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Ch. Palmer and the Mahler Besse Cellar

A fine assortment of this great property-all in perfect condition. All of these outstanding wines have just arrived direct from the Mahler Besse cellar in Bordeaux. That cellar is the best in Bordeaux, and all of these wines went into the cellar as soon as they were released en primeur, and the wines just left the cellar last month and were flown directly to us.

- 1996 Château Palmer, Margaux.....\$169.00**
91 points from the *Wine Spectator* and Robert Parker.
- 1995 Château Palmer, Margaux.....\$159.00**
94 points from the *Wine Spectator*.
- 1991 Château Palmer, Margaux.....\$149.00**
One of the best wines of the vintage-Stunningly good.
- 1982 Château Palmer, Margaux.....\$349.00**
90 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 1981 Château Palmer, Margaux.....\$169.00**
Spectator: "Always a delicious wine. Soft and elegant with perfumed cherry, strawberry and cedar box character, fine tannins and a silky finish."
- 1970 Château Palmer, Margaux.....\$499.00**
95 points Robert Parker.
- 1961 Château Palmer, Margaux.....\$2999.00**
99 points Robert Parker.
- 1970 Château Beychevelle, St-Julien\$159.00**
90 points *Wine Spectator*.
- 1966 Château Beychevelle, St-Julien\$299.00**
According to Robert Parker: "One of my favorite Beychevelles, this wine has constantly shown well in tastings of the 1966s."
- 1961 Château Beychevelle, St-Julien\$449.00**
Spectator: "Depth of flavor makes this firmly textured wine special. It has enticing earthy, tobaccolike aromas, ripe fruit flavors, just enough tannin..."
- 1991 Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$119.00**
One of the best wines of a very underrated vintage. Perfect now.
- 1970 Château La Lagune, Moulis\$129.99**
Parker: "...full-bodied, deep, concentrated, berryish fruit flavors, good tannins, and a long finish. This is a fine La Lagune..."
- 1949 Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc.....\$899.00**
Fabulous wine and exceptionally rare.

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

The "Other" Bordeaux!

Try 2004 for the most bang for your buck. See page 4.

2005 Red Burgundy

A spectacular vintage for one domaine and so many others!
See Keith's article on page 19.

Direct Import from Rioja

Buurko Gorri will impress! See page 14.

Just in from California!

- 2004 Migration Anderson Valley Pinot Noir\$29.99**
- 2004 Goldeneye Anderson Valley Pinot Noir\$47.99**

Two new releases from the Duckhorn Wine Company. The 2004 Goldeneye is a big wine with complexity and focus. It will be at its best with a few more years in the bottle. Each vintage, Goldeneye declassifies a percentage of Pinot. Some of these declassified lots are bottled as Migration. The 2004 Migration shows forward, fresh aromas with strawberry and anise in the mouth.

- 2004 Justin Paso Robles Isosceles\$49.99**

The 2004 Isosceles is inky blue with a slight purple overtone around the rim. Aromas of blueberry, black cherry and cassis fill the glass. The entry is soft, velvety and filled with bright fruit. Layers of complexity evolve into a finish that combines flavors of coffee, dark fruit and hints of vanilla and caramel. Very Limited. Six-bottle limit per customer.

Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou Dinner in Hollywood

April 15: Owner Bruno Borie makes his first trip to California. We will taste great vintages including 2003, 1996, 1995 and 1982! More information to come regarding location, price, etc.

Ch. Gruaud-Larose Events

April 21: In-store tasting in Hollywood. David Launay, Director, will present fabulous wines from this esteemed estate. April 22 dinner at the outstanding Cetrella Restaurant in Half Moon Bay featuring Gruaud-Larose from 1989, 1995, 1999, 2004 and one older vintage. More information to come. Visit www.klwines.com.

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I Can't Say Anything About the ...

Hollywood Store

I have been told that I jinxed our opening dates by mentioning them in several newsletters. Just remember, 1400 North Vine Street. Just a block or so south of Sunset Blvd. Enough said. See you there!

—Clyde Beffa Jr

Brick's Bordeaux Picks

This month we have some sure winners, in all affordable price categories. To begin, we have an inexpensive Bordeaux with enough generosity of fruit to please domestic wine fans and enough terrior to please traditionalists. The **2004 Falfas "Les Demoiselles," Cotes de Bourg (\$12.99)** shows bright plum fruit plus a hefty dollop of pencil lead and tobacco leaf. As an added bonus this wine is Biodynamic and sees no oak. May I say a "true Bordeaux."

Another very exciting value is the second wine of Haut-Bailly. The **2003 La Parde de Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan (\$23.99)** is a fantastic wine to drink while you are waiting for its dad to come around. Completely reminiscent of the first wine, with tons of stony, gravel-like earth notes and dense low-toned black fruits building up to a bombastic finish. The difference is that this wine is totally drinkable now, while the 2003 Haut-Bailly is as hard as a diamond.

I'm really excited about a couple of older wines from Malescot Ste-Exupery. The **1994 Malescot Ste-Exupery, Margaux (\$39.99)** is a perfect wine to drink now. With a nose packed with pencil lead and assorted minerals, this is "old school." A true testament to aged Bordeaux, this wine has been slowly polished to a perfect hue of roasted cherries and iron-like qualities.

The **1999 Malescot Ste-Exupery, Margaux (\$58.99)** is a bit more herbaceous rather than earthy on the nose. This is a beefy wine in flavor rather than in weight, and shows lots of development for a wine this young, melding hazelnuts, rich berry fruit and a persistent spicy nature.

Last and nowhere near least is the intense **2003 Malescot Ste-Exupery, Margaux (\$48.99)**. This huge wine is chock full of creamy glycerin and bushels of ripe blueberry fruit. But it does have plenty of complexity with a distinct note of baking spices. This is for fans of the full-throttled 2003s. Give this a few more years in the bottle, and you will be rewarded. Happy drinking!

—Bryan Brick

Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

2005 Haut Sociando, Cotes de Blaye (\$10.99) Robert Parker calls this merlot-based beauty a "sleeper of the vintage." He says, "This vintage (2005) is so deep in quality among the better run, less heralded estates, that these wines should appeal to readers looking for terrific value from Bordeaux." Be one of the first to sample what some consider the best Bordeaux vintage ever.

These next wines all showed remarkably well at the Crus Bourgeois Exceptionals dinner at the University Club in San Francisco last month:

1994 Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe (1.5L \$89.99) This is still young with good, deep color and lots of dark fruit flavors. These impeccably stored magnums display sensual, flowery aromas with solid density, good ripeness and very fine tannins. Balanced and hearty, great with duck breast.

1986 Siran, Margaux (1.5L \$189.00) As rustic as these wines can seem young, it is amazing how elegant and silky they become in maturity when perfectly stored. This has become softly fragrant with just a touch of earth on the nose. In the middle, sweet berries and currants are crisp, focused and perfectly balanced. Showing mature complexity but still lively and slightly spicy, this paired beautifully with a selection of cheeses.

1989 Chasse Spleen, Moulis (\$129.00) This mature beauty shows layers of earthy currant fruit, cedar and herbs that are sweet, soft and seductive. This excellent wine is full bodied, lusty, complex and at the absolute apex of its drink-ability. It was my favorite of the 20 or so wines poured before and during dinner.

2004 Phelan Segur, St-Estèphe (\$24.99) One of our favorite properties has hit the mark again in 2004. This solid effort starts with flowery aromas of dark fruit, slight mint and a touch of tobacco. Good balancing acidity lends a sense of elegance and keeps this solid, dense wine lively and fresh. Firm flavors of cherry, berry and herb flow to the slightly tannic finish on this great bargain. Sold on a futures basis.

—Steve Bearden

2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES-SEE TASTING NOTES ON KLWINES.COM

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| Angelus, St-Emilion-96-98 points Robert Parker | \$244.99 | La Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$349.00 |
| Barde-Haut, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker | \$36.99 | Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$73.99 |
| Beaumont, Haut-Médoc-Elegant. Easy drinker. Value. | \$13.99 | La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$39.99 |
| Beauregard, Pomerol-89-91 points Parker and <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$38.99 | Lascombes, Margaux-94-96 points Robert Parker..... | \$74.99 |
| Bellevue Mondotte, St-Emilion-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$279.99 | Latour, Pauillac-98-100 points Robert Parker | Inquire |
| Bernadotte, Médoc-Spice on the nose. Elegant wine. | \$17.99 | Le Fer, St-Emilion-Great concentration. Sweet and lush. | \$29.99 |
| Beychevelle, St-Julien-91-93 points Robert Parker | Inquire | Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$279.99 |
| Bourgneuf, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$36.99 | Les Gravières, St-Emilion-Spectator: "silky tannins...Balanced." | \$24.99 |
| Brane Cantenac, Margaux-91-93 points Robert Parker | \$49.99 | Lucia, St-Emilion-Parker 92-94 points | \$46.99 |
| Brown Rouge, Pessac-88-90 points Robert Parker..... | \$23.99 | Lynch Bages, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$79.99 |
| Brun, St-Emilion-Spicy, black cherries. Good richness. Great value. | \$12.99 | Lynsolence, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker | \$64.99 |
| Canon, St-Emilion-90-93 points Robert Parker | \$79.99 | Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac-90-93 points Robert Parker | \$39.99 |
| Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker | \$28.99 | Malmaison, Moulis-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$20.99 |
| Caronne Ste. Gemme, Haut-Médoc-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i> | \$13.99 | Margaux, Margaux-96-100 points Robert Parker | \$769.99 |
| Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$55.99 | Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-94-96 points Robert Parker | \$549.99 |
| Chasse Spleen, Moulis-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$26.99 | Nenin, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$59.99 |
| Chauvin, St-Emilion-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$34.99 | Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$37.99 |
| Clarke, Lustrac-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$21.99 | Pape Clement Blanc, Pessac-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$159.99 |
| Clerc Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$45.99 | Pavie, St-Emilion-98-100 points Robert Parker..... | \$329.99 |
| Climens, Sauternes-Jancis Robinson: "an unusually sweet, rich vintage for Climens." | \$59.99 | Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$76.99 |
| Clinet, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker | \$109.99 | Petit Mouton, Pauillac-88-90 points Robert Parker | \$64.99 |
| Clos du Marquis, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$49.99 | Petit Village, Pomerol-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$52.99 |
| Clos Fourtet, St-Emilion-94-96 points Robert Parker..... | \$79.99 | Phelan-Segur, St-Estèphe-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$34.99 |
| Clos des Jacobins, St-Emilion-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$39.99 | Picard, St-Estèphe-Sweet ripe with a full, round palate impression. | \$17.99 |
| Clos l'Eglise, Pomerol-94-96 points Robert Parker | \$119.99 | Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-92-95 points Robert Parker | \$119.99 |
| Clos Marsalette, Pessac-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$25.99 | Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$119.99 |
| Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$189.99 | Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion-92-94 points Robert Parker | \$44.99 |
| Couhins Lurton, Pessac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$34.99 | Potensac, Médoc-Spectator: "... well done." | \$22.99 |
| d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon-89-91 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i> | \$27.99 | Poujeaux, Moulis-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$26.99 |
| d'Angludet, Marguax-90-92 points Robert Parker..... | \$29.99 | Quinault l'Enclos, St-Emilion-Parker 92-95 points | \$41.99 |
| Dauzac, Margaux-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$39.99 | Rauzan Gassies, Marguax-90-93 points Robert Parker | \$39.99 |
| Desmirail, Margaux-Elegant, from Brane Cantenac owners. | \$27.99 | Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$34.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i> | \$69.99 |
| Doisy Vadrines, Sauternes-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$34.99 | Roc de Cambes, Cotes de Bourg-87-90 points Stephen Tanzer | \$45.99 |
| Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-91-94 points Robert Parker.. | \$51.99 | Rochebelle, St-Emilion-Exceptional palate with great sweetness. | \$44.99 |
| Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien | \$169.99 | Rouget, Pomerol-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$39.99 |
| Duhart-Milon, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$45.99 | Senejac, Haut-Médoc-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$22.99 |
| Ferrand Lartigue, St-Emilion-89-91 points Robert Parker | \$21.99 | Siran, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$27.99 |
| Ferriere, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$31.99 | Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc-92-94 points Robert Parker | \$42.99 |
| Gigault "Cuvee Viva" Cotes de Blaye..... | \$17.99 | St-Pierre, St-Julien-92-94 points Robert Parker | \$55.99 |
| Goulee, Médoc-89-91 points Robert Parker | \$25.99 | Talbot, St-Julien-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$51.99 |
| Grand-Puy-Ducasse, Pauillac-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage." | \$29.99 | Trotanoy, Pomerol-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$139.99 |
| Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-92-94 points Robert Parker | \$72.99 | Tour de Mons, Margaux-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$19.99 |
| Guiraud, Sauternes (375ml \$26.99)-95-100 points <i>Spectator</i> | \$49.99 | | |
| Haut Bergey Rouge, Pessac-91-93 points Robert Parker | \$29.99 | | |
| Haut-Brion, Pessac-96-100 points Robert Parker | Inquire | | |
| Haut-Bailly, Pessac-93-95 points Robert Parker | \$74.99 | | |
| Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$39.99 | | |
| Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$41.99 | | |
| Joanin Becot, Cotes de Castillon-92-94 points Robert Parker | \$29.99 | | |
| la Cour d'Argent, Bordeaux-Parker: "Sleeper of the vintage." | \$10.99 | | |
| la Croix de Beaucaillou, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$29.99 | | |
| Lafleur, Pomerol-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$1299.00 | | |
| la Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol-90-92 points Parker | \$33.99 | | |
| La Tour Carnet, Médoc-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$29.99 | | |
| Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac-95-100 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | Inquire | | |
| Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe-91-93 points Robert Parker | \$39.99 | | |
| Lanessan, Médoc-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$15.99 | | |

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| Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux-88-90 points Robert Parker | \$32.99 |
| Angélu, St-Emilion-92-94 points Parker and <i>Spectator</i> | \$96.99 |
| Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe-90-93 points Robert Parker | \$74.99 |
| d'Armailhac, Pauillac-Spectator: Gorgeous aromas of blackberry | \$24.99 |
| Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$34.99 |
| Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-89-91 points <i>Spectator</i> | \$32.99 |
| Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien-90-93 points Robert Parker | \$36.99 |
| Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac-91-93 points Robert Parker..... | \$48.99 |
| Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$189.99 |
| Nenin, Pomerol-89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$29.99 |
| Pavillon Rouge, Margaux-89-91 Points Robert Parker | \$36.99 |
| Pichon-Baron, Pauillac-89-92 points Robert Parker | \$54.99 |
| Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac-90-92 points Robert Parker | \$64.99 |

