zinfandel (\$17.99) Gary Galleron has made wine at places like Whitehall Lane, Grace Family, Hartwell and Vineyard 29. This wine made us all smile. This Zinfandel has six years of aging on it with fantastic fruit and excellent structure. It's not a wine for you Turley fans, but if you want a hearty red for a nice steak, this is the one.

2002 Martin "Talty Vineyard" Dry Creek Zinfandel (\$15.99) Michael Martin, the owner/winemaker, makes four Zinfandels. From the Talty Vineyard, near Martin's estate, this wine is big and fruity with hints of spice and pepper. The wine finishes long and clean.

2003 Olabisi Knight's Valley Syrah (\$21.99) Olabisi means "joy multiplied." Ted Osbourne is the owner/winemaker who was last at Storybook Mountain Vineyards and is now the winemaker at the super premium winery Pina Cellars. This one is big and bright with lovely pepper that explodes in the mouth with layers of flavor. It is a wine that is very quiet on the finish. Decant for best drinking.

See you in the City...

—Mike Jordan

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile/Argentina

2003 Elsa Syrah (Argentina)	\$5.99
2005 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Pinot Gris (Argentina)	\$6.99
2004 Casa Lapostolle Sauvignon Blanc (Chile)	\$7.59
2004 Alamos Malbec (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 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$7.99
2004 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina)	\$8.99
2004 Casa Lapostolle Rapel Valley Merlot (Chile)	\$9.99
2003 Fin del Mundo, Postales Cab/Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2004 Bodegas Caro, Amancaya, Malbec/Cabernet (Arg)	\$12.99
2003 Valentin Bianchi Famiglia Malbec (Argentina)	\$12.99
2003 Los Vascos Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$14.99
2003 Fin del Mundo, Malbec, Patagonia (Argentina)	\$14.99
2003 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvée Alexandre, Cabernet (Chile)	\$16.99
2004 Nativo by Paul Hobbs, Malbec, El Felino (Argentina)	\$22.99
2003 Luca Syrah (Argentina)	\$31.99

Portugal/Spain

2004 Marques de Riscal Rueda Verdejo	\$6.99
2003 Candela Carro, Murcia	\$7.99
2004 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2003 Bodegas Marco Real Garnacha, Navarra	\$8.49
NV Broadbent Vinho Verde (Portugal)	\$8.99
2001 Casa Ferreira Esteva (Portugal)	\$9.99
2004 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco	\$8.99
2003 Casa Castillo, Monastrell Jumilla	\$9.99
2001 Conde de Valdemar Crianza Rioja	\$9.99
2004 Naia Rueda Blanc	\$9.99
2004 Vinos Sin-Ley G4 Garnacha, Cariñena	\$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
2004 Bodegas Arrocal, Arrocal	\$13.99
2003 Vinas del Cenuit, Venta Mazzaron, VDT de Zamora	\$13.99
90 points Robert Parker: "A superb discovery by broker Jorge Ordóñez..."	
2003 Dominio de Tares, Bierzo	\$14.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Crianza	\$14.99
2004 Vinos Piñol Sacra Natura, Terra Alta (Organic)	\$15.99
2004 Fefiñanes Albariño	\$16.99
2002 Gramona "Grand Cuvee" Cava	\$16.99
2003 Pago Florentino, La Mancha	\$16.99
2004 Pazo de Senorans Albariño	\$17.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Reserva	\$23.99
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
2003 Buil & Gine, Buil, Toro	\$31.99
2001 Quinta de la Quietud Muestra, Toro	\$34.99
2003 Dos Victorias Gran Elias Mora Daniel	\$41.99
1999 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Reserva	\$44.99
2000 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Selección	\$46.99

Rioja, Ribera; Ribera, Rioja...

2004 Bodegas Muga Rioja Blanco (\$11.99) 90 points Robert Parker: "The finest white wine I have yet tasted from Muga is the 2004 Blanco, a value-priced blend of 90% Viura and 10% Malvasia. Spring flower garden notes intertwined with notions of honeyed pear and citrus soar from the glass of this perfumed white. It is well-textured, with terrific fruit, wonderful purity, and surprising body..."

2004 El Quintanal, Ribera del Duero (\$10.99) Made from 100% tempranillo, El Quintanal is a red wine that is sure to please many a palate. The lush black cherry fruit is complemented by vanillin oak and a long round finish, showing all of the balance and depth of the 2004. Enjoy with grilled lamb chops with garlic mashed potatoes!

2004 Vina Y Tia De Lozar, Ribera del Duero (\$10.99) 89 points Robert Parker: "Wow! What a super bargain ... A tasty, surprisingly textured, rich offering, it displays notes of melted licorice, creme de cassis, cigar smoke, cedar wood, and spice box. This fleshy, medium to full-bodied, pure, persistent, savory, unfiltered cuvee will provide immense pleasure over the next 2-3 years."

2001 Bodegas Y Vinedos Pujanza Pujanza, Rioja (\$24.99) 90 points Robert Parker: "...Precise notes of graphite, sweet currants and cherries, cigar tobacco, spice box, and subtle wood are present in both the aromas and flavors of this medium to full-bodied, supple-textured, spicy, well-knit offering."

2001 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero (\$31.99) 91 points Robert Parker: "A blend of 75% Tempranillo, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Merlot ... A complex nose of dried herbs, blueberries, black currants, licorice, and espresso is followed by a ripe, full-bodied, opulent, pure, elegant as well as nuanced wine."

—Anne Pickett

Artisan Tasting with Louis-Dressner

Tickets are available now at www.klwines.com for \$50.00 a person. The event will take place on Saturday March 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to our San Francisco store, at 638 4th St between Brannan and Townsend. **Joe Dressner**, Importer and Internet Wine Personality (www.datamantic.com/joedressner) will be on hand with his group of vigneron from various regions in France. His collection of growers are known throughout the industry for producing honest, unmanipulated wines.

