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Dinner/Tasting with James Sichel and Château d'Angludet

Make your reservations now for Saturday September 9, and join co-owner James Sichel and K&L for a great dinner featuring the wines of Château d'Angludet, one of our favorite châteaux. Wines from 1983, 1988, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003 will be poured as well as a couple of older vintages. This dinner will be held at the outstanding Spago Restaurant in Palo Alto. Reception at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15. Only sixty seats available. Casual elegance is the dress code.

Clyde's Bordeaux Picks for July

Let's take a step back from the 2003 and 2005 Bordeaux wines and look at a few of my favorites for more current enjoyment.

2000 Château Greysac, Médoc (\$16.99) One of our old favorites has modernized a bit and the resulting wine is outstanding with a sweet and lush texture. Plenty of richness and flavor and 89 points from the *Wine Spectator*. Can't go wrong. Decant one hour.

1999 Château Lalande Borie, St-Julien (\$17.99) 65% cabernet, 25% merlot and 10% cabernet franc. Elegant, perfect drinking right now. Plenty of flavor and pleasure for not too much money.

2000 Château Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe (\$26.99) Here is a great bargain from a very fine vintage and one of our favorite properties. And you can enjoy this wine in the next few years. Tons of ripe fruit flavors and lingering finish. Great barbecue wine.

1996 Les Pagodes de Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe (\$29.99) This is a great value visa a vis the latest price for their 2005. Remember that 1996 Cos was one of the best wines of the vintage and we sold 200 cases at \$139.00 per bottle. This wine has the structure and depth to cellar well and can be enjoyed now with two hours decanting.

1998 Château Malescot-St-Exupery, Margaux (\$39.99) I have always loved the wines from this property, but rarely carried them because they had an exclusive arrangement with a large distributor. The property has wonderful terroir and have always been fairly priced. This 1998, while needing some cellar time, shows tons of ripe fruit and a seductive aroma of toasted oak and cassis.

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

2005 Bordeaux!

The list includes values and legends alike. See page 3 for our initial offering on this very special vintage.

Silver Oak Cellar

If you're a fan, you must check out these older vintage Silver Oak Cabernets. Perfect condition. Very rare. Page 9.

Need a Lot of Champagne?

For amazing deals on magnums of quality bubbly, see Gary's article on page 17.

Wine Lockers In San Carlos Location Available to Rent

These new temperature-controlled lockers are located at our San Carlos distribution center on Bing Street. We have many lockers for rent, and they are all of the same size, holding 24 wood cases or 30 cardboard cases (about 28 cases in combo). For more information please visit www.klwines.com

Amazing Wines from Our Backyard!

2004 Mer Soleil Central Coast Chardonnay\$34.99

Ripe tropical fruit explodes from this glass. The fruit is sweet, rich and mouth-coating, while the finish is still fresh and bright, with hints of lime. Kiwi and spice linger on the palate. The Mer Soleil is made by Charlie Wagner, son of Chuck Wagner of Caymus.

2003 Caymus "Special Selection" Napa Cabernet Sauvignon\$129

This wine is actually showing well right now with some decanting. Unlike the 2001s, the wines from 2003 are a bit more approachable. Tannins are present but are ripe and silky. This wine will age very well over the next 15 years, but if you can't wait you will not be disappointed. 94 points from Robert Parker!

2003 L'Aventure Paso Robles Optimus\$35.99

The Optimus is a blend of 64% syrah, 33% cabernet sauvignon and 3% petit verdot. Upfront the wine shows that spicy, flashy fruit from the syrah but has a good amount of structure from the cabernet. Delicious!

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Looking for Great Wine for BBQ on the 4th?

For the more sophisticated palate, the **1989 Château Siran, Margaux (1.5L \$139.99)** is your wine. Starting to show the elegance of a well aged wine but still very youthful, you'll find good berry notes, tobacco leaf, orange peel, as well as a leather character on the finish. I think it still has cellaring potential, but don't be afraid to open it tonight. Decant!

Another way to go for this festive month is with the very lively 2003 vintage. Starting the line up is the **2003 St. Paul, Haut-Médoc (\$10.99)**, a value-packed cru bourgeois. This well structured wine offers notes of berry and vanilla. Enjoy today and for next few years. The **2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux (\$10.99)** is an other bargain wine from 2003. Great cherry fruit, just a bit of spice from the oak and a beautiful texture makes this a great pick for any BBQ this summer. Back in stock! Don't miss it this time! The **2003 Château Saransot-Dupre, Lustrac (\$18.99)** offers an explosion of cassis on the nose with a hints of spice. On the palate this wine has supple tannins that make it approachable today. Enjoy now with grilled meat or cellar. 56% merlot, 24% cabernet sauvignon, 15% cabernet franc, 3% petit verdot and 2% carmenere.

This last selection this month is a personal favorite and one of the best second wines: the **2003 Bahans de Haut-Brion, Pessac-Leognan (\$41.99)**. It has very elegant fruit, raspberry, blackberry, cassis, sweet cherry, tobacco leaf and chocolate on the nose. It's still restrained but opens with decanting and has a clean mineral finish that lasts forever.

—Alexandre Brisoux

Bearden's 2003 Bordeaux Picks

New 2003 Bordeaux are hitting the sales floor here at K&L everyday, and it is time for readers to jump on board with this rich, fruity and amazingly easy to drink vintage.

2003 Manoir Gravoux, Cotes de Castillon (\$8.95) Fermented in concrete and aged in stainless steel, this amazing find is a wine of terroir and sees no oak whatsoever. Lots of soft, smoky fruit is folded into the lively middle, which stays fresh and pure. The finish is toasty with hints of limestone and mineral for added complexity. A great value!

2003 La Fleur, St-Emilion (\$26.99) Here is a well priced wine of proportion and balance done in an easy-to-like style. This is medium-bodied, round and fleshy with a vanilla tinged, oaky middle. The finish is creamy and long with a wonderful sense of elegance. Nicely done!

2003 Fonbadet, Pauillac (\$23.99) This is a more extracted style of Pauillac with lots of dark, roasted jammy fruit in the substantial mid-palate. Although rich, this stays true to form with hints of mineral, graphite and crisp tannin on the finish. 91 points from *Wine Spectator*.

2003 Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc (\$20.99) The wine making team at Pichon-Lalande scored big with the latest version of this great value raking in 90 points from both Robert Parker and *Wine Spectator*. This is a substantial wine with a nose of bright red fruits and licorice. The full, creamy middle shows plenty of ripe blackberry and dark currant flavors that are dense but not heavy. Ripe, fine tannins lend a sense of elegance to the sweet, fruity finish. Drink now or age.

2003 Goulee, Haut-Médoc (\$34.99) Cos d'Estournal's version of a "garage" wine is big and bold. Full-bodied, ripe and exotic with layers of fruit, this manages to remain balanced for such a heavyweight. Shows obvious pedigree and sold out in one day the last time we featured it in one of our Saturday Bordeaux tastings. 90 points from Robert Parker.

—Steve Bearden

Clyde's Picks: Château Léoville-Poyferre

Just arrived and in very limited supply-direct from the Château, these wines are bargains compared to some of the recent Bordeaux prices.

1989 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien (1.5L \$289.00)\$149.00

89 points Parker: "It has always been a very good wine... In this tasting, the wine exhibited a youthful color, as well as attractive, sweet, cherry and black-currant notes in its nose intermingled with a touch of earth and spice."

1993 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien (1.5L)\$89.99

Very under-rated year. And also under priced! Try this beauty, old school style.

1994 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien (1.5L)\$89.99

Robert Parker: "The dark ruby/purple-colored 1994 offers up scents of toasty vanilla and sweet blackcurrant fruit. This medium-bodied claret possesses good fat, moderate tannin, and a traditional, backward, overall feel. Although still youthful, there is enough fruit to balance out the wine's tannin. Anticipated maturity: 2000-2015."

1995 Léoville-Poyferre, St-Julien (1.5L \$189.00)\$89.99

93 points *Wine Spectator*: "Best Leoville Poyferre ever. Big, mouthpuckering wine. Bubbling over with mint, blackberry and currant character. Full-bodied, with extremely full yet finely textured tannins and a long, silky texture. Try after 2002." Well, what are you waiting for?

2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Fabulous year for Bordeaux. These wines are sold on a futures basis. See our notes on these wines in our report or online.

Barde-Haut, St-Emilion -90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Beaumont, Haut-Médoc -Elegant. Easy drinker. Value	\$12.99
Beauregard, Pomerol -89-91 points Parker and <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$38.99
Bernadotte, Médoc	\$17.99
Shows a lot of spice on the nose. Nice elegant wine.	
Beychevelle, St-Julien -91-93 points Robert Parker	\$46.99
Brown Rouge, Pessac -88-90 points Robert Parker.....	\$23.99
Brun, St-Emilion -Spicy, black cherries. Good richness. Great value	\$12.99
Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc -89-91 points Robert Parker	\$28.99
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc -89-91 pts <i>WS</i>	\$13.99
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc (1.5L)	\$29.99
Chasse Spleen, Moulis -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99
Chauvin, St-Emilion -90-92 points Robert Parker	\$34.99
Clos des Jacobins, St-Emilion -92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99
Coutet, Sauternes -92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$49.99
d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon -89-91 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$27.99
Desmirail, Margaux	\$27.99
Elegant, value-packed red from the same family who owns Brane Cantenac.	
Doisy Védrières, Sauternes	\$34.99
Could be as good as their 2001. Rich, flavorful, great acidity.	
Ferrand Lartigue, St-Emilion -89-91 points Robert Parker	\$26.99
Gigault "Cuvee Viva" Cotes de Blaye	\$17.99
Parker: "One of my favorite inexpensive offerings from the Blaye"	
Goulee, Médoc -89-91 points Robert Parker	\$25.99
Guiraud, Sauternes (375ml \$26.99) -95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$49.99
Haut Bergey Rouge, Pessac -91-93 points Robert Parker	\$29.99
Haut Bergey Blanc, Pessac -90-92 points Robert Parker	\$29.99
la Cour d'Argent, Bordeaux -Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$10.99
la Croix de Beaucaillou, St-Julien -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
la Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol -90-92 points Parker	\$33.99
Lafaurie Peyraguey, Sauternes (375ml \$24.99) -92-94 points <i>WS</i>	\$49.99
Lanessan, Médoc -Parker 88-90 points, "sleeper"	\$15.99
La Fer, St-Emilion -Great concentration. Sweet and lush	\$29.99
Les Gravières, St-Emilion - <i>Spectator</i> : "silky tannins...Balanced."	\$32.99
Lucia, St-Emilion -Parker 92-94 points	\$46.99
Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac -90-93 points Robert Parker	\$39.99
Marjosse, Bordeaux -Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage."	\$12.99
Meyney, St-Estèphe -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$25.99
Moulin Haut Laroque, Fronsac -Parker 90-92 points	\$24.99
Mylord, Bordeaux -Parker: "sleeper of the vintage."	\$8.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	\$37.99
89-91 points <i>Spectator</i> : "Very attractive aromas of blackberries and currants... with ultrafine tannins and a long, delicious finish. Very racy and linear."	
Petit Village, Pomerol -90-92 points Robert Parker	\$52.99
Picard, St-Estèphe -Sweet ripe with a full, round palate impression	\$17.99
Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion -92-94 points Robert Parker	\$44.99
Potensac, Médoc	\$22.99
<i>Spectator</i> : "...silky tannins and a long, rich finish... well done."	
Quinault l'Enclos, St-Emilion -Parker 92-95 points	\$41.99
Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99) -95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$69.99
Rochebelle, St-Emilion -Exceptional palate with great sweetness	\$44.99
Senejac, Haut-Médoc -90-92 points Robert Parker	\$22.99
Siran, Margaux -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$27.99
Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc -92-94 points Robert Parker	\$42.99

Suduiraut, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99) -95-100 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$68.99
Tour de Mons, Margaux -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$19.99

2004 BORDEAUX FUTURES

A very fine vintage, classic style and very well priced.

Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux - <i>Spectator</i> : A lovely, silky wine	\$32.99
Angéus, St-Emilion -92-94 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i>	\$89.99
Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien -90-93 points Robert Parker.....	\$29.99
Brane-Cantenac, Margaux -90-91 points Robert Parker	\$30.99
Calon Segur, St-Estèphe -90-93 points Robert Parker	\$38.99
Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac -87-90 points Tanzer	\$35.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$26.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe -92-94 points Robert Parker and <i>WS</i>	\$69.99
d'Aiguilhe, Côtes d'Castillon -88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$19.99
d'Angludet, Margaux -An outstanding value	\$23.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac -88-90 points Stephen Tanzer	\$24.99
Doisy-Védrières, Sauternes -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac -88-91 points Tanzer	\$31.99
Fontinel, Fronsac	\$20.99
Gigault "Cuvee Viva" Cotes de Blaye	\$14.99
Giscours, Margaux -90-92 points Robert Parker	\$31.99
Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac -88-91 points Tanzer	\$34.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$35.99
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol -88-90 points Tanzer	\$26.99
La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac	\$103.99
Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe	\$26.99
Lagrange, St-Julien -89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$28.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien -89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$32.99
Lascombes, Margaux	\$45.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien -92-94 points Robert Parker	Inquire
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien -90-93 points Robert Parker	\$36.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac -89-93 points Stephen Tanzer	\$46.99
Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe - <i>Spectator</i> : nice wine for the vintage	\$21.99
l'Évangile, Pomerol -90-93 points Tanzer.....	\$84.99
Malescot Ste-Exupéry, Margaux (1.5L) -91-93 pts Parker	\$59.99
Meyney, St-Estèphe -Excellent wine	\$23.99
Monbousquet, St-Emilion	\$35.99
Montrose, St-Estèphe	\$54.99
Mouton-Rothschild (1.5L \$299.00) -92-94 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$144.99
Nenin, Pomerol -89-91 points <i>Spectator</i>	\$29.99
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	\$22.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux (1.5L)	\$74.99
Pavillon Rouge, Margaux -87-90 points Stephen Tanzer	Inquire
Phelan-Ségur, St-Estèphe -Tanzer: "supple and lush..."	\$24.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac -90-93 points Robert Parker	\$54.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac -91-94 points Robert Parker	\$62.99
Pichon Lalande, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$129.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac -92-94 points Robert Parker	\$42.99
Poujeaux, Moulis	\$22.99
Rieussec, Sauternes -92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$41.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc, Pessac-Léognan -91-92 points Tanzer	\$39.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac-Léognan -91-93 points Parker	\$37.99
Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc -90-92 points Parker	\$37.99
Suduiraut, Sauternes	\$49.99
Troplong Mondot, St-Emilion (1.5L) -92-94 points Parker	\$78.99

BORDEAUX 1961-2004

1961 Palmer, Margaux\$1699.00

Direct from Mahler-Besse cellar, best in Bordeaux.

1962 Palmer, Margaux\$419.00

91 points Robert Parker: "...underrated by everybody, including the author."

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

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

Awesome value! Sweet fruit, lingering aftertaste.

1985 Langoa Barton, St-Julien\$99.99

1985 Pape Clement, Pessac.....\$119.99

Robert Parker. "The 1985, the best Pape-Clement

since the 1975, is a fragrant, supple, tasty wine with a great deal of finesse and charm. It is deeply concentrated, medium bodied, long, and complex..."

1986 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$199.00

92 points Robert Parker: "...This huge, dense, medium to full-bodied wine exhibits tremendously rich, classic, weedy, blackcurrant fruitiness..."

1986 Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc \$99.99

1988 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$119.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*: "...Full-bodied, with a compacted fruit structure, firm tannins and a long

finish. As outstanding as it should be..."

1989 d'Armailhac, Pauillac (1.5L) ..\$189.00

1989 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$139.00

According to Robert Parker: "The 1989 is a graceful, medium-bodied wine displaying the vintage's soft, silky texture, plenty of alcohol, low acidity, and aging potential of 4-8 years." (02/93)

1990 Gloria, St-Julien\$94.99

1993 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$139.99

4 stars *Decanter* magazine: "Good solid nose. Tannic fruit on the palate. Good, big and sound."

1994 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$49.95

91 points Robert Parker: "... the 1994 continues to be a classic Leoville-Barton that will repay 20-25 years of cellaring..."

1994 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$16.99

1994 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$34.99

Robert Parker: "...sweet, smoky, cassis scented nose, supple, round tannin...excellent richness..."

1994 Pichon-Lalande (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... outstanding purity, and a classically layered, long, pure finish." (02/97)

1995 Angelus, St-Emilion.....\$169.99

1995 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac..\$34.99

Quite earthy and fruity-forward wine. Enjoy now.

1995 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien..\$159.99

95 points Robert Parker. "... one of the vintage's great success stories. ... staggeringly rich."

1995 Palmer, Margaux\$139.99

94 points *Wine Spectator*: "Elegant and beautiful. Outstanding Palmer. Extremely pretty aromas of black cherries and vanilla. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, cherry, vanilla aftertaste. Best after 2000."

1995 Pichon Lalande, Pauillac\$169.99

1995 Reserve de Comtesse(1.5L)\$119.00

1996 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe \$29.99

Very rich and quite elegant for the vintage. Value.

1996 Palmer, Margaux\$129.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*.

1997 Chapelle d'Ausone, St-Emilion \$34.99

Great second wine-tons of fruit, lingering finish.

1997 La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac \$69.99

1997 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$49.99

1997 Sarget de Gruaud Larose\$19.99

Excellent drinker-plenty of fruit.

1997 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac \$29.99

1998 Malesscot-St-Exupéry\$29.99

Lovely and very ripe and toasty for the vintage.

