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Join K&L Wine Merchants and WH Smith on Monday, September 10 at the Lodge Steakhouse in Beverly Hills for the WH Smith Release Dinner! Seating is limited to 50 guests. \$120 per person.

Affordable Bordeaux to Enjoy Now

Delicious value-packed wines to enjoy with barbecue!

1997 Château Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$24.99

According to the *Wine Spectator*: "Delicious, with plum, spice and vanilla character. Medium-bodied, with silky tannins and a fresh fruit finish..." (01/2000)

1997 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$39.99

According to the *Wine Spectator*: "This red has mineral, currant and mint aromas. Medium- to full-bodied, with polished tannins and a fruity, succulent finish. An early drinking Las Cases, yet a very good red for the vintage."

1997 Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac\$44.99

According to Robert Parker: "This deep ruby-colored wine reveals abundant quantities of mature fruit in a medium-bodied, charming format. It exhibits good depth, low acidity and little tannin."

1999 Château Kirwan, Margaux\$49.99

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Wonderful aromas of cassis and berries, with hints of spices. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a delicious fruity aftertaste. Harmonious wine. Kirwan makes serious wine now."

1999 Château Léoville-Barton, St-Julien.....\$64.99

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Loads of floral, berry and mineral character on the nose. Full-bodied, with loads of layered tannins and fruit and a long, long finish. Big wine."

2001 Château Meyney, St-Estèphe\$28.99

Consistently producing wine of a much higher quality than its Cru Bourgeois status would indicate, this 2001 is 70% cabernet sauvignon, 24% merlot, 4% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot. Quite a value, particularly if you consider that Château Montrose is a neighbor!

2001 Château du Tertre, Margaux.....\$39.99

90 points Robert Parker: "Broad and sexy, with supple tannin, it offers beguiling notes of toast, black currant liqueur, violets, and licorice in a seductive, opulent, medium to full-bodied, accessible style. It may deserve another point or two for pure pleasure."

2001 Bahans Haut-Brion, Pessac.....\$39.99

According to Robert Parker: "Always one of Bordeaux's finest second wines, the 2001 Bahans Haut-Brion exhibits a dark plum/ruby color as well as a sweet nose of cedar, earth and red and black currants. Medium bodied with a supple texture, fine purity and admirable length."

2003 Château Fourcas Hosten, Listrac\$15.99

Showing remarkable structure and a great aromatic delicacy, this 2003 consists of 45% merlot, 45% cabernet sauvignon and 10% cabernet franc from 25-year old vines.

—Clyde Beffa Jr

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

2004 Bordeaux Values in Stock

Read Steve's article about excellent Bordeaux values on page 2.

Spanish Delights

Check page 14 for Anne and Joe's recommendations.

Two Boatloads of Italian Gems

Two containers of great Italian wine in stock. See Greg and Mike's picks on pages 20-21.

Trey's Picks for August

2005 La Crema Sonoma Coast Chardonnay\$14.99

Fresh aromas of citrus, butterscotch and lemon peel open to appealing hints of jasmine and nutmeg! On the palate, rich buttercream, pear and citrus meld to create a plush, round middle.

2005 Taz Santa Barbara Pinot Noir\$17.99

In this rich and fruit filled Pinot Noir, the folks at Taz pulled together fruit from the Santa Maria Valley and the Santa Rita Hills—two very different sites with contrasting signatures. When blended, you get a blackberry burst in the wine with cola spice and juicy, jammy berry notes supported by a balancing act of tannins and structure.

2004 Stag's Leap Winery Napa Merlot\$21.99

Aromatics of ripe, red cherry and sweet strawberry jam lead to flavors of rich red fruit, toasted almonds, dried thyme and rosemary, with a hint of black truffles. The firm tannic structure holds the melody of flavors together as a full-bodied mid palate carries through to a long finish complete with hints of licorice, black chocolate and orange peel.

Tent Tastings in San Francisco & Hollywood

French Connection: Saturday, October 13 (1 to 4 p.m.) in San Francisco. Taste fine Bordeaux, Champagne, Loire Valley, Burgundy and Rhône wines. Tickets are \$75 per person (plus tax).

Hollywood Holiday Champagne: Saturday, November 3 (2 to 5 p.m.) at the Hollywood store. Taste 50 bubbly—our direct buys and the brand names. Please inquire for ticket prices.

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Review Key:

WS: Wine Spectator

RP: Robert Parker

WE: Wine Enthusiast

GR: Gambero Rosso

2006 Bordeaux—Finally!

It's July and we are almost finished with the opening prices for the 2006 Bordeaux wines. This has been the longest Primeur campaign for Bordeaux that I can remember and we've been selling Bordeaux on pre-arrival since 1978.

Of the latest wines to open, there were a few surprises. Léoville-Las Cases opened quite a bit below their 2005 level! Palmer and Angelus, both fabulous 2006s were aggressive with their price. Cos d'Estournel was reasonable while the white wines of Pape-Clément, Margaux, La Mission and Haut-Brion are in the stratosphere! Six wines that you must have in 2006—Cantemerle, Clos du Marquis, Lynch-Bages, Pontet-Canet, Pichon Lalande and Malescot-St. Exupéry! All are better than their 2005 counterparts!

—Clyde Beffa Jr

Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

Classically styled and affordable, the 2004 Bordeaux have arrived and there is something for everyone's taste and pocketbook.

2004 Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac (\$52.99) One of the stars of the vintage. Very concentrated and deep with lots of cherry/berry fruit in the dense middle. This claret is tight and tannic right now but exhibits beautiful balance and structure. Affordable and classic!

2004 Château Pichon Lalande, Pauillac (\$69.99) Big and structured for this property, yet still approachable with decanting. The aromas are of deep merlot fruit with dark chocolate, black cherries and oak. The middle is plump, dark and fresh with rich red and black fruit and well-integrated tannins. Great wine!

2004 Château Kirwan, Margaux (\$46.99) A third growth with a great track record over the last five years. Smells of flowers, cedar, oak and ripe fruit. This is full-bodied and structured with rich currant and berry flavors and even a touch of leather on the finish; drink now or age.

2004 Château Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe (\$28.99) This affordable Fourth Growth opens up with scents of dusky fruit, earth, herbs and a touch of damp clay. Elegant and medium-bodied, this is quite ripe in the middle and sweet on the finish. A tasty bargain from a consistent property.

2004 Château Latour, Pauillac (\$369.00) 95 pts RP: "The dark ruby/purple-tinged 2004 Latour exhibits a strong cassis character intermixed with notes of crushed rocks, earth, cedar and forest floor. Racy, elegant, yet powerful with medium to full body and sweet tannin, it will benefit from 5 to 7 years of cellaring and should keep for 3 decades. It's a very impressive offering."

2004 Château Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac (Inquire) 92-94 pts RP: "One of the better wines of the vintage, the elegantly-styled 2004 Lafite-Rothschild reveals hints of lead pencil, crushed rocks, flowers, crème de cassis and cranberries. Medium-bodied with considerable finesse, length, ripeness and structure...it requires 3 to 5 years of cellaring."

—Steve Bearden

Brick's Bordeaux Picks

Boy, oh boy do I have a great lineup of wines for you this month. Four absolute no brainers handed to you on a silver platter. First, two wines from Château du Tertre. The **2001 Château du Tertre, Margaux (\$39.99)** is packed with aromas of peppered beef and wet stone. This supple, sweet fruited wine has a coating, generous texture and rich flavors of red plum, caraway and blueberry. A bit more powerful and structured is the **2000 Château du Tertre, Margaux (\$49.99)**. This shows the unmistakable weight and depth of the 2000 vintage. Full of tart cherry fruit, black currant, black tea and a pretty woody tone, this is a complete wine front to back. Persistent tannin and acid make this enjoyable now, but even better in a few years.

One of our favorite producers, Pontet-Canet, has been knocking wines out of the park lately and the **1997 Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac (Inquire)** is no exception. While 1997 was a difficult year, this, we believe, was one of the best of the vintage, with a beautiful, sweet, berry coulis, vanilla bean nose and subtle clay, heirloom tomato and raspberry flavors. Overall this is more earthy than sweet, a food wine with plenty of terroir, perfect for the dinner table.

Last, the **1994 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (\$86.99)**. Again another top wine from a difficult vintage; this is stunning. It has everything you look for in top Bordeaux: power, density of flavor, finesse, structure. Spice cake with black currant and licorice come wafting out of the glass, just to be outdone by similar flavors on the palate, picking up even more complexity, adding lavender and bay leaf spice and more sweet plum fruit. Enjoy!

—Bryan Brick

2006 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Check our website for all current prices and inventory. Read our 2006 vintage report for tasting notes and impressions.