Pouring their wines will be: Catherine Roussel and Didier Barrouillet from Clos Roche Blanche in the Touraine, Jean-Paul Brun from Domaine des Terres Dorées in Beaujolais, Christine and Eric Nicolas from Domaine de Bellivière in Jasnieres, Franck Peillot from the Bugey, Marc Ollivier from Domaine de la Pépière in Muscadet, Evelyne de Jessy du Pontbriand and Isaure de Pontbriand-Cribiore from Domaine du Closel in Savennieres, Eric Texier from the Rhone, Suzanne and François Pinon from Vouvray, Alain Coudert from Clos de la Roilette in Beaujolais, Jean-Paul Versino from Bois de Boursan in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, André Iché from Château d'Oupia in the Languedoc and Catherine le Bihan from Mouthes le Bihan in the Southwest. **Hog Island Oyster Company** will be on hand shucking away. Charles Phan of **The Slanted Door** will be tempting you with inspired small bites and Doralice Handel new proprietor and cheese guru of **The Cheese Shop in Healdsburg** will be force feeding a selection of regional French cheeses. Too many wines will be poured along with some select older vintages, and too much fun will be had, so don't miss out!!

—Jeff Vierra, Real Wine Ambassador

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

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

Loire

François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut	\$13.99
Château du Hureau Saumur Sparkling	\$13.99
2001 Clos Rougeard Saumur Champigny	\$32.99
2001 Clos Rougeard "Les Poyeux" Saumur Champigny	\$39.99
2002 Chinon Couly Dutheil Clos de l'Echo	\$25.99
2002 Domaine des Baumard Savennieres "Clos du Papillon" ..	\$28.99
2002 Domaine Laureau Savennieres "Cuvee des Genets"	\$18.99
2003 Domaine Fouet Saumur Champigny	\$18.99
2003 Domaine Philippe Alliet Chinon Coteau de Noiré	\$34.99
2003 Philippe Foreau Vouvray "Clos Naudin" Demi Sec	\$26.99
2003 X. Frissant Touraine Amboise "Cuvee Renaissance"	\$12.99
2004 La Tour St. Martin Menetou Salon Blanc	\$14.99
2004 Domaine Philippe Alliet Chinon	\$16.99
2004 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Côt Vieilles Vignes-Malbec	\$13.99
2004 Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly	\$42.99
2004 Domaine Fouet, Saumur Blanc "Julian Fouet"	\$11.99
2004 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol	\$18.99
2004 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Rouge.....	\$18.99
2004 Domaine de la Pépière Cuvée Eden Muscadet Sur Lie....	\$13.99
2004 Domaine de la Pépière V.V. Clos des Briords Muscadet ..	\$12.99
2004 Château La Moriniere Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie..	\$9.99
2004 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2004 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Pif-Gamay and malbec.....	\$14.99
2004 François Pinon Vouvray "Cuvee Traditional"	\$16.99

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

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Availability: Certain wines are in short supply and may sell out before you receive this newsletter.

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

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AUSTRIA/GERMANY

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Austria

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

Germany

1997 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Pettenthal Auslese	\$15.99
1998 Franz Karl Schmitt Niersteiner Hipping Spätlese	\$14.99
2002 J.&H.A. Strub Niersteiner Hipping Kabinett	\$16.99
2002 Weingut Vollenweider Wolfer Goldgrube Spätlese	\$22.99
2003 August Kessler Spätburgunder	\$22.99
2004 Alfred Merkelbach Ürziger Würzgarten Kabinett # 1	\$15.99
2004 August Kessler 530.3 Spätlese-Off-dry.....	\$25.99
2004 August Kessler Estate Riesling	\$11.99
2004 Florian Weingart Schloss Fürstenberg Spätlese	\$28.99
2004 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Aus 375ml ..	\$26.99
2004 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Spätlese.....	\$32.99
2004 Fritz Haag Estate Riesling.....	\$17.99
2004 Gunderloch Nackenheimer Rothenberg Spätlese	\$26.99
2004 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" ..	\$14.99
2004 Josef Leitz Rüdesheimer Klosterlay Spätlese	\$14.99
2004 Schloss Lieser Niederberg Helden Spätlese	\$21.99
2004 Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Pittermännchen Spätlese ..	\$39.99
2004 Spreitzer Winkler Jesuitengarten Spätlese	\$28.99
2004 Weingut Binz Nackenheimer Spätburgunder	\$12.99
2004 Weingut Spreitzer Oestricher Doosberg Spätlese	\$18.99

Two in One

This month I will be talking about two of my favorite producers from two of my favorite wine producing countries, Germany and Austria.

Schlossgut Diel has been producing some of the Nahe's finest wines for quite sometime now. The **2004 Schlossgut Diel Dorsheimer Pittermännchen Spätlese (\$39.99)** is a rich style of spätlese balanced out by a fantastic splash of red spices and tropical fruits with a cleansing acidity that lingers on the finish, most likely due to the slate, quartzite and gravel vineyard site. The **2004 Schlossgut Diel Riesling Classic (\$23.99)**, a zippy wine with just a smidge more residual sugar than a trocken, reminds me of ripe green apples. A great match to lighter first course dishes for that next dinner party you are having.

The wines of Leo Alzinger are everything the Wachau region of Austria should represent: power, grace and beauty. We are happy to have the **2004 Alzinger Grüner Veltliner Loibenberg Smaragd (\$49.99)**. With its peppery aromas, surrounded by white stone fruit and earthy mint, and a full body richness that mingles around a juicy yet stony mineral backbone of love, this is one of the best '04 Grüners I have had to date. There is also the **2004 Alzinger Riesling Steinertal Smaragd (\$54.99)**, a true testament to what top notch Riesling from a great region and a great producer should be. This one has set the bar way up there! A bit of smokiness, a bit of tart apple, spicy peach and a juicy sense of a stone that has been dipped into a cold mountain stream, this wine is brilliance in a bottle!!!
—Eric Story

Another Episode of... Joe Berg, Private eye

I awoke with a start, my face dripping with perspiration. What a nightmare...there were acrobats and Republicans, cocktail waitresses and an Indian elephant. Man, scary. I looked next to me. There was a tusk sticking out of the covers. Time to get up. There was work to be done. Not by me. I didn't have any. Semantics.

The door opened. She lit up the room like a nuclear Christmas tree. I was pining already. "Mr. Berg?" she asked with a voice that dripped molten honey. "I have a problem." So did I. I remained seated.

"I've been robbed. Cases of wine from the estate of Pichon Longueville, Comtesse de Lalande. Three different vintages: 1994, 1995 and 1996. Mr. Berg, I MUST have them back by Saturday. I'm hosting a dinner party for international diplomats. Can you help me?"

The Lord helps those who help themselves. But asking her if I could help myself was out of the question. I assured her that I would do what I could. Even if it took a million years. It's all about billable hours.