BORDEAUX 1950-2005

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| 1993 Poujeaux (6L)\$349.00 Great party wine! | 2001 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac\$189.99 | 2003 La Couspaude St-Emilion (1.5L)\$79.99 |
| 1994 Malescot Ste-Exupery, Marg\$39.99 See Bryan's article on page 2. | 2001 La Mission de Lalande de Pomerol\$19.99 | 2003 La Fleur de Bouard\$28.99 |
| 1994 Phelan-Segur (1.5L)\$89.99 According to Robert Parker: "...a very good wine, with a healthy dark ruby color with purple tints, fine ripeness, medium body, good density, and an overall sense of balance, extract, and character." | 2001 Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac\$29.99 | 2003 La Fleur, St-Emilion\$10.99 |
| 1995 Domaine de Chevalier (15L) \$1899.00 | 2001 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$89.99 | 2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol ..\$39.99 |
| 1995 Lafleur, Pomerol\$429.00 | 2001 Margaux, Margaux\$219.99 93 points Robert Parker. | 2003 La Parde de Haut-Bailly\$23.99 |
| 1995 Latour, Pauillac\$399.00 96+ points Robert Parker: "...an extremely powerful and concentrated, full-bodied, backward wine, does not exhibit any harshness or toughness." | 2001 Mouton-Rothschild\$158.99 | 2003 Lascombes, Margaux\$44.99 |
| 1995 Léoville-Poyferre (1.5L)\$179.99 93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "Best Léoville Poyferré ever. Full-bodied, with extremely full yet finely textured tannins and a long, silky texture." | 2002 de Sales, Pomerol \$24.99 <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "...medium body, fine tannins and a delicate finish." | 2003 La Tour de Mons, Margaux\$19.99 |
| 1995 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99 | 2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol\$59.99 | 2003 La Parde de Haut Bailly\$23.99 |
| 1996 Batailley, Pauillac\$54.99 | 2002 Eglise-Clinet, Pomerol (1.5L)\$119.99 90-92 points Robert Parker. | 2003 Les Hauts de Pontet, Pauillac ..\$21.99 |
| 1996 Cos d'EstournelInquire | 2002 Haut Bailly, Pessac\$37.99 | 2003 Carmes Haut-Brion\$43.99 |
| 1996 Cos d'Estournel (5L)\$1099.00 | 2002 Lafleur, Pomerol\$189.00 93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> . | 2003 Louvie, St-Emilion\$21.99 |
| 1996 Cos d'Estournel (18L)\$3999.00 | 2002 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$46.99 | 2003 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien ..\$174.99 |
| 1996 Lanessan, Médoc\$19.99 Outstanding old school wine-plenty of flavor and structure. | 2002 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L)\$119.99 | 2003 Lynch Bages, Pauillac\$64.99 |
| 1996 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$89.99 Only a few cases of these two wines available. | 2002 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$159.99 | 2003 Malartic Lagravere Rouge\$29.99 |
| 1998 La Mondotte, St-Emilion\$199.00 94-98 points from Parker. | 2002 Pagodes de Cos\$25.99 | 2003 Malescot-Ste-Exupery, Margaux\$48.99 Fabulous wine. |
| 1998 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L)\$99.00 | 2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande ..\$24.99 Bright and deep with blackberry and cherry, hints of herb and mineral and plump merlot juiciness. | 2003 Manoir de Gravoux, Castillon ..\$10.95 |
| 1998 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien\$94.99 | 2003 Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux ..\$44.99 | 2003 Marquis de Calon, St-Estèphe ..\$19.99 |
| 1999 Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc\$19.99 | 2003 Angelus, St-Emilion\$144.99 | 2003 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac \$264.99 |
| 1999 Camensac, Médoc\$21.99 | 2003 Bellegrave, Pauillac\$29.99 | 2003 Nenin, Pomerol\$36.99 |
| 1999 Langoa-Barton (3L)\$249.00 | 2003 Callac Prestige, Graves\$14.99 | 2003 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$24.99 |
| 1999 Langoa-Barton (6L)\$449.00 | 2003 Canon-la Gaffeliere, St-Emilion\$49.99 | 2003 Palmer, Margaux\$119.99 |
| 1999 Malescot-Ste-Exupery\$58.99 | 2003 Clement-Pichon, Médoc\$15.99 | 2003 Pavie, St-Emilion\$179.99 |
| 1999 Pichon-Lalande (3L)\$499.00 | 2003 Clerc Milon, Pauillac\$49.99 | 2003 Pibran, Pauillac\$29.99 |
| 1999 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..\$49.99 A very spicy wine on the nose and palate. | 2003 Clos de l'Oratoire, St-Emilion ..\$34.99 89-91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "A sweet and delicious wine with blackberry and cherry aromas." | 2003 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac\$119.99 |
| 1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac (1.5L)\$129.99 | 2003 Clos Marsalette, Pessac\$18.99 | 2003 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac\$69.99 |
| 1999 Talbot, St-Julien\$29.99 | 2003 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe ..\$169.99 | 2003 Pontet-Canet (1.5L)\$149.99 |
| 2000 Cos d'Estournel (6L)\$1899.00 | 2003 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon\$28.99 | 2003 Potensac, Médoc\$22.99 |
| 2000 d'Aiguilhe, Castillon\$34.99 Super delicious wine-90 points Robert Parker. | 2003 de Francs "Les Cerisiers"\$16.99 | 2003 Poujeaux, Moulis\$27.99 |
| 2000 Feytit Clinet, Pomerol \$34.99 Great value with plenty of dark fruits, toasty oak. | 2003 de Sales, Pomerol\$24.99 | 2003 Puy Arnaud Maureze, Castillon\$13.99 |
| 2000 Fiefs Lagrange, St-Julien\$26.99 | 2003 Ducru Beaucaillou, St-Julien ..\$124.99 | 2003 Reignac, Bordeaux Superiore ..\$22.99 |
| 2000 Lafleur, Pomerol\$1299.00 | 2003 Fombrauge, St-Emilion\$31.99 | 2003 Senejac, Médoc\$16.99 |
| 2000 La Louviere, Pessac\$32.99 | 2003 Fonbadet, Pauillac\$23.99 91 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> . | 2003 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)\$59.99 |
| 2000 Montrose, St-Estèphe\$139.00 | 2003 Goulee, Médoc\$31.99 | 2003 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac\$49.99 |
| 2001 Croix de Beaucaillou\$24.99 | 2003 Gruaud-Larose, St Julien\$57.99 | 2004 d'Angludet, Margaux\$23.99 |
| 2001 Franc Perat, Bordeaux\$7.99 | 2003 Haut-Bailly, Pessac\$36.99 Very sweet aromas of violets and undertones of black licorice. Sweet palate entry-substantial. | 2004 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien (1.5L)\$56.99 |
| 2001 La Roche Amavinum\$18.99 | 2003 Haut-Bages-Liberal, Pauillac\$32.99 | 2004 Duhart-Milon, Pauillac\$27.99 |
| | 2003 Haut-Beausejour, St-Estèphe\$18.99 | 2004 Gigault "Cuvee Viva"\$15.99 |
| | 2003 Haut Brion, Pessac\$294.99 | 2004 Gruaud Larose, St-Julien (1.5L) \$74.99 |
| | 2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux\$10.99 | 2004 La Confession, St-Emilion\$24.99 |
| | 2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion\$39.99 | 2004 Lascombes, Margaux\$44.99 |
| | | 2005 Haut Sociando, Cotes de Blaye \$10.99 |
| | | <u>White/Rosé Bordeaux</u> |
| | | 2000 Château "Y" Yquem\$139.99 |
| | | 2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac\$26.99 |
| | | 2003 Haut Brion Blanc\$349.99 |
| | | 2004 Château "Y" Yquem\$89.99 |
| | | 2004 Lynch Bages Blanc, Bordeaux ..\$33.99 |
| | | 2005 Reynon Blanc, Dubourdieu\$11.99 |
| | | 2005 Rosé de Chevalier\$10.99 |
| | | 2005 Calon Segur Rosé\$12.99 |

DIRECT BUYS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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

Alsace/Loire Valley-France

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| 2005 Pinot Blanc, Charles Baur..... | \$11.99 |
| Cremant d'Alsace, Charles Baur-Delightful sparkler, refreshing! | \$14.99 |
| Cremant d'Alsace, J.P. Becker | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker..... | \$17.99 |
| 2004 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker | \$18.99 |
| 2004 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur | \$19.99 |
| 2005 Touraine Rosé Riage, Grange Tiphaine | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Muscadet, Château la Moriniere VV | \$11.99 |
| 2005 St Nicolas de Bourgueil Expression, Joel Talau | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Touraine Cot Vieilles Vignes, Grange Tiphaine | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Cour Ceverny "La Porte Doree," Tessier | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Sancerre Blanc, Franck Millet-Best ever | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Sancerre Rosé, Franck Millet | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet-Our biggest sellers! | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Sancerre, Domaine Cherrier..... | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Menetou Salon Morogues, La Tour St Martin | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Menetou Salon Rouge, La Tour St Martin | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Benedicte de Ryke Coteaux de Loire Blanc | \$14.99 |
| 2002 St Nicholas de Bourgueil "Cuvee de Domaine," Talau | \$14.99 |
| 2004 St Nicolas de Bourgueil VV, Joel Talau | \$16.99 |
| 2005 Sancerre Rosé, Gerard Boulay | \$16.99 |
| 2005 Sancerre Blanc, Gerard Boulay..... | \$18.99 |
| 2004/2005 Sancerre Clos du Beaujeu, Gerard Boulay | \$24.99 |
| 2002 Quincy, Silice de Quincy..... | \$24.99 |
| 1999 St Nicholas de Bourgueil "Cuvee de Domaine," Talau | \$26.99 |
| 2005 Sancerre Mont Damnes, Gerard Boulay..... | \$26.99 |

Bordeaux: White/Red/Stickers

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| 2005 Château St Jean des Graves Blanc, Pessac..... | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Château Reynon Blanc VV, Dubourdieu | \$11.99 |
| The St Jean is minerally with snappy acidity. The Reynon is full, rich, lingering. | |
| 2002 Clos Floridene, Pessac..... | \$17.99 |
| 2005 Rosé de Domaine de Chevalier, Bordeaux | \$10.99 |
| First time on the market! Very limited. | |
| 2005 Rosé de Calon Segur, Bordeaux | \$12.99 |
| One of the truly great values in Bordeaux Rosé. Delicious. | |
| 2005 Château Jouanin Prestige, Cotes de Castillon-Just arrived | \$11.99 |
| 2003 Château de Callac Cuvee Prestige, Graves | \$14.99 |
| 2003 Etoiles de Mondorion, St-Emilion | \$15.99 |
| Second wine of Mondorion-fruity and forward. Enjoy now. | |
| 2005 Château Roland La Garde, Cotes de Blaye-New | \$15.99 |
| 2003 Château de Francs "Cerisiers" | \$16.99 |
| Made by Hubert Bouard of Angléus fame. | |
| 2003 Château Saransot Dupre, Lustrac-Quite lush! | \$17.99 |
| 2003 Château Le Doyenne, Premier Cotes de Bordeaux | \$18.99 |
| 2001 Château La Mission de Lalande de Pomerol | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Château Serilhan, St-Estèphe-Ripe and rich! | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Château Leonie, Graves-Tons of upfront fruit. | \$21.99 |
| 2000 Grand Enclos de Château Cerons Blanc (375ml)..... | \$12.99 |
| Absolutely delicious stickie. | |
| 2001 Château Dudon, Sauternes-Serious stickie!..... | \$25.99 |

White Burgundy/Red Burgundy

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| 2004 Meursaults, "Cromin/Chevalières" Jean Monnier | Inquire |
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| 2004 Bourgogne Aligote, Domaine Jean Monnier | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Macon Solutre, Domaine Renaud..... | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud..... | \$11.99 |
| 2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay "Signature," Champy | \$15.99 |
| 2005 Pouilly Fuissé, "Chataignieres" Domaine Nembrets | \$19.99 |
| 2004 St-Romain Blanc, Champy | \$20.99 |
| 2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, "Les Folles," Domaine des Nembrets | \$21.99 |
| 2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy | \$21.99 |
| 2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dents de Chien" 1er Cru, Champy | \$29.99 |
| 2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dents de Chien" Maroslavac..... | \$29.99 |

Southern France

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| 2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Felines Jourdan | \$7.99 |
| 2004 Grenache-Syrah, Felines Jourdan | \$7.99 |
| 2004 Marselan, Domaine l'Attilon (Organic) | \$8.99 |
| Cremant de Limoux, Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531" | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Coteaux de Languedoc, Domaine Beau Thorey "Patus," | \$11.99 |
| 2005 St Chinian Blanc, Rimbart | \$11.99 |
| 2000 Chardonnay "Sainte Marie" Jean Denois-Super value! | \$14.99 |
| NV Tradition Brut Sparkling, Denois..... | \$14.99 |
| NV Cerdon de Bugey, Caveau de Mont St July | \$14.99 |
| 2003 Vin de Pays d'Oc, Denois "Chloe" | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Rouge | \$17.99 |
| 2004 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Blanc | \$19.99 |
| 2004 Palette Blanc, Château Simone | \$33.99 |
| 2005 Palette Rosé, Château Simone | \$33.99 |
| 2003 Palette Rouge, Château Simone | \$33.99 |

Rhône

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| 2004 Côtes du Rhône, Château Montfaucon-Superb! | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Côtes du Rhône, Cecile Chassagne..... | \$10.99 |
| On the palate, the wine is well rounded with mouth-filling fruit, a bit of spice and a good balance of acidity and fruit. It finishes with delicate, sweet tannins. | |
| 2004 Côtes du Rhône VV, Comte Louis Clermont | \$10.99 |
| 89 points from Robert Parker. | |
| 2004 Côtes du Rhône "Roaix," Dom Auzieres | \$10.99 |
| Clairette de Die Cave Carod | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Beaume-de-Venise, Ferme st Martin "Terres" | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Lirac, Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique" | \$12.99 |
| 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Domaine Soumade-Fine value! | \$13.99 |
| 2003 Côtes du Rhône Villages-Rasteau Domaine Girasols | \$15.99 |
| 2003 Côtes du Rhône VV, Domaine des Girasols | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Beaume-de-Venise, Ferme st Martin "Cuvee St Mar" | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Lirac, Alain Jaume "Clos de Sixte" | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Rasteau Prestige, Doamine Soumade..... | \$17.99 |
| 2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Cecile Chassagne (K&L Cuvee) | \$19.99 |
| 2005 Gigondas "Tradition" Moulin de Gardette..... | \$19.99 |
| 2005 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Marcoux | \$22.99 |
| 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Vaudieu | \$26.99 |
| 2004 Côtes du Rhône "Les Violettes," Domaine Soumade | \$29.99 |
| Stunning wine-crushed raspberries! 90 points Parker! | |
| 2004 Côte Rôtie, Joel Champet "La Villiere" | \$34.99 |
| 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Ch Vaudieu "Val de Dieu"..... | \$49.99 |
| 2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux | \$49.99 |
| 90-93 points Robert Parker. | |

Champagne

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| de Meric Sous Bois Brut-Rich style | \$27.99 |
| Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve..... | \$27.99 |

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| Michel Arnould Grand Reserve Brut | \$29.99 |
| Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé Reserve | \$29.99 |
| Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blanc | \$29.99 |
| Fleury Carte Rouge | \$29.99 |
| Fleury Brut Rosé | \$34.99 |
| de Meric Blanc de Blanc Sous Bois Brut | \$34.99 |
| Rene Collard Cuvée Ultime Ultra Brut | \$39.99 |
| 1990 Rene Collard Reserve..... | \$49.99 |

Spain

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| 2004 Biurko Rioja Tempranillo | \$8.99 |
| 2003 Biurko Rioja Graciano | \$9.99 |
| 2003 Biurko Los Valles Crianza Rioja..... | \$11.99 |
| 2004 Biurko Rioja Reserva Old Vines Garnacha | \$19.99 |

These great values have just arrived-see Anne's column for tasting notes

Australia

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| 2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Craneford Private Selection Chardonnay | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Richmond Grove "Black Cat" Shiraz | \$9.99 |

Three great tasting, easy-to-drink, everyday drinkers.

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| 2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz..... | \$15.99 |
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Made by Phil Christianson of Longwood. Rich, round, fruit driven.

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| 2004 Hewitson Private Cellar Mourvedre/Shiraz | \$29.99 |
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Their most famous wine made for us in a special cuvee.

Italy: Tuscany

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| 2004 Poggiopiano Chianti Classico..... | \$13.99 |
| 2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico | \$17.99 |
| 2001 Casisano Columbaio Rosso di Montalcino | \$16.99 |
| 2004 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino | \$17.99 |
| 2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino | \$19.99 |
| 2001 Poggiarellino Brunello di Montalcino | \$29.99 |
| 2001 Baricci "Colombaio di Montesoli" Brunello | \$34.99 |
| 2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino | \$39.99 |
| 2001 Lisini Brunello di Montalcino | \$39.99 |
| 2004 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT | \$44.99 |

Other Regions

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| 2004 Luccheti Lacrima..... | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo..... | \$16.99 |
| 2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo | \$29.99 |
| 2003 Aldo Conterno Barbara d'Alba "Conca tre Pile" | \$29.99 |
| 2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L) | \$159.99 |
| 2004 Blason Cabernet Franc or Pinot Grigio | \$8.99 |
| 2005 Blason Tocai Fritulino | \$8.99 |
| 2005 Blason Chardonnay "Bruma" or Sauvignon | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Ermacora wines-All new wines! All delicious! | Inquire |
| Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasperossa di Castelvetro-Three types | \$8.99 |
| Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasperossa di Castelvetro Robusco | \$10.99 |
| Follador Cartizze | \$19.99 |
| Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut or Extra Dry..... | \$10.99 |

Tasting Bar Schedule for March, 2007

All tastings are from Noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Redwood City and Hollywood. For further information about other special monthly tastings and dinners, please see our website at www.klwines.com and click on the "local events" bar. Tasting prices TBA.

Tastings Continued...

Saturday, March 3: *Bordeaux in San Francisco, Hollywood and Redwood City.* All three stores will host a Bordeaux tasting with picks from Clyde Beffa, Ralph Sands, Steve Bearden, Chip Hammack and Bryan Brick. Since we are having a Ch. Palmer dinner on the March 6 in Hollywood, we will have a couple of wines from this great estate in addition to 2003s and 2004s from fine Bordeaux properties. One white, eight red and one Sauternes to be poured.

Saturday, March 10: *Wines of Germany and Austria in Redwood City and San Francisco. Domestic Cabernets in Hollywood.* Jeff Vierra and Eric Story will pour the latest and greatest from Germany and Austria, while new California Cabernets are featured in Hollywood.

Saturday, March 17: *Italian Wines in Hollywood, Redwood City, and San Francisco.* Greg St-Clair, Mike Parres and Kirk Walker will host a tasting of newly released Italian wines in all three stores in honor of St Patrick, of course.

Saturday, March 24: *French Regional/Rhone Wines in San Francisco, Redwood City and Hollywood.* Mulan Chan, Nadia Dmytriw and Chip Hammack update us on their favorite reds and whites from regions in the South of France. Fantastic wines that are great for drinking now or cellaring for future enjoyment.

Saturday, March 31: *French Burgundy in San Francisco and Redwood City. Spanish Wine in Hollywood.* Keith Wollenberg has just returned from Burgundy and he will lead Redwood City tasting, while Kirk Walker runs the San Francisco tasting. In Hollywood, the ever popular Spanish wines will be poured for your enjoyment.