Alter Ego de Palmer, Margaux.....	\$39.99
Angelus, St-Emilion	\$189.99
Beaumont, Haut-Médoc (1.5L \$27.99)	\$12.99
Beychevelle, St-Julien-90-92 pts RP	\$43.99
Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien.....	\$49.99
Brane Cantenac, Margaux	\$44.99
Calon-Séгур, St-Estèphe-92-94 pts WS	\$54.99
Canon-La-Gaffeliere, St-Emilion.....	\$71.99
Cantemerle, Médoc (1.5L \$54.99)-90-92 pts RP	\$26.99
Carbonnieux Rouge, Pessac-90-92 pts RP	\$29.99
Caronne Ste. Gemme, Médoc (1.5L-\$26.99)	\$12.99
Chasse-Spleen, Moulis	\$26.99
Clarke Rothschild, Listrac	\$20.99
Clerc Milon, Pauillac-91-93 pts RP.....	\$39.99
Climens, Satuernes	\$89.99
Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion-90-93 pts RP	\$32.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien	\$43.99
Clos de la Madelaine, St-Emilion	\$27.99
Clos Marsalette, Pessac	\$21.99
Clos Fourtet, St-Emilion-90-93 pts RP	\$58.99
Corbin, St-Emilion	\$24.99
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe	\$128.99
d'Aiguilhe, Côtes de Castillon	\$22.99
d'Angludet, Margaux (1.5L \$59.99)-89-91 pts WS	\$27.99
d'Armailhac, Pauillac-89-91 pts WS	\$34.99
d'Issan, Margaux	\$41.99
Doisy Vedrines, Sauternes (375ml \$17.99)-89-91 pts WS	\$34.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-90-92 pts RP	\$42.99
du Tertre, Margaux	\$31.99
Duhart-Milon, Pauillac-91-93 pts RP	\$39.99
Ferrand-Lartique, St-Emilion	\$19.99
Ferriere, Margaux	\$29.99
Figeac, St-Emilion	\$84.99
Giscours, Margaux (1.5L Inquire)-89-91 pts RP and WS.....	\$44.99
Gloria, St-Julien-89-91 pts RP and WS	\$30.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 pts WS.....	\$49.99
Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac-92-94 pts WS	\$32.99
Haut-Bailly, Pessac-92-94 pts WS.....	\$58.99
Haut-Bergey Rouge, Pessac-90-92 pts RP	\$25.99
Haut-Brion, Pessac	\$529.99
Joanin Becot, Côtes Castillon.....	\$19.99
Kirwan, Margaux (1.5L \$85.99)-88-91 pts RP	\$42.99
La Mission-Haut-Brion, Pessac	\$539.99
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande Pomerol-90-93 pts RP.....	\$31.99
La Mondotte, St-Emilion	\$249.00
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac	Inquire
Lagrange, St-Julien-91-94 pts RP	\$42.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L \$114.99)-90-92 pts RP	\$54.99
Larcis-Ducasse, St-Emilion-91-94 pts RP	\$47.99
Latour, Pauillac	\$539.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 pts RP and WS	\$67.99
Léoville-Las Cases, St-Julien.....	\$199.99
Le Gay, Pomerol	\$94.99
Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe	\$29.99
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac	\$94.99

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Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien	\$64.99
Lucia, St-Emilion-90-93 pts RP	\$43.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac-92-94 pts WS	\$67.99
Malescot-St-Exupéry-Margaux-92-94 pts WS	\$46.99
Malmaison, Moulis	\$17.99
Margaux, Margaux	\$539.99
Meyney, St-Estèphe-89-91 pts WS	\$26.99
Monbousquet Rouge, St-Emilion	\$44.99
Montrose, St-Estèphe	\$79.99
Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac	Inquire
Pagodes de Cos, St-Estèphe	\$35.99
Palmer, Margaux	\$189.99
Pape-Clément, Pessac	\$139.99
Phélan-Séгур, St-Estèphe	\$29.99
Picard, St-Estèphe	\$16.99
Petit Village, Pomerol	\$46.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac	\$93.99
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac	\$118.99
Potensac, Médoc	\$21.99
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac-93-95 pts RP	\$69.99
Poujeaux, Moulis.....	\$25.99
Pierre de lune, St-Emilion	\$44.99
Prieure-Lichine, Margaux-89-91 pts WS	\$39.99
Rieussec, Sauternes (375ml \$32.99)-92-94 pts WS	\$64.99
Rouget, Pomerol (1.5L \$72.99)	\$34.99
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac.....	\$54.99
Suduiraut, Sauternes (375ml \$31.99)-92-94 pts WS.....	\$59.99
Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L \$83.99)-89-91 pts RP and WS	\$41.99

2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Barde-Haut, St-Emilion (1.5L)-91-93 pts RP	\$77.99
Calon-Séгур, St-Estèphe	\$94.99
Canon, St-Emilion-90-93 pts RP	\$79.99
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-90-92 pts RP	\$51.99
Figeac, St-Emilion-92-94 pts WS	\$109.99
Fombrauge, St-Emilion-90-92 pts RP.....	\$33.99
Gloria, St-Julien (1.5L)	\$69.99
Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien-89-91 pts WS.....	\$56.99
Haut-Marbuzet, St-Estèphe-89-91 pts RP	\$39.99
La Tour-Carnet, Médoc-89-91 pts WS.....	\$29.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien-92-94 pts WS.....	\$74.99
Lascombes, St-Julien	\$78.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	Inquire
Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien(1.5L)-94-96 pts WS	\$569.99

SAUTERNES 1947-2004

1947 Caillou	\$399.00
1983 Suduiraut (375ml \$35.99)	\$66.99
1989 Suduiraut Crème de Tete-96 pts WS	\$269.99
1993 d'Yquem	\$139.99
The best price in the universe!	
1995 d'Yquem	\$199.00
1997 Guiraud (1.5L)	\$99.99
1997 Lafaurie-Peyraguey	\$46.99
2001 Castelnau de Suduiraut	\$29.99
2001 d'Yquem (375ml \$279.00)-100 points of perfection	\$529.00

SAUTERNES 1947-2004

2001 Doisy Vedrines, Sauternes	\$54.99
93 pts WS	
2002 d'Yquem (1.5L)	\$399.99
96 pts and a Collectibles from WS.	
2003 Doisy Vedrines (375 ml)	\$19.99
89-92 pts RP	
2003 La Clotte-Cazalis (375ml)	\$17.99
90 pts RP. Lots of coconut and pineapples nuances on the nose. Extremely good value.	
2004 Suduiraut	\$49.99
2004 Doisy Vedrines (375ml \$15.99) ..	\$31.99

Bordeaux 2006: The Firsts and the Affordables

The excellent 2006 vintage produced wines of bright freshness, nice mid-weight fruit, with charm and elegance. And since many of the Bordeaux property owners, who raised their prices in 2005 to be more in line with California's expensive cult wines, set their 2006 prices 10-30% below the '05s, the majority are priced fairly in the world market. So while some of the top wines may be out of reach for all except the billionaires of the world—2006 is an accessible vintage for American lovers and collectors of Bordeaux. Below are my comments on the first growths and then on the super-value-packed wines of 2006.

Ch. Haut-Brion (Inquire) Powerful aromas of perfectly ripe grapes and leather, very classic and intensely focused.

Ch. Margaux (\$539.99) A fine expression of high-toned pure fruit, strong and elegant, slightly less opulent than some recent releases; it finishes with good spice.

Ch. Lafite-Rothschild (\$529.99) Exotic tinge to the ripe grapes, strong/brisk acidity make this wine a elegant distance runner.

Ch. Latour (\$539.99) The Latour is ultra thick, exotic old vine fruit. Powerful, massive and concentrated. The softness of the tannins is impressive and holds this great wine together.

Ch. Mouton-Rothschild (Inquire) Strong and precisely focused crushed red fruits. Lovely tannin control here as well; absolutely no harshness through to the strong and long finish. Superb! Best since 1986!

A few of the superb values...

Ch. Pontet-Canet (\$69.99) I love this again! A big dark purple wine of great freshness and power. Blueberry/blackberry fruit is almost creamy in the middle. Very complex wine.

Ch. Lynch-Bages (\$67.99) A serious and superb Lynch. Black fruits with red tinges, the high-toned fruit is round and viscous and it has the textbook Lynch aromas of cigar and wood. A real winner; better than 2005!

Ch. Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande (\$118.99) Very close to 2005—maybe better. Great freshness as always on the nose, sweet and spicy on the palate with good thickness and overall mouth feel. Layers of fruit in this wine. Multi-dimensional.

Ch. Pichon-Longueville Baron (\$93.99) Great sweetness from this masculine wine, very deep earthy-berry fruit, good roundness, the tannins are also strong but harmonious.

Ch. Langoa-Barton (\$54.99) Deep cassis fruit with cranberry tinges, the fruit is sweet but strong, focused and balanced.

Ch. Cos d'Estournel (\$128.99) A really strong and powerful Cos with a tightly focused core of deep black-brown, spicy fruit, claret style.