Her name was Tatiana, a liaison to the American consulate. The diplomats in question were flying in from Sweden, Norway, Lebanon and Canada. I checked background information on all of them—clean as a whistle. I searched motive, and found none. My mind raced like Jesse Owens. I ran over scenarios like a monster truck from hell. Nothing.

The Swede was Staffan. He was still bristling over the jokes that Olaf, the Norwegian made (three Swedes leave a bar after one drink. Well, it COULD happen! Haha! Ya sure). Neither were an easy suspect.

The man from Lebanon. He was interesting. Could have cut his teeth on Musar, Lebanon's finest wine estate, and later developed a taste for Bordeaux. The Canadian? A beer drinker. Doesn't fit the profile.

Jim's March Gems

It is amazing to me that thirty-five years ago I started in this business, and, come June, I will have been with K&L for nineteen years. I keep telling our young, rookie-type wine specialists to "not blink; you will suddenly realize that you have been employed in this industry for thirty-plus years and it will seem as if you just started yesterday." It has all been a blur, and not just because of all the wine I have drunk!

One of the many things I've discovered over the years is that it is incredibly easy to buy and sell high-quality expensive, cult-type wines. Finding inexpensive high quality wine for customers has not only been much more challenging, but one of positive attributes that has kept my interests alive and fresh for all these years. A perfect example of this is with the **2004 Domaine La Tour Saint-Martin Menetou Salon Morogues (\$13.99)**, a sauvignon blanc-based white coming from the Loire Valley. Rivaling some of the great Sancerre sauvignons, this Menetou Salon, which is just southwest of its much more famous neighbor, shows perfumed aromas of lime peel zest and wet stone minerality that carries over onto a clean, crisp, mouthwatering set of flavors. This lovely creature is the perfect wine for shellfish. This will be our house white for the month. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Our new **2003 Kalinda El Dorado Cabernet Sauvignon (\$12.99)** was a major surprise when I first tasted it, due to the fact that it presents itself more in the style of a Stag's Leap cabernet rather than the Sierra foothills. Medium deep ruby in color, the nose offers cassis to blackberry fruit with a hint of vanilla bean and dust. On its amply complex, broadly fruited palate, it shows superb focus, excellent structure, soft round tannins, and a long, silky finish that refuses to quick. Anderson

One thing was certain; The three vintages of Lalande served a very useful purpose: The **1994 (\$159.00)** was a tremendous success for the vintage. The bouquet is a kaleidoscope of warm, lush black fruit, and the wine can be enjoyed now. The '95 (**\$309.99**) is smoother and more debonnair. Smoke, cedar and bittersweet chocolate notes balance the rich red and black fruits. Outstanding. The '96 (**\$299.99**) is built for the long haul, as one enjoys first the '94, followed by the '95. Sweet, rich fruit it has, but the structure for long term aging is ever present.

Time was running out. Time always runs out. But who did it?... Then it hit me like an angry blackjack dealer. I leapt up, grabbed my hat, made the bus in seconds flat...

I burst into the room like a poltergeist on acid. Tataiana spun round like a dervish. The room got as quiet as outer space. Metaphors hung in the air like clouds.

"Tatiana, I have solved the crime. Olaf, please step forward." A nervous Olaf stepped up. "You may go. Staffan, you may go as well."

I stared at the Lebanese diplomat, then turned to the crowded room. "This is the thief. I kept wondering: Why three consecutive vintages? Then I realized... Tripoli! Triple, for three vintages! And Tripoli is the capital of Lebanon!" I was smug as a Cheshire cat, really feline good.

Then the Canadian spoke. "Impossible, yknow, eh? I took the wine." Gasters were flabbered. Instead of the cheese course, incredulity was served. But I was dining on crow.

"Why? Why did you take my three vintages of Lalande?" Tatiana belted like an accordion. The Canadian smiled wanly.

"Hat Trick"

—Joe Zugelder

has informed me that this will be one of our house reds for the month. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

One of my favorite Rhone Valley producers has returned with the introduction of their new vintage. The **2003 Château du Montfaucon Cotes du Rhone "Cuvee Baron Louis" (\$14.99)** offers a complete wine with its deeply colored robe, pronounced violet to white pepper spice to plum fruit on the nose and in the mouth, superb depth and richness, and soft, round tannins. This grenache (60%), syrah (20%), mourvedre (10%), and carignan (10%) Châteauneuf-style blend is a classic, elegant wine that will drink wonderfully now and for the next three to six years. Anderson has informed me that this will be our other house red for the month. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

It amazes me just how the 1997 Bordeaux have evolved; they continue to pick up fleshiness and broadness, yet are immensely enjoyable to consume now. Such is the case with **1997 Château Les Ormes-de-Pez, St-Estèphe (\$19.95)**. This is a delicious drink that is medium deep ruby in color with developed, aged bouquet of blackcurrants, cedar, and tobacco. In the mouth, this is round, soft, and resolved, with well-integrated, sleeky tannins, wonderful fullness, layers of character, and a long, warm, distinctive finish. As Anderson has pointed out to me, "this wine screams drink me!" and you need to put some in your collection for that special occasion or dinner. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

If you have any questions regarding these wines, you can email me at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy this month's selection or else!

—Jim, Anderson, & Eby

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

French Sparkling Wine/Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut	\$22.99
Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	
Michel Dervin Brut	\$24.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$24.99
Ariston Brut Rose-	\$25.99
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé-Fantastic!	\$25.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" 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
Leclerc Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut	\$29.99
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
De Meric Grande Sous Bois Bouzy Rose Brut	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
1996 Leclerc-Briant "Cuvee Divine" Brut	\$39.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99
Lallement Brut	\$39.99
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
1995 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1998 Dom Perignon	Inquire
1992 Krug Clos de Mesnil Champagne	Inquire

Domestic Sparkling Wine

1999 Schramsberg Reserve	\$54.99
1999 Roederer "L'Ermitage" Rosé	\$59.99
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	\$32.99
2000 Argyle Willamette Valley Brut	\$16.99
2000 Iron Horse Classic Vintage Brut	\$24.99
2000 J Wine Company	\$22.99
2002 Domaine Carneros Brut	\$19.99
2001 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc	\$24.99
2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	\$26.99
2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir	\$24.99
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir	\$14.99
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc Noir	\$14.99
NV Mumm Brut/Blanc de Noir	\$13.99
NV Scharffenberger Brut	\$13.99