1998 Pichon-Lalande (1.5L)\$134.99

1998 Res de Léoville-Barton (1.5L) ..\$64.99

1999 Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc.....\$18.99

1999 d'Angludet, Margaux\$34.99

Super sweet and silky black fruit notes. Hints of orange zest. Soft tannins and quite broad on the palate. Very similar to Palmer. Terrific length.

1999 Lalande Borie, St-Julien.....\$17.99

2005 Bordeaux: Go Deep!

Many years ago in our little old shipping department, the manager then and now, Brian Keating an ex-wide receiver himself, had a poster of our favorite quarterback, Joe Montana, ready to fire a pass downfield. When I asked Joe to autograph it he wrote the words GO DEEP!

While we spin the tale as well as our wheels waiting for the most famous Bordeaux to be priced, this phrase keeps coming up. Customers going deep into their wine collections and selling precious older bottles to afford the new young wines. I do not recommend this. What I do recommend is that you do go deep, but back to the simple philosophy that in a great vintage there are tremendous amounts of great wines made and that you go very deep into the wide range of selections and values that abound in a vintage like 2005. As is the case with myself, I am not married to certain estates any longer. When wines I've collected for many years go from \$30 to \$100, I look for other wines.

If you are laying the foundation of a wine collection it is a great time for buying Bordeaux. You have a great vintage in 2005, a very good vintage in 2004 that is classic in style and offers fantastic value for some of the world's most famous wines, and the fine vintage of 2003 arriving this year that features front-loaded fruit and ripeness rarely ever found from the wines of Bordeaux.

Of the early releases so far there is without question something for everyone and in everyone's comfort zone price wise.

Under \$20: Our customers are savvy and like to drink exceptional wine during the week, and they are buying quite a bit of the great values on futures. That is the exact reason we spend so much time working and tasting in Bordeaux, even when people think were nuts. The **2005 Caronne Ste. Gemme (\$13.99)**, located just behind Ch. Lanessan, makes the cut with us for the first time as it has improved every year, gained purity of fruit and lost its rustic edge. Where can you buy a 6L of really good Bordeaux for \$139.99? The same exact situation exists at Lanessan, where the wine just keeps getting better and cost \$15.99!

Under \$30: Three of the greatest buys in this vintage, bar none, are here. The amazing "sweet raspberry fruit and wood, fine integration, the whole package" of **Ch. Poujeaux (\$26.99)** and the "firm structure, fresh nose of cherry and ripe grapes continue across the palate with chalky tannins" of **Ch. Chasse Spleen (\$26.99)**. **Ch. Meyney (\$25.99)** has elevated to another world of quality, deep raspberry nose, lovely, silky middle fruit that just continues endlessly on the finish. Wow, what a change, the best I've ever tasted! **Haut Bergey (\$29.99)** from Pessac, with its "big, glossy red fruit and earth with structure" is also spectacular.

Under \$40: Best winemaker in Bordeaux? Hubert de Bouard of Angelus fame, he may just be the best as his Lalande de Pomerol, **La Fleur de Bouard (\$33.99)** powerfully suggests. "Very dark and sweet Merlot, powerful and fresh all at the same, amazing!" The right bank red from the pistol, Helene Garcin Cathiard's **Ch. Barde Haut (\$36.99)** is right on the target. "Big red fruit-driven Merlot with a good backbone of tannin, serious and well balanced." The best deal in all of Pomerol since 1998 is without question **Ch. Rouget (\$37.99)**. "Elegant, lovely aromas of spice box and clove in this Merlot, naturally extracted, tasty and refreshing." The price is also refreshing.

Please feel free to contact me anytime for questions/advise on the wines of Bordeaux or a copy of my personal tasting notes from 2005 at ex 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com. Cheers, Toujours Bordeaux and Go Giants!

—Ralph Sands

BORDEAUX 1999-2004

- 65% cabernet, 25% merlot and 10% cabernet franc. Elegant, perfect drinking right now.
- 1999 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac\$39.99**
Black currant and spicy aromas, with nice thickness in the mouth. It has a tinge of coffee and vanilla on the palate. An exotic wine.
- 1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$39.99**
One of Clyde's favorite '99s. Elegant-fruity.
- 1999 Talbot, St-Julien\$29.99**
- 2000 Bellerose Figec Reserve\$27.99**
The ripe round fruit is wrapped around a core of dark chocolate and earthy spice.
- 2000 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc\$31.99**
- 2000 Calon-Segur, St-Estèphe\$89.00**
- 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...Medium to full-bodied, solidly tannic, and attractive, it will age well for 10-15 years..."
- 2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol\$34.99**
Great value with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak, hints of spice and earth.
- 2000 Fiefs Lagrange, St-Julien\$26.99**
Sweet and lovely. Enjoy now.
- 2000 Greysac, Médoc\$16.99**
Sweet and lush. 89 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 2000 Kirwan, Margaux\$54.99**
- 2000 Lalande Borie, St-Julien.....\$24.99**
- 2000 Mouton-Rothschild (5L)\$4199.00**
97 points Robert Parker. Special box and bottle collector's item. Only two left.
- 2000 Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe.....\$26.99**
Fine value from a great vintage. This property is on a roll.
- 2000 Pressac, St-Emilion\$24.99**
- 2001 Cantemerle, Médoc\$24.99**
- 2001 Croix de Beaucaillou, St-Julien \$24.99**
- 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 La Roche Amavinum, Castil\$18.99**
75% merlot. Coffee and chocolate aromas. Good middle and fine length. Sweet and lush.
- 2001 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$137.99**
- 2001 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$24.99**
Excellent. From the Jean Michel Cazes group.
- 2001 Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe\$26.99**
- 2001 Reserve Léoville-Barton, St-Jul \$25.99**
- 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 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe....Inquire**
93 points Robert Parker: "One of the candidates for wine of the vintage..."
- 2002 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99**
According to the *Wine Spectator*: "...with berry and cherry character, medium body, fine tannins and a delicate finish. Very nice indeed."
- 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 Gruaud Larose, St-Julien\$31.99**
- 2002 Haut-Bailly, Pessac.....\$34.99**
90 points Parker: "...displaying notes of tobacco smoke intermixed with sweet currant, cherry..."
- 2002 Haut-Bergey, Pessac.....\$19.99**
- 2002 Haut-Brion, Pessac\$149.99**
- 2002 La Fleur de Bouard, Lal Pom....\$25.99**
- 2002 Latour-Martillac, Pessac\$19.99**
- 2002 l'Evangile, Pomerol\$79.99**
- 2002 Pedesclaux, Pauillac.....\$19.99**
Very charming with notes of coffee and toast developing.
- 2002 Pichon Baron, Pauillac\$49.99**
- 2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..\$25.99**
Bright and deep with dark blackberry and cherry fruit, herb, mineral and plenty of juiciness.
- 2002 Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc \$23.99**
- 2003 Angelus, St-Emilion.....\$144.99**
- 2003 Bahans de Haut-Brion, Pessac..\$41.99**
- 2003 Beausejour Becot, St-Emilion ..\$46.99**
- 2003 Beausejour Duffau, St-Emilion \$49.99**
- 2003 Bernadotte, Médoc\$20.99**
- 2003 Bernadotte, Médoc (1.5L)\$42.99**
90 points Robert Parker: "A sleeper of the vintage... silky tannin, low acidity, and a lush, hedonistic, sensual personality." (04/06)
- 2003 Beychevelle, St-Julien (1.5L)\$69.99**
- 2003 Brane Cantenac, Margaux\$36.99**
- 2003 Cambon la Pelouse, H-Médoc ..\$17.99**
- 2003 Cambon la Pelouse (1.5L)\$36.99**
According to Robert Parker: "Cambon La Pelouse has been consistently excellent over recent vintages, and 2003 is no exception..." (04/04)
- 2003 Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac\$23.99**
- 2003 Chasse Spleen, Moulis\$25.99**
- 2003 Clement Pichon, Médoc\$15.99**
- 2003 Clement Pichon (1.5L)\$30.99**
- 2003 Clerc Milon, Pauillac\$48.99**
- 2003 Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion.....\$37.99**
- 2003 Clos de la Vieilles Eglise, Pom ..\$54.99**
Sweet and elegant with tons of chocolate.
- 2003 Dame de Montrose, St-Estèphe \$36.95**
- 2003 de Pez, St-Estèphe\$27.99**
According to the *Wine Spectator*: "Blackberry and milk chocolate aromas follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a rich, caressing finish..." (03/06)
- 2003 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99**
- 2003 Figec, St-Emilion\$59.99**
- 2003 Franc La Rose, St-Emilion.....\$22.99**
Rich, sweet, minty wine. Silky texture.
- 2003 Fonbadet, Pauillac\$23.99**
91 points from *Spectator*.
- 2003 Gigault "Cuvee Viva"\$18.99**
- 2003 Goulee, Médoc\$34.99**
- 2003 Haut Gay, Bordeaux Superior ..\$13.99**
- 2003 Haut-Bages-Liberal, Pauillac....\$26.99**
- 2003 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$38.99**
Very sweet aromas of violets and undertones of black licorice. Sweet palate entry. Substantial.
- 2003 Haut-Beausejour, St-Estèphe....\$19.99**
Superb value. Sweet and lush.
- 2003 Joanin Becot, St-Emilion\$24.99**
- 2003 Kirwan, Margaux\$42.99**
- 2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux\$10.99**
Great aromas, deep cherry, touch of spice, classic.
- 2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion.....\$44.99**
- 2003 La Couspaude (1.5L)\$89.99**
- 2003 La Fleur, St-Emilion\$26.99**
Super delicious-ripe and round. I love this wine.
- 2003 La Fleur de Bouard, Lal-Pom ..\$28.99**
- 2003 La Gomerie, St-Emilion.....\$72.99**
- 2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol ..\$42.99**
- 2003 Langoa Barton, St-Julien\$41.99**
- 2003 La Tour de Mons, Margaux\$19.99**
- 2003 Le Gay, Pomerol\$57.99**
- 2003 Les Carmes Haut Brion, Pessac \$43.99**
- 2003 Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac\$29.99**
- 2003 Malartic Lagraviere(1.5L)\$59.99**
- 2003 Manoir de Gravoux, Castil\$8.95**
A fruit bomb and great buy to enjoy tonight.
- 2003 Marquis de Calon, St-Estèphe ..\$21.99**
- 2003 Pagodes de Cos (1.5L)\$61.99**
- 2003 Pedesclaux, Pauillac.....\$20.99**
- 2003 Pedesclaux, Pauillac (1.5L)\$41.99**
Cherry, anise as well as a bite of dusty quality on the nose reinforces my opinion that this estate has changed for the better.
- 2003 Pibran, Pauillac.....\$29.99**
- 2003 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L) \$46.99) \$23.99**
- 2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore ..\$24.99**
Robert Parker: "...it offers beautiful fruit as well as equilibrium."
- 2003 Reserve de Comtesse, PauilInquire**
- 2003 Roc de Cambes, C du Bourg\$29.99**
- 2003 Saransot-Dupre, Listac\$18.99**
- 2003 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$64.99**
- 2003 Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc \$42.99**
- 2003 St Paul, Haut-Médoc\$10.99**
Very fine sweetness on the mid palate.
- 2003 Talbot, St-Julien\$37.99**
- 2003 Teyssier, St-Emilion\$26.99**
70% merlot and 30% cab franc. Rich, balanced.

White Bordeaux

- 2003 Reynon VV, Graves\$11.99**
Fabulous, delicious minerally wine.
- 2003 Carbonnieux Blanc, Pessac\$24.99**
90-93 points Robert Parker.
- 2003 Monbousquet Blanc, St-Emil ..\$58.99**
- 2004 Lynch Bages Blanc, Bordeaux ..\$34.99**

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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

France:

Alsace/Loire Valley

2004 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur.....	\$11.99
Cremant d'Alsace, Baur	\$14.99
2003 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker.....	\$14.99
2002 Riesling Grand Cru "Brand", Baur	\$16.99
2004 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker.....	\$17.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2004 Gewurztraminer Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2004 Gewürztraminer Eichberg, Charles Baur.....	\$19.99
2001 Gewürztraminer Eichberg, Charles Baur.....	\$16.99
2004 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur	\$19.99
2005 Muscadet, Chateau la Moriniere	\$10.99
2004 Menatou Salon Rouge, La Tour St Martin	\$13.99
2002 Savennieres "Cuvee des Genets," Domaine Laureau	\$15.99
Delightful, mineral driven white.	
2004 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet-Another great value!	\$14.99
2003 Sancerre Blanc "Insolite," Franck Millet	\$18.99
Our best selling Sancerres-clean, balanced, earthy.	
2004 Sancerre Chavignol Blanc, Gerard Boulay.....	\$18.99
2004 Sancerre Rose, Gerard Boulay	\$16.99
2004 Sancerre Rouge, Gerard Boulay	\$18.99
2004 Sancerre Beaujeu, Gerard Boulay.....	\$26.99
2004 Sancerre Mont Damnes Gerard Boulay	\$26.99
Wine from the earth-just arrived. Magnificent!	
2002 Quincy, Silice de Quincy.....	\$24.99
This is a wine of power and poise with pungent layers of flavor built on a foundation of stone.	

Bordeaux: White/Clairet/Red/Stickers

2004 Château Roquefort Blanc, Bordeaux	\$9.99
Great balance with almost Alsatian Pinot Blanc richness. Lingering finish.	
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.	
2005 Rosé de Phelan Segur, Bordeaux	\$9.99
The first of our delicious 2005 Bordeaux rosés has arrived. Delicious!	
2004 La Peyrere du Tertre Clairet	\$12.99
A deep colored rosé style wine rich enough to serve with a beef course.	
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 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 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).....	\$12.99
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White Burgundy

2004 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Barraud.....	\$13.99
2004 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, Noel Leprince	\$16.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, "Les Chataignieres," Dom des Nembrets, Denis Barraud	\$18.99
2003 St Romain, Champy	\$19.99

Red Burgundy

2001 Volnay, "Ronceret," 1er Cru, Domaine Nicolas Rossignol	\$49.99
2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er Cru, Rossignol-Jeanniar	\$51.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Suchots," 1er Cru, Maison Champy	\$59.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Beaux Monts," 1er Cru, Maison Champy	\$59.99
Rich, chocolatey, round, this is classic Beaumonts.	

Southern France

2004 Marselen, Domaine Attilon	\$8.99
2004 Garrigues Blanc, Jean Louis Denois-Delicious!	\$8.99
2002 Garrigues Rouge, Jean Louis Denois-Great value!.....	\$8.99
Cremant de Limoux, Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531"	\$9.99
2005 Côtes de Thau Rosé, Hecht and Bannier	\$9.99
2004 Coteaux du Languedoc Domaine La Sauvageonne "Les Ruffes"	\$10.99
2005 St Chinian Blanc, Rimbert	\$11.99
2002 Minervois Lauraire des Lys "Loriza"	\$12.99
2004 Cotes du Roussillon Domaine du Roc des Anges "Segna"	\$13.99
2004 Mas au Schiste, Rimbert	\$14.99
2005 Cerdon de Bugey.....	\$14.99
2002 Grand Cuvee Red, Jean Louis Denois.....	\$14.99
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.	
2003 Côtes du Roussillon Domaine 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.	
2001 Minervois Lauraire des Lys	\$19.99
2003 Coteaux de Languedoc Faugetes, Hecht & Bannier.....	\$22.99
2003 Château Simone Palette Blanc, Provence	\$28.99

Rhone

2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Verquiere.....	\$8.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Maurelle	\$9.99
Meaty and spicy aromas follow to the palate. Good sweet middle palate fruit.	
2003 Vacqueyras, Cecile Chassagne	\$12.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône "Baron Louis" Ch Montfaucon	\$14.99
New vintage, but same great wine. Packed with spicy fruit.	
2004 Gigondas, Domaine de la Maurelle	\$16.99
Spicy, rich, minerally. Lots of black fruit on the palate. Decant.	
2003 Gigondas Tradition, Moulin de Gardette.....	\$18.99
Black fruit, spicy, and a bit peppery. Long finish.	
2003 Gigondas, Raspail Ay "Reserve"	\$19.99
2001 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Chante Cigale.....	Inquire

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD CONTINUED

Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut-Our best deal in bubbles? Powerful!	.....\$22.99
Ariston Blanc de Blanc Brut	\$29.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$24.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Marguet-Bonnerave Brut Rosé-Fantastic!	\$25.99
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-Rich style	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve.....	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé	\$29.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$28.99
2000 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blanc	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut.....	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Les Crayeres" Brut.....	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Les Cheves Pierreuses" Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc-Briant "Clos des Champions" Brut	\$29.99
Fleury Carte Rouge	Inquire
Fleury Brut Rosé	Inquire
Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Rene Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra 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 cuvée	\$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
1985 Rene Collard Rosé.....	\$69.99

Corsica

2003 Clos Canarelli "Petit Clos" (Organic)	\$14.99
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Displays bright violet and hibiscus flora-matics along with juicy cranberries.