—Scott Beckerley, Jeff Garneau, Kerri Conlon

SAUTERNES IN STOCK

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| Ch. d'Yquem Vertical sets (12 bottles) | \$4999.00 |
| Fabulous wooden box with vintages 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, and 2000! Only 4 left. | |
| 1976 Doisy Vedrines | \$59.99 |
| 1989 Rieussec | \$77.99 |
| 2000 Grand Enclos de Cerons Blanc (375ml) | \$12.99 |
| Super delicious bargain. Creamy, rich, perfectly balanced. | |
| 2001 Bastor LaMontagne..... | \$31.99 |
| 2001 Liot, Barsac | \$29.99 |
| 2001 Dudon-Delicious stickie-great value! | \$25.99 |
| 2002 de Fargues (375ml \$34.99) | \$69.99 |
| 92-94 points Robert Parker (04/05) Five Stars from <i>Decanter</i> magazine: "Tight and youthful and biding its time, this has a nose of citrus and mandarins, while the wine is concentrated, full bodied, with ripe citrus tones and fine acidity..." | |
| 2002 Rieussec-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$54.99 |
| 2002 Rieussec (375ml)-92-94 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> | \$33.99 |
| 2002 Yquem (375ml \$109.99, 1.5L \$399.99) | \$209.99 |
| A beautiful wine, all purity and finesse, very long with incredible balance. 96 points and a Collectibles designation from the <i>Wine Spectator</i> . | |
| 2003 Doisy Vedrines (375ml \$17.99)..... | \$34.99 |
| 89-92 points Robert Parker. Barrel sample according to Clyde Beffa, K&L's Bordeaux Buyer: "Coconut and honey aromas. Has some lemony undertones on the palate. Very rich and concentrated. Oily." | |
| 2003 La Clotte-Cazalis (375ml) | \$17.99 |
| 2003 Lafaurie Peyraguey (375ml) | \$31.99 |
| Number six on <i>Spectator's</i> Top 100 list for 2006. Very limited availability. | |

RHÔNE VALLEY

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| 2005 Côtes du Rhône Blanc La Bastide Saint Dominique | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Côtes du Rhône Ch de Segries “Clos de l’Hermitage” | \$18.99 |
| 2005 Côtes du Rhône Domaine de Marcoux (Organic) | \$22.99 |
| 2003 Côtes du Rhône Vill. Rasteau La Soumade “Prestige” | \$17.99 |
| 2004 C du Rhône Vill. Rasteau La Soumade “Les Violettes” | \$29.99 |
| 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château Vaudieu | \$26.99 |
| 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château Vaudieu “Val de Dieu” | \$49.99 |
| 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos du Mont Olivet “Cuvee des Papet” | \$49.99 |
| 2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquets des Pape Tradition | \$32.99 |
| 2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château Fortia Cuvée Baron | \$32.99 |
| 2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos du Mont Olivet | \$21.99 |
| 2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine de Marcoux | \$49.99 |
| 2004 Lirac Alain Jaume “Clos de Sixte” | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur “Angelique” | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Lirac Domaine La Lorentine (Marcoux) | \$18.99 |
| 2005 Vacqueyras Domaine Montvac | \$15.99 |
| 2004 Beauges de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin “Cuvée Saint Martin” | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Beauges de Venise Domaine de la Ferme Saint Martin “Terres Jaunes” | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Crozes Hermitage du Colombier “Cuvee Gaby” | \$24.99 |
| 2004 Hermitage Yann Chave | \$54.99 |
| 2003 Cornas Robert Michel “Cuvée des Coteaux” | \$44.99 |
| 2003 Côte Rôtie Bernard Levet “La Chavaroche” | \$59.99 |
| 2004 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet “La Vialliere” | \$34.99 |
| 2004 Cornas Vincent Paris “Granit 60” | \$34.99 |

Validation!

By now most everyone has heard about the monumental 2005 vintage in France. Thanks to global warming, gone are the days where many winemakers have to worry about adequate sugar levels. Due to steadily climbing global temperatures, it seems like we will undoubtedly be in for at least several more “vintages of the century,” perhaps before we even get out of this first decade. I am already missing the old days: vintages of purity, grace and elegance endowed with the requisite tannic structure and acidity to go the long haul. In the southern Rhone these are vintages like 2001 and 2004, where fruit took a backseat to typicity and sense of place. Don’t get me wrong, the 2005s are hysterically delicious, but along with this glamour and fun, it is becoming increasingly difficult to assign them a distinct personality. Below are two CNPs from 2004. If you are into points, these two have got em in spades. If you are into memorable wines with flesh, cut and chisel then I would definitely get on these 2004s. Three, five or ten years from now, upon rediscovering them in your cellar, you will certainly feel smart, cultured and very validated!

2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Mas de Boislaizon “Cuvée du Quet” (\$49.99) 92 points *Wine Spectator*: “Very lush, modern style. This almost oozes raspberry ganache and fig paste flavors, with lots of bass thanks to bold, toasty cocoa and mocha notes that dominate for now. But there’s a fine minerality buried beneath it all, so cellar. Best from 2007 through 2024. 300 cases imported.” (11/06)

2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Domaine Beurenard “Cuvée Boisrenard” (\$49.99) 90-93 points Robert Parker: “Dense ruby/purple to the rim, with a big, sweet nose of black cherries, smoke, white chocolate, and some toasty pain grille notes in the background, the wine is layered, full-bodied, impressively endowed, and ideal for drinking early on or aged for 12-15 years.” (02/06) —Mulan Chan

S. AFRICA/NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

South Africa

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| 2005 Stormhoek Pinotage or Sauvignon Blanc..... | \$8.99 |
| 2004 Porcupine Ridge Syrah | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Buitenverwachting “Beyond” Sauvignon Blanc..... | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Glen Carlou Chardonnay | \$10.99 |
| 2003 Black Pearl “Oro” Shiraz-Cabernet, Paarl..... | \$16.99 |
| 2005 Rustenberg Chardonnay Stellenbosch | \$17.99 |
| 2006 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch | \$18.99 |
| 2003 Fairview “Caldera” | \$22.99 |
| 2005 Anwilka, Constantia Stellenbosch | \$35.99 |

Robert Parker: “...the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa...”

New Zealand

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| 2006 Spinyback Sauvignon Blanc Nelson | \$8.99 |
| 2006 Lawson’s Dry Hills Riesling Marlborough | \$11.99 |
| 2006 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough | \$12.99 |
| 2006 Huia Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Sacred Hill Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough | \$15.99 |
| 2005 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough | \$16.99 |
| 2006 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough..... | \$21.99 |

Australia

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| 2004 Richmond Grove “Black Cat” Shiraz | \$8.99 |
| 2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Water Wheel Shiraz, Benigo | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Three Rings Barossa Valley Shiraz | \$15.99 |
| 2005 The Black Chook Shiraz-Viognier | \$15.99 |
| 2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz..... | \$15.99 |
| 2005 Grant Burge Eden Valley Pinot Gris Reserve..... | \$16.99 |
| 2005 Torbreck “Woodcutters” Shiraz, Barossa | \$17.99 |
| 2005 Schlid Estate Shiraz, Barossa | \$23.99 |
| 2005 Hewitson “Private Cellar” Shiraz-Mourvèdre | \$29.99 |
| 2005 Mitolo GAM Shiraz, McLaren Vale | \$39.99 |

Jim C’s View Down Under

The **2005 Hewitson “Ned & Henry’s” Shiraz Barossa Valley South Australia (\$17.99)**, 92 points Robert Parker, has bright precise flavors of blackberry, meats, dark chocolate and a hint of earth. The balance is superb with fine tannins and a persistent finish. The **2005 Hewitson “Old Garden” Mourvèdre Barossa Valley South Australia (\$34.99)**, 90 points Parker, is from a vineyard planted in 1853. These are some of the oldest vines of this variety on the planet! While matured in new French barriques, the wine is not “oaky.” Structure and spice frame the blueberry, spice cake, plum, truffles and dried orange peel.

The **2005 Schild Estate Shiraz Barossa Valley South Australia (\$23.99)** got 96 points from the *Wine Spectator* last year. The fruit comes from their Angus Brae vineyard, which is in the cooler south end of the valley. The long cool vintage of 2005 gives this wine fresh blackberry, black cherry, red licorice, cassis and bittersweet chocolate aromatics that jump from the glass. On the palate, there is good richness with a silky texture, a kiss of vanilla and fine balance and length.

The **2006 Lawson’s Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand (\$11.99)** is sourced from seven different sites with changes in climate and soil types. In this vintage, 7% of the wine went through barrel fermentation to lend middle palate weight to the bright zesty flavors of lime, passion fruit, grapefruit and grassy notes. This refreshing wine is a perfect starter to perk up the palate or accompany any fish or spicy dish. Cheers! —Jimmy C

OLD & RARE DOMESTIC WINES

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| 1977 Beaulieu PR Napa | \$99.00 | 1986 Diamond Creek Red Roc (9L) | \$1,599.00 | 1992 Bryant Family Napa | \$450.00 |
| 1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve Napa (3L) | \$549.95 | 1986 Livingston "Moffet" Napa | \$59.95 | 1992 Opus One Napa Valley (1.5L) | \$499.00 |
| 1978 Robert Mondavi Reserve Napa (6L) | \$999.00 | 1987 Beaulieu PR Napa | \$89.95 | 1992 Silver Oak Alexander Valley (6L) | \$1,199.00 |
| 1979 Beringer State Lane (9L) | \$1,399.00 | 1987 Beaulieu PR Napa (6L) | \$899.00 | 1993 Beringer PR Napa | \$99.00 |
| 1980 Beringer Reserve Lemmon-Chabot | \$125.00 | 1987 Silver Oak Alexander Valley (3L) | \$599.00 | 1993 Opus One Napa Red (1.5L) ... | \$469.00 |
| 1984 Beaulieu PR Napa | \$89.95 | 1988 Caymus "Special Selection" (3L) | \$799.00 | 1993 Silver Oak Alexander Valley | \$109.00 |
| 1984 Robert Mondavi Reserve | \$119.95 | 1988 Montelena Napa | \$89.00 | 1993 Silver Oak Napa Valley (6L) .. | \$899.00 |
| 1985 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill | \$169.95 | 1990 Beaulieu PR Napa | \$74.99 | 1993 Silver Oak Napa Valley | \$149.99 |
| 1985 Dunn Howell Mountain (5L) | \$1,299.00 | 1990 Beaulieu PR Napa (6L) | \$699.00 | 1995 Beringer PR Napa | \$99.00 |
| 1985 Sterling Napa | \$29.95 | 1990 Diamond Creek Lake (1.5L) .. | \$799.95 | 1995 Caymus "Special Selection" (3L) | \$799.00 |
| 1986 Beaulieu PR Napa (1.5L) | \$199.95 | 1990 Sterling Reserve (3L) | \$349.95 | 1995 Dalla Valle Maya Napa | \$475.00 |
| 1986 Beringer PR Napa | \$129.95 | 1991 Beaulieu PR Napa (6L) | \$799.00 | 1995 Silverado Limited Reserve | \$125.00 |
| 1986 Diamond Creek Volcanic Hill | \$129.00 | 1991 Diamond Creek Lake (5L) .. | \$5,000.00 | 1996 Montelena Estate (1.5L) | \$299.00 |
| | | 1991 Sterling "Diamond Mountain Ranch" (6L) | \$399.00 | 1996 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello | \$129.00 |
| | | 1992 Beaulieu PR Napa (6L) | \$799.00 | 1996 Silver Oak Alexander Valley | \$119.00 |
| | | | | 1996 Silver Oak Napa Valley | \$149.99 |
| | | | | 1996 Sterling "Diamond Mountain Ranch" (6L) | \$299.95 |
| | | | | 1997 Caymus "Special Selection" (1.5L) | \$499.00 |
| | | | | 1997 Opus One Napa Valley (1.5L) | \$450.00 |
| | | | | 1997 Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello | \$119.00 |
| | | | | 1997 Swanson Napa Valley | \$69.95 |

Château La Canorgue

I suspect that the Cotes du Luberon has been a memorable pit stop for many travelers who've ever visited Provence. Located one hour south of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Cotes du Luberon is for purposes of vinous administration linked to the Rhone. However, culturally it is 100% Provence. Along with breathtaking scenery and quaint little towns, the Cotes du Luberon is also home to Château La Canorgue. This beautiful property's 30 hectares of isolated vineyards are completely organic, and winemaking proceeds with minimal oak or human intervention. The resulting wines are pure, delicious and completely unpretentious.

2005 Côtes du Lubéron Blanc Château La Canorgue (Biodynamic) (\$13.99) This exuberant and vibrant white exhibits beautiful nuances of white peach, Meyer lemon and creamy pear. Juicy, forward fruit coupled with plenty of balancing acid make this Provencal white clean and polished. It will excel as a fine everyday sipper, or will pair very appropriately with a variety of Mediterranean-based entrees.

2004 Cotes du Lubéron Rouge Château La Canorgue (Biodynamic) (\$13.99) A blend of 30% grenache and 70% syrah, this unfiltered beauty sings of Provence. The nose is full of pepper, anise, leather and dark berries with just a hint of the wild herbs (thyme, rosemary and savory) that grow abundantly around the vineyards. Try this Provencal red with pastas, grilled lamb, hearty stews and just about anything else that screams for a big, bold red wine that has plenty of finesse. —*Mulan Chan*

The "Ruffes" Guide

The Coteaux du Languedoc is a large and diverse region. Scattered between sea and mountain, low lying plains and vertigo inducing gorges, the natural and cultural landscape of the Languedoc is ever changing, and the wines are every bit as unique. Both are an invitation to discovery.

Situated 50km northwest of Montpellier, Domaine de la Sauvageonne lies within the AOC Coteaux du Languedoc "Terrasses du Larzac." The domaine's vines cover 32 hectares on a band of schist at an altitude ranging from 150 to 400m. A variety of well-exposed sites and the prevailing north-westerly winds ensure that the vines reach perfect maturity with little risk of disease. The team works the land and vines as much as possible by hand, with hand harvests and meticulous shoot and grape selection. They also avoid chemical herbicides and treatments. The **2005 Domaine de la Sauvageonne Coteaux du Languedoc "Les Ruffes" (\$10.99)** is a blend of 40% grenache, 30% carignane, 20% syrah and 10% cinsault. This spicy little quaffer has plenty of bite, but no sharpness. "Les Ruffes" does not see wood but instead spends six months in tank and is undeniably fruit-forward. It's warm with cherry and red fruit and displays soft, round tannins. Bold, rich and brimming with pepper, it would do any barbecue justice and offers a lot of bang for the buck. —*Nadia Dmytriw*

PORT 1958-2004

A big shipment of vintage Port is due in March-check our website. Vintages from 1955 to 1985 will arrive from the U.K.

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| Ramos White Port | \$11.99 |
| 1958 Krohn Colheita | \$99.99 |
| 1960 Krohn Colheita | \$89.99 |
| 1963 Warre | \$249.00 |
| 1966 Krohn Colheita | \$79.99 |
| 1974 Quinta do Noval Colheita | \$84.99 |
| 1977 Warre | \$99.99 |
| 1978 Krohn Colheita | \$46.99 |
| 1985 Dow | \$89.99 |
| 1994 Krohn Colheita | \$21.99 |
| 1997 Fonseca..... | \$59.00 |
| 1997 Ramos Pinto..... | \$32.99 |
| 1998 Ramos Pinto LBV | \$16.99 |
| 2001 Krohn LBV | \$13.99 |
| 2003 Croft | \$66.99 |
| 2003 Dow | \$74.99 |
| 2003 Dow (1.5L) | \$129.99 |
| 2003 Fonseca..... | \$89.99 |
| 2003 Graham | \$82.99 |
| 2003 Quinta do Noval | \$79.99 |
| 2004 Quinta do Vesuvio | \$46.99 |
| Ramos Pinot Collector Port..... | \$13.99 |
| Taylor 20-year-old Tawny..... | \$39.99 |
| Quinta do Noval 40-year-old | \$99.99 |
| Fonseca 10-year-old Tawny | \$22.99 |
| Graham 10-year-old Tawny | \$24.99 |

CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS

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| 2001 Beringer "Steinhaus" | \$69.99 |
| 2002 Amici, Napa | \$39.99 |
| 2002 Arrowood, Sonoma | \$34.99 |
| 2002 Burgess, Napa | \$29.99 |
| 2002 Coniglio Spring Mnt | \$44.99 |
| 2002 Cooper Garrod Cab Franc..... | \$21.99 |
| 2002 Corison, Napa | \$59.99 |
| 2002 Cornerstone, Napa..... | \$49.99 |
| 2002 Franciscan "Magnificat" | \$36.99 |
| 2002 Guilliams, Spring Mnt..... | \$39.99 |
| 2002 Heitz, Napa | \$34.99 |
| 2002 Kunde, Sonoma | \$15.99 |
| 2002 Laurel Glen, Sonoma | \$44.99 |
| 2002 Schweiger, Spring Mnt..... | \$41.99 |
| 2002 Sequoia Grove Reserve | \$49.99 |
| 2002 Silver Oak, Napa | \$99.99 |
| 2002 Smith Madrone, Napa | \$34.99 |
| 2002 Spring Mountain "Elivette" | \$69.98 |
| 2002 Spring Mountain Vineyards | \$39.99 |
| 2002 Stella Maris Red, Walla Walla .. | \$29.99 |
| 2002 Trefethen, Napa | \$34.99 |
| 2002 Vine Cliff, Oakville | \$39.99 |
| 2003 Aia, Oakville | \$22.99 |
| 2003 Baron Herzog (Kosher) | \$12.99 |
| 2003 BV "Georges de Latour" | \$69.98 |
| 2003 BV "Tapestry" | \$36.98 |
| 2003 Cain Concept, Napa..... | \$49.99 |
| 2003 Ch. Montelena, Napa | \$32.98 |
| 2003 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Dynamite, North Coast | \$11.99 |
| 2003 Echelon, California | \$8.99 |
| 2003 Estancia Paso "Meritage"..... | \$21.99 |
| 2003 Etude, Napa | \$79.99 |
| 2003 Far Niente, Oakville | \$89.99 |
| 2003 Forth, Dry Creek | \$18.99 |
| Bright, bountiful berries and cherries, toasty oak, and supple tannins combine to create a delightfully accessible Cabernet! | |
| 2003 Franciscan, Oakville | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Frank Family Reserve, Napa | \$64.99 |
| 2003 Groth, Napa | \$39.98 |
| 2003 Hess Estate, Napa..... | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Hyde de Villaine "HdV" Red | \$54.99 |
| 2003 Jordan, Alexander Vly | \$44.99 |
| 2003 Joseph Phelps "Insignia" | \$114.99 |
| 2003 Kalinda, Alexander Vly | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Larkmead "Firebelle," Napa | \$36.98 |
| 2003 Lewelling, Napa | \$44.99 |
| 2003 Mount Eden Estate SC | \$34.99 |
| 2003 Mount Veeder, Napa | \$29.99 |
| 2003 Opus One | Inquire |
| 2003 Pine Ridge, Oakville | \$59.98 |
| 2003 Purisima Canyon, Alex Vly | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Quintessa, Rutherford | \$99.98 |
| 2003 Raymond Reserve, Napa | \$24.99 |
| 2003 Robert Mondavi Reserve | \$99.98 |
| 2003 Rombauer, Napa | \$29.99 |