All Bouzy Rosé from De Meric, for Spring

One of my favorite names in the wine world is Bouzy, a grand cru village on the south-facing side of the mountain of Reims, in the very heart of the pinot noir country of Champagne. This village is famous for making the red wine that colors the best rosés in all of Champagne. Usually, producers only use a small amount (7%-12%) of this rare and expensive ingredient in their very best luxury rosé cuvees. The **De Meric Grande Sous Bois Bouzy Rosé Brut (\$34.99)** is an exception to this, and is made from 100% Bouzy pinot noir. There are two distinct methods for creating a rosé Champagne, the first involves blending fully red wine with white until the desired flavor and color is reached. De Meric produced this rosé by using the distinctly more risky method of maceration, where all of the skins are allowed to be in contact with all of the juice, creating the rosé all at once. When using the blending method, one selects a small amount of very healthy grapes (a little botrytis is common in Champagne, but one does not taste it, because the grapes are pressed so quickly and the skins are discarded) to make the red wine. One needs healthy, perfect grapes when making a maceration wine. De Meric did just that, making only 1400 bottles of this fantastic Champagne. It is all from the 2003 harvest (though not labeled as vintage), and was 100% fermented in small old oak barrels. The 2003 harvest was the earliest and warmest since 1852, and provided perfect conditions for this kind of Champagne. The color, atypical for a maceration rosé, is very delicately pink, what the French call *oeil de perdrix* (eye of the partridge). It has a very extroverted maraschino cherry aroma, but comes across much more elegant and restrained on the palate than one would assume. This is probably the most fun of any bottle we have ever imported directly. Sadly, when it is gone, it is gone. Our allocation, while generous given the very limited production, is still very small at 21 cases. I hope that you will try it and enjoy it as much as I have, but please don't fall in love; it is unlikely we will ever see it again. —Gary Westby

March into Spring with Champagne!

Now that the winter thaw has started, it is time to celebrate. So, pop a bottle or two of Champagne. Heck! At these prices, buy a case!

To start with, we have the ultra low-priced **Ariston Carte Blanche Brut (\$22.99)**. The grapes that make up this lovely wine are from the steep, sunny slopes of Brouillet. This results in riper fruit. A rich soil of shellfish fossils provides minerality and depth in the final blend, which consists of 40% chardonnay, 30% pinot noir and 30% pinot meunier. In the nose, you will find pistachios, brioche, red fruits and just the faintest hint of coconut. On the palate, lemon curd and custard come out in the forefront. These flavors are followed by red plum and currant fruit. Roasted nuts round out the finish. This newest incarnation of Carte Blanche has smaller bubbles and less yeast than the previous blend. A perfect match for brie and other creamy cheeses as well as a pan-seared whitefish crusted with almonds.

Second on this month's list, is the **Tarlant Brut Zero (\$26.99)**. The current trend of Ultra-Brut, no dosage (no sugar added) Champagne is at its apex with this wine. A blend of 1/3 each of chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier with fruit from hillsides in Oeuilly in the Valley of the Marne. Soils in the area are a mix of chalk, sand, limestone and sparnacien (chalk and clay). The final blend is from the 1998, 1999 and 2000 vintage, which was bottled in July, 2003. A fantastic nose of tangerines, stone fruits and minerals. In the mouth, citrus fruit, nectarine, lime and hazelnuts. This wine absolutely begs to be served with oysters! Another bonus is that the Tarlant family does not advertise, is that their Champagnes are organic! —Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY

NV **Plaisir des Princes**—Our favorite, a declassified '04 Mâcon\$6.99
 2003 **Pouilly-Vinzelles, En Paradis, Louis Latour (375ml)**\$6.99
 2004 **Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud**.....\$9.99
 Delightful, rich and long, and priced at a song, thanks to our Direct Import.

2002 **Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Rollin**\$12.99
 2003 **St-Veran, Maison Drouhin**\$12.99
 2004 **St-Veran, Denis Barraud**.....\$13.99
 2002 **St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet**\$14.99
 2004 **Bourgogne Chardonnay, "Signature," Champy**\$14.99
 Rich and toasty, with nice minerality. From Meursault, Puligny and Rully.

2004 **Bourgogne Blanc, Thierry & Pascale Matrot**\$14.99
 Lovely white from a grower in Meursault, with richness and length.

2003 **Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Jomain**\$15.99
 2004 **Givry Blanc 1er Cru, La Plante, Deanjean-Berthou**\$16.99
 2003 **Bourgogne Aligoté, 1902, Alice & Olivier de Moor**\$16.99
 2002 **Bourgogne Chardonnay, "Vero," Joseph Drouhin**\$17.99
 Made by Veronique Drouhin. Old World Chardonnay with New World appeal.

2004 **Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Paul Pernot**\$18.99
 Lovely Puligny-Montrachet character at a great price.

2004 **Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Bernard Morey**\$18.99
 2004 **Pouilly Fuissé, Les Chataigniers, Denis Barraud**\$18.99
 Focused minerality, rich palate and charm. Only our Direct Import makes this price possible.

2003 **Chablis "Saint Martin" Domaine Laroche**\$19.99
 2003 **St. Romain, Maison Champy**—Great, with bright minerality\$19.99
 2002 **Meursault, Maison Maurice Chenu**\$19.99
 An unbelievable value on a Meursault, thanks to an airline backing out.

2003 **Pernand Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy**.....\$20.99
 A mini Corton-Charlemagne for a song!

1999 **Meursault, Chartron & Trebuchet**—Was \$36.99 elsewhere.....\$21.99
 2002 **Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Tollot-Beaut**\$23.99
 Lovely floral nose and beautiful balance, with Pernand/Savigny character.

2004 **Rully, "La Pucelle," 1er Cru, Domaine J-M Boillot**\$23.99
 2004 **Pouilly-Fuissé "La Roche" V.V., Denis Barraud**\$23.99
 Rich, concentrated single-vineyard Pouilly with weight, charm and minerality.

2003 **Chablis, Rosette, Domaine Alice & Olivier DeMoor**\$24.99
 Bright and concentrated, from very old vines. Classic Chablis flintiness.

2002 **Cote de Beaune, Grande Chatelaine, Dom. Giboulot**\$24.99
 2002 **St-Aubin 1er Cru, En Remilly, Gerard Chavy**\$25.99
 2004 **St-Aubin 1er, Murgers Dent de Chien, V. Girardin**\$29.99
 2004 **Meursault Chevalières, Thierry & Pascale Matrot**.....\$29.99
 This rich and toasty Meursault is also available in 375ml for \$15.99.