Italy:

Tuscany/Montalcino

2003 La Fortuna Sant'Antimo Rosso	\$17.99
2000 La Fortuna Brunello-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$36.99
2000 Baricci Brunello-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$36.99
2000 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino	\$39.99
2000 Sesta di Sopra Brunello-92 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$42.99
1997 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Riserva	\$54.99

92 points *Wine Spectator* and 2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

Piedmont

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba-1 Glass <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$13.99
2002 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe-1 Glass <i>G Rosso</i>	\$14.99

Veneto

Silvano Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut-2 Glasses GR.....	\$10.99
Silvano Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Extra Dry.....	\$10.99

2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

Friuli

2003 Blason Venc Bianco DOC Isonzo-1 Glass <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$14.99
2002 Blason Vencjar Rosso DOC Isonzo	\$19.99
2004 Ermacora Merlot COF	\$14.99
2004 Ermacora Sauvignon COF	\$14.99
2004 Ermacora Tocai Friulano COF	\$14.99

2004 Ermacora Pinot Bianco COF-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$14.99
2004 Ermacora Pinot Grigio COF-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$14.99
2004 Ermacora Refosco	\$15.99

Australia

2004 Kirkham Peak Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
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This wine was made by John Zilm of Craneford wines whose 2004 estate Cabernet garnered 91 points from Robert Parker. The wine sees neutral French and American oak that seasons the wine and allows the purity of fruit to shine.

2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz.....	\$15.99
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Some of you may remember our 2002 Shiraz from Australia. Well, we were able to get Phil Christiansen from Longwood to fashion another superb Shiraz for us once again. Phil used a combination of French and American oak, with 10% new, to frame the classic McLaren Vale fruit that offers aromas of blue and blackberries, toffee and milk chocolate.

SAUTERNES

2002 d'Yquem (375ml).....	\$94.99
2002 d'Yquem.....	\$189.99
2002 d'Yquem (1.5L)	\$399.00

Offered on a futures basis.

Sauternes in Stock

1991 d'Yquem.....	\$159.00
1997 Guiraud	\$46.99
2000 d'Yquem.....	\$239.99
2000 Grand Enclos du Cerons Blanc (375ml)	\$12.99
2001 Castelnau de Suduiraut.....	\$29.99
2001 Rayne-Vigneau	\$37.99
2001 d'Yquem	Inquire
2001 d'Yquem (375ml)	Inquire
2002 Doisy-Védrières	\$29.99
2002 Dauphin de Guiraud (375ml)	\$13.99
2002 Suduiraut.....	\$39.99
2002 Rieussec (92-94 points Parker)	\$54.99
2003 Suduiraut.....	\$46.99

K&L Hours and Information

Mailing list: If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be, please call one of our stores. If you are receiving multiple newsletters, please let us know. Note: Some wines may be available in only one of the stores. We do not sell our mailing list nor our email list.

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

Redwood City hours: Monday-Friday 10 to 7, Saturday 9 to 7, Sunday 10 to 6. Lockers Monday-Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 11 to 5.

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

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

Will Call/Hold Policy: We will gladly keep your wines at any of our locations for up to 90 days. If you still need to store your wines after 90 days, we have both short-term and long-term storage available in our San Carlos facility. Please contact us for details.

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RHÔNE VALLEY

2004 St. Joseph Blanc Pierre Coursodon	\$25.99
2004 St. Joseph Blanc "Le Paradis St. Pierre," Coursodon	\$32.99
2004 St. Joseph Blanc Domaine Vallet	\$19.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône Villag. Grand Veneur "Champavins"	\$11.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Ch. de Segries "Clos de 'Hermitage"	\$18.99
2004 Côtes de Ventoux Domaine de Fondrèche "O'Sud"	\$11.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Saint-Benoit "VV de Roussane"	\$19.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Senechaux.....	\$36.99
2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Grand Veneur (1.5L \$59.99)	\$25.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape Ch. Fortia "Cuvée Baron"	\$34.99
2003 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine Bois de Boursan	\$39.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Pierre Usseglio "Tradition"	\$46.99
2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Mas de Boislauzon "Cuvée de Quet"	\$69.99
2004 Lirac Domaine de la Mordoree "La Dame Rousse"	\$14.99
2004 Lirac Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte"	\$16.99
2003 Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette "Tradition".....	\$18.99
2003 Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette "Ventabren"	\$26.99
2003 Gigondas Montirius (Bio-dynamic)	\$29.99
2003 Vacqueyras Bastide St. Vincent "Pavane"	\$16.99
2003 Vacqueyras Montirius (Bio-dynamic)	\$19.99
2004 Cairanne Domaine Richaud	\$23.99
2001 Cairanne Domaine Richaud "l'Ebrescade"	\$36.99
2004 Crozes Hermitage Dom. du Colombier "Cuvée Gaby"	\$24.99
2004 Crozes Hermitage Yann Chave "Le Rouvre"	\$27.99
2004 Hermitage Yann Chave	\$64.99
2003 Cornas Robert Michel "Cuvée des Coteaux"	\$44.99
2003 Côte Rôtie Patrick Jasmin.....	\$54.99
2003 Côte Rôtie Bernard Levet "La Chavaroche"	\$69.99
2004 St. Joseph Pierre Coursodon.....	\$25.99
2004 St. Joseph Pierre Coursodon "L'Olive"	\$32.99

Domaine des Relagnes

In May I traveled through the South of France tasting wines on behalf of K&L. One of the standout tastings was with Olivier Hillaire at Domaines des Relagnes. After two hours tasting his 2004s and his 2005s, Oliver presented a bottle of 1979 Relagnes CNP. Covered in cobwebs and cool to the touch, this gorgeously fresh and lush CNP was an absolute gift to behold. Domaine des Relagnes is one class act.

2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Domaine des Relagnes "Tradition" (\$33.99) If you are into purity of fruit and a wine that dances on your palate, flirts and teases you with its charm and delicacy, then you must try this Châteauneuf. Cinnamon stick, red fruit and blackcurrant tea abound.

2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Domaine des Relagnes "Cuvee Vigneronne" (\$38.99) Black cherry, rosehips with a bit more depth than the Tradition. Very subtle notes of stone and that "tar" thing give added depth and complexity, while all the while remaining cool and lovely, with fine tannins and exquisite balance.

2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Domaine des Relagnes "Les Petits Pieds d'Armand" (\$74.99) (90% grenache 10% syrah) Relagnes' super cuvee. Up there with Bosquet des Pape's Chante le Merle in terms of depth, concentration and elegance. Definitely ageworthy (think 10-20 years) but showing beautifully right now, with fine tannins and an oh-so-silky texture. Sublime.

—Mulan Chan

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE-COMMONWEALTH

South Africa

2004 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.99
2005 Le Bonheur Sauvignon Blanc	\$7.99
2004 Indaba Chardonnay	\$8.99
2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah	\$10.99
2005 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$10.99
2004 Glen Carlou Chardonnay	\$12.99
2005 Dannie de Wet "Limestone Hill" Chardonnay.....	\$13.99
2004 Glen Carlou Paarl Syrah-John Platter Wine of the Year	\$21.99
2003 Fairview "Caldera"	\$22.99

New Zealand

2005 Matua Valley Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$8.99
2005 Nobilo Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$8.99
2005 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc-Spectator "Best Buy"	\$9.99
2005 Drylands Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc-91 points WS	\$11.99
2005 Lawson's Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2005 Isabel Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Seven Terraces Pinot Noir Marlborough	\$15.99
2004 Olssen's "Jackson Barry" Otago Pinot Noir	\$23.99
2004 Kumeu River Chardonnay	\$25.99

Australia

2003 Step Road "Blackwing" Shiraz	\$6.99
2004 Pillar Box Red Padthaway-90 points Parker	\$8.99
2004 Water Wheel "Memsie"-90 points Parker and Spectator	\$9.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Terra Barossa" VS Cabernet	\$10.99
2001 Mitchelton "Crescent" SMG, Victoria	\$10.99
2001 Wynns Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	\$11.99
2004 Sylvan Springs "Hard Yards" Shiraz-90 points Parker	\$14.99
2004 Mitolo "Jester" Shiraz, McLaren Vale-90 points Parker.....	\$14.99
2004 Thorn-Clarke "Shotfire Ridge" Shiraz-92 points Parker.....	\$15.99
2004 Hewitson "Miss Harry" GSM	\$17.99
2002 Penfold's Bin 389 Cabernet/Shiraz	\$18.99
2003 Yalumba Hand Picked MGS	\$21.99

Jim C's View Down Under

This month I have a stunning group of value priced wines perfect for summer chilling and grilling. The **2005 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand (\$9.99)** has a lifted nose of lime, snap pea, light passion fruit, and a powdery talc note. Clean and snappy with a mineral note and a round mid-palate supported by fine acidity.

The **2005 Alpha Domas Unoaked Chardonnay Hawkes Bay New Zealand (\$10.99)** offers a refreshing version of this omnipresent varietal, which has a bouquet of light peach, pear, apple and melon notes. On the palate there is minerality and pure clean fruit.

The Redheads Studio is an old bar and restaurant converted to a "playground" for a group of very talented winemakers. The **2004 Redheads Studio "Yard Dog" Southeast Australia (\$10.99)** has soft supple tannins with smoky dark plum, spicy red current, cherry, sweet red licorice and notes of milk chocolate. The palate shows fine balance with good acidity purity of fruit and a long finish.

Buitenverwachting in Africans translates to "beyond expectation," and so does this wine from one of the coolest areas in South Africa. The **2005 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc Constantia South Africa (\$10.99)** is vibrant and zesty with a nose of wet stone, mineral, light passion fruit and citrus blossom. On the palate there is good purity with great acidity and length. Cheers!

—Jimmy C

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC

A very special Silver Oak Cellar: perfect condition

1985 Silver Oak Napa (3L)	\$899.00
1986 Silver Oak Napa (3L)	\$899.00
1987 Silver Oak Alexander (3L)	\$649.00
1990 Silver Oak Napa (3L)	\$799.00
1991 Silver Oak Napa (3L)	\$799.00
1991 Silver Oak "Bonny's"	\$229.00
1991 Silver Oak "Bonny's" (3L)	\$899.00
1992 Silver Oak Alexander (1.5L) ..	\$249.00
1993 Silver Oak Alexander	\$109.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa	\$149.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa (1.5L).....	\$319.00
1993 Silver Oak Napa (6L)	\$899.00
1994 Silver Oak Alexander	\$129.00
1994 Silver Oak Alexander (1.5L) ..	\$269.00
1994 Silver Oak Napa	\$179.00
1996 Silver Oak Alexander	\$119.99
1996 Silver Oak Napa	\$149.99

1975 Mayacamas.....	\$99.95
1978 Kenwood Artist Label	\$99.95
1979 Kenwood Artist Label	\$89.00
1980 Mayacamas.....	\$99.00
1980 Dunn Howell Mount (5L)	\$1,199.00
1984 J Phelps "Eisele"	\$139.00
1985 Diamond Crk "Volcanic"	\$169.00
1985 Silver Oak, Alexander	\$129.00
1985 Spottswoode.....	\$149.95
1986 Silver Oak, Alexander	\$129.95
1986 Sterling Reserve	\$79.95
1987 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....	\$89.95

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)

1990 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....	\$79.99
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Clyde just tasted this beauty. Sweet mid-palate, plenty of richness. Delicious.

1990 Silver Oak "Bonny" (6L)	\$1499.00
1992 Caymus "SS" (1.5L)	\$399.00
1993 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....	\$69.99

91 points *Spectator*: "Complex and harmonious, with a pretty core of ripe plum, cherry and currant flavors and shades of herb..." (11/96)

1993 Burgess "VS"	\$39.99
1993 Stag's Leap "Cask 23"	\$149.99
1994 Anderson's Conn Valley.....	\$89.95
1994 Stag's Leap "Cask 23" (1.5L) ..	\$349.00

93 points and a Cellar Selection designation from the *Wine Spectator*.

1995 Beaulieu Vineyard P Reserve....	\$89.00
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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... Impressive finesse and polish."

1996 Stag's Leap SLV(1.5L).....	\$219.00
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PORT 1945-2003 IN STOCK

1945 Dow-97 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$899.00
1950 Kopke Colheita	\$249.00
1958 Krohn Colheita	\$99.99
1960 Krohn Colheita	\$89.99
1963 Cockburn	\$144.99
1963 Warre	\$249.00
1963 Taylor-97 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$299.99
1966 Krohn Colheita	\$79.99
1970 Croft	\$89.95
1970 Graham-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> ..	\$189.00
1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita	\$84.99
1978 Krohn Colheita	\$46.99
1983 Dow-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$74.99
1983 Taylor-94 points Robert Parker	\$89.00
1983 Warre	\$69.99

1985 Graham-96 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> ..	\$89.99
1985 Taylor	\$89.99
1985 Warre-5 stars from Broadbent!	\$79.99
1989 Offley Boa Vista	\$42.99
1994 Krohn Colheita	\$21.99
1994 Warre-95 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$79.00
1997 Ramos Pinto.....	\$34.99
1997 Taylor	\$69.95
1998 Ramos Pinto LBV	\$15.99
1999 Quinta do Noval LBV	\$18.99
2000 Croft	\$49.99
2003 Quinta do Noval "Silval"	\$34.99
Quinta do Tedo Ruby Reserve	\$14.99
Quinta do Noval 10-yr-old Tawny	\$24.99
Ramos Pinto White Port	\$11.99

SHERRY AND MARSALA

Hartley and Gibson Fino	\$7.99
Hartley and Gibson Amontillado	\$7.99
Hartley and Gibson Cream	\$7.99
Hidalgo La Gitana Manzanilla (500ml)	\$8.99
Pedro Romero Manzanilla "Aurora"(500ml)	\$9.99
Florio Dry Marsala	\$10.99
Florio Sweet Marsala	\$10.99
Hidalgo Napoleon Cream Sherry.....	\$11.99
Lustau "Los Arcos" Dry Amont	\$12.99
Tio Pepe Fino	\$13.99
La Bodega 25-year-old	

Sherry Vinegar	\$13.99
Lustau Puerto Fino	\$14.99
Lustau "East India" Oloroso	\$20.99
1971 Albala Don PX Gran Reserva (375ml)	\$23.00
Lustau Moscatel "Emilin"	\$23.99
Gonzalez Byass del Duque Muy Viejo Amontillado (375ml)	\$24.99
Lustau "Pata de Gallina" Oloroso	\$29.99
Hidalgo Jerez Cortado Palo Cortado	\$29.99
Sacrista de Garvey Onana Amontillado	\$49.99

Wines from the Wild South of France

If you ever find yourself in the Languedoc with a hankering for a view of the water, some tasty oysters and a crisp glass of picpoul to wash it all down with then I recommend that you make a pit stop in the town of Bouzigues. Located about halfway between Montpellier and Beziers and overlooking the Bassin de Thau, Bouzigues is the perfect place to spend the afternoon before or after you hit the more pristine and sauvage Languedoc regions of say Minervois or Faugeres. The town itself is charming and quaint and can easily be "walked" within half an hour or so. While you're at it, please stop by 42 Grand Rue and say hello my friends Gregory Hecht and Francois Bannier. These two young enterprising Frenchmen collectively make up H&B Selections, a new enterprise dedicated to finding some of the best kept fruit sources in the South of France and bringing them to you and me. As I have stated before, the South of France is the new Wild West, and both of these guys are on the cutting edge of quality wine that's being made down here. I am sure Gregory and Francois might even have a few recommendations on places (both vinous and non) in the region to visit. Below you'll find two H&B selections that K&L is proud to offer. And watch out for more great wines to come from H&B!

2005 VdP du Cotes de Thau Rosé Hecht & Bannier (\$9.99) Strawberry, watermelon and pomegranate nuances abound in this delectable pink wine that pairs with just about anything! H&B's 2004 rosé was named #1 rosé in last summer's *La Revue du Vins de France*, so when K&L had the opportunity to get some of these guys' 2005, we jumped! This is a K&L exclusive and one heck of a deal.

2003 Coteaux du Languedoc Faugeres Hecht & Bannier (\$22.99) Dried cherry, star anise and hints of pu-erh tea provide tremendous complexity, while fine tannins and a lengthy finish make this wine a real contender for "wine of the night" at your next Mediterranean themed dinner party. Best from 2007-2015 or decant for one hour and enjoy with heartier fare such as grilled tri-tip or a lamb kabobs!

—Mulan Chan

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Franc

2001 Cooper Garrod, Santa Cruz	....\$19.99
2002 Ruston "Stagecoach"	.....\$39.99
2003 Andrew Rich Columbia Vly	....\$19.99
2003 Dare "Viader" Napa	.....\$37.99
2003 Stepping Stone "Cornerstone"	\$23.99
2003 Vinum Cellars "The Scrapper"	\$27.99

Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends

2001 Allora "Tresca" Napa	.....\$29.99
2001 Arrowood Special Reserve	.....\$89.98
2001 Burgess, Napa	.....\$29.99
2001 Heitz "Bella Oaks"	.....\$59.99
2001 Heitz, Napa	.....\$29.98
2001 Mount Veeder Res. Meritage	....\$49.99
2001 Roth, Alexander Vly	.....\$27.99
2001 Trefethen, Napa	.....\$29.99
2002 Aia, Napa	.....\$21.99
2002 Altamura, Napa	.....\$59.99
2002 Amici, Napa	.....\$39.99

The addition of a small amount of merlot and petite verdot to this cab adds richness to the mouth feel and increases the aromatics.