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| 2003 Sequoia Grove, Napa | \$27.99 |
| 2003 Terra Valentine, Napa | \$27.99 |
| Shows traces of freshly roasted coffee interlaced with spices such as clove and nutmeg carry this wine to its finish. This mountain fruit shows elegance and restraint on the palate with evolved tannins throughout. | |
| 2003 Veraison, Napa..... | \$49.99 |
| 2003 Veraison "Synchrony" | \$64.99 |
| 2003 Verite | Inquire |
| 2004 Alexander Valley Vineyards | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Avalon, Napa | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Beringer Founders' | \$7.98 |
| 2004 Beringer Knights Vly..... | \$16.98 |
| 2004 Bogle, California | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Caymus, Napa | \$64.99 |
| 2004 Caymus Special Select | \$129.00 |
| 2004 Chappellet "Signature" | \$39.98 |
| 2004 Chimney Rock, Stag's Leap | \$44.98 |
| 2004 Cliff Lede Claret | \$29.99 |
| 2004 Darioush, Napa | \$59.99 |
| 2004 Decoy, Napa | \$25.99 |
| 2004 Donati Family Claret..... | \$17.99 |
| 2004 Edge, Napa | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa | \$29.99 |
| 2004 Francis Coppola "Claret" | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Hawk Crest, California | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Hess Select, California..... | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Honig, Napa..... | \$29.99 |
| 2004 House Wine, Washington | \$9.99 |
| 2004 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks" | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Joseph Phelps, Napa..... | \$44.98 |
| 2004 Justin, Paso Robles..... | \$21.99 |
| 2004 Kapcsandy "State Lane" | \$99.99 |

95 points Robert Parker: "Its dense ruby/purple color is accompanied by lovely, evolved aromas of blueberries, black currants, white chocolate, licorice, and pain grille." (12/06)

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| 2004 Larkmead, Napa..... | \$44.98 |
| 2004 Moon Mountain, Sonoma | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Ramey Claret | \$29.98 |
| 2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa | \$19.98 |
| 2004 Screw Kappa, Napa | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Spring Valley "Uriah" | \$44.99 |
| 2004 Stag's Leap Cellers "Artemis".... | \$39.98 |
| 2004 Tamber Bay "Two Rivers" | \$26.99 |
| 2004 Turnbull, Napa..... | \$36.98 |
| 2004 Twenty Bench, Napa | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa | \$8.99 |
| 2004 Von Strasser "Diam Dist Ser" .. | \$49.99 |
| 2004 Wild Horse, Paso Robles | \$15.99 |
| 2004 ZD, Napa | \$39.98 |
| 2005 Esser, California..... | \$7.99 |
| 2005 McManis, California | \$8.99 |
| 2005 Owen Roe Sharecroppers | \$19.99 |
| Most of the fruit for this wine comes from Dr. Steve Elerding's Six Prong Vineyard in Alderdale, Washington. The wine is plush and forward with fresh berry notes. Ager, too. | |
| 2005 Stephen Vincent California | \$8.99 |

CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!

2004 Seventy Five "Amber Knolls"....\$18.99

90 points Robert Parker: "An excellent value in Cabernet Sauvignon from the Beckstoffer family. A dark ruby/purple color is accompanied by a classic nose of sweet black cherries and cassis, pleasant spice and smoke characteristics, medium to full body, and silky tannin." (12/06)

Trey's Picks!

Last month was Chardonnay, so this month I thought I would write up a few of my favorite big reds.

2004 Ridge Vineyards "Geyserville" Zinfandel (\$29.99)

Old carignane blocks were included in this rustic red, as well as a limited amount of petite sirah. This wine is bright, spicy and fresh.

2003 Amici "Old Vine - Panek Vineyard" Napa Zinfandel (\$26.99)

Panek Vineyard's dry-farmed vines produce less than two tons of fruit per acre, which is why the finished wine is so thick and rich. This big, rich, full-throttle Zin is centered around its core of intense fruit, which lingers on the palate for over a minute. This Zin can handle any meats or wild game that the BBQ has to offer!

2005 Orin Swift Cellars "The Prisoner" Napa Red Blend (\$31.99)

A blend of 48% zinfandel, 26% cabernet sauvignon, 14% syrah, 10% petite sirah and 2% charbono, the Prisoner has made quite a name for itself and has developed a cult-like following. This wine is in your face without being heavy and over extracted.

2003 Jordan Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$44.99)

This new release of Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon is a tad different than the '02. Still typical in its flavors and fruit, the wine is a bit more structured and tannic than the 2002. Jordan Cabernet fans will still not be disappointed. This young Cabernet will be at its best with a bit a cellar time.

—Trey Beffa

CHARDONNAY

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| 2003 Chalk Hill, Sonoma | \$29.99 | 2004 Sanford, Santa Barbara | \$13.99 | 2005 Heron, California | \$7.99 |
| 2003 James Henry "Woolsey Road" .. | \$39.99 | 2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards..... | \$34.99 | 2005 Hess, Monterey | \$8.99 |
| 2003 Talbott "Cuvee Cynthia" | \$39.99 | 2004 Tolosa, Edna Valley | \$15.99 | 2005 Hess "Su'skol" | \$19.98 |
| 2003 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow" | \$31.99 | 2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll | \$21.99 | 2005 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco..... | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Beron Herzog (Kosher) | \$12.99 | 2004 Trincherro, California..... | \$6.99 | 2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406," Napa | \$15.99 |
| 2004 Beringer "Sbragia" | \$39.98 | 2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa | \$7.99 | 2005 Kali Hart, Monterey..... | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Beringer, Napa | \$9.98 | 2004 Walter Hansel "Cahill Lane" | \$29.99 | 2005 Kalinda, Anderson Valley | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Bernardus, Monterey | \$14.99 | 2005 A by Acacia, California | \$9.99 | 2005 Keller "Oro de Plata" | \$18.99 |
| 2004 Cakebread Reserve, Napa | \$49.99 | 2005 Acacia, Carneros | \$15.99 | 2005 Kendall Jackson Grand Res | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Cambria "Katherine's"..... | \$12.98 | 2005 Babcock, Santa Rita Hills | \$16.99 | 90 points Robert Parker: "This is unquestionably one of the world's finest Chardonnay bargains!" | |
| 2004 Carmel Road, Monterey | \$11.99 | 2005 Beringer Founders' | \$7.99 | 2005 Kendall Jackson Vint Res..... | \$9.98 |
| 2004 Chalone Estate | \$19.99 | 2005 Beringer Private Reserve | \$29.98 | 2005 La Crema, Sonoma | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Cuvaision, Carneros | \$14.99 | 93 points Robert Parker: "A big offering, the full-bodied 2005 Chardonnay Private Reserve reveals notions of hazelnuts intermixed with honeyed pineapple, poached pears, and toasty oak." | | 2005 Lewis, Sonoma | \$39.99 |
| 2004 Echelon, California | \$7.99 | 2005 Bogle, California | \$7.99 | 2005 Lioco "Stuhlmuller Vine" | \$19.99 |
| 2004 El Molino, Napa | \$45.99 | 2005 Cakebread, Napa | \$34.99 | 2005 Logan "Sleepy Hollow" | \$11.99 |
| 2004 Ferrari Carano, Alexand Vly | \$23.99 | 2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Ca..... | \$8.99 | 2005 MacRostie, Carneros | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Foley "Rancho Santa Rosa" | \$23.99 | 2005 Chalone, Monterey | \$9.99 | 2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma | \$19.99 |
| 2004 Franciscan "Cuvee Sauvage" | \$29.99 | 2005 Chappellet, Napa | \$26.99 | 2005 McManis, California | \$7.99 |
| 2004 Gary Farrell "Cresta Ridge" | \$36.99 | 2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma | \$10.99 | 2005 Melville, Santa Rita | \$21.99 |
| 2004 Handley, Dry Creek | \$17.99 | 2005 Cinnabar, Monterey..... | \$15.99 | 2005 Mer Soleil "Silver" | \$37.99 |
| 2004 Hanzell, Sonoma | \$59.99 | 2005 Edna Valley Vineyards..... | \$9.98 | 2005 Merryvale "Starmont" | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Hyde de Villaine, Carneros | \$49.99 | 2005 Far Niente, Napa | \$41.99 | 2005 Miner Family, Napa | \$27.99 |
| Barrel aged for 11 months on lees with 25% new French oak, the 2004 HdV Chardonnay will be a special wine to cellar. This wine was bottled without fining and filtration. The result is a dense, well balanced and complex wine. | | 2005 Four Vines "Naked" | \$10.99 | 2005 Morgan "Highland" S.L.H. | \$19.99 |
| 2004 Landmark "Overlook" | \$21.99 | 2005 Foxglove, Edna Valley | \$10.99 | 2005 Napa Cellars, Napa | \$15.99 |
| 2004 Marimar Estate "Don Miguel" .. | \$19.99 | 90 points Robert Parker: "It is a combination of estate grown fruit blended with Edna Valley grapes. About 15% is barrel fermented in old oak." | | 2005 Neyers Carn & Napa | \$24.98 |
| 2004 Mer Soleil, Central Coast | \$34.99 | 2005 Francis Coppola "Diamond" | \$11.99 | 2005 Nickel & Nickel "Searby" | \$34.99 |
| 2004 Mount Eden "Wolff" | \$14.99 | 2005 Frank Family, Napa | \$28.99 | 2005 Nickel & Nickel "Truchard" | \$34.99 |
| 2004 Newton "Unfiltered" | \$39.98 | 2005 Groth, Napa | \$22.98 | 2005 Patz & Hall "Durrell" | \$39.99 |
| 2004 Ojai Vineyards "Clos Pepe" | \$36.99 | 2005 Heitz, Napa | \$14.99 | 2005 Patz & Hall, Napa..... | \$31.99 |
| 2004 Olivet Lane, Russian River | \$19.99 | | | This is a blend of several superior Napa Valley vineyards showing the classic proportions of the appellation, which continues the 17-year tradition of this blend with bright, complex fruits (pear, peach, melon) tempered with layers of spicy, yeasty brioche and toasted hazelnuts. | |
| 2004 Point Concepcion "Caponera" .. | \$14.99 | | | 2005 Silverado, Napa | \$14.98 |

Pure Wine: On the Way to Angers

I write this on the eve of a trip to Champagne and the Loire Valley. Here in California it's easy to take for granted the opportunity to visit wineries and see vineyards. But the value of first-hand contact can't be understated. The history of France has left the country pock-marked with contradictions, and vigneron straddle the pull of history and the realities of the modern age. At Domaine J.B. Michel in Champagne, the vineyards are farmed using the philosophy of Biodynamics, a way of thinking that ironically harkens back to times before the Great War. From vineyards a couple miles from the Western Front on the Marne River, comes the **Bruno Michel Blanche Brut (\$29.99)**. The land speaks to us through the vines, and these fields tell the story of the tumultuous beginning of the modern age, thanks to the "alchemy" of Biodynamic farming. There's a similar contradiction outside the city of Nantes, occupied by Germany in 1940 and liberated by the U.S. in 1944. Today Nantes is a French tech center; the encroaching sprawl of the city threatens the outlying vineyards of Muscadet, where growers are being paid to rip out their vines in order to make room for new subdivisions. Muscadet is viewed as a simple wine appropriate for oysters and little else, but the **2005 Domaine de la Pépière "Vieilles Vignes" Clos des Briords (\$12.99)** flies in the face of that thinking. It's the product of naturally farmed fruit from old vines grown on granite-based soil. The wine is lively and full of intense mineral flavors. One wonders if the encroaching city is really "progress" or a threat to something pure and unique. Both of these wines give us the opportunity to experience the complex blend of the past and the future that make up our present day reality.

—Paul Courtright

CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!

2005 Lily, Sonoma \$17.99

The Lily wines are made by Bill Hunter of Chasseur fame, and does it ever show. His elegant hand makes perfectly balanced acidity driven wines that are minimally manipulated. Laced with hazelnut and honey yet light and zingy with a twist of lemon zest on the palate, this chardonnay is appropriate both as a cocktail and on the dinner table.

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| 2003 Domaine Drouhin "Laurene" ..\$59.99 |
| 2003 Hanzell, Sonoma\$79.99 |
| 2003 Mount Eden Vineyards Estate ..\$32.99 |
| 2003 Oak Arbour "Toulouse".....\$29.99 |
| 2003 Stoller Estate, Willamette Vly ..\$32.99 |
| 2003 Truchard, Carneros\$27.99 |
| 2004 Chehalem "3 Vineyards"\$21.99 |
| 2004 Cristom "Marjorie"\$42.99 |
| 2004 Domaine Drouhin Will Vly\$39.99 |
| 2004 Domaine Serene "Yamhill"\$29.99 |
| 2004 Etude, Carneros\$38.99 |
| 2004 Gainey "Limited Select"\$39.99 |
| 2004 Joseph Swan "Cuvee de Trois" ..\$22.99 |
| 2004 La Bete "Meredith Mitch"\$24.99 |
| 2004 Patton Valley, Willamette\$27.99 |
| 2005 A by Acacia, California\$14.99 |
| 2005 A to Z, Oregon\$16.99 |
| 2005 Adelsheim, Willamette Vly\$24.99 |
| 2005 Ambullneo "Mastiff"\$74.99 |
| 2005 Argyle, Willamette Vly\$19.99 |
| 2005 ABC, Santa Barbara.....\$15.99 |
| 2005 Belle Glos "Clark & Tele"\$39.99 |
| 2005 Brandborg, Umpqua (Ore)\$18.99 |
| 2005 Breggo Cellars, Anderson Vly..\$32.99 |
| 2005 Broadley, Willamette Vly.....\$29.99 |
| 2005 Calera, Central Coast\$19.99 |
| 2005 Capiaux Cellars "Chimera"\$26.99 |
| 2005 Carmel Road, Monterey\$14.98 |
| 2005 Cartlidge & Browne, Calif \$9.99 |
| 2005 Cep, Sonoma\$23.99 |

Aromas of mushrooms and forest floor serve as a bass note to higher tone notes of sarsaparilla and wild strawberry that come to the fore as the wine carries across the palate. The sensation is juicy yet the wine is not highly extracted or cloying.