2003 **Beaune, "Les Aigrots," 1er Cru, Louis Latour**\$29.99
 2004 **Auxey-Duresses, La Canée, Deux Montille**\$31.99
 2002 **Beaune, "Montrevenots," 1er Cru, J-M Boillot**\$31.99
 2004 **St-Aubin "Murgers Dent de Chien," 1er, Deux Montille** \$34.99
 2004 **St-Aubin "Sur Gamay," 1er Cru, Deux Montille**\$34.99
 Two fabulous St-Aubins, pure and focused, from the emerging star, Alix de Montille.

2004 **Meursault, Les Tillets, Vincent Girardin**\$36.99
 2004 **Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos St. Jean," 1er, B. Morey**\$37.99
 2003 **Chassagne-Mont, "Macharells," 1er, J-C Bachelet**\$38.99
 2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Paul Pernot**\$39.99
 Classic Puligny minerality, very bright, long and alive. Lovely!

2003 **Meursault, Grands Charrons, Vincent Dancer**\$42.99
 Rich and concentrated, lovely and intense. Good minerality and acidity.

2004 **Chass-Montrachet, Vieilles Vignes, Bernard Morey**\$43.99

2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bernard Morey**.....\$43.99
 2002 **Chass-Mont, "Chenevottes," 1er, Domaine J-M Morey** ..\$44.99
 2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, Les Enseignières, V. Girardin**\$46.99
 2003 **Puligny-Montrachet, Château de Puligny Montrachet** ..\$48.99
 2004 **Chassagne-Montrachet, "Truffieres," 1er, V. Girardin** ..\$49.99
 2003 **Meursault, Poruzots, Château de Puligny Montrachet** ..\$53.99
 2001 **Chablis, "La Moutonne," Grand Cru, Long Depaquit**\$56.99
 2003 **Chass-Mont, "Tête du Clos" (Morgeot) Vincent Dancer** \$59.99
 2004 **Chass-Mont, "Vide Bourse," 1er, Domaine B. Morey**.....\$59.99
 2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, "Folatières," 1er Cru, Paul Pernot** \$64.99
 Broad, rich and ripe, but also very bright, mineral-driven and alive. Yummy!

2003 **Morey-St-Denis, "Mont Luissant," 1er Cru, Dujac**\$67.99
 2003 **Meursault, "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Vincent Dancer**.....\$71.99
 2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, "Pucelles," 1er Cru, V. Girardin**....\$79.99
 2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, V. Girardin** \$81.99
 2004 **Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru, V. Girardin**\$81.99
 2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, "Pucelles," 1er Cru, Paul Pernot** ..\$89.99
 2004 **Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, P. Pernot** \$123.99
 2004 **Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Paul Pernot**\$149.99
 2003 **Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin**\$179.95
 2003 **Chevalier-Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin**\$199.95
 2003 **Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Marc Colin**.....\$375.00
 2003 **Le Montrachet, Grand Cru, Louis Latour**\$549.95

Domaine Marc Colin

Several of us here at K&L have been patiently waiting for these 2004 white Burgundies to arrive. Over the last several vintages winemaker Pierre-Yves Colin has been producing what could be some of the best values in Burgundy. A patient and meticulous man who farms as organically as possible but refuses to be hamstrung by dogmatically following any viticulture or winemaking philosophy, Colin wants the wine to speak of the vineyards from which they come. He uses only the wild yeast from each vineyard and keeps lees stirring to a minimum this vintage. If I try to characterize his 2004s, I'd say they are bright with charming fresh citrus and stone fruits and a driving persistence. Here are some wines well worth trying:

2004 **St-Aubin, "Les Charmois," 1er Cru (\$29.99)**

2004 **St-Aubin, "Murgers des Dent de Chien," 1er Cru (\$29.99)**

The wines from St-Aubin could represent the "best value" in white Burgundy. Not a sexy appellation but these are the best vineyards made by one of the best vintners sold at a reasonable price. Les Charmois is located next to Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Chaumées, 1er Cru and has very Chassagne-like character, more open with a clean and bright pear and floral tone. The palate is fresh with a pleasant creaminess on the mid palate. Murgers des Dent de Chein is located next to Puligny-Montrachet, "La Garenne," 1er Cru. From a spot higher in elevation, this wine is rich and possesses a driving stoniness.

2004 **Chassagne-Montrachet, "Les Encégnières" (\$39.99)**

2004 **Puligny-Montrachet, "Le Trézin" (\$39.99)**

The Les Encégnieres is "only a village vineyard located just below Batard-Montrachet, and shares the rich clay loam of the surface soil. Bright and long, this real estate gives this wine a rich and oily mid palate. The Le Trézin is one of the highest vineyards in the AOC, which makes the wine racy and stony. With its lovely floral tone, finely etched character and long finish, this wine is a real charmer.

—Kirk Walker

RED BURGUNDY

2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Vincent Sauvestre	\$11.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand	\$13.99
2003 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, "Signature," Maison Champy	\$14.99
2003 Ladoix, Les Chaillots, Prince de Mérode	\$19.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Olivier Guyot	\$19.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret	\$20.99
2003 Pernand-Vergelesses 1er, "Les Fichots," Champy.....	\$21.99
2002 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, "Vero," Joseph Drouhin	\$21.99
2002 Marsannay, La Montagne, Domaine Olivier Guyot	\$22.99
2002 Chorey-les-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut	\$23.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, Domaine René Leclerc	\$24.99
2002 Santenay, Clos du Gatsulard, Raymond Launay	\$26.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Maison Champy.....	\$29.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er, Domaine Blain-Gagnard....	\$29.99
2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er Cru, Vincent Sauvestre	\$30.99
2003 Meursault-Blagny "Piec Sous Bois," 1er Cru, Domaine Matrot	\$44.99
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, Nicolas Rossignol	\$46.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros	\$46.99
2001 Volnay, "Ronceret," 1er Cru, Domaine Nicolas Rossignol	\$49.99
2002 Volnay, "Caillerets," 1er Cru, Domaine Nicolas Rossignol	\$51.99
2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er Cru, Domaine Nicolas Rossignol	\$51.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Domaine Harmand Geoffroy.....	\$51.99
2000 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Domaine Tollot Beaut	\$54.99
2003 Vosne Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Maison Champy ..	\$59.99
2001 Nuits-St-Georges, "Murgers," 1er Cru, Cathiard	\$59.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, Les Orveaux, Mongeard Mugneret	\$61.99
2002 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Beaumonts," 1er Cru, Champy ..	\$64.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Malconsorts," 1er Cru, Domaine Moillard	\$67.99
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, "Lavaux St Jacques," 1er Cru, Harmand Geoffroy	\$69.95
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Domaine L'Arlot ..	\$69.99
2002 Volnay, "Mitans," 1er Cru, Domaine de Montille	\$71.99
1996 Clos de Vougeot, Domaine Amiot Servelle	\$76.99
2001 Vosne-Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Sylvain Cathiard ..	\$79.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin	\$88.99
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
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, Groffier ..	\$97.99
2002 Latricieres-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Charles Vienot	\$99.95
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, Domaine Louis Remy	\$99.95
2003 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin.....	\$99.95
2001 Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru, Domaine Hubert Lignier	\$99.95
2002 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine 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
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Comte de Vogue	\$149.99
2003 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier	\$159.99
2002 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Domaine 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