Ch. Malescot-St. Exupéry (\$46.99) Very fine nose of roses and violets, deep regal fruit, good thick middle, little creamy. Nice tannins, good long finish, superb wine!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at x 2723 or Ralph@klwines.com Cheers and Toujours Bordeaux! —*Ralph Sands*

BORDEAUX IN STOCK 1945-2006

1945 Mouton-Rothschild	\$12,999.00
Perfect condition—from Mahler Besse cellar.	
1949 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc.....	\$899.00
Extremely rare—perfect condition, Mahler Besse.	
1950 Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L)	\$599.00
Direct from the property. Sweet and delicious.	
1959 Bouscaut Rouge, Graves	\$229.00
1961 Palmer, Margaux	\$2,999.00
Extremely rare—perfect condition, Mahler Besse.	
1966 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac	\$499.00
1970 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien	\$245.00
1970 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac	\$195.00
1972 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac....	\$329.00

1975 Chasse-Spleen, Moulis	\$129.00
1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L)	\$169.99
Old-school style, lingering finish. Excellent.	
1976 Latour, Pauillac (1.5L)	\$629.00
A bargain in the Latour world!	
1978 Poujeaux, Moulis	\$49.99
1979 Ausone, St-Emilion	\$299.00
1981 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac....	\$269.00
1982 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien	\$299.00
1982 d'Issan, Margaux	\$129.00
1982 La Lagune, Moulis	\$219.99
1982 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac	\$1,799.00
1982 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	\$279.00
1982 Montrose, St-Estèphe	\$249.00
1982 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux	\$219.00
1983 Chasse-Spleen (1.5L).....	\$159.99
1983 Grand-Puy-Lacoste (1.5L)	\$149.00
1983 Lascombes, Margaux.....	\$109.99
1983 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien	\$159.99
1984 Pichon-Lalande (5L)	\$399.00
1985 Poujeaux, Moulis	\$89.99
1985 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L) ..	\$129.00
Elegant, fruity, smooth and lingering finish.	
1986 Chasse-Spleen (1.5L).....	\$199.00
Right from the property. Perfect condition.	
1986 Haut-Bages-Libéral (1.5L)	\$189.99
This wine is stunning—full of life and flavor.	
1986 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac....	\$999.00

Château Latour, from the property.

1982 Latour, Pauillac.....	\$2,499.00
1986 Latour, Pauillac	\$499.00
1988 Latour, Pauillac	\$399.00
1989 Latour, Pauillac	\$499.00
1994 Latour, Pauillac	\$299.00
1995 Latour, Pauillac	\$549.00
1996 Latour, Pauillac	\$799.00
1995 Forts de Latour, Pauillac.....	\$159.00
1996 Forts de Latour, Pauillac.....	\$159.00

These nine wines came direct from the property with authentication labels on the back.

1986 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)	\$169.00
1986 Siran, Margaux (3L)	\$299.00
1986 Siran, Margaux (5L)	\$399.00

These large formats are direct from the property. Perfect condition. Outstanding wines.

1987 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac....	\$249.00
1988 Grand Mayne, St-Emil (1.5L) ..	\$139.00
1988 Léoville-Las-Cases (1.5L)	\$299.00
1989 Chasse-Spleen, Moulis	\$119.00
1989 Chasse-Spleen (1.5L).....	\$239.00

91 pts RP: "The 1989 Chasse-Spleen is the finest wine this property has produced since their great 1949." Direct from the property.

1989 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien	\$94.99
1989 Les Forts de Latour, (1.5L)	\$289.99
1989 Léoville-Poyferré(1.5L).....	\$289.00

90 pts WS

BORDEAUX 1945-2006

1989 Siran, Margaux (1.5L)	\$129.00
According to RP: "...a graceful, medium-bodied wine displaying the vintage's soft, silky texture, low acidity..."	
1990 Chasse-Spleen, Moulis	\$89.99
1990 Chasse-Spleen (1.5L)	\$169.99
90 pts WS. Fabulous-sweet and lush.	
1990 Labergorce Zede, Margaux	\$79.99
Delicious wine-sweet and lovely.	
1990 Poujeaux (1.5L)	\$179.99
1991 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien	\$129.00
1991 Pichon-Baron (1.5L)	\$169.99
1992 Léoville-Las-Cases, St-Julien	\$99.99
1994 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien	\$86.99
90 pts RP: "A top-notch effort in this vintage, Ducru-Beaucaillou's 1994 displays outstanding extract and purity, moderate tannin, and a persuasively rich, sweet, spicy finish."	
1994 Phélan-Ségur (1.5L)	\$89.99
1994 Léoville-Poyferré (1.5L)	\$89.99
1994 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe	\$24.99
1995 Blason l'Evangile, Pomerol	\$39.99
1995 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien	\$59.99
1995 Lafleur, Pomerol	\$429.00
1995 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	\$139.99
1995 Montrose, St-Estèphe	\$109.99
1995 Sarget de Gruaud Larose	\$34.99
1996 Cantenac Brown, Margaux	\$52.99
1996 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien	\$66.99
1996 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien	\$64.99
1996 Rochebelle, St-Emilion (1.5L)	\$89.99
1997 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien	\$39.99
1997 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien	\$39.99
1997 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac	\$32.99
1997 du Tertre, Margaux	\$32.99
1997 Grand Mayne, St-Emilion	\$49.99
1997 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac	\$44.99
1997 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe	\$24.99
1997 Smith-Haut-Lafitte (3L)	\$169.99
1997 Latour, Pauillac	\$299.00
1998 Latour, Pauillac	\$369.00
1999 Latour, Pauillac	\$369.00
2000 Latour, Pauillac	\$1,299.00
2000 Forts de Latour, Pauillac	\$169.00
1998 Cantemerle (375ml)	\$15.99
1998 Langoa-Barton (1.5L)	\$99.00
1998 La Louviere Rouge, Pessac	\$29.99
1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien	\$49.99
1999 Camensac, Médoc	\$21.99
1999 Coufran, Médoc	\$22.99
1999 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien	\$91.99
1999 Gruaud Larose, St-Julien	\$49.99
1999 Kirwan, Margaux	\$49.99
1999 Lalande-Borie, St-Julien	\$19.99
1999 l'Arrosee, St-Emilion	\$29.99
1999 Langoa-Barton (5L)	\$399.00
1999 Langoa-Barton (6L)	\$449.00

1999 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	\$64.99
1999 Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien	\$42.99
1999 Malescot-St-Exupéry	\$58.99
1999 Margaux, Margaux	\$199.00
1999 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe	\$24.99
1999 Pavillon de Poyferre (375ml)	\$17.99
1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte (1.5L)	\$89.99
2000 Cos d'Estournel (3L)	\$899.00
2000 Cos d'Estournel (6L)	\$1,899.00
2000 du Tertre, Margaux	\$49.99
2000 Kirwan, Margaux	\$64.99
2000 Meyney, St-Estèphe	\$34.99
2000 La Tour Carnet, Médoc	\$34.99
2001 Bahans Haut-Brion, Pessac	\$39.99
2001 Clarke, Listrac	\$27.99
2001 du Tertre, Margaux	\$39.99
2001 Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac	\$38.99
2001 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	\$64.99
2001 Meyney, St-Estèphe	\$28.99
2001 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac	\$159.99
2001 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe	\$38.99
2001 Sarget de Gruaud Larose	\$24.99
2002 Allees de Cantemerle, Médoc	\$14.99
2002 Haut-Brion, Pessac	\$249.00
2002 Pagodes de Cos	\$26.99
2002 Potensac, Medoc	\$19.99
2002 Reserve de Comtesse Lalande	\$24.99
2002 Rocher Bellevue Figeac	\$19.99
2003 Bellegrave, Pauillac	\$29.99
2003 Bourgneuf, Pomerol	\$29.99
2003 Charmes de Kirwan, Margaux	\$24.99
2003 Clarke, Listrac	\$27.99
2003 Clairefont, Margaux	\$19.99
2003 Clos de la Vieille Eglise, Pom	\$49.99
2003 d'Agassac, Haut-Médoc	\$22.99
2003 Domaine de Chevelier	\$41.99
2003 Fonreaud, Listrac	\$19.99
2003 Fourcas Hosten, Listrac	\$15.99
2003 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien	\$57.99
2003 Haut Gay, Bord Superiore	\$12.99
2003 Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac	\$32.99
2003 Kirwan, Margaux	\$59.99
2003 La Gatte, Bordeaux	\$10.99
2003 La Couspaude, St-Emilion	\$34.99
2003 La Grave a Pomerol, Pomerol	\$39.99
2003 La Parde de Haut-Bailly	\$23.99
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2003 Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc	\$17.99
2003 La Tour de Mons, Margaux	\$23.99
2003 Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe	\$29.99
2003 Milens, St-Emilion	\$26.99
2003 Meyney, St-Estèphe	\$33.99
2003 Pape-Clément, Pessac	\$119.99
2003 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac	\$119.99
2003 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac	\$74.99
2003 Poujeaux, Moulis	\$29.99
2003 Reserve Comtesse	\$34.99