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| 2005 Chalone, Monterey \$13.99 |
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| 2005 David Bruce, Central Coast.....\$19.99 |
| 2005 David Noyes Sonoma\$18.99 |
| 2005 Elk Cove, Willamette Vly.....\$19.99 |
| 2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif\$12.99 |
| 2005 Foley, Santa Rita Hills\$29.99 |
| 2005 Hahn Estates, Monterey.....\$15.99 |
| 2005 Harrington "Iund" Carneros....\$29.99 |
| The Iund pinot is pure Carneros with its sandy cherry fruit and black tea components. Aged in 50% new french oak barrels for ten months, which have imparted a subtle smokiness to this generous pinot noir. |
| 2005 Hartford Court "Land's Edge" ..\$29.99 |
| 2005 Lutea, Russian River\$31.99 |
| 2005 Mark West, Central Coast\$9.99 |
| 2005 Melville, Santa Rita\$23.99 |
| 2005 Morgan "Double L"\$44.99 |
| 2005 Morgan "Twelve Clones"\$24.99 |
| 2005 Olivet Lane, Russian River\$27.99 |
| 2005 Orogeny, Green Valley.....\$26.99 |
| 2005 Parker Station, Santa Barb\$10.99 |
| 2005 Patz & Hall, Sonoma\$29.98 |
| 2005 Penner Ash, Willamette Vly\$42.99 |
| 2005 Ponzi "Tavola"\$17.99 |
| 2005 Ponzi, Willamette Vly\$29.99 |
| 2005 Poppy, Monterey\$12.99 |
| 2005 Raptor Ridge Willamette\$25.99 |
| 2005 Rex Hill Oregon.....\$17.99 |
| 2005 Roessler "Bluejay"\$26.99 |
| New vintage! Bit more restrained and delicate than the '04. |
| 2005 Saintsbury "Garnet"\$15.98 |
| 2005 Samsara "Ampelos" Snt Rita\$44.99 |
| 2005 Soter, North Valley.....\$31.99 |
| 2005 Stephen Ross, Central Coast\$16.99 |
| 2005 ZD, Carneros\$24.98 |

ZINFANDEL

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| 2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mnt.....\$14.99 |
| 2002 Roshambo "Reverend"\$14.99 |
| 2003 Amici "Panek".....\$26.99 |
| 2003 Burrell School "Ryan Oaks"\$21.99 |
| 2003 Coro Mendo "Eaglepoint Rn" ..\$33.99 |
| 2003 Hendry "Block 28"\$28.99 |
| 2003 Ridge "Geyserville"\$29.99 |
| 2003 RustRidge.....\$29.99 |
| 2003 SE Chase "Hayne"\$39.99 |
| 2003 St. Francis Old Vine\$14.99 |
| 2004 Bucklin Old Hill Ranch\$28.99 |
| 2004 Dashe, Dry Creek.....\$17.99 |
| 2004 Downing Fam. "Fly By Night".....\$22.98 |
| Only 633 cases were produced of this great example of a claret style Zinfandel. Their first certified organic wine, it is well balanced and is sweet on the front palate and spicy on the back with black currants, wild huckleberries, and a melting essence of dark chocolate. |
| 2004 Elyse "Morisoli"\$29.99 |
| 2004 Girard, Napa\$19.99 |
| 2004 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"\$22.99 |
| 2004 Hendry "Block 7," Napa.....\$27.99 |
| 2004 J. Runquist "Z"\$18.99 |
| 2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"\$21.99 |
| 2004 Klinker Brick "Old Ghost"\$34.99 |
| 2004 Klinker Brick, Lodi\$14.99 |
| 2004 Lolonis, Redwood Valley.....\$16.99 |
| 2004 Norman "The Monster".....\$19.99 |
| 2004 Plungerhead, Dry Creek\$11.99 |
| 2004 Preston, Dry Creek\$21.99 |
| 2004 Ridge "Geyserville"\$29.99 |
| 2004 Rosenblum "Aparicio"\$24.99 |
| 2004 Sobon "Rocky Top"\$12.99 |
| 2004 Storybook Mnt Mayacamas.....\$27.95 |
| 2004 Unti, Dry Creek\$19.99 |
| 2004 Valdez "Rockpile Road".....\$36.99 |
| 2005 Alexander Valley "SinZin"\$13.99 |
| 2005 Bogle Old Vines\$9.99 |
| 2005 Balletto, Russian River\$15.99 |
| 2005 Brown Estate, Napa\$35.99 |
| 2005 Dashe Lt Harvest (375ml)\$24.99 |
| 2005 David Coffaro Est. Dry Crk.....\$19.99 |
| 2005 Edmeads, Mendocino\$14.99 |
| Focused aromas of cherries, spice, roasted coffee, and oak vanillin lead way to more funky aromas of earth and minerals. |
| 2005 Esser Vineyards, Calif\$9.99 |
| 2005 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois" ..\$8.99 |
| 2005 Hartford, Russian River.....\$27.99 |
| 2005 Joel Gott, California\$12.99 |
| 2004 Michael & David 7 Deadly Zins \$13.99 |
| 2005 Neyers "Tofanelli"\$29.99 |
| 2005 Ridge "Three Valleys"\$14.99 |
| 2005 Rosenblum, SF Bay or Paso\$13.99 |
| 2005 Seghesio Sonoma.....\$16.98 |
| 2005 Shenandoah Amador Spec Res ..\$7.99 |
| 2005 Sobon Fiddletown\$15.99 |
| 2005 Windmill Old Vine, Lodi\$9.99 |

Miraculous Minervois!

March is one of those months trapped between two seasons. It's still cold, so a hearty red is always appealing. But the new spring vegetables are starting to appear in the marketplace, necessitating a red with elegance and one that is light on its feet.

The 2002 *Lauraire des Lys Minervois "Loriza"* (\$12.99) is comprised of syrah, grenache noir carignan and cinsault. Elegant mentions of garrigue unfurl in the nose. Lavender is but a whisper, laced throughout, while this character-driven wine fills the palate with finesse. This is a low-alcohol wine that by no means is short on fruit, flavor or aromatics. The couple behind this venture, Khalkhal-Pamiès, work organically, only harvest by hand, employ severe hand selection and sorting and use all natural yeasts. After two vintages, a recent *Revue du Vin de France* selected Lauraire des Lys as one of the top four domaines in the Minervois. Apparently, this husband-and-wife duo discovered the Minervois while hiking. After ten years of searching for the perfect property, David Pamiès and his wife purchased the site, soon named Lauraire des Lys. In 2001 the property totaled 12 hectares of hillside vines, bursting with stones and underlying limestone soils, all surrounded by garrigue. Located in the northeastern zone (Le Causse de Vialanove) of the Minervois, Lauraire des Lys is exposed to cold air descending from the Montagne Noire. Only the most sheltered areas are used for planting. This is a broken wild landscape experiencing cold winters and hot, dry summers. The vines have to work hard to seek out the small pockets of red soil in splits in the rock. The effort shows!

—Keelyn Healy

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE

Domestic White

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|---|---------|
| 2004 Bocce California Pinot Grigio..... | \$8.99 |
| 2004 Graff Chalone Pinot Blanc | \$18.99 |
| 2005 A to Z Pinot Gris | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Alban Central Coast Viognier.. | \$23.99 |
| 2005 ABC Pinot/Gris/Pinot Blanc | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Conundrum White Blend | \$21.99 |
| 2005 Elk Cove Ore. Pinot Blanc | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Esterlina Dry Riesling | \$15.99 |
| 2005 Fish Eye Pinot Grigio..... | \$5.99 |
| 2005 Fortitude Napa Semillon | \$17.99 |
| 2005 Lazy Creek, Pinot Blanc | \$21.99 |
| 2005 Palmina SB Tocai Friulano | \$21.99 |
| 2005 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viog | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Sobon Amador Roussanne | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Spencer Roloson Gren. Blanc .. | \$16.99 |
| 2005 Tangent Edna Vly Pinot Gris.... | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Thomas Fogarty Gewurt | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Trefethen Napa Dry Riesling.... | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Vinum Cellars CNW Chenin..... | \$8.99 |

Sauvignon Blanc

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 2004 Chalk Hill, Sonoma | \$21.99 |
| 2004 Murphy Goode "Tin Roof" | \$6.99 |
| 2004 Spring Mountain, Napa | \$26.99 |
| 2005 Bernardus, Monterey..... | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Everett Ridge, Dry Creek..... | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Geyser Peak, California | \$7.99 |
| 2005 Girard, Napa | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Honig, Napa | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Husch, Mendocino..... | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Joel Gott "Three Ranches" | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Kalinda, Dry Creek | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Kathryn Kennedy..... | \$16.99 |

"Non oaked" style, Kathryn Kennedy chose to carry out the fermentation in stainless steel at cool temperatures with minimal lees contact.

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| 2005 Kirkham Peak, Dry Creek | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Kunde "Magnolia Lane" | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Ladera, Howell Mnt | \$21.99 |
| 2005 Mason, Napa | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma | \$15.99 |
| 2005 Moon Mountain, Sonoma | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Napa Wine Company..... | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Preston, Dry Creek | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Provenance, Rutherford | \$15.99 |
| 93 points <i>Wine Spectator</i> : "A delightful 2005. A supple, sumptuous, caressing style, with a silky texture and layers of rich yet elegant lemon-lime!" | |
| 2005 Robert Mondavi, Napa | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Rock Rabbit, Central Coast..... | \$7.99 |
| 2005 Rudd, Napa | \$29.99 |
| 2005 Sauvignon Blanc Republic..... | \$14.99 |
| 2005 St. Supery, Napa..... | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Turnbull, Napa..... | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Voss Napa..... | \$12.98 |

Domestic Red

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Fess Parker "Frontier Red" | \$7.99 |
| 2003 Altamura Napa Sangiovese | \$31.99 |
| 2003 Spencer Roloson Tempranillo .. | \$29.99 |
| 2003 Tablas Creek "Cote de Tablas" .. | \$19.99 |
| 2004 Bonny Doon Clos du Gilroy | \$9.99 |
| 2004 Four Vines "Anarchy" | \$26.99 |
| 2004 Graff Family Mourvèdre | \$18.99 |
| 2004 McCrea Cellars Grenache | \$27.99 |
| 2004 Paraduxx, Napa Red | \$39.99 |
| 2004 Rabid Red California Red | \$11.99 |
| 2004 Vino Noceto Sangiovese | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Bucklin Mixed Blacks | \$22.99 |
| 2005 Margerum "M5" Rhone Red | \$26.99 |
| 2005 Orin Swift "The Prisoner" | \$31.99 |
| 2005 Owen Roe "Abbot's Table" | \$24.99 |
| 2005 Palmina Zolotvich Dolcetto | \$17.99 |
| 2005 Porter Creek Carignane..... | \$23.99 |
| 2005 Unti Dry Creek Barbera | \$21.99 |

Syrah/Petite Sirah

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 2003 Terra Rouge CA "Quest" | \$14.99 |
| 2004 K Vintners "Milbrandt" | \$27.99 |
| 2004 Kenneth Crawford "Bluefin" | \$32.99 |
| 2004 Hahn, Central Coast | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Ojai, Santa Barbara | \$26.99 |
| 2004 Rocinante "Palindrome" | \$29.99 |
| 2004 Sobon Estate Syrah | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Hocus Pocus, SB Syrah | \$16.99 |
| 2005 Jaffurs "Thompson" Petite | \$29.99 |
| 2005 Joel Gott California Syrah | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Lazy Creek, Anderson Vly..... | \$34.99 |
| 2005 Margerum "Purisima Mnt" | \$39.99 |
| 2005 McManis, California | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Owen Roe "Ex-Umbris" | \$19.99 |
| 2005 Vinum Cellars "PETS" | \$9.98 |

Merlot

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 2001 Robert Mondavi (375ml) | \$8.99 |
| 2001 Schweiger, Sprng Mnt | \$24.99 |
| 2002 Atalon, Napa | \$24.98 |
| 2002 Havens, Napa | \$19.99 |
| 2002 Silverado, Napa | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Burgess, Napa | \$14.99 |
| 2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Vly..... | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Dynamite, North Coast | \$11.99 |
| 2003 Etude, Napa | \$44.99 |
| 2003 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma | \$19.99 |
| 2003 Keenan, Napa..... | \$27.99 |
| 2003 Markham, Napa | \$15.99 |
| 2003 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma | \$19.98 |
| 2003 Paradigm, Napa | \$41.99 |
| 2003 Provenance, Napa..... | \$24.99 |
| 2003 Rombauer, Napa | \$24.99 |
| 2003 Stags' Leap Winery, Napa | \$19.99 |

This is a full-bodied Merlot expressing black cherry, cocoa bean and rum-soaked raisin aromas.

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| 2003 Swanson, Napa..... | \$24.99 |
| 2003 Twomey, Napa | \$64.99 |
| 91-93 points Robert Parker: "Notes of pepper, dried herbs, damp earth, sweet cherry liqueur, and chocolate-infused coffee jump from the glass." | |
| 2004/5 Bogle, California | \$6.98 |
| 2004 Chappellet, Napa | \$29.99 |
| 2004 Duckhorn, Napa | \$44.99 |
| 2004 Echelon, California | \$8.99 |
| 2004 Francis Coppola "Diamond" | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Frei Brothers, Dry Creek | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Parcel 41, Napa | \$15.99 |
| 2004 Screw Kappa, Napa | \$11.99 |
| 2004 Shafer, Napa | \$39.98 |
| 2005 McManis California Merlot..... | \$7.99 |

Boutique Corner

This month I found a couple of really lovely wines with very limited production. They are not your typical California wines. They all have great balance and fruit but are relatively low in alcohol and ripeness for new world wines.

2004 Kendric Vineyards "Shenandoah Valley" Syrah (\$15.99) Sourced from Reward Ranch, Shenandoah Valley AVA in Amador County on land consisting of coarse sandy loam from volcanic and granitic material, this opulent and rich Syrah was aged in barrels for 9 months (8 years in French and 1 in American), racked once then returned to barrels for 18 months. Beautiful, with minerals and dark fruit. A much more complex, balanced wine than most from this area. A real steal!

2004 Unti Petit Frere Dry Creek Valley (\$14.99) The blend is comprised of lighter bodied grenache lots combined with new-graft mourvèdre. The 2004 Petit Frere delivers plenty of ripe jammy grenache and meaty mourvèdre and syrah flavors. Think of this wine as Dry Creek's version of a Côtes du Rhone that has been on an aggressive weight-lifting program. A great everyday wine that will go with a variety of foods.

2004 Zayante Vineyard Santa Cruz Zinfandel (\$14.99) This wine has an earthy aroma of plum and strawberry jam. A pronounced spicy-berry character on the palate typifies this estate grown Zinfandel. A fine balance of fruit, acid and tannin leaves a long lingering finish. 14.6% alcohol by volume. This is like no other Zinfandel around. The entire staff loved this wine. See you in the City...

—Michael Jordan

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Argentina/Chile

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| 2005 Bodegas Lurton Torrontes (Argentina) | \$6.99 |
| 2005 Elsa Malbec (Argentina) | \$6.99 |
| 2005 Luis Felipe Edwards Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) | \$6.99 |
| 2004 Alamos Malbec or Chard (Argentina) | \$7.99 |
| 2006 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec (Argentina) | \$8.99 |
| 2005 Apaltagua Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile) | \$8.99 |
| 2005 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina) | \$8.99 |
| 2004 Bodega Weinert Carascal Red (Argentina) | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Navarro Correas Colec. Privada Malbec (Argentina) | \$10.99 |
| 2003 Montelomas Malbec (Argentina) | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Viña Doña Paula Malbec (Argentina) | \$11.99 |
| 2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios Cabernet Sauvignon (Arg) | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Felipe Rutini Malbec (Argentina) | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Valentin Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon (Argentina)..... | \$12.99 |
| 2003 MontGras Antu Ninquen Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile).. | \$13.99 |
| 2003 Luigi Bosca, Malbec (Argentina) | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Colomé Red, Salta (Argentina) | \$26.99 |
| 2004 Achával Ferrer Quimera, Malbec/Cab/Merlot (Arg) | \$36.99 |
| 2003/2004 Almaviva (Chile) | Inquire |

Portugal/Spain

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| 2005 Finca Luzon, Luzon, Jumilla..... | \$6.99 |
| 2005 Piqueras Garnacha Tintorea | \$6.99 |
| 2005 Bodegas Zabrin Garnacha de Fuego, Calatayud | \$6.99 |
| 2004 Las Rocas de San Alejandro, Garnacha, Calatayud | \$7.99 |
| 2004 Artazuri, Artazu, Navarra (Grenache) | \$8.99 |
| 2005 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado Navarra | \$8.99 |
| 2003 Campo Viejo Crianza Rioja | \$8.99 |
| 2005 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco | \$8.99 |
| 2004 Mas Que Vinos, Ercavio Roble, La Mancha | \$8.99 |
| 2003 Bilbao Tempranillo, Rioja..... | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Vinos Piñol Ludovicus, Terra Alta | \$9.99 |
| 2003 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Viña Sila Naia, Rueda, Blanco | \$10.99 |
| 2004 Valminor Albariño, Rias Baixas | \$11.99 |
| 2004 Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos Prima, Toro | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Pucho, Bierzo | \$12.99 |
| 2004 Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestizaje, Valencia | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Dominio de Tares Baltos, Mencia, Bierzo | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Raventos i Blanc Parfum de Vi Blanc, Penedes | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Angel Rodriguez Martinsancho Verdejo | \$14.99 |
| 2001 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Reserva, Navarra .. | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Fefiñanes Albariño..... | \$14.99 |
| 2003 Ramon Bilbao Rioja Limited | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Vinos Piñol Portal Crianza, Terra Alta..... | \$14.99 |
| 2001 Marques de Riscal Reserva Rioja | \$15.99 |
| 2001 Salceda Rioja Reserva | \$16.99 |
| 2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha | \$16.99 |
| 2000 La Rioja Alta, Alberdi, Rioja | \$18.99 |
| 2001 Quinta de Cabriz Dão Reserva (Portugal) | \$18.99 |
| 2004 Artadi, Viñas de Gaín, Rioja | \$22.99 |
| 2001 Viña Izadi, Rioja, Reserva..... | \$23.99 |
| 2001 Cillar de Silos, Ribera del Duero, Crianza | \$24.99 |
| 2003 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza | \$26.99 |
| 2004 Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero, Tinto | \$26.99 |
| 2003 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera de Duero..... | \$31.99 |

Biurko Gorri—Great Basque Rioja

Biurko Gorri is located in Bargota, a small town on the slopes of Mount Yoar, part of the foothills of the Sierra Cantabria, the mountain range that provides Rioja with a natural border to the north. The winery belongs to the Llorens family. From the soil treatment to the age of the vineyard sites, and organic production, the family has holistic, painstaking approach to winemaking.

2004 Biurko Rioja Tempranillo (\$8.99) This fantastic Tempranillo has plenty of black cherry fruit and spice. Eight months in American oak barrels was just enough time to flesh out this wine and give it body. Enjoy this red with a roast chicken or grilled pork chops.

2003 Biurko Rioja Graciano (\$10.99) 89 points Robert Parker: "A knock-out effort, the 2003 Graciano exhibits a dense ruby/purple color along with sweet, floral, black cherry and currant aromas as well as flavors. Enjoy it over the next 1-2 years."

2003 Biurko Los Valles Crianza Rioja (\$11.99) Made from 100% tempranillo, this wine is aged in a mix of French and American oak. This complex red is grown at high altitude. The rich concentrated fruit is beautifully balanced with acidity and minerality. From the ripe cherry fruit to the long spicy finish, this wine is a must try with rack of lamb...oh yeah, and it's certified organic!

2001 Biurko Old Vine Grenache (\$19.99) 88 points Parker: "Slightly better [than the 2002 Tempranillo] is the kirsch liqueur/candied cherry-filled 2001 Grenache. Aged 12 months in American and French oak, and bottled unfiltered, it reveals medium body, a fine texture, and a hedonistic personality. Drink it over the next 1-2 years." Buen Provecho!
—Anne Pickett, anne@klwines.com

Great Values from "el mundo latino"

2005 Bodegas Olivares Altos de la Hoya, Jumilla (\$8.99) 91 points Stephen Tanzer: "Deep ruby. Ripe, powerful scents of blackberry, casis and candied plum, with a bit of garnacha in the blend seeming to brighten the darker fruit character. Fat and lush, with deep, sweet blackcurrant and blackberry flavors and no rough edges. Finishes dense, fresh and long, with a repeating blackberry note..."