2003 Morgon, Domaine Ruet	\$14.99
Spicy, bright and focused.	
2003 Cote de Brouilly, Domaine Ruet.....	\$16.99
Rich with a long finish.	
2003 Moulin-a-Vent, Château des Jacques (Domaine Jadot) ..	\$19.49
2004 Fleurie, "Poncie," Domaine du Vissoux	

Storage Lockers Coming Soon

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Pour Votre Plaisir 2003 Patrice Rion Reds

The extremely ripe 2003 vintage lead to lot of variability in the wines. However, there were a few domaines whose wine struck me as outstanding. One of these was Patrice Rion, in Nuits-St.-Georges. Somehow, Patrice's wines, both domaine bottles and negociant, retained a clear sense of place as well as grace and balance, which only a handful of producers managed, in my opinion. This is so extraordinary a range that I visited Patrice directly to be certain I could get the wines!

The **2003 Patrice Rion Gevrey Chambertin** (\$34.99) is meaty and rich, while the **2003 Patrice Rion Chambolle Musigny** (\$34.99) shows delicate red fruits and transparency of fruit. The **2003 Patrice Rion Nuits-St-Georges, V.V.** (\$34.99) is so poised that Allen Meadows writes: "It's rare to find a Nuits villages with this degree of style and grace." The **2003 Domaine Patrice Rion Chambolle Musigny, Les Cras** (\$36.99) is from Patrice's own vineyard and is a complete standout for its Chambolle charm and lovely red fruits. The **2003 Patrice Rion Nuits-St.-Georges 1er Cru "Les Cailles"** (\$49.99) is another Burghound Key Buy, with punch and muscularity. The **2003 Domaine Patrice Rion Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru "Clos des Argillieres"** (\$51.99) is muscular and taut with power, minerality and elegance. Finally, the pièce de resistance, his **2003 Patrice Rion Chambolle Musigny, 1er Cru "Les Charmes"** (\$59.99) is so full of sweet, pure pinot fruit that it is just irresistible. *À Santé.*

—Keith Wollenberg

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Pre-Arrivals

2001 Brunello di Montalcino

The initial list, many more to come!

- 2001 PogiarellinoInquire
- 2001 Baricci-90 points *Wine Enthusiast*Inquire
- 2001 La FortunaInquire
- 2001 Pian dell'OrinoInquire
- 2001 Piancornello.....Inquire
- 2001 Casanova di NeriInquire
- 2001 Casisano ColombaioInquire
- 2001 CastegiocondoInquire
- 2001 Banfi.....Inquire
- 2001 TerralsoleInquire
- 2001 La RasinaInquire
- 2001 Valdicava-98 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire
- 2001 Casanova di Neri "Tenuta Nuova"Inquire
97 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 2001 Siro Pacenti-97 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire
- 2001 Fanti-96 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire
- 2001 La Rasina "Il Divasco"-96 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire
- 2001 Sesta di Sopra-95 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire
- 2001 Fuligni-95 points *Wine Spectator*Inquire
- 2001 Silvio Nardi "Vigneto Manachiara".....Inquire
95 points *Wine Spectator*.

Tuscany

- 2004 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"\$7.49
- 2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano\$9.99
- 2004 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano\$11.95
- 2002 Villa Antinori Toscano Rosso\$15.95
- 2002 Felsina Chianti Classico\$16.99
- 2002 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli"\$19.95
- 2003 Le Cinciole Chianti Classico-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$19.99
- 2002 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano-2 Glasses *GR*.....\$21.99
- 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
- 2000 Antinori Tenute Marchese Chianti Classico Riserva\$29.95
- 2001 Castello di Fonterutoli Chianti Classico\$34.95
3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.
- 2001 Felsina Fontalloro-3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$34.99
- 2003 Querciabella "Batar"-2 Blue Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$74.99

Montalcino

- 2003 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* ..\$17.99
- 2003 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$18.99
- 1999 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino"\$19.99
- 1996 Casisano Colombaio Brunello-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$24.99
- 2003 La Fortuna Sant'Antimo Rosso\$28.99
- 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)

Podere Rinascimento

By the time this missive reaches you Mike Parres and I will have been sloshing through Italy for a couple of weeks. We will have tasted more than 170 of the new 2001 Brunello di Montalcino—the sacrifices we make for you! If you haven't heard before, this 2001 is The Vintage of the Millennium! Sure, it is only the second year of the millennium, true. All the levity aside, this will be a truly great vintage.

This 2001 vintage will be a hybrid of the 1997 vintage's ripeness, proclaimed by many to be the best, and the balance, length and focus of 1999, proclaimed by most Italian wine insiders as the classic vintage. A freeze hit Tuscany Easter Sunday, 2001, after a balmy early spring. Many vines had budded out, and the initial prognosis looked bad. But nature's pruning actually made the wines more concentrated. A long growing season (without any global warming, month-long heat spells) allowed the wines to be balanced, showing incredible length and aromatic—sangiovese's classic characteristics.