2003 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, Pessac	\$49.99
2003 Valandraud, St-Emilion	\$199.99
2004 Bernadotte, Médoc	\$16.99
2004 Bernadotte, Médoc (1.5L)	\$34.99
2004 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien	Inquire
2004 Canon-La-Gaffeliere, St-Emil	\$69.99
2004 Clos Marsalette, Pessac	\$17.99
2004 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien	\$28.99
2004 Clos de Lunelles	\$37.99
2004 Cos d'Estournel (1.5L)	\$164.99
2004 Cos d'Estournel (3L)	\$329.99
2004 Cos d'Estournel (6L)	\$649.00
2004 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac ..	Inquire
2004 Haut-Vigneau, Graves	\$13.99
2004 Kirwan, Margaux	\$46.99
2004 La Confession, St-Emilion	\$24.99
2004 Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac	Inquire
2004 Lafon-Rochet, St-Estèphe	\$28.99
2004 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien	\$35.99
2004 Langoa-Barton (1.5L)	\$69.99
2004 Latour, Pauillac	\$369.00
2004 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	\$59.99
2004 Margaux, Margaux	Inquire
2004 Nenin, Pomerol (1.5L)	\$65.99
2004 Pagodes de Cos	\$24.99
2004 Parenchere, Bordeaux	\$13.99
2004 Pape-Clément, Pessac (1.5L)	\$149.99
2004 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux	\$38.99
2004 Pichon-Baron (3L)	\$219.99
2004 Pichon-Lalande, Pauil (1.5L)	\$134.99
2004 Pichon-Lalande, Pauil (3L)	\$274.99
2004 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac	\$52.99
2004 Reserve de Comtesse	Inquire
2005 Haut Sociando, Côtes de Blaye ..	\$10.99

White/Rosé Bordeaux

2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac	\$26.99
2003 Pavillon Blanc	\$57.99
2004 Doisy-Daëne Sec, Dubourdiou ..	\$14.99
2004 Haut-Brion Blanc	\$319.00
2005 Lynch-Bages Blanc, Bordeaux	\$47.99
2005 Clos Floridene, Graves	\$19.99
2005 Reynon Blanc, Dubourdiou	\$11.99
2005 Marjosse, Bordeaux	\$11.99
2005 St Jean des Graves, Graves	\$12.99
2006 Rosé Domaine de Chevalier	\$10.99
2006 Rosé Phélan-Ségur	\$10.99

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2005 Charles Baur Pinot Blanc	\$12.99
2005 Charles Baur Pinot Noir	\$14.99
2004 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$14.99
Crémant d'Alsace Rosé, Charles Baur	\$16.99
2005 Muscat Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2004/05 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker	\$18.99
2001 Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn, Becker	\$18.99
2005 Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur	\$21.99
2005 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur	\$21.99
2004 Cour Cheverny "La Porte Dorée," Tessier	\$9.99
2005 Coteaux du Loire Blanc, Benedicte de Ryke	\$10.99
2005 St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Expression, Joel Taluau	\$12.99
2005 Touraine Cot Vieilles Vignes, Grange Tiphaine	\$13.99
2004 Cour Cheverny Domaine Blanc, Tessier	\$12.99
2004 La Carbonnerie, Tessier	\$12.99
2006 Cheverny Rouge, Tessier	\$13.99
2005 Sancerre Rouge, Franck Millet	\$14.99
2002 Fontenelles Samur Blanc, Ch. Tour Grise	\$15.99
2004 253 Samur Rouge, Ch. Tour Grise	\$15.99
2004 St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil VV, Joel Talau	\$14.99
2004 St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Cuvée Domaine, Joel Talau	\$24.99
2005 Sancerre Chavignol Rosé, Gerard Boulay	\$16.99
2005 Sancerre Chavignol Rouge, Gerard Boulay	\$19.99
2005 Sancerre Chavignol Blanc, Gerard Boulay	\$19.99
2002 Vouvray Aurelie, Gauthier Lhomme Dom de Viking	\$45.99

Bordeaux: White/Red/Stickers/Rosé

2005 Château Reynon Blanc VV, Dubourdiou	\$11.99
The Reynon is full, rich, lingering.	
2005 Marjosse Blanc, Bordeaux	\$11.99
2005 St Jean des Graves Blanc, Graves-New screw cap	\$12.99
2004 Grand Enclos de Ch. Cerons Blanc, Graves	\$15.99
2005 Clos Floridene, Pessac-Stunning—just ask Mari!	\$19.99
2005 Lynch-Bages Blanc, Bordeaux	\$47.99
2006 Rosé de Domaine de Chevalier, Bordeaux-Fresh & clean!	\$10.99
2006 Rosé de Phélan-Séjour, Bordeaux	\$10.99
2005 Château Souvenir, Bordeaux	\$10.99
2005 Château Peyraud, Premières Côtes de Blaye	\$10.99
2005 Château Jouanin Prestige, Côtes Castillon	\$11.99
2004 Château Haut-Vigneau, Pessac	\$13.99
2003 Château de Callac Cuvée Prestige, Graves	\$14.99
2003 Château Saransot Dupre, Lustrac-Quite lush!	\$17.99
2003 Château Leonie, Graves-Tons of upfront fruit	\$21.99

White Burgundy

2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Jean Monnier	\$9.99
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud	\$13.99
2005 St-Veran de la Croix Senaillet	\$14.99
2004 St-Romain Blanc, Champy	\$14.99
2004 St-Aubin "Murgers Dents de Chien" 1er, Maroslavic	\$29.99

Southern France

2006 Picpoul de Pinet, Hughes Beaulieu	\$7.99
2004 Marselan, Domaine l'Attilon (Organic)	\$8.99
Crémant de Limoux, Aimery Sieur d'Arques "1531"	\$9.99

2006 Vin de Pays de Côtes de Thau Rosé, Hecht/Bannier	\$9.99
2006 Costieres de Nimes Blanc or Rosé, Mas Neuf	\$10.99
2004 Merlot Vin de Pays d'Oc, JL Denois	\$10.99
2003 "Hegarty #3" Domaine de Chamans	\$10.99
2005 Domaine l'Attilon-Caladoc	\$10.99
2006 Domaine l'Attilon-Chardonnay	\$10.99
2006 Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Rosé, Begude	\$12.99
2005 Jean Louis Denois Grenache Noir	\$12.99
2000 Chardonnay "Sainte Marie" Jean Denois-Super value!	\$14.99
Cedon de Bugey, Caveau de Mont St July	\$14.99
2004 Côtes Roussillon, Le Roc des Anges "Segna de Cor"	\$14.99
2003 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Rouge	\$14.99
2004 Les Baux de Provence, Château d'Estoublon Blanc	\$14.99
2003 Vin de Pays d'Oc, Denois "Chloe"	\$19.99
1999 Brut de Chardonnay Jean Louis Denois	\$19.99
2004 Côtes Roussillon, Le Roc des Anges "VV"	\$19.99
2003 Maury Domaine Mas Amiel "Vintage Reserve"	\$22.99
2004 Palette Blanc, Château Simone	\$24.99

Rhône

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Domaine Soumade-Fine value!	\$8.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Maurelle	\$9.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône, "Generation" Jaume	\$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.

2005 Rasteau Cave de Rasteau "Dame Victoria"	\$12.99
2004 Lirac, Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique"	\$12.99
2003 Rasteau Domaine des Girasols	\$12.99
2004 Lirac Domaine la Lorentine-Marcoux	\$12.99
2005 Vinsobres "Altitude 420" Domaine Jaume	\$13.99
2003 Rasteau Prestige, Domaine Soumade	\$15.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône Montfaucon "Baron Louis"	\$17.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, K&L Cuvée Cecile Chassagne	\$19.99

Made by the talented Cecile Chassagne, this wine is a great value. 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.