2004 Chryseia, Portugal (\$49.99) The considerable winemaking talents of Bruno Prats (Cos d'Estournel) and Charles Symington (Warre, Dow, Grahams) are contained in this beautiful bottle of Douro red. This is a marriage of big "new world" type fruit and refined Bordeaux elegance. Those of you who liked the 2001 will love the 2004. Packed and compact, keep this wine in your cellar for a while.

2003 Escudo Rojo, Chile (\$12.99) Baby Almaviva? This Rothschild venture shows all the power of the fine 2003 vintage. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, carmenere, syrah, and cabernet franc, this has plenty of ripe new world fruit tempered with old world elegance. I like this wine with grilled meats like lamb or beef.

2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina (\$12.99) 88 points and a Smart Buy designation from the *Wine Spectator*: "Forward and juicy, with lots of raspberry and boysenberry flavor backed by toast and mineral hints. Fruit-filled finish. Drink now."

2004 Bodega Catena Zapata Malbec Mendoza, Argentina (\$15.99) 90 points from the *Wine Spectator*: "Great aromas of crushed blueberry and raspberry, with a juicy texture and well-integrated toast and mineral notes. Drink now through 2009." Buen Provecho!

—Anne Pickett

AUSTRIA/GERMANY

Austria

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| 2004 Prieler Blaufränkisch Ried Johanneshöhe | \$21.99 |
| 2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Classic | \$15.99 |
| 2004 Stadlmann Zierfandler Mandel-Höh | \$25.99 |
| 2004 Summerer Riesling Steinmassl | \$22.99 |
| 2005 Berger Grüner Veltliner (1L) | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Weingut Buchegger Grüner Veltliner Holzgasse | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Heidi Schröck Muscat | \$22.99 |
| 2005 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Hiedler Sauvignon Blanc Steinhaus | \$26.99 |
| 2005 Iby Zweigelt Classic..... | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Bernard Ott Grüner Veltliner Der Ott | \$24.99 |
| 2005 Pollerhof Grüner Veltliner (1L) | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner Steinsetz | \$21.99 |

Germany

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| Raumland Riesling Sekt | \$34.99 |
| 1966 Karthausenhof Eitelsbacher Sang Spätlese (700ml) | \$84.99 |
| 1996 Bert Simon Serriger Würzburg Spätlese | \$17.99 |
| 2003 Bercher Burkheimer Feuerberg Spätburgunder | \$19.99 |
| 2004 Kalinda Hattenheimer Riesling Dry..... | \$9.99 |
| 2005 Bernhard Hackenheimer Kirchberg Scheurebe Spät | \$18.99 |
| 2005 Dönnhoff Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese | \$49.99 |
| 2005 Dr. Loosen Ürziger Würzgarten Spätlese | \$24.99 |
| 2005 Dr. Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spätlese | \$27.99 |
| 2005 Fritz Haag Estate Riesling..... | \$16.99 |
| 2005 Karthausenhof Eitelsbacher Karthausenhofberg Spät | \$29.99 |
| 2005 Langwerth von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Kab | \$18.99 |
| 2005 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone" | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Magdalenenkruetz Spätlese..... | \$19.99 |
| 2005 Ökonomierat Rebholz Vom Rotliegenden Spätlese Dry | \$29.99 |
| 2005 Jakoby Mathy Kinheimer Rosenberg Kabinett | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Alfred Merkelbach Kinheimer Rosenberg Kabinett | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Kabinett (375ml) | \$10.99 |

Germany: Weingut August Kessler

Our container has just landed of new releases from this dynamic estate in Assmanshausen, Rheingau. August Kessler crafts vibrant expressions of Riesling and Pinot Noir from vineyards famous for their high content of slate. The line up begins with the perennial value, the **2005 Kessler Riesling "R" (\$9.99)** It is fresh, juicy, melony and and very easy to like. The **2005 Kessler Riesling Kabinett Dry (\$16.99)** comes across like a wine from the Mittelrhein with its intense slate character and raciness. The **2005 Kessler Lorcher Schlossberg Kabinett (\$18.99)** is sleek with aromas of quince, white peach and slate. It is gentle and pure, a wine of great length and finesse. We also received very small quantities of maybe the most convincing dry German wine, the **2005 Rudesheimer Berg Schlossberg Erstes Gewachs (\$39.99)**. A haunting nose of rose petal, warm slate and stone fruit leaps from the glass and begs your attention. Picked at the end of October. Perfect!! Also available is the **2005 Rudesheimer Berg Roseneck Spatlese Gold Capsule (\$27.99)**, which is intoxicatingly aromatic. This is as pure an expression of Riesling as you can find, thoughtful, honest and clear. Now on to the reds...the **2004 Spatburgunder (\$29.99)** is textural, classy and ripe, a must have for any Pinot Noir lover. The **2004 Assmanshausen Hollenberg Spatburgunder (\$57.99)**, one of the most sought after bottles in Germany, is reminiscent of a top Volnay with its purity and cut. Drink in 5-15 years. Drink German —Jeff Vierra

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

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| Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace | \$14.99 |
| Jean Phippe & Francois Becker Cremant d'Alsace | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn | \$18.99 |
| 2004 Jean Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn | \$17.99 |
| 2004 Boeckel Sylvaner Vieilles Vignes..... | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Barmes-Buecher Pinot Gris Herrenweg de Turckheim | \$22.99 |
| 2004 Domaines Schlumberger Riesling Saering Grand Cru | \$18.99 |
| 2004 Domaine Roland Schmitt Tokay-Pinot Gris | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Domaine Roland Schmitt Riesling Glintzberg | \$14.99 |

Loire

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| François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut | \$16.99 |
| Francois Chidaine Montlouis Brut | \$16.99 |
| 2002 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Cuvee Domaine | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Domaine Belliviere Rouge-Gorge Pinot d'Aunis | \$18.99 |
| 2004 Domaine Belliviere Jasnieres Rosiers | \$24.99 |
| 2004 Domaine Belliviere Coteaux du Loir l'Effraie | \$19.99 |
| 2004 Château du Hureau Saumur Champigny, Vatan | \$13.99 |
| 2004 Domaine La Tour St. Martin Menetou Salon Rouge | \$14.99 |
| 2004 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Vieilles Vignes | \$16.99 |
| 2004 Tessier Cour Cheverny "La Porte Doree" | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Benedicte de Rycke Coteaux du Loir Blanc | \$14.99 |
| 2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Clos du Beaujeu | \$24.99 |
| 2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Monts Damnés | \$26.99 |
| 2005 Domaine Fouet Saumur Champigny | \$18.99 |
| 2005 Domaine Franck Millet Sancerre Blanc | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Domaine de la Pépière Classique Muscadet Sur Lie | \$10.99 |
| 2005 Domaine de la Pépière Clos des Briords Muscadet | \$12.99 |
| 2005 Domaine Saint Nicolas Les Clous..... | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Côt Vieilles Vignes | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Rosé Riage Tournant..... | \$9.99 |
| 2005 François Pinon Vouvray Cuvee Tradition | \$15.99 |
| 2005 Joel Taluau St. Nicolas de Bourgueil Expression | \$12.99 |

Fit For a King

Close your eyes, imagine yourself in little village that goes by the name of Lhomme. Never heard of it? O.K. open your eyes, get a map of the Loire Valley. Find the city of Tours and head north about 40 miles. In this village resides the family of Eric Nicolas and his little organic winery known as Domaine de Belliviere. Two varietals are grown: chenin blanc and the grape that gave birth to chenin, pineau d'aunis. Pineau d'aunis, in case your forgot, is the ancient, indigenous red grape that tragically forgotten by so many. It is a tender little grape that gives unreliable yields but can make unique and intriguing wines. Unique and intriguing enough, in fact, that it was King Henry III of England's favorite wine. Thanks to Domaine de Belliviere, it's making a beautiful resurgence. A lighter style of red, it is full of peppery spice, finesse and a character that will open your mind. Planted in soils (clayey and siliceous clay with flint on tuffeau a.k.a. limestone) that are optimal for pineau d'aunis, The **2004 Domaine de Belliviere "Le Rouge-Gorge" (\$18.99)** is meant to be enjoyed with food. I've had this wine going back many vintages and with an array of foods from sweet potato gnocchi in a rabbit ragu to a simple roast of pork and vegetables to the famous shaking beef from Slanted Door here in San Francisco. It works every single time! Maybe because this little red is not trying to be something it isn't (like those pinot noirs trying to be syrahs).

—Eric Story

Wine From Across the Pond and Across the Street

Let's start with the furthest first, all the way to the idyllic little hamlet of Margaux, tucked away in that humblest of wine growing regions, Bordeaux. Ah, Bordeaux, where the air is pure, the living is easy and the vigneron eke out a meager living by charging a friggin' king's ransom for bottles of fermented grape juice.

The other side of the coin is quality. And Bordeaux wine is, in general, top-quality stuff. And we've just secured a run of vintages from Ch. Palmer, one of the best of the best.

Palmer is a wine for all seasons. The château captures the perfumed elegance of its Margaux commune, the warmth of Pomerol, the firm structure and balance of Graves, the classic stylings of Pauillac and the aging power of St-Estèphe. If it is true that Palmer shines in less than perfect vintages, she is truly the sun in exceptional ones.

The **1961 Palmer (\$2999)** is the sun... and the moon and the stars. This is legendary, massive in scope. The concentration of ripe black fruits seem to have been condensed so as to fit in the bottle! Gorgeous toasty notes and a sturdy backbone. The wine is unbelievable.

The **1981 Palmer (\$169)** and **1982 Palmer (\$349)** are at either end of the spectrum. The '81 has a casual elegance, with subtle forest floor qualities and cedary undertones. Perfect for the cheese course. The '82 has sweetness and softness. It is a big, ripe wine with expansive if not concentrated fruit flavours. Perfect right now.

Jim's Springtime Gems

It is difficult to believe that winter has quickly passed us by, and that we are viewing an early spring. My roses budded out in early February and Anderson began shedding, profusely, at the end of January, all signs that this harvest year will be potentially early. Yet, the vines are still dormant as of this writing.

I still marvel at some of the obscure, phenomenal wines that our buyers discover. For example, our Spanish wine buyer, Anne Pickett, laid her hands on two stunning, inexpensive Riojas that will make you want to stockpile cases upon cases for your everyday consumption. First, the **2003 Bodegas Biurko Rioja Graciano (\$10.99)**, which received 89 points from Robert Parker ("a knock out effort"), is deep ruby in color, and offers opulent aromas of black cherry and currants with a touch of plum. On the palate, the fruit is broad and generous, with soft, integrated tannins, excellent fullness and structure and a round, long finish that refuses to quit. Anderson has informed me that this is one our house reds for the month. (🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿)

The **2004 Bodegas Biurko Rioja Tempranillo (\$8.99)** is also deeply colored and explodes with blackberry to white pepper spiciness on the nose and in the mouth. Medium full in body, this Rioja is also round, lush and fleshy on the palate with a long, warm finish. This joins the Graciano above as one of our house reds for the month according to Anderson. (🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿)

The **1990 Palmer (Inquire)** is broad shouldered and extroverted, as befits so many of the offerings from this huge and hot vintage. Ripe and smooth and ready for consumption now.

Last but not least, the **1995 Palmer (\$159)** and **1996 Palmer (\$169)** both contain a higher portion of merlot than usual, but don't assume that the wines have an easygoing demeanor. Quite the opposite: the '95 has the easy smile, yes, but also the firm handshake and a heady bouquet that overloads the senses and fills the room. The '96 is built for the long haul. The wine is immense, yes, but both bouquet and flavor are still expanding. Despite more than a decade in age, one can only view the wine from the other end of the telescope. I'd save it at least another half decade, and I might be off by a decade!

The Wines Of Duane Cronin

It is with truly mixed emotions that K&L will offer the last stocks of wine made by the late Duane Cronin. Duane was a super human being, incredibly bright, immensely talented. But for me, he was first and foremost a really nice man. He was a longtime friend of Jim Barr (so Jim had at least three friends, including his dog) and a fixture in the Santa Cruz Mountains. His winery is right up the road, his wines are locked into memory, and his memory is close to the heart.

We'll have more details soon, and many vintages and varietals to choose from.

—Joe Zugelder

Two Southern French regional wines fill out this month's selection, beginning with one of my favorite Rhone reds. The **2003 Domaine des Girasols Côtes du Rhône-Villages, Rasteau (\$15.99)** is one of the successes of this hot vintage. This Rasteau is loaded with spicy (anise and cloves) layered exotic notes of black fruits and cassis, nicely structured with well integrated silky tannins and a spicy-peppery finish. This beauty drinks great now but will continue to improve for the next 3-5 years, easily. (🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿)

Finally, from one of my favorite overall wines in our inventory, the **2004 Domaine l'Attilon Vin de Pays des Bouches du Rhone Marse-lan (\$8.99)** is a must buy and try. The grape marselan, a cross between cabernet and grenache, was developed in the Aude and Bouches (Rhone Valley) in Southern France, and has resulted in one of the most unique wines available. Deep ruby in color, this wine is bright and flashy and sings of black currant and cassis. This is a delicious wine for near-term consumption and enjoyment and joins the other three above as our house red for the month according to Anderson. (🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿🌿)

If you have any questions about these wines, you can contact us at jim-barr@klwines.com. Enjoy this month's selections!

—Jim, Anderson, Eby and Vanilla

K&L Staff

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CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

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| Franck Bonville Brut Selec. Blanc de Blancs-Due March 31! | \$25.99 |
| Tarlant Brut Reserve | \$26.99 |
| Tarlant Brut Zero-Our driest. No sugar added | \$26.99 |
| Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve | \$27.99 |
| De Meric Sous Bois Brut-Delicious | \$27.99 |
| Hubert Paulet Brut Tradition | \$27.99 |
| Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve..... | \$27.99 |
| Launois "Cuvee Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc-Due March 31! .. | \$29.99 |
| Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blancs-Due March 31st! | \$29.99 |
| Laurent Perrier Brut | \$29.99 |
| Laurent Perrier Demi-Sec | \$29.99 |
| Fleury Brut Carte Rouge-Now direct! | \$29.99 |
| Leclerc Briant "La Croisette" Single Vineyard Brut | \$29.99 |
| Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve | \$29.99 |
| Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé-Exciting new pink! | \$29.99 |
| 2000 Franck Bonville Blanc de Blancs-Due March 31! | \$32.99 |
| Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige | \$34.99 |
| Fleury Brut Rosé | \$34.99 |
| Michel Arnould Grand Cuvee Brut..... | \$34.99 |
| Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites | \$34.99 |
| Fleury Brut Rosé-Now direct! | \$34.99 |
| Lallement Brut..... | \$39.99 |
| René Collard Cuvee Ultime Ultra Brut..... | \$39.99 |
| Tarlant Cuvee Louis Brut Prestige | \$39.99 |
| 1997 Laurent Perrier Brut | \$44.99 |
| Lallement Brut Reserve | \$49.99 |
| 1990 Rene Collard | \$49.99 |
| 2000 Roederer Vintage Brut | \$54.99 |
| 2000 Roederer Vintage Blanc de Blancs | \$54.99 |
| Tarlant La Vigne d'Antan Blanc de Blancs-Ungrafted vines! | \$49.99 |
| Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé..... | \$54.99 |
| 2000 Roederer Vintage Brut Rosé | \$54.99 |
| 1999 Veuve Clicquot Gold Label Reserve | \$54.99 |
| 1999 Veuve Clicquot Brut Rosé..... | \$59.99 |
| Franck Bonville Cuvee Les Belles Voyes-Due March 31! | \$64.99 |
| Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle" | \$79.99 |
| 1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Alexandra Rosé | \$99.99 |
| Krug Grand Cuvee Brut..... | \$119.00 |
| 1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs | Inquire |
| 1998 Dom Perignon | Inquire |
| 1995 Krug Clos de Mesnil | Inquire |
| Domestic Sparkling Wine | |
| 1999 Roederer "l'Ermitage"..... | \$32.99 |
| 2002 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc..... | \$24.92 |
| 2002 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée" | \$26.99 |
| 2003 Schramsberg Blanc de Noir | \$24.98 |
| NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir..... | \$14.99 |
| NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc de Noir | \$14.99 |
| NV Scharffenberger Brut..... | \$13.99 |

May Events-Preview

May 3, Hollywood: Florence and Daniel Cathiard join us for a tasting and dinner with their excellent wines from Smith-Haut-Lafitte.

May 4-6, Hollywood: Look for Anthony Barton owner of Léoville-Barton and Langoa-Barton, and Frederic Engerer, director of Ch. Latour

May in Northern California: All Champagne dinner to celebrate our new Champagne Club!

1996, Eleven Years Later

As time goes by and we at K&L gain more perspective, the greatness of the 1996 vintage in Champagne is becoming even more apparent. Unfortunately, as is usually the case, this observation is mostly hindsight, as the vintage is all but sold out. Fortunately, we do have a couple back that we thought were gone forever, and any fan of Champagne sincerely cannot have enough of this *bon annee* in their cellar. As a result of our wonderful relationship with the house, we have been able to acquire a bit more of the delicious **1996 Laurent Perrier Vintage Brut (\$59.99)** at a time when they are transitioning from the good 1997 to the solid 1999. The 1996 Laurent Perrier is a great example of a multi-cru wine from this spectacular vintage. It is composed of 55% pinot noir and 45% chardonnay mainly from Mesnil, Cramant, Ambonnay, Bouzy, Tours-sur-Marne and Verzenay. This is a lemony, concentrated, focused, long LP that will reward long keeping, but provide great pleasure in 2007. Call or email me for some exciting information about this great 1996.