For me 2001 is the single best vintage I have tasted. I loved many of the 1997s, but there were many overripe wines. I loved almost all of the '99s, yet my palate leans toward the more balanced, and I balk at super ripe fruit without acidic balance. The 2001 vintage has everything: concentration, size, color (harder in sangiovese), classic aromatics, balance, length, aging ability and immediate appeal. You will see amongst the critics a more universal acclaim. Daniel Thomas who writes for Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate* and whose palate

generally leans toward the more classic style, wrote about "many flabby and characterless 1997s produced in Montalcino." He will most assuredly give the 2001 wines high praise. James Suckling who writes for the *Wine Spectator* and whose palate leans toward the riper has already said this about the 2001 vintage: "They are rich and powerful yet show wonderful balance and length. They are a combination of the structured and tannic 1999s and the refined and fresh 1997s." He has also thrown out a couple of handfuls of 95+ point scores to whip up the initial press frenzy. The *Wine Enthusiast* will be doing a big issue on this vintage as well, so be forewarned. The scores will be flying high! I don't give scores but try and write about character and style. In the upcoming weeks I will be tasting almost the entire DOC. I will be writing my vintage report that will be available to you. I think it is important for most everyone to understand that while scores offer you some insight to the writer's preference, it may not be yours. Best to talk with someone who knows!

The initial offerings are just coming out now as I write this (February 3, incurring the ire of our crack newsletter staff by being a day late!), and we will have our first offering available in the middle of March. Anyone who is interested in receiving the first offerings and the vintage report that Mike and I will prepare please send an email to greg@klwines.com, and I will get you our first offering.

—Greg St. Clair

ITALIAN WINES

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)

2000 Pian dell'Orino Brunello\$39.99

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

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

The nose just jumps out at you spicy, complex, wild cherry fruit, with hints of sage, leather, intriguing, seductive and inviting. On the palate the wine is broad, full-bodied and rich yet not heavy, it has an elegance, more like a lithe, muscular athlete, supple yet forceful and is full of the complex character. (Greg St. Clair, K&L Italian buyer) 2 Blue Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

1997 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Ris-92 points *Spectator*\$54.99

1997 Caparzo La Casa Brunello-94 points *Wine Spectator*\$84.99

Piedmont

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 "Armuja"\$17.99

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

Barolo/Barbaresco

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

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

There is a seductive elegance in this wine, it seems as if a feminine touch has softened the powerful structure of the nebbiolo grape,

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

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

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

2001 Azelia Barolo "San Rocco"-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$59.95

1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$59.99

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

2000 Scavino Barolo "Carobric"-94 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$78.95

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Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

2004 Volpe Pasini Chardonnay\$12.99

2004 Ermacora Pinot Grigio-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99

2004 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio\$14.95

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

2004 Ermacora Pinot Bianco-2 Blue Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99

2003 Blason Venc Bianco DOC Isonzo-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99

2004 Ermacora Tocai Friulano-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99

2004 Ermacora Merlot-Great balance and richness\$14.99

2004 Ermacora Refosco-Spicy, full and complex\$14.99

2004 Volpe P Zuc Volpe Ribolla Gialla-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* \$18.99

2002 Vencjar Rosso DOC Isonzo\$19.99

If you like Bordeaux you'll love this!

2004 Volpe P Zuc di Volpe Sauvignon-3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* ..\$21.99

2003 Vie di Romans Pinot Grigio Dessimis\$23.99

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2003 Caggiano Aglianico "Tari"\$14.99

2001 d'Angelo Aglianico del Vulture\$14.99

2004 d'Antiche Terre Fiano d'Avellino\$16.99

2004 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$17.99

2000 La Lumia "Torreforte" Nero d'Avola IGT\$19.99

2003 Feudi di San Gregorio Greco di Tufo\$20.99

Lombardia, Umbria, Veneto, Marches and Other

2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso* ..\$8.99

2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso \$16.99

2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"\$39.99

2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

2000 Allegrini Amarone\$59.95

2000 Venturini Amarone "Campo Masua"\$59.99

1999 Masi Amarone "Mazzano"-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$124.99

March's Picks

2002 Blason "Venc" Friuli Isonzo Bianco (\$14.99) Venc is the Friulian name for a branch of a willow used to hand-tie the grape vines.

The Venc bianco is a blend of pinot bianco, tocai friulano and 5% sauvignon blanc, tank fermented and aged "sur lie" with some of the pinot bianco being barrel-fermented. This is one of those wonderful wines that work well as a cocktail white or with food. Love the floral aromatics on this baby and the palate of pear, hazelnut and a dash of vanilla.

2002 Blason "Vencjar" (\$19.99) Bordeaux from Italy? Even better, Vencjar is a blend of cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon and merlot in equal parts. This is a big full-bodied red with soft tannins. Very user friendly with dark red fruit blended with walnut, leather, spice and a long richly textured finish.

2003 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino (\$18.99) Great value is the first thing I think with regard to this wine 100% sangiovese. This is one of those Rossos that is a little more rustic. Lots of terroir from the "Montosoli." Sweet earth mingles with rich and ripe fruit. It will take about an hour to let this vino to open up, and then watch how quickly this bottle empties. I'm thinking baked rigatoni with this.

2000 Baricci "Colombaio di Montosoli" Brunello di Montalcino (\$36.99) Like its little sister up above this also has the classic "Montosoli" nose with lots of spice, cinnamon, cardamom and anise with a touch of leather, and brings that to the palate as well. This will need at least a couple hours of decanting and will drink over the next couple of years. Your next Sunday night dinner featuring a pork roast or even corn beef. Happy St. Paddy's day.

—Mike Parres

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There is no better way to explore the world of whisky and fine spirits than attending the whiskies of the world expo in San Francisco each March. Go to www.celticmalts.com for more information on this event. For a complete listing of our whisky selection with descriptions and tasting notes, check out our website at www.klwines.com.