2002 BV Res. "Georges de Latour"	..\$69.98
2002 Cain Concept	.....\$46.99
2002 Cain Five	.....\$89.99
2002 Château Souverain, Alex Vly	....\$16.99
2002 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Vly	....\$16.99
2002 Corison, Napa	.....\$59.99
2002 Hess Collection, Napa	.....\$36.99
2002 Jordan, Alexander Valley	.....\$39.98
2002 Miner "Oracle"	.....\$54.99
2002 Mount Eden Santa Cruz	.....\$32.99
2002 Napanook	.....\$39.99
2002 Raymond Reserve	.....\$24.99
2002 Robert Mondavi Res	.....\$89.99
2002 Ruston "Cuvee Simone"	.....\$29.99
2002 Rombauer, Napa	.....\$31.99
2002 Sequoia Grove, Napa	.....\$26.99
2002 Silverado, Napa	.....\$27.99
2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards	....\$39.99
2002 St. Clement "Oroppas"	.....\$37.99
2002 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa	.....\$32.99
2002 Terra Valentine, Napa	.....\$26.99
2002 Vine Cliff, Napa	.....\$34.99
2002 Vineyard 7, Spring Mnt	.....\$74.99
2002 Whitehall Lane Reserve	.....\$59.99
2003 Alexander Valley	.....\$14.99
2003 Anderson's Valley Right Bnk	....\$39.99
2003 Benziger, Sonoma	.....\$12.99
2003 Buehler Estate, Napa	.....\$27.99
2003 Cakebread, Napa	.....\$54.98
2003 Caymus "Special Select"	.....\$129.00
94 points Robert Parker!	
2003 Caymus, Napa	.....\$64.99
2003 Chappellet, Napa	.....\$39.99
2003 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	.....\$19.99
2003 Château Montelena, Napa	.....\$32.98

2003 Cliff Lede Stgs Lp Dist	.....\$47.99
2003 Darioush, Napa	.....\$59.99
2003 Dominus, Napa	.....\$99.99
2003 Edge, Napa	.....\$16.99
2003 Far Niente, Napa	.....\$89.99
2003 Five Vintners, Napa\$24.99

CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!

2003 Groth, Napa\$39.98
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The '03 Groth is a lush wine with a subtle tannin backbone. The sweet vanilla character derived from 20 months in the barrels blends well with the black cherry and blackberry flavors and aromas of the wine. 19% merlot is in the blend.

2003 Hess Select, California	.....\$11.99
2003 Hess Estate, Napa	.....\$16.99
2003 Hestan, Napa	.....\$79.99
2003 Hoffman "Block 16," Napa	....\$39.99
2003 Honig, Napa	.....\$29.99
2003 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks"	.....\$10.99
2003 J. Runquist "Colina Poca"	.....\$23.99
2003 Jan Kriss "Crossfire"	.....\$8.99
2003 Joseph Phelps, Napa	.....\$36.98
2003 Kalinda, Alexander Vly	.....\$16.99
Ripe, spicy and lively. Great for your summer BBQs!	
2003 LAventure Optimus	.....\$35.99
2003 Larkmead "Firebelle," Napa	....\$36.98
2003 Liberty School, California	.....\$11.99
2003 Miner Family, Napa	.....\$49.99
Impressions of sweet black cherry and blueberry with mocha, cedar and some spice characteristics. Supple, well-balanced and focused.	
2003 O'Shaughnessy "Hwl Mnt"	.....\$64.99
2003 Parallel, Napa	.....\$44.99
2003 Paul Hobbs, Napa	.....\$79.99
2003 Provenance, Rutherford	.....\$29.99

2003 Purisima Canyon, Napa	.....\$16.99
2003 Raymond "R Collection"	.....\$14.99
2003 Redmond "Stage 9," Napa	.....\$29.99
2003 Ridge Santa Cruz Mnts Red	....\$29.99
2003 Robert Mondavi, Napa	.....\$19.99
2003 ScrewKappa, Napa	.....\$10.99
2003 Sebastiani, Alexander Vly	.....\$21.99
2003 Selene, Napa	.....\$72.99
2003 Sensorium	.....\$44.99

Beautiful cherry, currant and ripe raspberry fruit meld with the French and American oak barrels which add a splash of cocoa, sweet vanilla, mint and nutmeg.

2003 Seven Hills "Ciel du Cheval"	....\$29.99
2003 Stag's Leap Cellars "Artemis"	..\$39.98
2003 Stephen Vincent, California	.....\$8.99
2003 Tor Kenward "Cimarossa"	.....\$74.99
2003 Travieso "El Rey"	.....\$36.99
2003 T-Vine "Monte Rosso"	.....\$47.99
2003 Twenty Bench, Napa	.....\$14.99
2003 Two Tone Farm, Napa	.....\$8.99
2003 Waterstone, Napa	.....\$19.99
Dense, mouth-filling cherries, plums, chocolate and tobacco marry with the oak nuances. The firm tannins are integrated and lead to a long, lingering finish.	
2003 Whispering Dove, Napa	.....\$32.98
2003 Whitehall Lane, Napa	.....\$29.99
2003 ZD, Napa	.....\$34.99
2004 Avalon, Napa	.....\$9.99
2004 Bogle, California	.....\$9.99
2004 Cycles Gladiator	.....\$9.99
2004 Esser, California	.....\$7.99
2004 House Wine, Washington	.....\$9.99
2004 Justin, Paso Robles	.....\$21.99
2004 McManis, California	.....\$8.99
2004 Waterbrook Melange	.....\$11.98

California Boutique Wines

I get a chance to try so many wines from the smaller producers in California that I thought I would focus my article every month on the excellent producers that K&L Wine Merchants have in stock. The following are a couple great wines that are now available:

2003 Boodeaux Vineyards Suisun Valley Syrah (\$13.99) Owner Scott Becker (Boodeaux is his 130 pound Rhodesian Ridgeback) grew up in the Napa Valley and had been a home winemaker for years. After his retirement from San Quentin in 1997, Scott decided to try wine-making professionally. The 2003 Suisun Syrah is very elegant with a hint of spice and sweetness. There is just a hint of gaminess reminiscent of a great French syrah. About 200 cases produced

2003 Travieso Dry Creek "El Rey" Cabernet Sauvignon (\$36.99) and **2003 Travieso "Companero Ciego" Lodi Syrah (\$24.99)** Travieso was started in 2003 by two friends, Mats Hagstrom and Ray Sliter, the vineyard manager and winemaker respectively. The wines are limited and come from fruit contracted by the acre. Both varietals have great balance and enough acidity to go very well with food. The bottles can't be missed in the store. They are massive. The label is beautiful and looks as if many hours were taken to get it perfect. Like the labels, time was taken to make the wine perfect. The Cabernet is silky and balanced with great structure. Pure Cabernet. 100 cases released. The Syrah is a dark, almost black wine in color with black fruit, tar and earthiness. The blend is 95% syrah and 5% viognier, with the viognier adding great aromatics. Fifty cases released. See you in the City...

—Mike Jordan

CHARDONNAY

2002 Chalk Hill, Sonoma	\$29.99	2003 Wente "Riva Ranch Reserve"	\$12.99	2004 La Crema, Sonoma	\$14.99
2002 Chateau St Jean Reserve	\$29.98	2004 Acacia, Carneros	\$15.99	2004 Landmark "Overlook"	\$21.99
2002 Landmark "Lorenzo"	\$39.99	2004 Ambullneo, "Big Paw"	\$54.99	2004 Logan, Monterey	\$12.99
2002 Mount Eden Estate.....	\$34.99	2004 Aquinas, Carneros	\$9.99		
2003 Bernardus, Monterey	\$13.99	2004 Benziger, Carneros	\$9.99		
2003 Buehler, Russian River.....	\$9.99	2004 Beringer, Napa	\$9.98		
2003 Clos du Val, Carneros	\$15.99	2004 Beringer "Private Reserve"	\$29.99		
2003 Domaine Serene "Clos/Soleil" ..	\$36.99	2004 Cambria "Katherine's"	\$12.98		
2003 Ferrari Carano, Alex. Vly	\$27.99	2004 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$11.99		
2003 Foley, Santa Rita	\$21.99	Rich, ripe lush fruit is followed by hints of lemon, spice, hazelnuts and a creamy finish!			
2003 Gainey, Santa Barbara	\$12.99	2004 Cartlidge & Browne, Ca.....	\$8.99		
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$29.99	2004 Chalone Estate	\$19.99		
2003 Hanzell, Sonoma	\$54.99	2004 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$32.99		
2003 Mount Eden "Wolff"	\$14.99	2004 Ch Souverain, Sonoma	\$12.98		
2003 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$14.99	2004 Ch St. Jean, Sonoma	\$9.99		
2003 Qupe "Block Eleven"	\$23.99	2004 El Molino, Napa	\$45.99		
2003 Saintsbury "Brown Ranch"	\$39.99	2004 Esser, California.....	\$7.99		
2003 Sbragia "Gamble Ranch"	\$34.99	2004 Far Niente, Napa	\$39.99		
2003 Simi, R.R Res	\$19.99	2004 Frei Brothers, Russian River	\$12.99		
2003 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$36.99	2004 Groth, Napa	\$22.98		
Toasty and creamy richness in the framework of fresh silky acid. The fruit content replicates zesty lemon and fresh pear with a core of tropical fruit.		2004 Hartford, Sonoma Coast	\$17.99		
2003 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow"	\$31.99	2004 Hess Collection, Napa	\$16.99		
2003 Tolosa, Edna Valley	\$15.99	2004 Hess Select, California.....	\$8.99		
Polished and balanced, this Chard is laced with flavors of Asian pear, nectarine and honey.		2004 Hestan, Napa	\$49.99		
2003 Varner "Home Vineyard"	\$28.99	2004 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco.....	\$10.99		
2003 Villa Mt Eden, Bien Nacido	\$12.99	2004 Jordan, Russian River	\$21.99		
2003 Vineyard 8, Spring Mnt	\$39.99	2004 Kali Hart, Monterey.....	\$9.99		
		2004 Keller "La Cruz," Sonoma	\$23.99		
		2004 Kendall Jackson Grand Res	\$14.98		

CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!

2004 Mer Soleil, Central Coast

Ripe tropical fruit explodes from this glass. The fruit is sweet, rich and mouth-coating, while the finish is still fresh and bright, with hints of lime; kiwi and spice linger on the palate. The Mer Soleil is made by Charlie Wangner, son of Chuck Wagner of Caymus.

2004 Mark West, Central Coast

2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma

2004 Meridian, Santa Barbara

2004 Merryvale "Starmont"

2004 Miner Family, Napa

2004 Miner Family "Wild Yeast"

2004 Napa Cellars, Napa

2004 Newton "Red Label"

2004 Neyers, Napa

2004 Nickel & Nickel "Truchard"

Nickel & Nickel makes wine from five select acres of this 270-acre vineyard, composed of volcanic ash and rock with a southwestern exposure. The 2004 shows elegant, balanced fresh fruit and plenty of acidity.

2004 O'Connor, Alexander Vly

2004 Orogeny, Russian River

2004 Pahlmeyer, Napa

2004 Patz & Hall "Durell"

2004 Ramey, SC, RR and Carn.....

2004 Raymond "R" Collection.....

2004 Ridge, Santa Cruz Mnts.....

2004 Rusack, Santa Barbara.....

2004 Sebastiani, Sonoma

2004 Silverado, Napa

2004 Smith Madrone, Napa

2004 Solitude, Alexander Vly.....

2004 Stuhlmuller, Alexander Vly.....

2004 Taz, Santa Barbara.....

2004 Testarossa "Castello"

2004 Toasted Head

2004 Trefethen, Oak Knoll

Aromas of toasted almonds, honey, ripe peach and pear entice the nose. The palate is racy, lively and bright; lemon drop candies and pineapple flavors give way to a memorable, delicious finish.

2004 Trinchero, California.....

2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa

2004 Vine Cliff, Carneros.....

2004 ZD California.....

2005 Bogle, California

2005 Edna Valley Vineyards

2005 Foxglove, Edna Valley

2005 Kalinda Los Carneros

2005 Keller Oro de Plata

2005 Mer Soleil "Silver"

2005 Morgan "Metallico"

Trey's July Picks

2003 Benziger Sonoma Mountain "Tribute" (\$59.99) Winemaker Mike Benziger is passionate about organic farming. The 2003 Benziger Tribute is Demeter-Certified Biodynamic, the highest form of organic farming. Biodynamic farming goes beyond the elimination of all chemicals; it incorporates the environment in and around the vineyards. Mike Benziger feels the differences with this type of farming can also be tasted in the wines. The '03 Tribute is a blend of 69% cabernet sauvignon, 15% cabernet franc, 11% merlot and 5% petite verdot. The wine shows earthy undertones with an abundance of ripe currant, Bing cherry and cola flavors, which are followed by ripe tannins and a long finish. This wine will be at its best with a few more years in the bottle.

Released last month, the **2003 Dominus (\$99.98)** is an outstanding wine that should not be missed. 2003 will be remembered as a vintage with a very long growing season, one that continued into November for some blocks. The 2003 is a blend of 88% cabernet sauvignon, 7% cabernet franc and 5% petit verdot. It is a wine to stick in your cellar and forget about for 10 years. The **2002 Napanook (\$39.99)**, on the other hand, is a wine you can enjoy tonight. The Napanook is a blend of 68% cabernet sauvignon, 13% cabernet franc, 11% merlot, 7% petit verdot and 1% malbec, which is very similar to the Benziger Tribute, grown over the hill. It is reminiscent of a left bank Bordeaux. Aromas of cedar, lead pencil, cassis and spicy vanilla are followed by a wine that is long, balanced and filled with delicate fruit. Decant for an hour or so and enjoy this one.

2003 Pine Ridge Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon (\$59.98) In keeping with the big Cabernet theme, the '03 Pine Rdige is supple, well-balanced and focused. It seduces you with its firm yet velvety tannins, big, rich middle and long finish that lingers for minutes. Decant and enjoy!

—Trey Beffa

PINOT NOIR

2002 Mount Eden Estate.....	\$32.99
2003 Au Bon Climat, Santa Rita	\$29.99
2003 Domaine Serene "Evenstad"	\$46.99
2003 El Molino, Napa	\$54.99
2003 Fess Parker "Bien Nacido"	\$39.99
2003 J.K Carriere, Willamette	\$34.99
2003 Keller Estate "La Cruz"	\$24.99
2003 Oak Arbour "Toulouse"	\$29.99
2003 Porter Creek "Fiona Hill"	\$29.99
2003 Robert Sinskey, Carneros	\$26.99
2003 Saintsbury "Brown Ranch"	\$49.99
2003 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$44.99
2003 Summerland Chamisal	\$31.99
2003 Taz, Santa Barbara.....	\$17.99
2003 The Four Graces, Willam Vly ..	\$21.99
2003 Tolosa, Edna Valley	\$19.99
2003 Willakenzie Single Vineyrd ..	Inquire
2004 A to Z, Willamette Vly	\$14.99
2004 Ambullneo "Bulldog Res"	\$76.99
2004 Andrew Rich, Willamette Vly ..	\$28.99
2004 Belle Glos "Clark & Teleph"	\$39.99
2004 Belle Glos "Taylor Lane"	\$49.99
2004 Bogle, California	\$11.98
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$14.98
2004 Cinnabar, Santa Cruz	\$31.99
2004 David Bruce Central Coast	\$18.99
2004 David Bruce, Sonoma	\$24.98
2004 Etude, Carneros	\$38.99
2004 Frei Brothers, Russian River	\$19.99
2004 Foley, Santa Rita Hills	\$32.99
2004 Handley, Mendocino	\$16.99
2004 Hartford, Sonoma	\$18.99
2004 Hirsch, Sonoma	\$59.99
2004 Ken Brown, Santa Rita	\$34.99
Displaying elements of pure, concentrated Pinot fruit, with hints of rose petal and spice.	
2004 La Crema, Sonoma	\$14.98
2004 Lange "Three Hills Cuvee"	\$36.99
2004 Macphail, Sonoma	\$39.99
2004 Melville, Santa Rita	\$24.99
2004 Miner Family "Rosella's"	\$46.99
2004 Morgan "Gary's"	\$39.99
2004 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$23.99
2004 Peter Cellars, Sonoma	\$29.99
2004 Ponzi, Willamette Valley.....	\$29.99
2004 Rex Hill Oregon.....	\$17.99
2004 Roessler Cellars "Bluejay"	\$29.99
2004 Sanford, Santa Barbara	\$24.98
2004 Soter North Valley, Oreg	\$31.99
2004 Tantara, Santa Barbara	\$19.99
2004 TR Elliott "Three Plumes"	\$31.99
2004 Varner "Hidden Block" SC	\$36.99
2004 Westrey, Willamette	\$17.99
2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Calif	\$9.99
2005 Chalone, Monterey	\$13.99
2005 O'Reily, Oregon	\$15.99
2005 Parker Station, Santa Barbar....	\$10.99
2005 Smoking Loon, California.....	\$7.99

ZINFANDEL

2002 Amici "Panek"	\$26.99
2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt.....	\$14.99
2002 Martin "Talty," Dry Creek	\$15.99
2002 Ch Montelena, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Black Sears, Howell Mnt	\$36.99
2003 Carol Shelton "Rocky Res"	\$32.99
2003 Dashe, Dry Creek.....	\$18.99
2003 D Cubed Howell Mountain	\$32.99
2003 Elyse "Morisoli"	\$29.99
2003 Four Vines Old Vine Cuvee	\$10.99
2003 Marietta, Sonoma	\$14.99
2003 Puccioni Old Vine Sonoma	\$26.99
2003 Ridge "Geyserville"	\$29.99
2003 Rombauer-Big, rich and juicy	\$21.99
2003 S.E. Chase "Hayne"	\$39.99
2003 Scott Harvey Old Vn, Amador ..	\$19.99
2003 Seghesio "Old Vines"	\$26.99
2003 St. Francis "Old Vine"	\$14.99
2003 Storybook Mnt "Mayacamas" ..	\$25.98
2003 Tin Barn "Gilsson"	\$24.99
2003 Woodenhead Martinelli Road ..	\$36.99
2004 Alexander Valley "Sin Zin"	\$14.99
2004 Arzezin, California	\$13.99
2004 Bogle Old Vines	\$9.99
2004 Brown Estate, Napa	\$32.99
2004 Cline, California	\$7.99
2004 Cosentino "CigarZin," Lodi	\$19.99
2004 David Coffaro "MyZin"	\$18.99
2004 Dover Canyon "Cujo"	\$17.99
2004 Earthquake, Lodi	\$23.99
2004 Edmeades, Mendocino	\$13.99
2004 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..	\$8.99
2004 Frog's Leap, Napa.....	\$19.98
2004 Gamba Old Vine Russian Rvr ..	\$34.99
2004 Hartford, Russian River.....	\$24.99
2004 Holdredge, Dry Creek	\$22.99
2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"	\$21.99
2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi	\$14.99
The 2004 exhibits bright fruit aromas of raspberries and cherries with hints of allspice, clove, white pepper and tobacco on the nose.	
2004 Michael & David 7Deadly Zins ..	\$13.99
2004 Neyers "Pato"	\$24.98
2004 Nickel & Nickel "Ponzo"	\$49.99
2004 Pellegrini, Eight Cousins	\$19.99
2004 Plungerhead, Dry Creek	\$7.99
2004 Preston, Dry Creek	\$21.99
2004 Rancho Zabaco "Dancing Bull" ..	\$6.99
2004 Ridge "Three Valley's"	\$16.99
2004 Ridge Lytton Springs	\$29.99
2004 Rosenblum Paso/SF Bay	\$14.98
2004 Seghesio Sonoma	\$16.98
2004 Shenandoah Spec Rs. Amador ..	\$7.99
2004 Sobon "Rocky Top"	\$12.99
2004 Windmill Estates Old Vine	\$9.99
Produced from the vineyards of four of Lodi's top growers, this zin is heady with the aromas of ripe, blackberries, Bing cherries and vanilla, leading to a full-mouth feel with hints of dark chocolate.	