Also returning to stock is the **1996 Bruno Michel Cuvee Millesimee (\$59.99)**. This is one of the best 1996s I have tasted at any price! It is composed of 80% chardonnay from 45-year-old vines in Pierry and 20% meunier from 75-year-old vines in Moussy. Both of these vineyards predate the time of modern clones and are instead made up of lower yielding, more troublesome and infinitely higher quality massal selections. The wine was entirely barrel fermented in used Burgundy barrels purchased from Bonneau du Martray and La Chablisienne. This wine is concentrated, detailed and infinitely long—one of the best Champagnes we have ever imported. The nose has gorgeous brioche and ripe pears in perfect balance, and the palate is silky from the perfect mousse. The power band strikes at the beginning of the finish, big acidity, great body and timeless length. I will buy as much as I can for my cellar, and I recommend that you do the same! Please contact me anytime at garywestby@klwines.com or 877-KLWines (877-559-4637) ex 2728. Ask about our new Champagne Club; the first shipment goes out in April!

—Gary Westby

High Scoring Bubbles for March Madness!

The pinot-based NV **Bollinger Special Cuvee Brut (\$35.99)** is fermented in stainless and small oak vats. Eighty percent of the wine is from Grand Cru and Premier Cru estates. The final blend is aged for three years prior to disgorgement and three months in the bottle prior to shipment. A nose of rose petals with roasted nuts and ripe apple scents. In the mouth, the richness continues with lush apple and pear fruit. Toasty notes and brioche lead to a finish that is slightly spicy with citrus notes. The *Wine Spectator* gave this 93 points. A perfect champagne to enjoy now or age it over the next two years.

Our other high-scoring champagne for the month comes from a much smaller house that specializes in limited-release wines. The NV **DeMeric Blanc de Blanc Sous Bois Brut (\$34.99)** stands in stark contrast to the Bollinger. Only 600 cases were produced of this 100% chardonnay. Vinified in 50% stainless steel and 50% old French oak for maximum complexity, all of the fruit is from the 2000 vintage although the label does not indicate this. A wonderful nose of fresh-cut lemons, tart apples with nuances of toasted oak. On the palate, lemon curd, granny smith apples and refreshing minerality. Creamy and nutty with rich, round fruit. Lingering finish of citrus fruits and sea salt. One of our "bigger" Blancs de Blancs, this wine is also appropriate for those of you who have shied away from Blancs de Blancs in the past. The *Wine Spectator* also praised this champagne with a score of 90 points.

—Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

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| 2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, V.V., Domaine G & J-H Goisot..... | \$11.99 | 2004 Meursault “Charmes,” 1er Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey | \$78.99 |
| 2005 Macon Charnay, Domaine Renaud..... | \$11.99 | 2004 Chassagne-Montrachet “Blanchots Dessus,” 1er, | |
| 2005 Macon Solutré, Domaine Renaud..... | \$11.99 | Gagnard | \$79.99 |
| 2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Matrot | \$13.99 | 2004 Chassagne-Montrachet “Clos Maltroie,” 1er Cru, | |
| 2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets..... | \$13.99 | Niellon | \$82.99 |
| 2004 Pouilly-Fuissé, Noel Leprince-Was \$16.99..... | \$13.99 | 2004 Chassagne Montrachet “Romanée,” 1er, L. LeMoine | \$83.99 |
| Bright, attractive and extraordinarily well priced! | | 2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Louis Latour | \$86.99 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Domaine Arnoux | \$14.99 | 2003 Corton-Charlemagne Grnd Cru, Bonneau de Martray | \$86.99 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Maison Champy | \$15.99 | 2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin..... | \$89.99 |
| Rich and lovely, with fruit from Puligny and Meursault, and a bit of new oak. | | 2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Girardin | \$99.00 |
| 2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Bernard Morey | \$15.99 | Also available in half bottles for \$47.99 | |
| 2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Château Laboure Roi (Meursault) | \$16.99 | 1999 Meursault “Goutte D’Or” 1er Cru, Comtes Lafon | \$119.95 |
| 2005 Chablis, Vieilles Vignes, Roger Roblot | \$17.99 | 2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, P-Y Colin-Morey.... | \$119.99 |
| 2005 Chablis, Domaine Vocoret | \$17.99 | 2004 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, | |
| 2005 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine des Nembrets | \$18.99 | Paul Pernot | \$123.99 |
| 2004 Mercurey Blanc, “Les Ormeaux,” V.V, Ch. d’Etrouyes | \$19.99 | 2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot | \$149.95 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet | \$19.99 | 2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Etienne Sauzet | \$199.95 |
| 2004 St-Romain, Champy..... | \$20.99 | 2004 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Girardin | \$240.00 |
| 2004 Ladoix, “Hautes Mourottes,” 1er Cru, Domaine | | 2004 Montrachet Grand Cru, Marquis Laguiche (Drouhin) \$335.00 | |
| Prince de Mérode | \$21.99 | 2003 Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Louis Latour | \$549.95 |
| Right next to Corton Charlemagne at a low cost! | | | |
| 2004 Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc, Maison Champy | \$21.99 | | |
| This is a baby Corton-Charlemagne, with lovely minerality. | | | |
| 2005 Chablis 1er Cru, Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine | | | |
| Vocoret..... | \$24.99 | | |
| 2005 Chablis 1er Cru, Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine | | | |
| Brocard | \$24.99 | | |
| 2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Lucien LeMoine | \$27.99 | | |
| 2004 Monthelie Blanc, Château de Puligny Montrachet | \$27.99 | | |
| 2005 Chablis “La Forest,” 1er Cru, Domaine Louis Michel | \$29.99 | | |
| 2004 Meursault, Chevalières, Domaine Jean Monnier..... | \$29.99 | | |
| 2004 Meursault, Clos du Cromin, Domaine Jean Monnier..... | \$29.99 | | |
| Extraordinary values, our Direct Import. Both are delightful. The Clos du Cromin | | | |
| is more forward and very rich, while the Chevalières shows lime blossoms, min- | | | |
| erality and focus. | | | |
| 2004 St-Aubin “Murgers Dent de Chien,” 1er Cru, Champy .. | \$29.99 | | |
| Extraordinary value, this is essentially Puligny-Montrachet for a great price! | | | |
| 2004 St. Aubin “Murgers Dent de Chien,” 1er Cru, Domaine | | | |
| Maroslavic | \$29.99 | | |
| Restrained and extremely elegant with lovely minerality. | | | |
| 2004 Chablis “Montée de Tonnerre,” 1er Cru, Long-Depaquit | \$32.99 | | |
| 2004 Chablis “Montée de Tonnerre,” 1er, Dom. Louis Michel | \$34.99 | | |
| 2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Houillières, Domaine | | | |
| Morey-Coffinet | \$38.99 | | |
| 2004 Chassagne-Montrachet “Macharellles, 1er, Domaine | | | |
| Bernard Morey | \$44.99 | | |
| 2005 Chassagne-Montrachet “Vide Bourse,” 1er, Domaine | | | |
| Bernard Morey | \$46.99 | | |
| 2004 Meursault, Meix Chavaux, Domaine Roulot | \$58.99 | | |
| 2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, 1er Cru, Marquis Laguiche | \$63.99 | | |
| 2002 Chablis “La Moutonne,” Grand Cru, Long Depaquit | \$64.99 | | |
| 2004 Beaune Clos des Mouches, Blanc, Domaine J Drouhin .. | \$64.99 | | |
| 2004 Meursault “Perrieres,” 1er Cru, Château De Puligny | | | |
| Montrachet | \$68.99 | | |
| 2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Domaine Moillard .. | \$74.99 | | |
| 2004 Puligny-Montrachet “Folatieres,” 1er Cru, Château de | | | |
| Puligny Montrachet | \$76.99 | | |

Beaujolais

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| 2005 Julienas, Domaine Milleranche, Terres et Vins | \$11.99 |
| 2005 Moulin-à-Vent, Domaine des Gandelins, Terres et Vins. | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Brouilly, Louis Tête | \$13.99 |
| 2005 Beaujolais, l’Ancienne, Vieilles Vignes, Jean-Paul Brun | \$15.99 |
| 2005 Fleurie, Clos de la Roilette | \$19.99 |

2005 Paul Pernot

This domaine is always a favorite here at K&L. With his restrained use of oak and attention to detail Pernot crafts wine of precision, depth and elegance. When tasting these wines you can see why this vintage is so acclaimed: beautiful fruit, concentration and plenty of acidity to keep everything in check.

The 2005 Pernot Bourgogne Blanc (\$18.99) offers generous fruit, generous mouth feel and generous acidity. This wine is a real charmer and over delivers for its price point (it’s made with fruit sourced from near the Puligny and Meursault border). The 2005 Pernot Puligny-Montrachet (\$39.99) shows more depth and structure underneath beautiful chardonnay fruit. Ripe stone fruit with mint, flowers, nuts and a hint of minerality, it is wonderfully balanced. Drink this tonight with an hour’s decanting or cellar over the medium term. The 2005 Pernot Puligny-Montrachet, “Folatieres,” 1er Cru (\$62.99) is more focused and more reserved, with a stony minerality that sings through the wine’s spicy, floral, mint tones. The ripe fruit gives the impression of juiciness but acidity and minerality bring your focus back to the complex core. The 2005 Pernot Puligny-Montrachet, “Pucelles,” 1er Cru (\$89.99) is the Folatieres taken to the next level. The power and richness of this wine almost gives it an oily impression. The is a little more apparent oak here with hints of spice and smoke, but there is so much fruit that it does not come across as oaky. Stone fruits, flowers and plenty of minerality dance on the palate with vibrant acidity. Dazzlingly complex and well worth the price of admission!

—Kirk Walker

RED BURGUNDY

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| 2003 Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, Domaine Jean Tardy | \$12.99 | 2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Charmes," 1er, Lucien LeMoine .. | \$83.99 |
| 2002 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Desertaux Ferrand..... | \$13.99 | 2004 Gevrey Chambertin "Clos St. Jacques," 1er Cru, Domaine | |
| 2000 Savigny Les Beaune, Domaine Antonin Guyon | \$14.99 | Bruno Clair | \$84.99 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Patrick Size | \$14.99 | 2004 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Maison Champy | \$84.99 |
| 2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot | \$14.99 | 2004 Vosne Romanée "Suchots," 1er Cru, Lucien LeMoine | \$84.99 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret | \$14.99 | 2001 Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Damoy | \$89.99 |
| 2002 Marsannay Rouge, Louis Latour..... | \$15.99 | 2004 Mazis-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Maison Champy | \$89.99 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus Bruchon..... | \$16.99 | 2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Hauts Doix," 1er Cru, M. Gros | \$93.99 |
| 2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Edmund Cornu | \$17.99 | 2004 Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin | \$94.99 |
| 2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot | \$20.99 | 2004 Chambertin-Clos de Beze, Grand Cru, F. Esmonin..... | \$94.99 |
| 2005 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré | \$20.99 | 2003 Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru, Louis Latour | \$99.99 |
| 2004 Pernand-Vergelesses "Fichots," 1er Cru, Champy | \$21.99 | 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Fontenys," 1er Cru, Domaine | |
| 2004 Bourgogne Rouge, "Deux Papis," Alex Gambal | \$23.99 | Roty | \$104.99 |
| 2004 Marsannay Rouge, "Les Longeroies," Bruno Clair..... | \$23.99 | 2004 Clos Vougeot Grand Maupertuis, Anne Gros | \$114.99 |
| Lovely Marsannay from the master, also available in 375ml at \$13.99! | | 2003 Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn..... | \$116.99 |
| 2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Grands Liards, Camus Bruchon | \$26.99 | 2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Amoureuses," 1er Cru, Lucien | |
| 2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Lucien Le Moine | \$27.99 | Le Moine | \$126.99 |
| 2000 Nuits-St-Georges, Charmois, Domaine Jean Grivot | \$28.99 | 2004 Bonnes Mares, Grand Cru, Louis Jadot | \$132.99 |
| 2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, "Lavières," 1er Cru, | | 2004 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin | \$143.99 |
| Camus Bruchon..... | \$28.99 | 2003 Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier .. | \$157.99 |
| 2000 Volnay, Domaine Marquis d'Angerville | \$34.99 | 2003 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Très V.V., | |
| 2000 Nuits-St-Georges Damodes, "1er," Jean Chauvenet | \$34.99 | Domaine Roty | \$174.99 |
| 2004 Volnay-Santenots, 1er Cru, Domaine J Matrot | \$37.99 | 2004 Musigny, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin | \$175.99 |
| 2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue de Vergy, Domaine Bruno Clair .. | \$37.99 | 2003 Chambertin Grand Cru, Louis Latour-Was \$199.99 | \$169.99 |
| 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village V.V., Heresztyn..... | \$42.99 | 2003 Musigny, Grand Cru, J-F Mugnier | \$335.00 |
| 2004 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Michel Gros..... | \$44.99 | | |
| 2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue Vergy, Domaine Michel Gros | \$44.99 | | |
| 2004 Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Michel Gros | \$44.99 | | |
| 2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros | \$47.99 | | |
| 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Champs Chenys, Domaine Roty .. | \$49.99 | | |
| 2003 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Heresztyn | \$49.99 | | |
| 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin, Brunelle, Domaine Roty | \$49.99 | | |
| 2004 Gevrey-Chambertin Petite Chapelle, 1er Cru, Domaine | | | |
| Bruno Clair | \$54.99 | | |
| 2004 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode | \$54.99 | | |
| 2000 Pommard "Clos des Epeneaux," 1er, Comte Armand | \$59.99 | | |
| 2002 Corton-Bressandes, Grand Cru, Domaine Thevenot | \$59.99 | | |
| 2004 Vosne-Romanée "Suchots," 1er Cru, Maison Champy .. | \$59.99 | | |
| 2004 Corton Clos du Roi, Grand Cru, Prince de Mérode | \$59.99 | | |
| 2003 Beaune "Clos des Ursules," 1er Cru, Domaine Jadot..... | \$60.99 | | |
| 2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Gruenchers, David Duband | \$63.99 | | |
| 2004 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru, F. Esmonin | \$63.99 | | |
| 2004 Mazy-Chambertin Grand Cru, Frederic Esmonin..... | \$63.99 | | |
| 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Champonnets," 1er Cru, | | | |
| Heresztyn..... | \$65.99 | | |
| 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Goulots," 1er Cru, | | | |
| Heresztyn | \$66.99 | | |
| 2003 Chambolle-Musigny "Gruenchers," 1er Cru, | | | |
| Domaine Fourrier | \$69.99 | | |
| 2004 Volnay 1er, Caillerets, Lucien LeMoine | \$74.99 | | |
| 2000 Echézeaux, Domaine Lamarche | \$79.95 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Cazetiers" 1er, Lucien LeMoine .. | \$79.99 | | |
| 2008 Pommard "Epenots," 1er Cru, Lucien LeMoine..... | \$80.99 | | |
| 2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Lavaux St. Jacques," 1er, LeMoine | \$82.99 | | |

Pour Votre Plaisir

The First 2005 Red Burgundies

Many of you have heard how great the 2005 Burgundy vintage is. And I will have a report on our website after our March trip. But now that I have tasted a few dozen of them, I am convinced this really is a special vintage. And in a year like this, the wines are excellent from top to bottom. This may be a year to forego that Musigny, Grand Cru, and look for values in village or Premier Cru wines. Or, look for producers who always offer great value, and whose wine is particularly great in such a great vintage.

One such producer is Domaine Frederic Esmonin in Gevrey Chambertin. They are farmers at heart and made great wine in this vintage, since they produced great fruit from which to make the wines. Their 2005 vintage is the best I have ever tasted from them. We have the **2005 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Prieur (\$31.99)**, which is intense and structured and offers cellar potential and the **2005 Gevrey-Chambertin, Lavaux St. Jacques (\$49.99)**, which is deep and rich, with classic Gevrey character and a red fruit nose. In contrast, the **2005 Gevrey-Chambertin "Estournelles St. Jacques," 1er Cru (\$49.99)**, which comes from the vineyard further up the hill, with more limestone in the soil, has an airy and cool quality, with lovely fruit and an interesting spicy note. The **2005 Mazy-Chambertin (\$88.99)** has weight-lifter musculature, with brawny fruit and big finish. Again, in contrast is my perennial favorite from this cellar, the **2005 Ruchottes-Chambertin (\$88.99)**, is sappy and highly aromatic, with lots of extract and lovely bright character. Don't miss these exciting wines, as there is lots of interest in the 2005 vintage! Á Sante!

—Keith Wollenberg

ITALIAN WINES

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In Stock: Tuscany

- 2005 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"-A new cuvee..... \$7.49
 2003 Poggipiano Chianti Classico-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.....\$13.99
 2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classic-2 Glasses *G Rosso*\$17.99
 2004 Felsina Chianti Classico Chianti Classico-2 Glasses *GR*\$17.99
 2004 Querciabella Chianti Classico-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*..... \$23.99
 2001 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia"\$26.99
 2003 Poggipiano Rosso di Sera IGT-3 Glasses *G Rosso*..... \$44.99
 1998 Rocca Montegrossi Vin Santo (375ml)\$74.99
 97 points Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*.