—Susan Purnell

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Glenlivet 12 year old-Special Price.....	\$22.99
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Bowmore 12 year old-Special Price	\$29.99
Laphroaig 10 year old-Special Price	\$29.99
Tobermory 10 year old Isle of Mull	\$29.99
Black Bottle 10 year old Scotch Whisky	\$31.99
Balvenie 12 year old Doublewood-Special Price	\$33.99
Glenmorangie 10 year old-Special Price	\$33.99
Compass Box Asyla Blended Whisky	\$34.99
Glenmorangie 12 year old, All Finishes	\$34.99
Famous Grouse 12 Year Malt Whisky	\$34.99
Glenfiddich 15 year, Reserve Solera	\$37.99
Glenlivet 15 year old French Oak Reserve	\$37.99
Isle of Jura 10 year old	\$37.99
Macallan 12 year old, Distillery Bottling-Special Price.....	\$37.99
Benromach Traditional	\$39.99
Highland Park 12 year old.....	\$39.99
Isle of Jura Superstition	\$39.99
Macallan "Fine Oak" 10 Year Old	\$39.99
Bunnahabhain 12 year old.....	\$41.99
Compass Box The Peat Monster Vatted Malt	\$41.99
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Auchroisk 10 year old, 1993, Murray McDavid	\$46.99
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Clynelish 14 year old, Distillery Bottling	\$47.99
Edradour 10 year old	\$49.99
Laphroaig "Quarter Cask".....	\$49.99
Talisker 10 year old Isle of Skye.....	\$49.99
Dalwhinnie 15 year old	\$52.99
Glenlivet 18 year old	\$52.99
Caol Ila 12 year old, Distillery Bottling	\$54.99
Auchentoshen 12 year, 1992, Un-Chill filtered Signatory	\$55.99
BenRiach 10 year old "Curiositas" Heavily Peated	\$55.99
Bladnoch, 14 year old, 1990, Un-Chill filtered Signatory	\$55.99
Balvenie 15 Year Old Single Barrel	\$56.99
Bowmore Darkest 15 year old Sherry Cask	\$56.99
Famous Grouse 18 Year Malt Whisky	\$57.99
Springbank 10 year old, 100 Proof	\$57.99
Bowmore 17 year old, Distillery Bottling	\$59.99
Bruichladdich 12 year old-West Coast Exclusive!	\$59.99
Laphroaig 10 year old Cask Strength	\$59.99
Macallan "Fine Oak" 15 Year Old Distillery Bottling.....	\$59.99
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Edradour 10 year old, 1993, Un-chill filtered Signatory	\$62.99
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Ardbeg 9 year, 1995, Gordon & MacPhail Conn. Choice	\$64.99
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Michel Couvreur 12 Year Old Malt (Unfiltered)	\$64.99

Highland Park 18 year old, Distillery Bottling.....	\$71.99
Arran Single Island Malt Whisky Single Cask	\$77.99
Compass Box Hedonism Vatted Grain Whisky	\$79.99
Bowmore 19 year old, The McGibbon's Provenance	\$89.99
Springbank 15 year old, Distillery Bottling	\$91.99
Bowmore 16 year old, 1989, Cask Strength	\$94.99
Longrow 10 year old Tokaji "Wood Expression"	\$94.99
Mannochmore 13 yr, Cask Strength, Signatory	\$97.99
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Macallan 18 year old, Distillery Bottling	\$124.99
Glenlivet 31 Year Old, Murray McDavid Mission	\$159.99
Benromach 24 year old, Cask Strength	\$169.99
Bruichladdich 20 Year Old "Flirtation"	\$179.99
Glenrothes, 30 year old, Gordon & MacPhail	\$179.99
Port Ellen 21-year-old, The McGibbon's	\$189.99
Caol Ila 25 year old, Cask Strength Distillery Bottling	\$194.99
Bunnahabhain 36 year old, 1967, Duncan Taylor.....	\$209.99
Edradour 22 year old Port Wood Finish, Cask Strength	\$209.99
Strathisla, 36 year old, 1937, Duncan Taylor	\$209.99
Bruichladdich 37 year old, 1966, Duncan Taylor	\$239.99
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Highland Park 37 year old, 1966 Duncan Taylor	\$265.99
Macallan 26 year old, Barrel Ceramic, Douglas Laing	\$285.99
Bruichladdich Legacy Series Two 37 year old	\$499.99

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Auchentoshen 13 year old, Murray McDavid	\$45.99
Ben Nevis 6 year old, Murray McDavid	\$35.99
BenRiach 21 year old "Authenticus" Heavily Peated	\$145.99
Bowmore 14 year old, Murray McDavid.....	\$35.99
Bruichladdich WMD II - Yellow Submarine	\$79.99
Highland Park 15 Year Old, Distillery Bottling	\$49.99
Tamdhu, No Age Statement, Distillery Bottling.....	\$24.99

Due To Arrive

Bruichladdich 15 year old, Second Edition	Inquire
Isle of Arran 10 year old.....	Inquire
Isle of Arran, Gonzales Byass Cream Sherry Finish	Inquire
Isle of Arran, Gonzales Byass Lepanto PX Finish	Inquire
Lochside, 1966, Jim McEwan's Celtic Heartlands	\$450.00
Penderyn Single Malt Welsh Whisky	Inquire
Tamdhu 10 year old.....	Inquire
Tamdhu 18 year old.....	Inquire
Tamdhu Cask Strength	Inquire

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2. Savings: We do our best to insure that any wine offered as one of our monthly selections will be less expensive than anywhere else in the country. Often, particularly in our Signature Red collection, we are not allowed to advertise the Club price because it is so low. For those of you who buy by the case, there have been certain wines that would essentially pay for nearly a full year's subscription with the savings offered compared to other retailers.

3. Convenience: This has to be just about the easiest way of buying wine. Each month two bottles of carefully selected wine will show up at your house. All you have to do is open and enjoy!

4. Quality: While our Wine Clubs offer spectacular value, it is the quality of the wines that determine whether they become a Club selection. Unlike many wine clubs, who make large deals based on price, we taste through a huge amount of wine each year and only pick the wines that we can put our reputation behind. We have many staff members taste potential choices so that we may get a variety of opinion. Our staff has very diverse palates and that is a huge benefit in choosing a wine. As always at K&L, quality matters.

Cheers!

—Dave Rosenzweig

SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

This is a Club for the connoisseur and passionate wine lover. Two bottles of red will arrive each month. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$30 and \$50 a bottle. Monthly Cost: only \$49.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$23.95 per bottle. Previous Signature selections (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices): 1999 Oakford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$100), 1999 Casisano Brunello di Montalcino (\$40), 2001 Morlanda “Crianca,” Priorat (\$48).

PREMIUM WINE CLUB

This Club features a tremendous selection of wines from around the world. These wines show complexity and true varietal character. See below for two of our past selections. Usually, but not always, we include a white and a red. Wines in this Club normally sell for between \$18 and \$30 a bottle. Monthly Cost: only \$29.95 + Shipping (+ Tax for CA residents only). All reorders are \$13.99 per bottle. Previous Premium selections: (*Wine Spectator*-listed prices): 2001 Blackford Chardonnay, Sonoma (\$30), 2000 Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa (\$25), 2000 Cloud 9 “Composition” (\$70).

BEST BUY WINE CLUB

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



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