2005 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Marcoux	\$19.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône "Les Violettes" Domaine Soumade	\$29.99
90 pts RP. Stunning wine-crushed raspberries!	
2005 Gigondas "Ventabren" Moulin de Gardette	\$29.99
2005 Côte Rôtie, Joel Champet "La Villiere"	\$49.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Marcoux	\$49.99
90-93 points RP	

1927 Rivesaltes Domaine Bory	\$79.99
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Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut	\$22.99
Ariston Blanc de Blanc	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige	\$34.99
2000 Ariston Vintage Brut	\$32.99
1996 Bruno Michel Brut	\$59.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection	\$26.99
Franck Bonville Cuvée Les Belles Voyes	\$64.99
Fleury Carte Rouge	\$29.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$34.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Crayeres"	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Chevres Pierreuses"	\$29.99
2002 Leclerc Briant Rubis Rosé Brut	\$29.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Reserve Brut	\$26.99

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Michel Arnould Grand Cuvée Brut.....	\$32.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve	\$28.99
Tarlant Cuvée Louis	\$42.99

Spain

2004 Biurko Rioja Tempranillo	\$8.99
2003/4 Biurko Rioja Graciano	\$9.99
2003 Biurko Los Valles Crianza Rioja.....	\$11.99
2001 Biurko Rioja Reserva Old Vines Garnacha	\$17.99

Germany

2005 August Kessler Riesling "R"	\$9.99
2005 August Kessler Riesling Kabinett Dry	\$16.99
2005 August Kessler Lorcher Schlossberg Kabinett	\$18.99
2004 August Kessler Spätburgunder	\$24.99
2005 August Kessler 530.3 Spätlese	\$27.99
2005 August Kessler Rudesheimer Berg Roseneck Spät GC	\$27.99

Australia

2004 Richmond Grove "Black Cat" Shiraz	\$8.99
2004 Craneford Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	\$9.99
2005 Richmond Grove "French Cask" Chardonnay	\$10.99
2004 Richmond Grove "Weathervane" Cab Merlot	\$10.99
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz	\$12.99

Made by Phil Christianson of Longwood. Rich, round, fruit driven.

d'Arenberg "Peppermint Patty" Sparkling Chambourcin	\$21.99
2004 Hewitson Private Cellar Mourvedre/Shiraz	\$26.99

A special reserve blend made for us by Dean Hewitson.

Italy

Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro "Amabile"	\$7.99
2005 Blason Chardonnay "Bruma"	\$9.99
2005 Ermacora Refosco.....	\$9.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro "Robusco"	\$10.99
Follador Brut Prosecco	\$12.99
2005 Ermacora Verduzzo Friulani	\$11.99
2002 Rocca di Montigrossi Chianti Classico	\$12.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Dolcetto.....	\$12.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba	\$14.99
2006 Ruggeri Corsini Bianco delle Langhe.....	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco and Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Sauvignon	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Schioppettino	\$14.99
2005 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino	\$18.99
2004 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico	\$19.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"	\$19.99
Follador Cartizze Prosecco.....	\$19.99
2004 Proprieta Sperino Uvaggio, Coste della Sesia Rosso	\$27.99
2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo "San Pietro"	\$29.99
2002 Baricci "Colombaio di Montosoli" Brunello.....	\$34.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi CC Riserva "San Marcellino"	\$34.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi "Geremia"	\$34.99
2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo	\$36.99
2004 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT	\$39.99

Tasting Bar Schedule for August, 2007

All tastings are from noon to 3 p.m. in San Francisco, 1 to 4 p.m. in Redwood City and 2 to 5 p.m. in Hollywood. For further information about other monthly tastings and dinners, go to: www.klwines.com and click on "local events." Saturday tastings are the same at all three stores. Prices TBA unless noted.

Saturday, August 4: *Wines from Chile and Argentina.* Try the latest and best new arrivals. There's more than just Malbec!

Saturday, August 11: *Wines of Italy.* Greg St. Clair, Mike Parres and Kirk Walker prepare us for the fall with great new wines from Italy.

Saturday, August 18: *Wines of Bordeaux.* Our monthly Bordeaux tasting looks at the 2004 vintage wines and previews a few from 2005. Eight red, one white and a Sauternes to be poured. \$20.00

Saturday, August 25: *Boutique "Other" California Reds.* From syrah to sangiovese to cabernet franc and blended reds, Trey, Bryan and Mike pick their favorite domestic "alternative reds." Come and treat your tired palate to "new" varietals!

Thursday Night Tastings

In San Francisco, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Aug 2: Medlock Ames; Aug 9: TBA; Aug 16: Quinessential presents Argentina; Aug 23: TBA; Aug 30: TBA

In Redwood City, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Aug 2: Honig Wine Cellars; Aug 9: Heitz Cellars; Aug 16: Unti Vineyards; Aug 23: Amici Cellars; Aug 30: TBA

In Hollywood, 5 to 7 p.m.

Aug 2: Iron Horse; Aug 9: TGIC presents Argentina; Aug 16: Grgich; Aug 23: International Vineyards; Aug 30: Far Niente

Clos Roche Blanches

Summer in the Bay Area is a funny thing... Folks come to visit, thinking August in California means shorts and sandals, sun and fun—then they end up buying a cheap San Francisco sweatshirt in Chinatown. Since France in February feels like San Francisco in July, off-season traveling isn't much of a shock. Standing atop the hillside vineyards of Clos Roches Blanches last February, it wasn't hard for me to see that it's one of the most beautiful places in the world—despite the bare trees. There's a view over the treetops of the Cher River, with high-speed train tracks running along its bank and a huge fan in the middle of the vineyard, used to protect against frost when the temperature dips. Despite these modern elements, this place is the essence of agrarian—vines line up in neat rows over the top of the hill, surrounded by woods inhabited by deer and boar. Catherine Roussel and Didier Barrouillet tend this land for Clos Roche Blanche with respect; it's been in the Roussel family since the 19th century. Their main goal is to keep the land alive and have the vineyard be a vital part of the surrounding ecosystem. To that end, they farm organically, keeping a keen eye on the effects of their choices. Their pursuit of understanding has led to a government grant to study natural farming techniques (the leeks growing between the rows during my last visit were an example of this exploration). With all of this heady thought, the wines are still incredibly down to earth, both in style and price. They really should not be missed. Try the **2005 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Pif (\$14.99)**, a blend of cot and cabernet franc and **2006 Clos Roche Blanche Touraine Sauvignon Blanc (\$13.99)**.

—Paul Courtright

RHÔNE VALLEY

2005 Côtes du Rhône Domaine de la Maurelle	\$9.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Château de Segriés	\$9.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Paul Autard	\$9.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône “Generation” Domaine Jaume	\$10.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Château de Segriés “Clos d’Hermitage”	\$19.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Domaine de Marcoux (Organic)	\$19.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône-Villages Mas de Boislauzon	\$13.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône-Villages Grand Veneur “Champauvins”	\$11.99
2005 Vinsobres “Altitude 420” Domaine Jaume	\$13.99
2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vaudieu “Val de Dieu”	\$39.99
2004 Châteauneuf Mas de Boislauzon “Cuvée de Quet”	\$44.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine de Marcoux	\$49.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grand Veneur.....	\$29.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Pierre Usseglio “Mon Aieul”	\$84.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieux Donjon	\$46.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “K&L Cuvée”	\$19.99
Stunning value made by the lovely Cecile Chassagne.	
2005 Gigondas Château de Saint Cosme	\$29.99
2005 Gigondas Château de Saint Cosme “Valbelle”	\$49.99
2003 Cornas Robert Michel “Cuvée des Coteaux”	\$34.99
2005 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet “La Vialliere”	\$49.99
2003 Côte Rôtie E. Guigal Brune et Blonde	\$59.99
2003 Hermitage E. Guigal.....	\$84.99
2004 Côte Rôtie Château de Saint Cosme	\$54.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône-Villages Rasteau Soumade “Prestige”	\$15.99
2004 Côtes du Rhône-Villages Rasteau Soumade “Les Violettes”	\$29.99
2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur “Angelique”	\$12.99
2004 Lirac Domaine La Lorentine (Marcoux)	Inquire
2005 Vacqueyras Domaine Montvac	\$13.99

High On Rhône

Domaine Jaume lies in the new AOC, Vinsobres, which was part of the Côtes du Rhône-Villages appellation until 2005. Its vineyards lie up to 1,500 feet (420 meters) above sea level. The altitude leads to an amazing concentration in the wines—cool nights and long, warm days lead to grapes with thicker skins and lots of flavor that still maintain their refreshing acidity. The Jaume family has been making wine in the Southern Rhône for generations and have established themselves as one of the best.

2004 Côtes du Rhône “Generation” Domaine Jaume (\$9.99) This is a great little bottle of wine: soft, easy drinking and it has great crowd appeal. Upfront fruit and spice are rounded out by fine, well integrated tannins. The palate is punctuated by notes of blueberry and herbs and ends with a smooth finish. At this price, it’s a winner as an everyday wine and for summer entertaining.