Make a Statement! Great Wines, Unique Labels

This month it's all about the Complete Package. These wines are impressive and unique on every front, including labels. That's right folks, I'm review wines with cool labels here! No matter how irrelevant they are regarding quality, sometimes you just want to make a statement, not only with what's inside but what's on the outside, too. Never fear though, the great liquid that's vesseled inside these expressive bottles is terrific too.

2004 Peirano "The Other Wine" Red Blend (\$11.99) Lodi has arrived!! Forget what you may believe about this wine region, because you'll be blown away by the many tremendous, inexpensive reds coming from here. I was immediately struck by the rich core of fruit and intensity from this syrah/petite syrah/cabernet blend. You might also be struck by the, ahem, provocative label on the front. I don't know how in the world they got past the TTB, but Peirano produced a knockout, both inside and outside the bottle!

2002 Aia (Miner Family Vineyards) Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon (\$21.99) The 2001 was one of our best selling Cabernets in any category, with its dark, bold, red label splashing "AIA" in contrasted white on the front. A standout in all senses of the word, this wine will take center stage and demand respect in any situation. Last night I poured this blind to a group of highly tuned tasters, and everyone nailed it... except for the price. A \$60+ Cab from Napa was the overall gues! 2nd wine for Miner. In my opinion, a truly superlative Cabernet effort. Speaking of best sellers, how about showing up to a dinner with **2004 Peter Cellars Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir (\$29.99)**? Does it have a pink border, a comic book font, and a big paw on the capsule? No doubt! The wine, just as its playful theme suggests, remains elusive, mysterious, but oh-so-enjoyable no matter how many sips you take. On the nose, a syrah-like gamey element ushers in the telltale (excuse the pun) aromas of crushed cherries and truffles of pinot-land. The bold, rich, ripeness belies the insistent backbone of acidity that makes this one of the better all-around food-focused Pinot Noirs under thirty dollars in the store. Thank you, Michael Jordan, for finding this diamond of a wine! Enjoy. —Martin Reyes

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

2002 Corazon Gewürztraminer	\$19.99
2004 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2004 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc	\$16.99
2004 Londer Gewürztraminer	\$19.99
2004 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$16.99
2004 Michael Austin Viognier	\$16.99
2004 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$11.99
2004 Poet's Leap Riesling	\$21.99
2004 Stolpman L'Avion Rousanne	\$22.99
2004 Willakenzie Pinot Blanc/Gris ..	\$17.99
2005 A to Z Oregon Pinot Gris	\$11.99
2005 Bonny Doon Malvasia Bianca ..	\$11.99
2005 Clos Saron Carte Blanche	\$18.99
2005 Cycles Gladiator Pinot Grigio ..	\$11.99
2005 Dry Creek Chenin Blanc	\$9.99
2005 Elk Cove Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2005 Margerum "Alisos" Traminer ..	\$31.99
2005 Palmina Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2005 Rex Hill Oregon Pinot Gris	\$16.99
2005 Smoking Loon Viognier	\$6.99
2005 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling....	\$14.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2004 Bernardus, Monterey	\$10.99
2004 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly	\$12.99
2004 Ch St. Jean, Sonoma	\$9.99
2004 Emmolo, Napa	\$12.99
2004 Husch, Mendocino.....	\$9.99
2004 Joel Gott "Three Ranches"	\$11.99
2004 Kathryn Kennedy.....	\$17.99
2004 Mason, Napa	\$12.98
2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$14.99
2004 Merryvale, Napa.....	\$14.99
2004 NO Lake County	\$8.99

NO malolactic fermentation, NO oak, NO cork.

2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards.....	\$27.99
2004 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$24.99
2004 Voss, Napa	\$14.98
2005 Cliff Lede, Napa.....	\$19.99
2005 DeSante, Napa	\$16.99
2005 Duckhorn, Napa	\$21.99
2005 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$11.98
2005 Frog's Leap, Napa.....	\$13.99
2005 Geyser Peak, California	\$7.99
2005 Gregory Graham, Red Hills.....	\$14.99

Exotic and full-bodied, offers a balance of minerals, citrus and more tropical fruits with spice..

2005 Girard, Napa	\$12.99
2005 Groth, Napa	\$12.98
2005 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$19.98
2005 Hanna, Russian River	\$12.98
2005 Honig, Napa	\$12.99
2005 Margerum "Westerley"	\$17.99
2005 Pomelo, California.....	\$9.99
2005 Provenance, Rutherford	\$15.99
2005 Sauvignon Blanc Republic.....	\$14.99
Bright lemony flavors with tropical fruit.	
2005 St. Supery, Napa.....	\$13.99

2005 Joel Gott	Inquire
2005 Pomelo, California.....	\$9.99
2005 Preston, Dry Creek	\$14.99
2005 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$11.99

Merlot

2002 Atalon, Napa	\$24.98
2002 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma	\$13.99
2002 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$18.99
2002 Duckhorn "Howell Mnt"	\$69.99
2002 Flora Springs, Napa	\$19.98
2002 Franciscan, Napa	\$17.99
2002 Hogue "Genesis"	\$9.99
2002 Markham, Napa	\$15.98
2002 Pine Ridge "Crimson Creek"....	\$19.99
2002 Rombauer, Napa	\$19.98
2002 Stella Maris, Walla Walla	\$29.99
2002 Swanson, Napa	\$22.99
2002 Twomey, Napa- 94 points Parker ..	\$64.99
2003 Burgess, Napa	\$14.99
2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Vly.....	\$19.99
2003 Duckhorn, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Duckhorn 3 Palms/Estate	\$79.99
2003 Emmolo, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek	\$12.99
2003 L'Ecole No. 41, Columbia Vly ..	\$29.99
2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$19.98
2003 Nickel & Nickel	Inquire
2003 Provenance, Carneros	\$24.99
2003 ScrewKappa Napa	\$11.99
2003 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$19.99
2004 Bogle, California	\$6.98
2004 Hacienda, California	\$4.99
2004 McManis, California	\$7.99
2004 Parcel 41, Napa	\$15.99

Domestic Red

2002 Altamura Sangiovese	\$32.99
2002 Palmina "Stolpman" Nebbiolo	\$31.99
2003 Bogle "The Phantom"	\$13.98
2003 Edmunds St. John Rcks & Grvl	\$16.99

2003 Graff Chalone Mourvèdre	\$15.99
2003 Paraduxx, Napa Red	\$39.99
2003 Peachy Canyon "The Jester"	\$13.99
2003 Rocca Bad Boy Red	\$29.99
2003 Shypoke Napa Charbono.....	\$19.99
2003 Vino Noceto Sangiovese	\$13.99
2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy	\$9.99
2004 Fess Parker "Frontier Red"	\$7.99
2004 J. Runquist Primitivo.....	\$21.99
2004 Margerum "M5" Red Blend.....	\$23.99
2004 Porter Creek Carignane.....	\$17.99
2004 Rabid Red California Red	\$11.99
2005 Unti Dry Creek Grenache	\$23.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2001 Miner Family, Napa	\$19.99
2001 Steele "Parmelee Hill"	\$15.99
2002 Clos Saron "Heart of Stone"	\$32.99
2002 Project 3000 Lake County	\$17.99
2002 Red Diamond Wash. Shiraz.....	\$9.99
2002 RockBlock, Seven Hills	\$36.99
2002 Saxon Brown, Napa	\$36.99
2003 Cold Heaven "Second Sin"	\$34.99
2003 Curran "Reeves Ranches"	\$26.99

Made by Chris Curran of Sea Smoke!

2003 K Vintners "Milbrandt"	\$27.99
2003 Melville, Santa Rita	\$18.99
2003 Ojai, Santa Barbara	\$23.99
2003 Ridge "Lytton West"	\$34.99
2003 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast.....	\$9.99
2003 Stolpman "Angeli"	\$49.99
2003 Van Enoo, Santa Ynez	\$18.99
2004 Andrew Murray "Tous les J"	\$14.99
2004 Bogle California Petite Sirah.....	\$8.99
2004 Clos Mimi Petite Rousse	\$16.99
2004 David Bruce CC Petite Sirah	\$14.99
2004 JC Cellars "Fess Parker"	\$26.99
2004 Earthquake Lodi Petite Sirah ..	\$28.99
2004 T Vine "Duarte"	\$31.99
2004 Vinum Cellars "PETS"	\$9.98

Wines for the Weber!

I'm happy to present some delightful barbeque style reds. First off, the **2004 Fess Parker Frontier Red (\$7.99)** is comprised mostly of syrah, but boasts ten other Rhone and Bordeaux varietals. This blueberry and coco duo joins juicy spice on the back palate. This inspires diving board canon balls, jack knives and swan dives in between each sip.

The **2004 Bogle Russian River Pinot Noir (\$11.99)** is an absolute steal! Wafts of herbal notes and roasted cherries excite the palate. This well-balanced wine slithers its way down, while recalling hints of tobacco and leather on the finish. This little guy is a pleaser.

The **2004 Brown Napa Valley Zinfandel (\$32.99)** is for folks who like Zinfandels that can rival the flash of a neon light. It's flush with a sugary nose, but not as weighty as you might first suspect. It boasts a jolt of fruit and the over-all impression of a well-constructed wine. Enjoy with mango chipolte ribs, or braised duck in a spicy pomegranate sauce.

The **2004 Sobon Amador, Rocky Top, Zinfandel (\$12.99)** is another cheery wine to enjoy over a fierce game of lawn darts (at your own risk) or perhaps slip and slide, horse-shoes, or when all else fails, Twister. With a little Rocky Top spreading heat and happiness throughout your veins, you're sure to make a new, ahem, friend.

—Keelyn Healy

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Chile/Argentina

2003 Elsa Syrah (Argentina)	\$5.99
2004 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$6.99
2005 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Pinot Gris (Argentina).....	\$6.99
2004 Alamos Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Bodegas J.F. Lurton Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)	\$7.99
2003 Santa Ema Barrel Select Carmenere (Chile)	\$7.99
2003 Santa Ema 60/40, Cabernet-Merlot Blend (Chile).....	\$7.99
2004 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina)	\$7.99
2004 Loica Carmenere (Chile)	\$8.99
2005 Dominio del Plata, Crios, Rosé of Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2004 Kaiken Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2004 Montes Limited Selection Cab./Carmenere (Chile).....	\$10.99
2003 Felipe Rutini Malbec (Argentina).....	\$11.99
2005 Dominio del Plata, Crios, Torrontes (Argentina)	\$12.99
2004 Dominio del Plata, BenMarco, Malbec (Argentina)	\$18.99
2004 Tikal Patriota (Argentina)	\$23.99
2004 Tikal Armorio Malbec (Argentina)	\$27.99
2003 Achával Ferrer Quimera (Argentina).....	\$31.99

Portugal/Spain

2004 Marques de Riscal Rueda Verdejo	\$6.99
2004 Encostas do Lima Vinho Verde.....	\$7.99
2004 Las Rocas de San Alejandro, Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2004 Pagos de Araiz, Navarra, Rosado	\$7.99
2004 Yasa Garnacha, Calatayud	\$7.99
2005 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado Navarra	\$8.99
2004 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco	\$8.99
2004 Bodegas Tintoralba Higuera Grenache, Almansa.....	\$9.99
2003 Hecula Yecla	\$9.99
2004 Vinos Piñol Ludovicus, Terra Alta	\$9.99
2004 Vinos Sin-Ley G4 Garnacha, Cariñena.....	\$9.99
2003 Celler de Capcanes Mas Donis Barrica	\$10.99
2003 Las Rocas, Viñas Viejas, Grenache, Calatayud	\$10.99
2003 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla	\$11.99
2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas	\$11.99
2004 Bodegas Arrocal, Arrocal	\$13.99
2003 Finca Luzón Jumilla Altos de Luzón	\$13.99
2004 Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestizaje, Valencia	\$13.99
2001 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Reserva, Navarra ..	\$14.99
2001 Bodegas Sierra Cantabria, Crianza, Rioja	\$14.99
2004 Celler Can Blau, Can Blau, Monsant	\$14.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Crianza.....	\$14.99
2004 Vinos Piñol Sacra Natura, Terra Alta (Organic)	\$15.99
2001 Bodegas Julien Chivite Salceda Rioja Reserva	\$16.99
2004 Fefiñanes Albariño	\$16.99
2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha	\$16.99
2004 Pazo de Senorans Albariño.....	\$17.99
2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Reserva.....	\$23.99
2001 Bodegas Y Vinedos Pujanza Pujanza, Rioja.....	\$24.99
2000 Bodegas Muga Reserva Selección Especial Rioja.....	\$29.99
2001 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero.....	\$31.99
2003 Pago de Carraovejas, Ribera del Duero	\$32.99
2002 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos San Roman, Toro.....	\$41.99
2003 Dos Victorias Gran Elias Mora Daniel	\$41.99
1999 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Reserva	\$44.99
1996 Muga Rioja Prado Enea Gran Reserva	\$46.99

Big Wines for Your BBQ!

2004 Burgans Albariño (\$9.99) Albariño is the most famous wine from the Rias Baixas. Many people liken this varietal to Viognier, but I find it has a more delicate quality. Full of fruit and quite refreshing, the Burgans will be great drinking throughout the summer.

2004 Gramona Gessami (\$11.99) 90 points Parker: "A terrific buy ... Exotic waxy notes intermixed with notions of rose water, acacia flowers, and minerals jump from the glass of this medium-bodied white. It possesses a fruity, dry, intense, pure, spicy personality."

2004 Mas Que Vinos Ercavio Roble, La Mancha (\$9.99) Made from 100% cencibel, the local name for tempranillo, this tinto is made using a blend of traditional and modern methods...spending some time in large clay amphoras known as tinajas and aged for 5 months in a mix of French and American oak. Full and fleshy, this red from La Mancha has plenty of ripe black cherry fruit and a long finish. Perfect with your favorite grilled steak!

2001 Quinta de Roriz Reserva, Portugal (\$16.99) 91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Full-bodied, deep-colored and rich with lip-smacking flavors of dark plum, blackberry jam, cocoa and a hint of French roast as well. Tannins build on the finish, but with an appealing silkiness and dark chocolate notes that go on and on. Drink now through 2008."

2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha (\$16.99) 90 points from Robert Parker: "The outstanding 2003 Kios (100% Tempranillo) is an exceptional bargain. Attractive blackberry and blueberry aromas are followed by elegant, medium to full-bodied flavors. Tremendous density, purity, and ripeness cascade over the palate in this seamless beauty. It should drink well for 1-3 years." Buen Provecho!

—Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

Tasting Schedule for July, 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 other events are listed in the "local events" section of our website, www.klwines.com.

Saturday, July 1: *Wines from the Southern Rhone.* Mulan, Jeff and Thornton will present the latest from the Rhone. This time out, they will highlight the wines of the Southern Rhone with some very special organic wines. Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA

Saturday, July 8: *Wines of Italy.* Greg, Mike Parres and Kirk Walker bring us wines from various regions of Italy. Look for new wines from Tuscany, Friuli, Piedmont and more. Ten wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, July 15: *Bordeaux.* Our Bordeaux tastings move to a new week! Starting this month, Clyde, Ralph, Steve and Alexandre move to the third week of each month. They will continue to explore the 2003 vintage. Ten selections. Eight reds, one white and one old and rare. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, July 22: *Boutique California Wines.* Trey, Mike Jordan and Martin Reyes will have a very special tasting of small-production wines from some of California's very special boutique producers. Twelve wines to be poured, both red and white. Tasting price TBA.