Montalcino

- 2004 Casisano Colombaio Rosso di Montalcino-1 Glass *G Rosso* \$16.99
 2004 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino\$18.99
 2004 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino-1 Glass *Gamb Rosso*... \$19.99
 2004 Frescobaldi Campo ai Sassi Rosso di Montalcino\$19.99
 2001 Poggiarellino Brunello\$29.99
 3.5 Stars! The powerful, focused center extends right down the middle of your palate; the wine is rich, fleshy with a chocolaty, ripe cherry flavor filled body. The wine has considerable depth and a texture that makes me think of a Bisteca Fiorentina. Where the 2000 had loads of plump and fun fruit, this vintage shows far more complexity, layers of spice, distinct mineral components and a truly dramatic and long-lasting finish. Capable of aging 15-20 years easily yet balanced and rich enough to excite today (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)
 2001 Baricci Brunello-90 points *Wine Enthusiast*\$34.99

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

- 2001 Argiano Brunello-2 RED Glasses *Gambero Rosso*..... \$39.95
 93 points Stephen Tanzer: "Full red. Highly complex aromas of medicinal black cherry, mocha, licorice and black olive, with a roasted aspect and a whiff of celery seed. Sweet, densely packed and concentrated, with lush, seamless dark fruit flavors spreading out to saturate the palate. A big, firmly structured Brunello that finishes with ripe tannins and intriguing hints of iron and peat."
 2001 Collosorbo Brunello-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.....\$39.95
 92 points *Wine Enthusiast*: "A standout wine thanks to lush red apple and cinnamon, coffee, tobacco, cherry cola, spice and peach cobbler-like aromas. Tasty, long finish with firm tannins and a flavorful, fruity tail."
 2001 Pian dell'Orino Brunello..... \$39.99
 91 points *Wine Spectator*: "Impressive blackberry, floral and mineral character. Full-bodied, with with velvety tannins and beautiful berry, plum and vanilla flavors. Long and flavorful."
 2001 Lisini Brunello-90 points *Wine Enthusiast*\$39.99
 The soft ripeness is given a great canvas of structure to play on. All of this gorgeous fruit is propped up with young muscle and structure wrapped in a warm cloak of spicy, supple flowing fruit. Wonderful wine to drink now with some decanting and will drink well over the next 5-10 years.
 2001 Castelgiocondo Brunello-94 points *Wine Spectator*\$44.95
 #27 in the *Spectator's* Top 100: "Aromas of currant, berry and light vanilla. Full-bodied and structured. Fine tannins but not giving much now. This is big and powerful. Needs lots of time. Best after 2010."
 2000 Casanova Neri Brunello "Cerretalto"-93 points *Spectator* ..\$89.99

Sul Tappeto Rosso

Learning a new language is sometimes challenging. And when you mix work in with it, there are embarrassing moments. When I first met Dario and Elsa Ermacora they were extraordinarily charming, well dressed (without seeming to read *GQ* or *Vogue*) yet still had a bit of country charm not soiled by big city ways. I met them at Vinitaly, the Circus Maximus of the Italian wine world, where we tasted their wines. We proceeded with arrangements for us to buy their wines, and the world was safe once again. Two years after our first encounter, after two visits to the estate, after countless emails for labeling instructions, registration and a host of phone calls, Dario said to me: "Greg, if you are going to represent our wines in the U.S.A .could you please pronounce my name correctly! You could imagine the embarrassment! I can speak Italian fairly well, but occasionally there are holes in my grammar or pronunciation. This was really bad. So, here is your lesson, just like I learned: Er MA ko ra! The easy part is to say how good the wines are!

White wines (and Friulian red wines) never seem to get any press in the U.S. Delicacy and finesse seem to be lost on our major critiques and only when hammered by an obscene amount of oak do they get any scores beyond 89 points. The *Gambero Rosso* is Italy's leading wine reviewer. They use many critics who focus on singular areas making them real specialists. They also use a 1, 2, 2 Red, 3 Glass (*bicchieri* in Italian) rating system that for me is a fairly good measure, as well as a * indicating a particularly good price-to-quality ratio. The 2 Red Glass award is for wines that were invited to the

national tasting for 3 Glasses yet didn't qualify for the top award. I call it 2 and a half Glasses.

Ubiquitous Pinot Grigio is hard for us Italian wine fans to look in the eye, not that there aren't wonderful Pinot Grigio. But because it is so easy to sell them many producers make wines with huge yields, from areas better suited for lettuce than grapes. While made cleanly, they lack much of a redeeming quality other than being a refreshing break from oaky chardonnay. Enter Er MA ko ra (practice makes perfect), wines from a series of glacial moraines scant kilometers from the Slovenian border. The 2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio (\$14.99), 2* Red Glasses, has character, structure and a decidedly complex finish. If you are a Pinot Grigio fan, this one really is worth drinking! The 2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco (\$14.99), 2* Red Glasses, is looked upon in Friuli as the most important grape. This is the Ermacora flagship. Hints of bergamot and honeysuckle, dry yet rich, it is wonderful and ages for 2-3 years extraordinarily well. The 2005 Ermacora Tocai Friulano (\$14.99), 2 Glasses, is brilliant and vivacious, showing hints of tarragon. Crisp and refreshing, this one is gaining popularity here, and the K&L staff love this wine! The 2005 Ermacora Schioppettino (\$16.99), yet to be reviewed, is a red wine with sensational aromatics, spicy flavors and a texture not too dissimilar to Pinot Noir. This is one of the most intriguing wines you'll ever taste and so incredibly food friendly. Try one of these wines; you'll be glad you did. And one more time: Er MA ko ra (I think you've got it!).

—Greg St.Clair

ITALIAN WINES

Misc Piedmont

- 2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$12.99
Vibrant, incredibly balanced, great finish, all stainless steel! DIRECT IMPORT.
- 2004 Pietro Rinaldi Barbera d'Alba "Bricco Cichetta"\$15.99
Intensely bold fruit, great balance in this exceptional vintage. Truly stunning Barbera. Beppe Caviola is the winemaker at this up-and-coming winery.
- 2004 Ruggeri Corsini Nebbiolo delle Langhe-2 Glasses *G Rosso* \$16.99
- 2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"-2 Glasses *GR* ..\$19.99
- 2005 Bologna Brachetto d'Acqui\$22.95

Barolo/Barbaresco

- 2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Serra Boella"\$25.99
- 2002 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo\$29.99
- 2001 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Vecchie Vigne"\$55.99
- 2001 Alessandria Barolo "San Giovanni"-3 Glasses *G Rosso* \$54.99
- 1999 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"-95+ points Stephen Tanzer ..\$59.95
- 2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Bussia"\$59.95
92 points Tanzer: "...terrific energy and verve in the mouth, with its sweetness nicely leavened by sappy, harmonious acidity. Finishes very long and juicy, with wonderfully smooth, silky tannins and vibrant notes of fruits and minerals."
- 2001 Einaudi Barolo "Nei Cannubi"-91 points *Wine Spectator*.....\$69.99
- 1996 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
- 1997 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
- 1998 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"\$74.99
- 2001 Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala" (1.5L)-95 points Tanzer ...\$174.95

Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli

- 2005 Blason Pinot Grigio\$8.99
Don't wait to try this absolutely stunning Pinot Grigio! DIRECT IMPORT!
- 2005 Blason Tocai Friulano-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*.....\$8.99
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- 2005 Blason Sauvignon-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$9.99
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- 2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio-2 Red Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99
- 2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco-2 Red Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99
- 2005 Ermacora Tocai Friulano-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99
- 2005 Ermacora Sauvignon-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99
- 2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulano-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$14.99
- 2005 Ermacora Refosco\$14.99
- 2005 Ermacora Schiopettino\$15.99
- 2005 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio\$17.95

Sicily, Umbria, Campania and Lazio

- 2005 Arancio Grillo\$5.99
- 2004 Arancio Nero d'Avola\$5.99
- 2004 Falesco Vitiano\$7.95
- 2004 Planeta La Segreta Bianco & Rosso\$11.95
- 2003 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola\$12.99
- 2004 Pallavicini "Amarasco"\$14.99
- 2004 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$17.99
- 2004 Planeta Syrah-2 RED Glasses *Gambero Rosso*\$34.95
- 2004 Planeta Nero d'Avola Santa Cecilia-2 RED Glasses *G Rosso* ..\$34.95
- 2004 Planeta Chardonnay-2 RED Glasses *Gambero Rosso*.....\$36.99

Emilia Romagna, Marche, Veneto and Lombardia

- Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Amabile"-Sweet.....\$8.99
- 2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*..\$8.99
- Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Classico"-Semi-dry ..\$8.99
- Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Tipico"-Dry ..\$8.99
- Silvano Follador Prosecco Extra Dry-2 Glasses *Gambero Rosso* ..\$10.99

- Ca Berti Grasp. di Castelvetro "Robusco"-Semi-dry\$10.99
- Silvano Follador Prosecco Brut-1 Glass *Gambero Rosso*\$10.99
- 2004 Luccheti Lacrima di Morro d'Alba\$11.99

This is a hold-onto-your-socks fruit bomb!

- 2003 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Ripasso-2 RED Glasses *GR*\$16.99
- Silvano Follador Prosecco "Cartizze"-2 Glasses *G Rosso*\$19.99
- Bellavista Franciacorta Brut\$27.95
- 2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"-2 Glasses *G Rosso*\$39.99
- 2001 Allegrini Amarone\$59.95

March's Picks!

2005 Pallavicini Frascati (\$9.99) This is a blend of 50% malvasia di candia, 10% malvasia del Lazio and 40% trebbiano Toscano grown on volcanic soils that are highly calcareous. Aged just two months in stainless steel, it offers a delicate bouquet that is fruity and ever so slightly floral, with a dry, fresh and elegant taste that goes perfectly with grilled fish, steamed clams or just as a great cocktail wine.

2005 I Favati Fiano d'Avellino (\$17.99) This grape is becoming very popular in San Francisco, thanks to a restaurant called A16 that has introduced a lot of Southern Italian varieties to its patrons. A bright, fresh wine with pear, lime, lemon peel, toasted hazelnut with a mineral/salty note on the palate, this is very food friendly.

2005 Cascina Val del Prete Barbera d'Alba "Serra de Gatti" (\$17.99) I am a huge fan of this winery. This vintage is even better than the last, a very user-friendly Barbera, full-bodied with dark and rich fruit, black cherries, cassis, a little cinnamon and clove and the long and lush finish. You will wonder how the bottle emptied so quickly.

2004 Cascina Val del Prete Barbera d'Alba "Carolina" (\$39.99) Mario and Luigi Roagna named this vineyard for their mother (so it better be good!). These vines are almost 40 years old and producing one of the best Barberas out there. This *superiore* is aged for 15 months in barrique. Notes of fruit, sweet spice and light vanilla merge to form a wine that is as concentrated as it is elegant. Try with mature cheeses or with your mom!

—Mike Parres

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—Susan Purnell

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| Deret VS, 5 year old, Petite Champagne | \$27.99 |
| Deret VSOP, 10 year old, Petite Champagne..... | \$32.99 |
| Brillet Selection Petite Champagne VSOP | \$39.99 |
| Francois Peyrot Reserve | \$47.99 |
| Frapin VSOP | \$51.99 |
| Jean Fillioux La Pouyade Grand Champagne..... | \$53.99 |
| Ferrand Reserve Grande Champagne | \$55.99 |
| Francois Peyrot 18-year-old Extra Reserve | \$57.99 |
| Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age du Fruit "10 Carats" | \$63.99 |
| Jean Fillioux Cep D'Or Grande Champagne | \$64.99 |
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| Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age des Fleurs "15 Carats" | \$76.99 |
| Tesseron "Tradition" Lot No. 76, XO Grande Champagne | \$81.99 |
| Jean Fillioux Tres Vieux Grande Champagne..... | \$82.99 |
| Frapin Château Fontpinot, Grande Champagne | \$87.99 |
| Ferrand Selection Des Anges Grande Champagne..... | \$99.99 |
| Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age de Epices "20 Carats" | \$124.99 |
| Tesseron "Perfection" Lot No. 53, Grande Champagne | \$129.99 |
| Tesseron "Exception" Lot No. 29 Grande Champagne | \$279.99 |

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| Benromach Traditional, Distillery Bottling | \$39.99 |
| Glenrothes Select Reserve Distillery Bottle | \$44.99 |
| Compass Box Oak Cross Vatted Malt Whisky | \$46.99 |
| Clynelish 14 year Distillery Bottling..... | \$47.99 |
| Glenlivet "Nadurra" 16 year Non-Chilled Filtered | \$49.99 |
| Ellenstown 10 year Cask Strength, Islay Single Malt | \$51.99 |
| 1992 Auchentoshen 12 year old, Un-Chillfiltered Signatory .. | \$55.99 |
| BenRiach 10 year "Curiostras" Heavily Peated | \$58.99 |
| Bruichladdich 12 year old Islay Single Malt Whisky | \$59.99 |
| Highland Park 18 year Distillery Bottling | \$59.99 |
| 1989 Imperial, 15 year Un-Chillfiltered Signatory | \$59.99 |
| 1995 Edradour 10 year Un-chill filtered Signatory | \$62.99 |
| 1996 Ardbeg 9 year Gordon & MacPhail Conn. Choice..... | \$64.99 |
| Bruichladdich 3D Peat 2nd Edition "Mòine Mhòr" | \$64.99 |
| Laphroaig 15 year | \$64.99 |
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| Talisker 18 year Isle of Skye | \$69.99 |
| 1991 Bruichladdich WMD II - Yellow Submarine | \$72.99 |
| Mortlach 15 year Gordon & MacPhail | \$74.99 |
| Bruichladdich "Infinity" Cask Strength | \$76.99 |
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| Springbank 9 year old Marsala Wood, Cask Strength | \$94.99 |
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| Bunnahabhain 18 year | \$99.99 |
| Compass Box Hedonism Vatted Grain Whisky | \$99.99 |
| 1985 Cragganmore 21 year, Murray McDavid Mission | \$104.99 |

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| Longrow 14 year old, Campbeltown | \$105.99 |
| 1990 Ardbeg Airigh Nam Beist Islay Single Malt | \$109.99 |
| Edradour Ballechin Heavily Peated Burgundy Cask | \$109.99 |
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| 1974 Glen Grant 31 year Lonach | \$124.99 |
| Macallan 18 year Distillery Bottle..... | \$124.99 |
| 1980 Glenturret 26 year Murray McDavid Mission | \$126.99 |
| 1972 Caperdonich 33 year Lonach | \$129.99 |
| BenRiach 21 year "Authenticus" Heavily Peated | \$145.99 |
| Benromach 24 year Cask Strength, | \$169.99 |
| 1982 Port Ellen 21 year The McGibbon's Provenance..... | \$189.99 |
| 1977 Glenugie, 27 year Jim McEwan's Celtic Heartland | \$199.99 |
| 1985 Edradour 22 year Port Wood Finish, Cask Strength | \$205.99 |
| Bunnahabhain 25 year | \$274.99 |
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Our New Champagne Club Is Coming Soon

The K&L Wine Clubs are pleased to announce that we are forming a fourth Club dedicated exclusively to the finest Champagne. The Champagne Club will send you two bottles of incredible Champagne bi-monthly for only \$69.95. Each shipment will usually (not always) combine one bottle from an artisanal grower producer and one bottle from a grand marque producer. We hope to begin shipping in the late spring or early summer. Call or email us (thornton@klwines.com) to reserve your place on the waiting list. We will notify you this month as to when we will start the Club; best guess is May.

One of the great advantages of belonging to a K&L Wine Club is the breadth of the selections. In recent months, we have offered wines from California, France, Italy, Australia, Spain and Germany. Many of our customers have been members of winery wine clubs but dropped them after a while because it seemed to just be more of the same every month. You will never get that feeling with the K&L Wine Clubs because we provide a variety of wines that no other wine club can match. Let us surprise you every month with our amazing finds from the multi-faceted world of fine wine. What differentiates the K&L Wines Clubs is our staff and their expertise. Our wine buyers are dedicated professionals with years of experience, an extraordinary depth of knowledge and a 100% commitment to excellence.

So what are you waiting for? Give us a call or go to our award-winning website to sign up for one of our Clubs, and you will soon be off on your guided tour of the world's finest wines.

—Thornton Jacobs

SIGNATURE RED COLLECTION

The Signature Red Club is conceived expressly for those who believe the first duty of a great wine is to be red. The wines in this Club hail from the finest wine regions in the world. The cost per month for two bottles is \$49.95 + shipping (tax for CA residents only). All reorders are only \$23.95 per bottle. Previous Signature selections have included: 1999 Oakford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$100) and 1999 Casisano Brunello di Montalcino (\$40) (*Wine Spectator* prices).

PREMIUM WINE CLUB

The Premium Wine Club is usually a combination of one white and one red chosen for their varietal tipicity. The cost per month for two bottles is \$29.95 + shipping (tax for CA residents only). All reorders are only \$13.99 per bottle. Previous Premium selections have included: 2000 Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa (\$25) and 2000 Cloud 9 "Composition" (\$70) (*Wine Spectator* prices).

BEST BUY WINE CLUB

The Best Buy Wine Club is both a great way for novices to discover a wide range of wines as well as a great source of high-quality everyday drinkers for the savvy old pro. Many of our customers subscribe to multiple Clubs, often adding in a Best Buy Club for the astounding values we deliver every month. The cost per month for two bottles is \$17.95 + shipping (tax for CA residents only). All reorders are only \$8.49 per bottle. Previous Best Buy selections have included: 2003 Nugan Chardonnay, Australia (\$12) and 2003 Langwerth von Simmern, Riesling (\$13) (*Wine Spectator* prices).



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