2005 Vinsobres “Altitude 420” Domaine Jaume (\$13.99) The spectacular 2005 vintage was a landmark year for Domaine Jaume. It not only marks the Domaine’s 100 year anniversary, it is also the first vintage to bear the newly declared Vinsobres AOC on the label. But, don’t let these accomplishments distract you from what is of utmost importance—the quality of the wine. The 2005 “Altitude 420” is bolder and more powerful than it has been in recent vintages, yet retains its characteristic vibrancy and elegance. Scintillating aromas of violet, tobacco and fig are punctuated by darker notes of graphite. The wine possesses great depth, concentration and finesse and received 90 points from *Wine Spectator* to boot!
—Nadia Dmytriw

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South Africa

2005 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.99
2006 Kanu Chenin Blanc	\$9.99
2005 Buitenverwachting “Beyond” Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.99
2006 Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc	\$12.99
2005 Rustenberg Chardonnay, Stellenbosch	\$17.99
2006 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch	\$18.99
2004 Glen Carlu Syrah, Paarl	\$19.99
2004 Rustenberg John X Merriman, Stellenbosch.....	\$28.99
2005 Anwilka, Constantia Stellenbosch	\$32.99

New Zealand

2006 Matua Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$9.99
2006 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$9.99
2006 Lawson’s Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$11.99
2006 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$12.99
2006 Isabel Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough.....	\$15.99
2006 Seven Terraces Pinot Noir, Marlborough	\$17.99
2006 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough.....	\$21.99
2005 Amsfield Pinot Noir, Otago	\$29.99

Australia

2005 Ferngrove Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Estate	\$6.99
2005 Black Wing (Step Road) Shiraz, South Australia	\$8.99
2003 Kirkham Peak Cab/Shiraz, Clare Valley	Inquire
2005 Richmond Grove French Cask Chardonnay.....	\$10.99
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz	\$12.99
2005 Step Road Shiraz, Langhorne Creek.....	\$12.99
2005 Three Rings Barossa Valley Shiraz.....	\$15.99
D’Arenberg “Peppermint Paddock” Sparkling Chambourcin.....	\$21.99
2005 Schlid Estate Shiraz, Barossa.....	\$23.99
2005 Hewitson “Private Cellar” Shiraz-Mourvèdre	\$26.99

Jim C’s View Down Under

Without a doubt, Rustenberg is one of the top wines you can taste from South Africa. The **2004 John X Merriman Stellenbosch South Africa (\$28.99)** is a blend of 46% merlot, 36% cabernet sauvignon, 9% cabernet franc and 9% petite verdot. The bouquet offers notes of cedar, spice, red current, dark cherry and a hint of cocoa powder. There is superb balance with good acidity and integrated use of oak that lead to a long finish. This outstanding wine also received 93 points from the *Wine Enthusiast*. The **2005 Rustenberg Chardonnay Stellenbosch South Africa (\$17.99)**, which is hand-harvested from 20-year old vines, manages to walk the line between old and new world wine. The nose has aromas of pineapple, peach, ginger, spice, a hint of honey and a Burgundian mineral note. On the palate, the wine is in perfect harmony with fruit and oak in balance, juicy acidity and great length.

2005 Inkwel “Wild Thing” Shiraz McLaren Vale South Australia (\$19.99) This is the debut vintage for Inkwel and a very impressive start at that. I met Dudley Brown, an American, a few years ago in Australia when he was just getting his vineyard in shape. Dudley is among the vines 5-7 days a week, working by hand. His dedication and passion show in the quality of fruit. Cropped at two tons to the acre, the wine shows dense, classic McLaren Vale fruit with a bouquet that leaps from the glass with blue and blackberries, violets, earth, Asian spices and milk chocolate notes. On the palate the wine is plush with silky tannins and a long finish. It’s a treat to be on the ground floor and bring this first release to you.
—Jimmy C

Value-packed Rhône Reds

One of our favorite producers for several years running has been Cecile Chassagne. Cecile is a young vigneronne based in Sablet who, following in the footsteps of her vintner father, produces many fabulous Rhône wines: from inexpensive Vin de Pays to Châteauneuf-du-Pape. She brings an elegant touch and modern style to this traditional region. Loyal K&L customers will recognize her name as we have carried many of her wines. Below are two 2005 selections that represent outstanding value and are delicious!

2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "K&L Cuvée" Cecile Chassagne (\$19.99) A very tasty Châteauneuf-du-Pape for less than \$20? Yes it is possible! Thanks to our good friend and winemaker Cecile Chassagne we are able to offer this deliciously approachable Châteauneuf-du-Pape from the opulent 2005 vintage. The 2005 K&L CNP cuvée from Cecile Chassagne offers up copious dark berry aromas, along with hints of lavender and spice. On the palate, the wine is well rounded with mouth-filling blackcurrant, ripe cherry, savory meat notes and hints of black pepper. It finishes with delicate, sweet tannins. Enjoy now through 2010. Another stellar value from the Rhône Valley, so don't miss out!

2005 Côtes du Rhône, Cecile Chassagne (\$10.99) The 2005 Cecile Chassagne Côtes du Rhône is a delicious wine from a great vintage in France. In the glass, the wine is deep ruby red with violet hues. On the nose there's an explosion of rich berry aromas with notes of violets and spice. 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. Decant this wine for half an hour before drinking to allow it to show its best. Hurry—almost sold out!

—Mulan Chan

Chip's Quips: August

It's so hot in August in L.A. you can fry an egg on the sidewalk. That's why everybody's looking for the pause that refreshes. So with that in mind, allow me to put forth a line up of wines that will slake your thirst, wet your whistle, and, generally speaking, hydrate your chops.

2005 Pouilly-Fuissé "Solutre" Auvigue (\$19.99) This is no ordinary Pouilly. It comes from a vineyard just below the massive Solutre Cliff in Pouilly-Fuissé. The vines are 75 years old, making for a super concentrated wine. Jean-Peirre Auvigue also does an unusual thing for Pouilly-Fuissé, he ages the wine in oak, giving it a rounder, fuller character that most Pouillys don't have. But don't think this is some big butter bomb that's going to wear on your palate like another news flash about Paris Hilton. Lime, green apples and pears combine with a hint of tropical fruit to give this wine all the complexity it needs. And when you put all that with a finish that is the epitome of crisp freshness you have an ideal summer treat.

2006 Gunn Estate Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand (\$12.99) The Gunn Estate is located in Hawkes Bay's Ohiti Valley. They've been growing grapes since 1983 and making wine since 1994. This wine really pops with freshness. It's got all the ingredients of classic New Zealand sauvignon blanc: grapefruit, lemongrass, fresh herbs and crisp green apple. It also has a nice little tinge of the tropics to it as well, leaning towards the passion fruit, pineapple variety. You say your tongue is sticking to the roof of your mouth with dehydration? K&L has the perfect remedy: a glass of Gunn Estate Sauvignon Blanc.

NV Broadbent Vinho Verde Portugal (\$8.99) The reason this wine is non-vintage is that Vinho Verde should be really fresh, as in made yesterday. Broadbent's Vinho Verde is as fresh as they come. He ships it in refrigerated containers as soon they've finished bottling, giving it its textbook spritz. It has a lime green color and a lime fresh flavor. Great with shellfish, salads, or just as an aperitif for drinking at the Hollywood Bowl. You will keep coming back for more of this delightful little wine. Their website describes it as "An ideal warm weather wine," and boy, are they ever right!

—Chip Hammack

PORT 1955-1985

1955 Taylor\$549.00

WS: "...very good indeed. It is a racy wine with a fruit bowl of flavors."

1960 Taylor\$199.00

1963 Croft-91 pts WS\$169.99

1963 Taylor-97 pts WS\$329.00

1966 Dow-94 pts WS\$269.00

1966 Graham-93 pts WS\$239.00

1966 Warre-91 pts WS\$159.00

1966 Taylor\$289.00

Coates: "Very fine on the nose, with rich, very blackcurranty, very concentrated fruit. Full and complete on the palate, lovely concentrated..."

1970 Fonseca\$199.00

96 pts WS: "Deeply colored, with smoky mint, tar and fruit aromas, full-bodied, with concentrated fruit flavors and plenty of tannins."

1970 Graham.....\$189.00

94 pts WS: "...an extremely full-bodied, powerful wine, but it still retains a classy balance."

1977 Graham-93 pts RP\$139.99

Clive Coates rates it as one of the best of the vintage at 19.5 points out of 20. "Very, very lovely. Splendid grip and concentration."

1977 Fonseca-100 pts WS\$249.00

1977 Warre-92 pts WS\$99.99

1980 Graham.....\$89.99

90 pts WS: "...very impressive, with loads of fruit and tannins. Deep ruby, with a floral, cherry and plum nose, full-bodied, with medium tannins and sweet plum flavors..."

1983 Dow-94 pts WS\$79.99

1983 Warre\$79.99

1985 Dow-5 Stars from Broadbent\$79.99

1985 Quinta do Noval\$64.99

91 pts WS (10/88) Four stars from Broadbent: "Exciting flavour. Lovely fruit; Powerful, figgy nose. Very sweet, full-bodied. Very attractive." K&L's notes: "Really ready to drink, spicy and earthy, sweet and lovely. Great value." (Joe Zugelder, K&L Old and Rare buyer).

2004 Corbieres Castelmaure "Grand Cuvée" (\$15.99)

Castelmaure is a co-operative located in a small village in the Aude. While they utilize over 760 separate parcels of vines to make their wines, just 12 members actually account for more than 90% of the output. This cuvée is a syrah/grenache blend, with a touch of carignan. It's a medium body Corbieres, chock full off fresh brambly berry fruits, giving the palate a splash of juiciness. Essences of plum chutney, huckleberry, loganberry, Marion berry and rose petals fill the nose. A dusting of spice, subtle tannins and an overall lithe structure complete the outward balance of this delicious wine.