Saturday, July 29: *Wines from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.* Jim and Mike Jordan will pick out wines from the "under-side" of the world. A wonderful selection of Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz and other varietals from these three countries. Twelve wines to be poured. Tasting price TBA. Cheers!

—Scott Beckerley

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace	\$14.99
Allimant Laugner Cremant d'Alsace Rosé.....	\$17.99
2004 Charles Baur Pinot Blanc	\$9.99
2004 Domaine Roland Schmitt Tokay-Pinot Gris	\$14.99
2004 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	\$18.99
2004 Jean Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn	\$17.99
2004 Jean Becker Riesling Grand Cru Froehn	\$18.99
2000 Marcel Deiss Burlenberg Pinot Noir	\$31.99
2004 Boeckel Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes.....	\$13.99

Loire

Domaine Fouet Crémant de Loire Rosé	\$16.99
2004 Xavier Frissant Touraine "Roses du Clos" Sauv Rosé	\$13.99
2004 Sylvain Bailly Quincy Domaine Croix Saint Ursin	\$15.99
2004 Domaine Belliviere Rouge-Gorge Pineau d'Aunis	\$22.99
2004 Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly	\$42.99
2004 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol	\$18.99
2004 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Sauvignon Blanc	\$12.99
2004 Ch. La Moriniere Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie.....	\$10.99
2004 Guy Bossard Muscadet Sur Lie, Expression de Granite..	\$15.99
2005 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Pineau d'Aunis Rosé	\$12.99
2005 Ch. Soucherie Rosé de Loire	\$11.99
2005 Domaine de la Pépière Classique Muscadet Sur Lie	\$10.99
2005 Domaine Fouett Saumur Blanc "Julian Fouet"	\$11.99

Loire, Alsace and Beyond

This month I want to talk a little about the Beyond, a word that I incorporated into the title long ago to allow for a broader exploration of wine. This somewhere is called Jurançon, and I visited there last month. The grapes are gros mansang and petit mansang and a bit of courbu, not French names for other grapes but real indigenous wonders, grown here for centuries on terraced hills in the shadow of the Pyrenees. Ripeness is essential here, as the Mansang Brothers have very high natural acidity that when tamed by the sun produces a fresh, snappy dry wine with aromas of red grapefruit, fennel and white flowers. Try **2004 Jurançon Sec Clos Lapeyre (\$12.99)** as an aperitif or the **2004 Jurançon Sec Charles Hours "Cuvee Marie" (\$17.99)** with more involved cuisine. There are also the traditional Moelleux wines made from grapes that have been naturally dried on the vine, rich and textural, yet never cloying with flavors of pineapple, quince and acacia honey. Open the **2004 Jurançon Moelleux Clos Uroulat Charles Hours (\$26.99)** for an unbelievable treat with foie gras.

Other exciting news is that we just received our first shipment from Joël Taluau, a fabulous grower in St. Nicolas de Bourgueil known for making some of the purest expressions of cabernet franc in the Loire. All is hand harvested, cuvees are based on vine age and soil composition, wines are fermented and aged in stainless steel, with a light fining and no filtration before bottling. We have two wines that just arrived. The **2002 Joël Taluau Cuvée de Domaine (\$14.99)** is from 20-40 year old vines. I actually drank a bottle with lunch by chance at Deletang in Montlouis with a beautiful grilled steak as big as my head. The wine was juicy and luscious with bright violet aromas and a core of sweet supple fruit. The **2004 Joël Taluau Vieilles Vignes (\$16.99)**, from a single plot planted in 1934, has power, depth and grace, this their flagship wine will improve for the next 7-9 years but can be enjoyed now for those of you who like a mouthful of wine. Here's to you!

—Jeff Vierra

Germany & Austria: 2005

I just returned from a week in Germany and Austria tasting the new vintage and getting to know new growers. I mentioned last month that I was to visit Stadlmann in Austria and hopefully taste older Zierfandler, which I did. A 1992 Zierfandler Igel is proof positive that this is a wine of substance, powerfully dry, dense and firm with a wondrously spicy nose and length to die for. Also newly arriving are some 2005 Grüner Veltliners from Bernard Ott in the Wagram-Donauland an up and coming young star in Austria who works only with stainless steel to preserve the fruit and fully express what the soil has to offer. His wines have verve and a steely firmness that drives the flavor home. The **2005 Ott Grüner Veltliner Am Berg (\$13.99)** is his lightest wine at 11.5%, but this baby is fresh, juicy and peppery, not at all slight in size. It will put a smile on your face. Coming soon we will have the **2005 Ott Grüner Veltliner Rosenberg (\$14.99)**, made from younger vines and the first pickings of his oldest vines, all hand harvested. A purely mineral wine with a high note of wild cherry, pepper and plum. Also on the way is the **2005 Ott Grüner Veltliner Faß # 4 (\$18.99)**, a blend of five vineyards, from his second picking. He calls this his gastronomic wine. It is deeper, more textured yet still fresh and vibrant.

Germany, too, has a tale to tell this vintage. For now let us just say that the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer is King. Johannes Selbach feels this is his greatest vintage since he has been in charge of the winery. Manfred Prüm has stated it is his best in the last 40 years, I heard similar things from most growers, and the wines backed it up. More on that front soon...
Live in the Light!
—Jeff Vierra

The Soul

I am truly lucky to continually have the opportunity to, not only meet, but talk and share ideas with people that inspire and change the way I view the world. Some people truly have a passion for the good that they are, and have no idea that they are "that person." They understand and embrace what and who they are without question and will always continue to build upon what they have and what they've done. You know, the person that you talk to and think to yourself, WOW, that's good peeps, but then, one day further down the road it hits you: I should be like that!

The **Hiedler Estate** was founded in the late 1800s by grandfather Joseph Hiedler, a pioneer of the Langenlois wine region. It has been family run ever since. Not family run in the sense that it has just been passed down from generation to generation, maintaining operation, A true and undying passion for everything that is Hiedler has also been passed down! From a winery that was one of the first to put their wines into bottles, to an internationally acclaimed estate that is on top of the game and yet, humbly admits, that there is so much simple promise out there to be shared with all. They have, from day one, been in love with the land and all that surrounds it! And now, Ludwig and Maria Angeles continue the tradition of taking responsibility for all that is good, not only in life but in nature and wine. This month I choose not to talk about the vineyard sites, although very important, the pruning philosophy or the work that goes on in the cellar. Instead, I choose to highlight the soul that is the wine of Hiedler. Ludwig and Maria Angeles, along with the inspiration of the three children, have become a fixture in, not only the wine business, but also in wine culture. They have somehow figured out how to be in a great, beautiful balance of a pure, thought out, affirmative, understanding, focused, and determined force that makes me sit back and say to myself WOW... Can I be that? I guess, as they say on the street, they're keepin' it real!!!!
—Eric Story

Two Men... Wine... The Unspoken... Barr Back Mountain

Jim was a cowboy, rough and tough. He liked to say that he preferred his coffee black and his women blue. The wine he drank was red, and not that fruity stuff, like Beaujolais. He was a Syrah man, a Zin man, a Cabernet man. A real man.

Jim roped steer and steered ropes. Jim drove cattle, drove them through valleys, across streams. Jim drove those cattle, drove them crazy. Jim was deaf, and when his incoherent mumblings reached the ears of the beasts they would bleat mournfully as if asking him to stop. But their cries fell on, well, on deaf ears. The deaf ears of a real man.

Cowboy Jim was hard at work one sunny day, driving the cattle crazy on his way to deliver them to a dude named Hoss down at the Ponderosa. Jim had met Hoss on previous cattle runs. Hoss was a big man with a barrel chest, and he was slightly dense. Hoss was different, for sure. He was fond of show tunes and interior design. He dressed impeccably, and his diction was flawless. But he was a cowboy, a real man, so Jim could forgive Hoss his quirks.

Another thing about Hoss, something that Jim liked a lot: Hoss loved his wine. In the evenings the two cowboys would pull some corks and shoot the bull. Their conversation was easy and relaxed. They were just two manly cowboys drinking hearty red wine. Jim played the accordion and soon learned a number of Ethel Merman tunes so Hoss could sing along.

Hoss and Jim became a team, and traveled together across the cinematic countryside. They had everything they needed: A good horse, a blackened coffee pot, wine... and orchestral background music. It was

the good life.

But there were whispers from the other cowboys. Whispers that Jim and Hoss were... well, a different breed of cowboy. There were horse whispers too, but that's another film entirely.

Hoss and Jim did not care. They were happy roping, happy riding. Happy singing songs from *The Music Man* by the campfire. They were a team.

After their workout (they had taken up the sport of Rassling) Hoss opened a bottle of **1995 Palmer (\$139.99)**, and a **'96 Palmer (\$129.99)** as well. To compare and contrast, Hoss explained, and to pair with duck confit. A new world opened up to Jim. These Palmer wines were vibrant and exciting. Hoss explained that Palmer blended the characteristics of every commune: hearty (and manly) like Médoc, soft and supple like Pomerol and St-Emilion, sturdy and straightforward like St-Estèphe. And with the Fragrance of Margaux. Jim found that the '95 was fleshy and soft, and brimming with a sweet cherry jaminess. The '96 was firmer, denser. Manlier, yes, than the '95. One to drink and one to save.

But as Hoss explained the wines, how Palmer was made from nearly half merlot, Jim grew agitated and fled. He would no longer partner up with Hoss. Jim and Hoss were finished.

Now a lonesome cowpoke, Jim worked alone. And he denied the truth about himself each and every solitary day.

"I ain't no Merlot drinker..."

—Joe Zugelder

Jim's July Gems

As of this writing (end of May) we have had three weeks of summer and no spring. The vines are confused, the animals are confused, and I am more confused than usual. We are still three weeks behind normal grape development, and unless we begin receiving some acceptable warm weather (which would include the evenings), we are witnessing the potential for one of the latest vintages ever.

So, 35 years ago, when I was at the Ernie's Wine Warehouse of the Ernie's Wine & Liquor Corporation operations, a customer would regularly show up at either the Redwood City or the South San Francisco warehouse to buy wine with his diaper-clad son in hand. Through the years, his son would always be at his side (not always in diapers) during buying trips. About 11 years ago, his son showed up at K&L to buy some wine, and I asked him for his ID. He was 21 that day and had waited "all his life" for this opportunity to buy his father a very special bottle of wine from me. I was honored! His father was Jim Westby, and his son was Gary, who is now our Champagne buyer and one of the foremost Champagne experts in this country... yes, in this country! He has discovered absolutely wonderful Champagnes on his buying trips from some extremely small winemakers (many producing for just two- and three-star Michelin restaurants). The **Ariston Brut Carte Blanche (\$22.99)**, a champagne house Gary discovered in 2001, is one of our best values. A blend of 40 % chardonnay, and 30% pinot noir and meunier each, aged three years on lees, this is a finely etched bubbly showing fine yeasty, nutty, doughy, rich aromas and palate impressions, and a long, refreshing finish. Buy this in quantity, according to Vanilla. Jim Westby: You did a superb job of raising and educating your son... This is our house sparkler forever. 🍾🍾🍾🍾🍾🍾
Of all red wines, my least favorite is domestic Merlot because of its

general angular, simple presentation. Once in awhile a new release will come along that will astound me with its atypical richness, complexity and depth of character, and this is the case with Robert Pellegrini's (owner of Olivet Lane Vineyards) **2003 Cloverdale Ranch Alexander Valley Merlot (\$19.99)**. This bottling is deeply colored and offers a lovely nose of red fruits and truffles, underscored by toasty oak tones. The palate shows near-term drinking with its soft tannins yet excellent structure and broadness of fruit that continues into its long silky finish. Eight percent cabernet adds depth and dimension. This is one of our house reds for July according to Anderson. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

The vineyard/winery source for the **2003 Purisima Canyon Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$16.99)** has been kept under strict lock and key from me, but regardless; this is a wonderful gem. Deep ruby in color, the nose explodes with cassis and blackberry fruit with just a touch of cedary oak that follows through on the palate. Complex, layered, yet focused with round, fine tannins, drink this now and for the next five to ten years. Anderson has told me this will be our July house red for the cellar. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Recently a single vineyard Zin from the Howell Mountain appellation was bottled for us, and it will knock your socks off. The **2003 Kirkham Peak Howell Mountain Zinfandel (\$14.99)** is deep ruby/garnet in color, exploding with white pepper to plum aromatics. This has a deep, concentrated, fleshy, broad set of varietal flavors with a long, warm, fuzzy finish. Anderson has told me that this will be our Zin for the month or more. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

If you have any questions about these selections, you can email us at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy this month's wines!

—Jim, Anderson, Eby and Vanilla

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut	\$22.99
Our best deal in bubbles? All estate, four years on the lees!	
Michel Dervin Brut	\$24.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs (1.5L \$49.99)	\$24.99
Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc	\$25.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blancs -Sable's new name!	\$25.99
Laurent Perrier Brut	\$29.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve	\$26.99
Tarlant Brut Zero -Our driest. No sugar added	\$26.99
De Meric Sous Bois Brut -Delicious.....	\$27.99
Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve	\$27.99
Ariston Brut Rosé	\$28.99
Ariston Aspasie Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
2000 Franck Bonville Vintage	\$29.99
1999 Launois Brut Blanc de Blancs Vintage -New!	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Chèvres Pierreuses"	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Crayères"	\$29.99
2001 Leclerc Briant Cuvee Rubis Brut Rosé -Barely legal!	\$29.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	\$29.99
1998 Ariston Vintage Brut	\$29.99
1999 Michel Dervin Vintage Brut	\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé -Exciting new pink!	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige (1.5L \$69.99)	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut -One of Clyde's favorites	\$34.99
2000 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru	\$39.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Roy Soleil Blanc de Blancs	\$39.99
1996 Laurent Perrier Brut	\$39.99
Rene Collard Brut Carte d'Or	\$39.99
René Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut	\$39.99
1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige (1.5L \$99.00)	\$39.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé	\$49.99
1990 Rene Collard	\$49.99
1999 Roederer Vintage Brut	\$49.99
1999 Roederer Vintage Blanc de Blancs	\$49.99
Tarlant Single Vineyard Blanc de Blancs	\$49.99
Tarlant Vigne d'Or Meunier Single Vineyard	\$49.99
1999 Roederer Vintage Brut Rosé	\$54.99
Franck Bonville Cuvee Belles Voyes	\$59.99
1985 René Collard Cuvee Speciale Rosé Brut	\$69.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"	\$74.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siècle Alexandra Rosé	\$89.99
1995 Salon Blanc de Blancs	\$159.00
1995 Krug Brut Champagne	\$179.00
1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1996 Taittinger "Comtes" Blanc de Blancs	Inquire
1998 Dom Perignon	Inquire
1992 Krug Clos de Mesnil	Inquire

Domestic Sparkling Wine

1999 Schramsberg Reserve	\$54.99
1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	\$32.99
2000 Iron Horse Classic Vintage Brut	\$24.99
2000 J Wine Company	\$23.99
2002 Domaine Carneros Brut	\$19.99
2001 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc	\$24.99

Magnums for Your July Garden Party!

This winter was a rainy one in California, and now that summer is here I want to spend as much time as possible outdoors with friends. Opening Champagne always makes me feel special and a magnum even more so. I try and pop one at every opportunity! Because of the increased volume of liquid to air in a magnum, the Champagne always tastes fresher and more exciting from these double bottles. A magnum is a generous format, both in quantity and quality. The **Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs 1.5L (\$49.99)** is a perfect aperitif, racy, elegant and long finishing. For fans of the blanc de noir style the 100% pinot noir, organically grown **Fleury "Carte Rouge" Brut 1.5L (\$64.99)** is a rich, satisfying Champagne that still finishes completely dry. For caviar in the garden the **Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige 1.5L (\$74.99)** is spectacular with its old vine power and seven years on the lees. A whole wild salmon and the **Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige 1.5L (\$99.00)** is a complete party. One of our best Champagnes at any price, this even blend of chardonnay and pinot noir from the Tarlant's oldest plot of vines is often compared to Krug. Please feel free to contact me at 1-800-247-5987 ex 728, or by email at garyw@klwines.com with any of your champagne (or sherry!) needs. Please also drop me a line if you would like to be on my list of Champagne customers. A toast to you!

—Gary Westby

New Summer Arrival!

As of late May, we have been very fortunate to obtain a producer of considerable quality and value. Champagne Fleury is well known for their use of pinot noir, the varietal that makes up their line of Champagnes. Fleury is located in Courteron in Aube. Because the vineyards are so close to Chablis, they produce a more Burgundian style of Champagne. That is to say, a very dry style with extremely low dosage despite the fact that their wines are pinot based. As an added bonus, the Fleury Champagnes are completely biodynamic, the strictest form of organic viticulture.

At 100% pinot Noir, the **Fleury "Carte Rouge" Brut (\$29.99)** is truly unique. A wonderful nose of lemon crème, coconut and lime. In the mouth, dried cherries, citrus fruits, vanilla and crème fraiche. Though the delicate fruit and creamy texture give away the pinot based aspect of this wine, there is a note of lemon on the finish that gives it a classic touch. Very well-suited for pate, rich seafood such as lobster or crusty bread and Brie.

Like the Brut, the **Fleury Brut Rosé (\$34.99)** is also 100% pinot noir with the base wine coming solely from the 1999 vintage. A wonderful creamy texture with small bubbles that rival those of Champagne Launois. Once opened, the Rosé shows a nose of dark cherries, wet stones, vanilla, nutmeg and the slightest hint of red currants. On the palate there's cherry and strawberry fruit with a cleanliness enhanced by a bit of minerality. Rich and tasty, yet complex and delicate. Fine finish with just a whiff of oak. This is wonderful Champagne to start a meal with a salad of romaine, mandarin oranges and toasted pecans. Or, have it with chicken or game bird.

—Scott Beckerley

Domestic Sparkling Wine Con't

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 Scharffenberger Brut	\$13.99
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut	\$16.99

WHITE BURGUNDY

2003 St-Veran, Maison Drouhin	\$12.99
2004 Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Domaine Arnoux	\$14.99
2004 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet	\$14.99
2004 Chablis "Montmains" 1er Cru, Vocoret (375ml)	\$14.99
2003 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine Jomain	\$15.99
2004 Chablis, Domaine Pinson	\$16.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Femelottes, Chavy-Chouet	\$16.99
2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince	\$16.99
Bright and attractive, and extraordinarily well-priced!	
2004 Chablis, Domaine Pinson	\$16.99
2004 Pouilly Fuissé, Les Chataigniers, Denis Barraud	\$18.99
Focused minerality, rich palate and charm. Direct Import makes price possible.	
2003/4 Chablis "Saint Martin," Domaine Laroche	\$19.99
2003 St. Romain, Maison Champy-Great, with bright minerality	\$19.99
2004 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaien Jean-Pierre Seve	\$19.99
2004 Macon Villages, Domaine Heritiers du Comte Lafon	\$20.99
2002 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Tollot-Beaut	\$23.99
Lovely floral nose and beautiful balance, with Pernand/Savigny character.	
2003 Chablis "Monte de Tonnerre," 1er Cru, J-M Brocard	\$24.99
2002 Cote de Beaune, Grande Chatelaine, Giboulot	\$24.99
2004 Chablis "Fourchaume," 1er Cru, Gerard Tremblay	\$25.99
2004 Chablis "Mont de Milieu," 1er Cru, Domaine Pinson	\$27.99
2004 St-Aubin "Fionnes," 1er Cru, Domaine Jomain	\$27.99
2003 Marsannay Blanc, Domaine Roty	\$27.99
2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dent de Chien," 1er, V. Girardin.....	\$29.99
2004 St-Aubin "Les Charmois," 1er Cru, Marc Colin	\$29.99
2004 St-Aubin "En Remilly," 1er Cru, Domaine Marc Colin ..	\$29.99
The Charmois is rich and round, while the Remilly is finer with more minerality.	
2004 Meursault Chevalières, Thierry & Pascale Matrot.....	\$29.99
2004 Auxey-Duresses, La Canée, Deux Montilles.....	\$31.99
2004 St-Aubin "Sur Gamay," 1er Cru, Deux Montille	\$34.99
Fabulous St-Aubin, pure and focused, from the emerging star, Alix de Montille.	
2004 Pernand-Vergel "Sous Fretilles," 1er, Deux Montilles	\$36.99
2004 Meursault, Les Tillets, Vincent Girardin	\$36.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos St. Jean," 1er, B. Morey	\$37.99
2002 Chassagne-Montrachet "Macharellles," 1er Cru,	
J-C Bachelet-Rich, charming and wonderful 1er Cru	\$38.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, "Encégnières," Marc Colin	\$39.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Paul Pernot	\$39.99
Classic Puligny minerality, very bright, long and alive. Lovely!	
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, "Trézin," Domaine Marc Colin	\$39.99
2004 Meursault, Grands Charrons, Deux Montille	\$40.99
1998 Chablis Grand Cru, "Valmur," Domaine Albert Pic	\$43.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, V. V., Bernard Morey.....	\$43.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bernard Morey.....	\$43.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Les Enseignières, V. Girardin	\$46.99
2004 Puligny Montrachet "Perrieres," 1er Cru, Dom. Jomain	\$49.99
2004 Meursault, Clos de Rougeots, Deux Montilles.....	\$49.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Truffieres," 1er, V. Girardin....	\$49.99
2003 Meursault, Poruzots, Château de Puligny Montrachet ..	\$53.99
2004 Chablis, Grenouilles, Grand Cru, Domaine Droin	\$56.99
2004 Meursault, Boucheres, Deux Montilles	\$56.99
Balanced, elegant, lovely, long, very fine. This is just simply a delight!	
2003 Chass-Mont, "Tête du Clos" (Morgeot) V. Dancer.....	\$59.99
2002 Chablis Grand Cru "La Moutonne," Long Depaquit	\$64.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, "Folatieres," 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
2004 Puligny-Mont, "Champ Gain," 1er Cru, Marc Colin	\$69.99
2002 Meursault "Genevrières," 1er, Francois Mikulski	\$74.99
Lovely minerality, floral nose and long, long finish.	
2004 Meursault "Charmes," 1er Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey	\$78.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$89.95
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, "Pucelles," 1er Cru, Paul Pernot ..	\$89.99
2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey	\$119.99
2004 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, P. Pernot	\$123.99
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot	\$149.99
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$180.00
2003 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Marc Colin	\$199.95
2003 Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Louis Latour	\$549.95

Beaujolais

2004 Beaujolais Blanc, Terres Dorées, J-P Brun	\$14.99
2004 Beaujolais Villages, Domaine Manoir du Carra.....	\$10.99
2004 Regnie, Domaine des Braves, Paul Cinquin.....	\$11.99
2004 Chenas, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Lapierre	\$13.99
2004 Julienas, Cuvée Speciale, P. Granger.....	\$14.99
2004 Chiroubles, Clos le Farge, Domaine Chrysson	\$14.99
2004 Julienas, Domaine Pascal Granger	\$15.99
2004 Chenas, Domaine Pascal Granger	\$15.99
2003 Cote de Brouilly, Domaine Ruet.....	\$16.99
2004 Moulin-a-Vent, Domaine Pascal Granger	\$17.99
2004 Fleurie, Clos de la Roilette	\$18.99
2004 Fleurie, Poncié, Domaine du Vissoux.....	\$19.99

Chill Out! Maconnais Style

If you have stopped by the either of our stores in the last few years you will recognize this as one of our staff favorites, and the **2004 Domaine de la Croix Senaillet Saint Veran (\$14.99)** is once again at the top of our list. Saint Veran, if you are unfamiliar, is an appellation that is literally a stone's throw away from Pouilly Fuissé and several of the more esteemed Macon villages. The soils have both clay and chalk, and you can see them both of these components expressed in the fantastic 2004 vintage. This wine speaks to wine lovers, both old world and new world. The nose is bright and citrusy with floral and yellow fruit tones. The palate has ripe almost tropical fruit tones with just a hint of nuttiness and a kiss of vanilla spice. This wine is a summer multi-tasker: poolside sipper, aperitif, or light BBQ quencher. —Kirk Walker

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RED BURGUNDY

2002 Pinot Noir, VDP de la Haute Marne, Montsaugeonnais ..\$9.99
2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Vincent Sauvestre\$11.99
2003 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Boisset .....\$12.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Patrick Size .....\$14.99
2002 Marsannay Rouge, Domaine Charles Audoin .....\$18.99
2003 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Olivier Guyot .....\$18.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Heresztyn .....\$19.99
2002 Cote de Nuits Villages, Domaine Desertaux-Ferrand ....\$20.99
2003 Bourgogne Rouge, Pressioniers, Domaine Roty .....\$21.99
2004 Mercurey "Clos Montaigus," 1er Cru, Patrick Size .....\$21.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Deux Papis, Alex Gambal .....\$21.99
1996 Aloxe Corton, Domaine Gaston & Pierre Ravaut .....\$24.99
2004 Gevrey Chambertin, Clos Prieur, Frederic Esmonin.....\$26.99
2003 Marsannay Rouge, Domaine Joseph Roty .....\$27.99
2003 Marsannay, Champs St. Etienne, Domaine Roty .....\$29.99
2003 Marsannay, Clos de Jeu, Domaine Roty .....\$32.99
2004 Gevrey-Cham "Lavaux St. Jacques," 1er, F. Esmonin .....\$36.99
2004 Gevrey-Cham "Estournelles St. Jacq," 1er, F. Esmonin ..\$36.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jerome Chezeaux .....\$39.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village V.V., Heresztyn.....\$42.99
2003 Auxey Duresses, Domaine Comte Armand .....\$43.99
2003 Meursault-Blagny "Piece Sous Bois," 1er Cru, Matrot.....\$44.99
2000 Chambolle Musigny, Domaine J-F Mugnier .....\$46.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros .....\$46.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Joseph Drouhin .....\$47.99
1996 Corton Grnd Cru, Haute Mourottes, Domaine Ravaut ..\$47.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Champs Chenys, Domaine Roty ..\$49.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn .....\$49.99
2001 Volnay, "Ronceret," 1er Cru, Nicolas Rossignol.....\$49.99
2003 Gevrey Chambertin, Brunelle, Domaine Roty.....\$49.99
2003 N.St.G. "Boudots," 1er Cru, Dom. Jerome Chezeaux ....\$50.99
2002 Volnay, "Santenots," 1er, Ch. Rossignol-Jeanniard .....\$51.99
Concentrated, delightful and rich, with fine tannins. Lovely wine!
2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Harmand Geoffroy .....\$51.99
2002 Pommard Perrieres, Vignes Centenaires, Chas Vienot ..\$52.99
2000 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru, Tolleot Beau.....\$54.99
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Prieur Bas, Domaine Roty.....\$57.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée "Suchots," 1er Cru, Maison Champy ..\$59.99
Rich and succulent fruit, with ripe and very fine tannins.
2001 Nuits-St-Georges "Murgers," 1er Cru, Cathiard .....\$59.99
2003 Beaune "Clos des Ursules," 1er Cru, Domaine Jadot .....\$60.99
2004 Ruchottes Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin.....\$63.99
2004 Mazy Chambertin Grand Cru, Frederic Esmonin .....\$63.99
2003 Gevrey-Cham "Champonnets," 1er Cru, Heresztyn .....\$65.99
2003 Gevrey-Cham "Goulots," 1er Cru, Heresztyn .....\$66.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée, "Malconsorts," 1er Cru, Moillard.....\$67.99
2002 Gevrey-Cham, "Lav St Jacques," 1er Cru, H. Geoffroy ..\$69.95
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Gruenchers," 1er, Dom. Fourrier \$69.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Beaux Bruns," 1er, Barthod .....\$74.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Baudes," 1er, Barthod .....\$74.99
2003 Pommard "Fremiers," 1er Cru, Louis Boillot.....\$79.99
2003 Vosne-Romanée "Clos des Reas," 1er Cru, Michel Gros \$79.99
2003 Morey St. Denis "Millandes," 1er Cru, Heresztyn .....\$79.99
2001 Vosne-Romanée, "Suchots," 1er Cru, Sylvain Cathiard ..\$79.99
2003 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard .....\$89.95
2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Cras," 1er, Barthod .....\$89.99
2001 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Damoy ....\$91.99

This rich and focused Grand Cru. Was \$130 elsewhere!

2002 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru, Domaine Olivier Guyot....\$97.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, Groffier ..\$97.99
2003 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru, Louis Latour .....\$99.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, "Sentiers," 1er Cru, Groffier .....\$99.99
2003 Clos de la Roche Grand Cru, V.V., Vincent Girardin .....\$99.99
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, Xavier Liger-Belair .....\$104.99
2003 Gevrey Chambertin "Fontenys," 1er Cru, Dom. Roty ..\$104.99
2003 Chambolle Musigny "Fuées," 1er Cru, Mugnier .....\$104.99
2002 Clos Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Michel Gros .....\$108.99
2002 Latricieres-Chambertin G Cru, Domaine Louis Remy \$109.99
2003 Clos St. Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn .....\$116.99
2003 Clos Vougeot, "Maupertuis," Grand Cru, Anne Gros ..\$124.99
2003 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru, Mongeard-Mugneret ..\$134.99
2003 Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, Comte de Vogue .....\$149.99
2003 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier ..\$159.99
2002 Richebourg, Grand Cru, Xavier Liger-Belair.....\$174.99
2003 Charmes-Chambertin, VV, Domaïen Roty .....\$186.99
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

Pour Votre Plaisir

Château de Puligny Montrachet

The rebirth of the Château de Puligny Montrachet since my visit there in 2002 is astounding. Since Etienne de Montille took over, the yields are down, farming is organic or biodynamic and attention to detail shows from top to bottom. The result has been extremely fine wines, all estate grown.

A particularly good bargain is the 2004 **Château de Puligny Montrachet Bourgogne Blanc, Clos du Château** (\$24.99). Made from 100% estate-grown fruit from the walled vineyard around the château, this is a Puligny Montrachet in all but name, with bright fruit and lovely focus. The 2004 **Château de Puligny Montrachet Monthelie Blanc** (\$29.99) has lovely mid-palate balance, with bright creamy notes and good weight. The pretty floral notes on the nose add to its charm. The 2004 **Château de Puligny Montrachet St. Aubin 1er Cru, "En Remilly"** (\$39.99) is a rich wine with elegant minerality and a lemon-cream note. The finish is long, persistent and balanced. The 2004 **Château de Puligny Montrachet Puligny Montrachet** (\$50.99) shows very pretty pine and mineral notes, with fresh, bright fruit. The wine has a precise focus to it, and is lovely, fine and lingering on the finish. There are also small quantities of the 2004 **Château de Puligny Montrachet Meursault 1er Cru, "Poruzots"** (\$53.99), the 2004 **Château de Puligny Montrachet Meursault 1er Cru, "Perrieres"** (\$68.99) and the 2004 **Château de Puligny Montrachet Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru, "Folatières"** (\$75.99), as well as tiny quantities of their spectacular Grands Crus, Chevalier, Bâtard and Montrachet (please inquire). À Santé.

—Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

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

Pre-Arrivals

Pre-Arrival Brunello di Montalcino and Rosso!

The initial list, many more to come!

2004 Valdicava Rosso di Montalcino.....	\$22.99
2001 Ferrero-90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$29.99
2001 Baricci-90 points <i>Wine Enthusiast</i>	\$34.99
2001 La Fortuna-90 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$34.99
2001 Argiano	\$39.95
2001 Talenti	\$39.95
2001 Piancornello-92 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$39.99
2001 Le Gode	\$39.99
2001 Lisini-90 points <i>Wine Enthusiast</i>	\$39.99
2001 Caprili	\$44.95
1999 La Fortuna Riserva-92 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$44.99
2001 Gorelli Le Potazzine-93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$47.95
2001 Villa le Prata	\$54.99
1999 Valdicava Brunello-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i>	\$59.99

Pre-Arrival Barolo!

1999 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"-95+ points Stephen Tanzer ..	\$59.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"-92 points Stephen Tanzer	\$59.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala"-95 points Stephen Tanzer	\$79.95
1999 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala"-95+ points Stephen Tanzer ..	\$89.95
2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" 1.5L-95 points Tanzer	\$174.95

In Stock

Tuscany

2004 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys" (new cuvee).....	\$7.49
2003 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano	\$9.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico 375ml.....	\$10.99
2004 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano	\$11.95
2002 Villa Antinori Toscano Rosso	\$15.95
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi	\$17.99
2002 Felsina Chianti Classico Chianti Classico	\$17.99
2002 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli"	\$19.95
2003 Le Cinciole Chianti Classico-1 Glass <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$19.99
2002 Poliziano Vino Nobile-2 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$21.99
2003 Querciabella Chianti Classico	\$23.99
2001 Poliziano Vino Nobile "Asinone"-92 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> ..	\$33.99
1997 Fanetti Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva	\$34.99
2001 Castello di Fonterutoli Chianti-3 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$34.95
2001 Felsina Fontalloro-3 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$34.99
2001 Isole e Olena "Cepparello"-3 Glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i>	\$44.99
2001 Rocca Montegrossi Chianti C Ris "Marcellino" 1.5L.....	\$59.99
1999 Rocca Montegrossi Chianti C Ris "Marcellino" 1.5L.....	\$69.99

Montalcino

2001 Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino"	\$17.99
Awesome Super Tuscan for a song!	
2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
The stunning quality of the 2004 vintage will blow you away in this wine.	
2004 Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
Great power and structure seems more Brunello than Rosso!	

Podere Rinascimento

Since we started our Direct Import program six years ago I have studiously avoided Chianti Classico. The number of quality producers who produce lots of cases is high, and selling 10,000 cases of Chianti is a daunting task. The smaller wineries I love have long been locked up with other importers, and there never seemed to be much in the way of anything on the horizon. Occasionally things stumble onto your plate. I met Marco Ricasoli Firidolfi a few years ago, and he immediately stuck me as cultured and poised while being a dynamic and confident individual. Marco has sangiovese running through his veins and has become a purist at heart, not wanting to blend international varieties into his Chianti. His wines speak of their soil. His roots go back to Castello di Brolio, where his ancestor the "Iron" Baron Bettino Ricasoli is credited with inventing the modern Chianti blend. Rocca di Montegrossi is Marco's property. This jewel sits astride a beautiful outcrop of galestro soil in Gaiole (near Monti in Chianti) and is one of Chianti Classico's top estates! The moon and the stars lined up properly, and voila, we now import these wines. You will be stunned by the quality, and the prices have dropped precipitously from what they were before we took over the pricing!

The 2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico (\$17.99) is a stunner. While the vintage is definitely a warm one, RdM's altitude accentuated the positives, and they made a really dynamite wine. Soft, open and round in the mouth, the wine's luscious fruit is readily apparent yet is layered with spice, rosemary and violet. A luxurious softness on the palate follows onto the finish, which lingers and

begs for food. I'm dreaming of Arista, the fantastic pork loin roast you see all over Tuscany gently flavored with rosemary, a perfect match. We also have half bottles for \$10.99, a great mid week experience.