—Keelyn Healy

CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS

2003 4 Bears, Napa	\$13.99
2003 Aia, Oakville.....	\$22.99
2003 BV "Georges de Latour"	\$69.98
2003 BV "Tapestry"	\$36.98
2003 Echelon, California	\$8.99
2003 Etude, Napa	\$79.99
2003 Franciscan, Oakville	\$19.99
2003 Frank Family, Napa.....	\$39.99
2003 Grgich Hills, Napa.....	\$49.99
2003 Jordan, Alexander Valley	\$44.99
2003 Keenan, Napa.....	\$34.99
2003 Kendall Jackson Vint Res	\$11.99
2003 Mount Veeder, Napa.....	\$29.99
2003 Paradigm, Napa	\$53.99
2003 Raymond Reserve, Napa.....	\$24.99
2003 Rombauer, Napa	\$29.99
2003 Rubicon Estate "Cask"	\$62.99
2003 Rubicon Estate	\$109.00
2003 Sequoia Grove, Napa.....	\$27.99
2003 Silverado, Napa	\$32.98
2003 Terra Valentine, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Tin Barn Napa Meritage.....	\$22.99
2003 Trefethen, Napa.....	\$32.99
2003 Whispering Dove, Napa	\$32.98
2004 Beaulieu Vineyards, Rutherford	\$23.99
2004 Beringer Founders'	\$7.98
2004 Beringer Knights Valley	\$16.98
2004 Bogle, California	\$9.99
2004 Cakebread, Napa	\$64.99
2004 Chappellet "Signature"	\$39.98
2004 Ch. Montelena, Napa	\$39.99
2004 Château Soverain, Alex Vly	\$15.99
2004 Chimney Rock, Stag's Leap	\$44.99
2004 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex Vly	\$23.99
2004 Dominus.....	\$109.00
94 pts RP: "The elegant...2004 Dominus exhibits a big, sweet, cedary, roasted herb, mocha, black cherry liqueur, black currant, and earth-scented perfume."	
2004 Donati Family Claret	\$17.99
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$59.99
2004 Edge, Napa	\$16.99
2004 Ehlers Estate, Napa	\$26.99
2004 Ehlers Estate "1886"	\$56.99
2004 Elizabeth Spencer, Napa	\$29.99
2004 Far Niente, Oakville	\$94.99
2004 Forman, Napa	\$74.99
2004 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$32.99
2004 Ghost Block Estate, Oakville	\$49.99
This is 100% cabernet sauvignon and 100% organic, too. It offers a powerful, in-your-face nose of black cherries, while the palate envelops your mouth with ripe fruit, firm structure and fully integrated tannins.	
2004 Groth, Napa	\$46.99
2004 Hawk Crest, California	\$9.99
2004 Hess Select, California	\$11.99

2004 Hess Collection, Mtn Cuvée	\$29.99
2004 Hewitt, Rutherford	\$64.99
2004 Honig, Napa	\$29.99
2004 Joseph Phelps, Napa	\$44.98
2004 Karl Lawrence, Napa.....	\$59.99
2004 Kendall Jackson Grand Reserve	\$22.99
2004 Ladera, Napa	\$29.98
2004 Ladera "Howell Mountain"	\$64.99
2004 L'Aventure "Optimus"	\$39.99
2004 Merryvale "Starmont"	\$18.99
2004 Miner Family "Oakville"	\$59.99
2004 Moon Mountain, Sonoma	\$12.99
2004 Pahlmeyer "Jayson".....	\$59.99
2004 Paul Hobbs, Napa	\$68.99
2004 Pirouette Washington Red.....	\$49.99
2004 Philip Togni, Spring Mountain	\$85.99
2004 Provenance, Rutherford	\$27.99
2004 Ramey Claret	\$29.98
2004 Ridge Santa Cruz Mtn Red.....	\$32.99
2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$19.98
2004 Robert Mondavi Oakville	\$36.99
2004 Roth Alexander Valley	\$31.99
2004 Screw Kappa, Napa	\$10.99
2004 Seventy Five "Amber Knolls".....	\$18.99
2004 St. Clement "Oropas"	\$44.99
2004 Stag's Leap "Artemis"	\$39.98
2004 Sterling Napa "SVR"	\$36.99
2004 Sterling Reserve Napa	\$56.99
2004 Turnbull, Napa	\$36.98
2004 T-Vine "Monte Ross" Sonoma	\$53.99
2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$8.99
2004 Viader Napa Red	\$74.99
2004 WH Smith "Purple Label"	\$49.99
2004 Waterstone, Napa	\$18.98
2004 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$36.99
2005 Alexander Valley Vineyards.....	\$14.99
2005 Avalon, Napa	\$10.99
2005 Cartlidge & Browne, California	\$9.99
2005 Blackstone, California.....	\$8.99
2005 Covenant, Napa (Kosher).....	\$79.99
2005 Decoy, Napa Red Blend	\$25.99
2005 Edge, Napa	\$16.99
2005 Esser Vineyards California.....	\$7.99
2005 House Wine, Columbia Valley	\$10.99
2004 Hogue "Genesis" Washington	\$11.99
2005 J. Lohr "Seven Oaks" Paso	\$10.99
2005 Joel Gott, California	\$14.99
2005 Justin, Paso Robles	\$22.99
2005 Kalinda, Napa	\$17.99
2005 L'Aventure Paso Estate Cuvée	\$69.99
2005 McManis, California	\$8.99
2005 Owen Roe "Yakima" Red	\$37.99
2005 Purisima Canyon, Napa	\$17.99

On the palate, the wine has good cassis fruit balanced with nice acidity and well integrated tannins. This is a lovely, elegant rendering of classic Napa Cabernet.

2005 Stephen Vincent, California.....	\$8.99
2005 The Show, California	\$11.99
2005 Turnbull Old Bull Red	\$18.99
2005 Twenty Bench, Napa.....	\$15.99

CABERNET PICK OF THE MONTH!

2005 Caymus, Napa \$64.99
New vintage, the 2005 is a classic Caymus Cabernet, with dark plummy fruit, spice, sweet herbs and a bright, silky finish!

Old and Rare Domestic Cabernet

1977 Beaulieu Vineyard PR	Inquire
1977 Sterling Napa Valley (1.5L)	\$49.95
1980 Caymus "Special Sel"(1.5L)	\$499.00
1981 Caymus Special Selection	\$199.00
1984 Beaulieu Vineyard PR	Inquire
1984 Montelena, Napa	\$159.99
1984 Spottswoode Napa	\$129.95
1984 Stag's Leap WC "SLV" (5L)	\$799.00
1985 Spottswoode Napa	\$139.95
1986 Diamond Creek RRT (9L).....	\$1,599.00
1986 Dunn Napa (1.5L)	\$249.95
1986 Silver Oak Alexander Valley	\$119.00
1987 Dunn Napa (1.5L)	\$249.00
1988 Caymus Special Selection	\$169.95
1988 Spottswoode Napa (1.5L)	\$229.00
1989 Arrowood Reserve (1.5L)	\$229.00
1989 Spottswoode Napa	\$89.00
1989 Spottswoode Napa (1.5L)	\$249.00
1990 Diamond Creek Lake (1.5L).....	\$799.95
1990 Spottswoode (1.5L)	\$299.00
1990 Spottswoode Napa	\$109.00
1991 Diamond Creek Lake (5L)	\$5,000.00
1991 Spottswoode Napa	\$129.95
1991 Spottswoode Napa (1.5L)	\$325.00
1992 Opus One Napa (1.5L)	\$499.00
1993 Opus One Napa (1.5L)	\$499.00
1994 Burgess Vintage Selection	\$59.99
1994 Kathryn Kennedy Santa Cruz	\$129.00
1994 Montelena Estate (1.5L).....	\$369.00
1994 Silver Oak Napa Valley	\$179.00
1994 Silver Oak Napa (1.5L)	\$350.00
1995 Kathryn Kennedy Santa Cruz	\$119.00
1995 Montelena Estate (1.5L)	\$249.00
1996 Kathryn Kennedy Santa Cruz	\$99.00
1996 Livingston "Moffett"	\$59.95
1996 Montelena Estate (1.5L)	\$299.00
1996 Silver Oak Alexander Valley	\$119.00
1997 Kathryn Kennedy Santa Cruz	\$129.95
1997 La Jota 16th Anniversary	\$125.00
1997 Opus One Napa Valley (1.5L)	\$499.00
1997 Ritchie Creek Spring Mtn	\$69.95
1997 Snowden Napa	\$89.95
1997 Spring Mountain Reserve	\$119.00
1997 Sterling Reserve Napa Valley	\$89.99