As good as the "normale" Chianti is, prepare yourself for these! The 1999 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico Riserva "San Marcellino" 1.5L (\$69.99) is perfection for Chianti. This wine is made from 100% sangiovese and is a classic. Sangiovese, when it is right, has unending length, and this wine is really right. Wild cherry-, rosemary- and sauvage-filled intrigue rolls across your palate while minerals crystallize and deposit their structure on your tongue. OHHHHHHhhh my god this is good! However limited. The 2001 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico Riserva "San Marcellino" 1.5L (\$59.99) is everything the 1999 is but one size up! Power, structure, depth, a very similar styled vintage displaying all the best points of sangiovese, it is dynamite and will be long lived. Members of our Signature Red Wine Club will be receiving the 750ml bottle in their monthly packs before long!

The 2001 Rocca di Montegrossi "Geremia" (\$27.99), a 60% cabernet sauvignon and 40% merlot is a spicy, intrigue-filled red that just radiates flavor. This Bordeaux blend will only get better as these vineyards age. If you ever get a chance to drink the 1998 Rocca di Montegrossi Vin Santo 375ml (\$74.99), you've died and can go to heaven, The 1997 got 97 points in Parker. The '98 is better.

—Greg St. Clair

ITALIAN WINES

1996 Casisano Colombaio Brunello-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$24.99

2001 Poggiarellino Brunello\$29.99

The 2001 lays a powerful, focused center right down the middle of your palate and is rich, fleshy with a chocolaty, ripe cherry flavor filled body. The wine has considerable depth and a texture that makes me think of a Bistecca Fiorentina. Where the 2000 had loads of plump and fun fruit, this vintage shows far more complexity, layers of spice, distinct mineral components and a truly dramatic and long-lasting finish where the spice and mineral go on forever.

2000 Baricci Brunello-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$36.99

2000 La Fortuna Brunello-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$36.99

2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello-91 points *Wine Spectator*\$39.99

The 2001 is dense, muscular and dark like an Olympic swimmer returning from a month at the beach. Those muscles are long and sinewy, graceful, full of power yet the wine strides with an elegant balance, oozing confidence still with a reserve reminiscent of nobility. There is a chocolaty, cassis, plum like flavor that fills the mid palate coiled around a powerful interior structure that gives the wine great length and allows these flavors to linger in the finish. Mixed in with the warm fruit-filled ripeness are hints of animal, fresh glove leather, stones and wild herbs that are subtly present yet add to the complex background and are more present in the finish. Long, powerful and decidedly delicious this is a wine that will age 10-15 years easily

1997 Casisano Colombaio Brunello Riserva\$54.99

92 points *Wine Spectator*.

2001 Costanti-93 points *Wine Spectator*\$59.95

2001 Fuligni Brunello-95 points *Wine Spectator*\$59.95

Piedmont

2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba\$12.99

Vibrant fruit, incredibly balanced, great finish, all stainless steel, 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

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

2001 Marchesi di Gresy Barbaresco "Camp Gros"\$59.95

2001 Marchesi di Gresy Barbaresco "Gaiun"\$59.95

1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$59.99

2001 Einaudi Barolo "Nei Cannubi"\$69.99

91 points *Wine Spectator*.

2000 Scavino Barolo "Carobric"\$78.95

94 points *Wine Spectator*.

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

2004 Ermacora Merlot\$12.99

Great balance and richness.

2004 Volpe Pasini Chardonnay\$12.99

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

2004 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio\$14.99

1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*.

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

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

2004 Dorigo Cabernet Franc\$15.99

2004 Ermacora Refosco-Spicy, full and complex\$15.99

2004 Volpe P Zuc Volpe Ribolla Gialla\$18.99

2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

2002 Vencjar Rosso DOC Isonzo\$19.99

If you like Bordeaux you'll love this!

2004 Volpe P Zuc di Volpe Sauvignon.....\$21.99

3 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

2004 Jermann Pinot Grigio\$24.99

2004 Dorigo Chardonnay "Ronc di Juri"\$36.99

2003 Jermann Vintage Tunina\$49.95

2003 Jermann Capo Martino\$55.95

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

2004 Arancio Grillo\$4.99

2004 Arancio Nero d'Avola\$4.99

2003 d'Angelo Aglianico "Sacravite"\$10.99

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

2003 Caggiano Aglianico "Tari"\$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 Palari Rosso Soprano\$27.99

2002 Palari Faro-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$49.99

Lombardia, Umbria, Veneto, Marche and Other

2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico\$8.99

1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*.

2001 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso \$16.99

2002 Buglioni Valpolicella Ripasso\$25.99

Bellavista Franciacorta Brut\$27.95

2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"\$39.99

2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.

2000 Allegrini Amarone\$59.95

2000 Venturini Amarone "Campo Masua"\$59.99

July's Picks

2004 Poliziano Rosso di Montepulciano (\$11.95) This "second wine" for Poliziano has been in my article before (the 2002 and 2003), and this vintage is not to be missed. In 1989 Rosso di Montepulciano achieved the DOC classification, and I think it's one of the best bargains to come from Tuscany. 80% sangiovese and 20% merlot. Fermentation is in stainless steel with 40% of this wine aged for 8 months in second-year American oak. Medium bodied with strawberries and blackberries mingling with a light mineral character.

2002 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli" (\$19.95) The Peppoli vineyards are mainly planted with sangiovese, as well as merlot, syrah and a small quantity of malvasia. This makes for a very user friendly Chianti, mature fruit with lots of vanilla, good structure with soft tannins and minerals on the finish. This is a great wine to bring as a host or hostess gift. Just make sure you are around when they open it!

2001 Castello di Fonterutoli Chianti Classico (\$34.95) I love this estate and their wines. Here is a Chianti you are going to what to take some time with (either decanting or in the cellar). 85% sangiovese, 10% cabernet sauvignon and 5% merlot. This wine sees 16 months in small French barrels and is all hand harvested (lots of care goes into the making of this baby). Beautifully balanced, with rich ripe fruit and a big tannin structure with toasty oak on the finish. Two or three hours decanting or drink on its 10th birthday.

1997 Castello di Monastero Vin Santo "Lunanuova" (500ml \$49.99) A classic trebbiano blend, this Vin Santo is rich with viscosity. On the palate you will find, honey, orange marmalade and dried apricots, and an extremely long finish. DON'T dip the biscotti in this baby. You will what to savor this on its own, with only your best of friends. Salute!

—Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

Happy Birthday America! In celebration of the Fourth of July we are highlighting all the wonderful spirits made locally in the San Francisco Bay Area and here in the Good Old U.S.A.! Susan Purnell

Bourbon/Rye/Wheat

A. H. Hirsch 16-year Bourbon\$79.99
Bernheim Original Kentucky Straight Wheat Whiskey\$43.99

The new Bernheim whiskey is the first of its kind. Heaven Hill Father and Son Master Distillers Parker and Craig Beam developed the wheat formula with a minimum of 51% winter wheat and the recipe also includes corn and malted barley. "Our Bernheim Wheat Whiskey was still an experiment for us at Heaven Hill when we first put it up to age in January 2000," said Craig Beam. "We suspected it would turn out well, but even we were surprised at how it aged and matured." The five-year-old whiskey was originally distilled in January 2000. The recipe's maturity was evident from the beginning. "We like to think we've contributed something to the whiskey world that hadn't been done before. I hope you'll agree with us that this was a worthwhile experiment," said Beam. Mildly sweet with hints of vanilla and honey. Color: Bright amber. Taste: Hints of toffee, berries and spice. Finish: Toasted oak, elegant and warm.

Black Maple Hill, 14-year-old, Single Barrel Bourbon\$49.99
Black Maple Hill, 16-year-old, Single Barrel Bourbon\$61.99
Black Maple Hill, 18-year-old, Single Barrel Rye\$72.99
Blanton's Original Single Barrel Bourbon\$46.99
Bulleit Bourbon Frontier Whiskey\$19.99
Elijah Craig 12-year-old Bourbon.....\$17.99
Elijah Craig 18-year-old Bourbon.....\$37.99
Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Bourbon\$19.99
Evan Williams Single Barrel Bourbon.....\$24.99
George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon\$49.99
Hirsch Selection 21 year Kentucky Straight Rye.....\$114.99
Knob Creek Bourbon.....\$24.99
Michter's US #1 Small Batch Bourbon\$34.99
Michter's 10 year Single Barrel Straight Bourbon\$64.99
Michter's USA #1 Single Barrel Straight Rye\$34.99
Michter's 10 year Single Barrel Straight Rye.....\$84.99
Old Forester Birthday Bourbon Spring 1990\$36.99
Old Potrero Single Malt Straight Rye Whiskey.....\$56.99
Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 20 year Bourbon.....\$78.99
W. L. Weller 12-year-old Bourbon.....\$16.99
Wild Turkey 10-year-old Russell Reserve Bourbon\$26.99

Brandy/Eau de Vie

Aqua Perfecta Pear Eau de Vie.....\$37.99
Clear Creek Eau de Vie Pomme 8 year Apple Brandy.....\$36.99

Distillers at Clear Creek crush and ferment whole apples, distill, and then barrel age the spirit in old Cognac barrels of Limousin oak following the customs of the Calvados makers of Normandy. The end result is an amber, smooth "American Calvados" with a special flavor from the high-quality Oregon fruit used.

Osocalis Alambic Brandy\$36.99
Germain Robin Apple Brandy.....\$61.99

Dinner/Tasting with Almaviva and Mouton Rothschild

This should be a great event with the famous Bordeaux First Growth and one of its new, highly regarded Chilean properties. Watch for the date (September or October), the place and the menu.

More information out in mid July.

Gin

Aviation Oregon Gin\$27.99

Rich with hints of sweetness on the palate. It is infused with juniper berries, coriander, cardamom, anise seed, lavender flowers, sassafras and bitter orange and then distilled a second time. This is a fabulous cocktail gin! 42% ABV

No. 209 Gin-From San Francisco\$29.99

Sarticious Gin-From Santa Cruz\$28.99

Liqueur

J Pear Liqueur By J Wine Company\$23.99

Nocino della Cristina Napa Valley 200ml.....\$21.99

Pama Pomegranate Liqueur\$24.99

There is something magical about the deep crimson color and complex sweet yet tart taste of this Pomegranate liqueur, the first of its kind to be produced anywhere! This is made from all-natural California pomegranates, naturally high in anti-oxidants (so you can feel good about drinking this bright red colored elixir in more ways than one!).

Qi Spirits Tea Liqueur\$37.99

Qi's founders spent three years tasting through hundreds of herbs, spices and flowers before finally arriving at the exotic flavor profile of Qi. Unlike syrupy liqueurs, Qi is hand-made in small batches with the finest whole ingredients for authentic flavor, balance, and astonishing quality.

Rum

Domaine Charbay Tahitian Vanilla Bean Rum\$37.99

Vermouth

Quady Vya Vermouth Dry or Sweet 375ml.....\$9.99

Vodka

Blue Ice Idaho Potato.....\$19.99

Domaine Charbay\$28.99

Domaine Charbay Blood Orange\$28.99

Domaine Charbay Green Tea\$32.99

Domaine Charbay Meyer Lemon\$28.99

Domaine Charbay Red Raspberry\$32.99

Domaine Charbay Ruby Grapefruit\$28.99

Hangar One, Kaffir, Mandarin and Regular 220ml\$9.99

Hangar One\$30.99

Hangar One Vodka "Buddha's Hand" Citron\$33.99

Hangar One Infused Fraser River RaspberryInquire

Hangar One Kaffir Lime\$33.99

Hangar One Mandarin Blossom\$33.99

Medoyeff Russian Style, Oregon\$27.99

Roth California\$30.99

Square One 100% Organic Rye\$32.99

This is the world's first certified organic rye vodka. It is handcrafted from 100%-certified organically grown rye grown in North Dakota and produced with an unprecedented organic fermentation process. Our staff was lucky to meet Allison Evanow the Co-Founder of Square One. We were impressed by the quality and feel that it is one of the best vodkas we have tried in a very long time.

Upcoming Events - Fall 2006

Thursday, September 7, San Francisco Bay Area - A tasting with Andrew Gray, Sales Director for Murray McDavid, Independently Bottled Premium Single Malts.

Thursday, October 12, San Francisco Bay Area - A tasting with Ed Cole, Signatory Vintage Scotch Whisky Company.

Friday, November 3, Los Angeles - A tasting with Jim McEwan, Master Distiller and Production Director at Bruichladdich.

Space is limited. Please contact Susan Purnell at 1-800-247-5987 ex 2727 or by email at susanpurnell@klwines.com.

NEW!

Vinotheque Reservoir Series Wine Cabinet

Vinotheque has a new Wine Cabinet for Those looking for function and price performance: **The Reservoir.**

These cabinets hold 224 bottles in fixed wire racking and have 1000 BTU cooling units with humidity recirculation for perfect storage.

No need to worry about options and accessories; these are turn-key cabinets. The units are ready to ship in black or can be ordered with a wood stain.

Standard Cabinet	\$1575.00
Window Cabinet	\$1995.00

Plus shipping and tax if applicable.

Tritan Titanium Crystal Lead Free!

We now carry the world's most break-resistant glassware, Tritan "Forte" by **Schott Zwiesel.**

Made with titanium and zirconium instead of lead, this glassware is dishwasher safe and strong while still brilliant and clear. Specialized wineglass shapes are specifically created to enhance your wine-drinking pleasure. If you love wine and you love entertaining, you *need* this stemware.

We now carry Bordeaux, Burgundy, Chardonnay, Chianti/Zinfandel and Champagne all \$8.99 per stem.

Whisperkool Cooling Units...Sale Prices!

If you have up to 2,000 cubic feet of cellar space to cool, this is the perfect solution for you. Please call either of our stores for additional information and a color brochure.

Whisperkool 1600 (300 cu ft)	\$1149
Whisperkool 3000 (650 cu ft)	\$1299
Whisperkool 4200 (1,000 cu ft)	\$1459
Whisperkool 6000 (1,500 cu ft)	\$1895
Whisperkool 8000 (2,000 cu ft)	\$1995

The above prices include the new digital PDT thermostat.

Prices do not include shipping.

LOWER PRICES!

VINOTHEQUE STORAGE CABINETS

It is extremely important to protect your wines from temperature fluctuation. The most convenient location for your collection is in an air-conditioned wine cellar at home. Unfortunately, most of us do not have the ability or space to build a home cellar that is cost-effective. We are pleased to offer you the next best alternative: a Vinotheque Wine Storage Cabinet.

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Models	BOTTLES	RETAIL	K&L
Vinotheque 320	264	\$3402	\$2679
Vinotheque 500	368	\$3876	\$2925
Vinotheque 550	428	\$4126	\$3115
Vinotheque 700	528	\$4267	\$3219

QT Models

Vinotheque 320	264	\$3544	\$2689
Vinotheque 500	368	\$4229	\$3189
Vinotheque 550	428	\$4608	\$3489
Vinotheque 700	528	\$4994	\$3789

LOW EVERYDAY PRICES!

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Screwpull Lever Pull

\$69.95

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The world's fastest and least expensive lever-style corkscrew. Includes foil cutter, extra worm and manufacturer warranty.

Redwood City Wine Storage Lockers!

Our Redwood City wine locker facility is temperature-controlled and very secure.

We have six sizes for your convenience: 10-case, 16-case, 20-case, 32-case, 40-case, and 60-case. The size designations are based on the assumption that your wine collection includes a combination of both cardboard and wooden cases.

10-case locker,	\$13.50 per month
16-case locker,	\$18.00 per month
20-case locker,	\$24.50 per month
32-case locker,	\$35.00 per month
40-case locker,	\$43.50 per month
60-case locker,	\$52.50 per month
70-case locker,	\$75.00 per month
80-case locker,	\$86.00 per month

The minimum rental period is six months.

Our lockers are temporarily full. To get on the waiting list, please call Sharon at (650) 364-8544, ex 2733. For billing, call Sharon at ex 2733.

Wine Storage Lockers in San Francisco

The wine storage lockers in our San Francisco store are now full. There is currently a long waiting list. To add your name to the list, please call Sharon at (650) 364-8544 ex 2733.

Shipping Information

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD IN CALIFORNIA AND TITLE PASSES TO THE BUYER IN CALIFORNIA. We make no representation to the legal rights of anyone to ship or import wines into any state outside of California. The buyer is solely responsible for shipment of alcoholic beverage products. By placing an order, you authorize us to act on your behalf to engage a common carrier to deliver your order to you. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE SOLD AND DELIVERED ONLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD. IN PLACING YOUR ORDER, YOU REPRESENT TO US THAT YOU ARE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND THAT THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU ARE DIRECTING DELIVERY IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.

When your alcoholic beverages are delivered, the per-

son receiving delivery may be required to show identification proving that he or she is at least 21 years old. If, between date of order and date of arrival, the laws of your state change so as to make it illegal to receive the shipment, you can return the order for a full refund.

Please call our sales department for rate quotes:

1-800-247-5987

Local Delivery Service is also available. Please contact your local K&L. Please note, there is a 5% restocking fee for returned or cancelled orders.

Why Join One of Our "Wine of the Month" Clubs?

1. Education: K&L's Wine Clubs provide an educational opportunity that surpasses simply buying a bottle at the store. The wines in each Club are only limited to this planet. We consider any wine from anywhere in the world that fine wine is produced. Each month, a newsletter is sent along with the monthly selections that offers a description of the wine and information on the winery, the winemaker, the history of the region in which the grapes were grown and food pairing.

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

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