CHARDONNAY

2003 Chalk Hill, Sonoma.....\$29.99	2005 Beringer, Napa.....\$12.98	2005 Hollywood & Vine "2480"\$39.99
2003 Mount Eden Estate\$34.99	2005 Bogle, California\$7.99	2005 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco\$10.99
2003 WillowBrook "Dutton"\$19.99	2005 Cakebread, Napa\$34.99	2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406," Napa.....\$15.99
2004 Beringer "Sbragia"\$39.98	2005 Cartledge & Browne, California ..\$8.99	2005 Jordan, Russian River\$27.99
2004 Bernardus, Monterey\$14.99	2005 Chalone, Monterey\$9.99	2005 Kali Hart, Monterey\$9.99
2004 Ch. St. Jean Reserve.....\$28.99	2005 Chappellet, Napa\$26.99	2005 Kalinda, Anderson Valley\$12.99
2004 Cambria "Katherine's"\$16.98	2005 Ch. Montelena, Napa\$34.99	2005 Keenan, Spring Mountain\$22.99
2004 Carmel Road, Monterey\$12.99	2005 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma\$12.98	2005 Kendall Jackson Grand Reserve \$14.99
2004 Clos du Val, Napa\$17.99	2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma.....\$10.99	2005 La Crema, Sonoma\$14.99
2004 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"\$18.99	2005 Ch. St. Jean "Belle Terre"\$17.99	2005 Landmark "Overlook"\$21.98
2004 Domaine Serene "Etoile"\$36.99	2005 Ch. St. Jean "Robert Young"\$21.99	2005 Lioco "Stuhlmuller Vine"\$19.99
2004 Grgich Hills, Napa.....\$29.98	2005 Cinnabar, Monterey\$15.99	2005 MacRostie, Carneros.....\$16.99
2004 Handley, Dry Creek\$17.99	2005 Eric Kent, Sonoma\$34.99	2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma.....\$19.99
2004 Hanzell, Sonoma\$59.99	Both in aroma and flavor, this rich and full-bodied chardonnay is an easy crowd pleaser.	2005 McManis, California\$7.99
2004 Hyde de Villaine, Carneros\$49.99	2005 Far Niente, Napa\$41.99	2005 Melville, Santa Rita\$21.99
2004 Marimar Estate "Don Miguel"\$19.99	2005 Ferrari Carano "Tre Terre"\$32.99	2005 Mer Soleil Central Coast.....\$34.99
2004 Newton "Unfiltered"\$39.98	2005 Ferrari Carano, Alex Valy\$23.99	2005 Merryvale "Starmont"\$12.99
2004 Robert Mondavi, Carneros.....\$14.99	2005 Ferrari Carano, Alex Valy\$23.99	2005 Miner Family, Napa\$27.99
2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards\$34.99	2005 Flora Springs "Barrel Ferment" \$19.98	2005 Molnar Blaize "Poseidon's"\$21.99
2004 Stony Hill, Napa\$34.99	2005 Four Vines "Naked" SB\$10.99	2005 Morgan "Highland" S.L.H.....\$19.99
2004 Talbott "Sleepy Hollow"\$29.99	2005 Francis Coppola "Diamond"\$11.99	2005 Mount Eden "Wolff"\$16.99
2004 Thomas Fogarty Estate\$25.99	2005 Franciscan, Napa\$12.98	2005 Napa Cellars, Napa\$15.99
2004 Trefethen Oak Knoll\$21.99	2005 Frank Family, Napa.....\$28.99	2005 Nickel & NickelInquire
2005 A by Acacia, California.....\$9.99	2005 Frog's Leap, Napa\$19.98	2005 Olivet Lane, Russian River\$21.99
2005 A Donkey and a Goat\$34.99	2005 Gary Farrell, Russian River\$26.99	2005 Pahlmeyer "Jason," Napa\$39.99
2005 Acacia, Carneros\$15.99	93 pts and Highly Recommended WS: "Rich and expressive, with a wide range of flavors built around pear, spice, hazelnut and green apple, yet it's also tightly focused, deeply concentrated and fresh and lively on the palate."	2005 Patz & Hall, Napa\$31.99
2005 Au Bon Climat, Santa Bar\$16.99	2005 Groth, Napa\$22.98	2005 Patz & Hall Single VineyardInquire
2005 Audelssa, Sonoma Coast\$24.99	2005 Hartford Court "4 Hearts"\$32.99	2005 Paul Hobbs, Russian River\$49.99
Cool climate and distinctly fruity with amazing balance between acidity and ripeness, this small-production white will quickly win fans on both sides of the chardonnay fence.	2005 Heitz, Napa\$14.99	2005 Pine Ridge "Dijon Clones"\$24.99
2005 Babcock, Santa Rita Hills\$16.99	2005 Heron, California\$8.99	2005 Qupe "Bien Nacido Reserve"
2005 Beauregard, Russian River\$19.99	2005 Hess, Monterey\$8.99	Block 11.....\$24.99
2005 Beringer Founders'\$7.99		2005 Sanford, Santa Rita\$14.98

Trey's August Picks!

Here are some great value whites to keep you cool this August!

2006 Ceago Vinegarden "Kathleen's Vineyard" Clear Lake Sauvignon Blanc (\$15.99) The "Kathleen's Vineyard" Sauvignon Blanc comes from Ceago's biodynamic farm in Lake County, California. The grapes were grown and certified biodynamic by Demeter and organic by Stellar. Whole cluster pressed and with four months of lees contact, this wine has lots of dimension, but is still crisp and lively, with hints of grass, melon and white peach; this is your poolside sipper!

2006 Joel Gott Monterey Chardonnay (\$12.99) If you are looking for clean, crisp chardonnay to whet your palate, then the Gott Monterey Chard is your wine! The Monterey appellation is one of the most diverse and climatically cool grape growing regions in California. The fog from Monterey Bay cools the air and slows maturity, allowing the grapes to develop classic varietal characteristics and a natural balance between sugar and acidity by harvest time. No hints of oak in this one—just bright, cool climate chardonnay fruit!

2006 Robert Sinskey "Abraxas Vin de Terroir" (\$26.99) Abraxas is an interesting blend of riesling, gewurztraminer, pinot blanc and pinot gris. Each component adds something unique to this blend. A fresh, floral nose is followed by a lively, racy wine that shows hints of citrus, white nectarine and lavender. The finish is clean and refreshing.

—Trey Beffa

CHARDONNAY PICK OF THE MONTH!

2005 Beringer Private Reserve.....\$29.98

93 pts RP: "A big offering, the full-bodied 2005 Chardonnay Private Reserve reveals notions of hazelnuts intermixed with honeyed pineapple, poached pears and toasty oak. Well-made with good acidity, beautiful richness and a vibrant, long finish; it should drink well for 4-5 years." (12/06)

PINOT NOIR

2004 Argyle "Nuthouse"	\$49.99
2004 Clendenen Family Vineyard	\$59.99
2005 Derbes "Le Pinots," RRiver	\$42.99
2004 Domaine Serene "Evanstad"	\$46.99
2004 Donum, Carneros	\$49.99
2004 Esterlina, Anderson Valley.....	\$28.99
2004 Fort Ross "Fort Ross Vineyard" ..	\$37.99
2004 Francis Tannahill "Hermit"	\$39.99
2004 Lynmar, Russian River	\$34.99
2004 Gainey, Santa Rita	\$24.99
2004 Hanzell, Sonoma	\$79.99
2005 A by Acacia, California	\$14.99
2005 A to Z, Oregon.....	\$16.99
2005 Ancien "Toyon" Carneros	\$29.99
2005 Argyle, Willamette Valley	\$19.99
2005 Au Bon Climat "La Bauge"	\$25.99
2005 BearBoat, Russian River	\$15.99
2005 Beaux Freres, Willamette Valley	\$44.99
2005 Belle Glos "Clark & Telephone" ..	\$34.98
2005 Bogle, Russian River	\$11.99
2005 Brooks, Willamette Valley	\$19.99
2005 Cambria "Julia's"	\$17.98
2005 Cargasacchi, Santa Rita.....	\$43.99
2005 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$15.98
2005 Chalone Estate	\$26.99
2005 Chalone, Monterey	\$13.99
2005 Clairorne & Churchill,	\$16.99
2005 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"	\$38.99
2005 Elk Cove, Willamette Valley	\$19.99
2005 Emeritus, Russian River	\$31.99
2005 Etude, Carneros	\$39.99
2005 Foley, Santa Rita Hills.....	\$29.99
2005 Green Truck, Napa	\$36.99
2005 Hahn Monterey	\$15.99
2005 Hartford Court "Land's Edge"	\$36.98
2005 Handley, Anderson Valley	\$29.99
2005 Hirsch, Sonoma	\$59.99
2005 J Wine Company, RRiver	\$24.99
2005 Jalama "Cargasacchi-Jalama"	\$32.99
2005 Joseph Swan "Cuvée de Trois" ..	\$24.99
2005 La Crema, Sonoma	\$16.98
2005 Lemelson "Jerome Reserve"	\$49.99
2005 Lucia, Anderson Valley	\$31.99
2005 Lucia, Santa Lucia Highlands	\$39.99
2005 Mark West, Central Coast	\$9.99
2005 Melville, Santa Rita	\$23.99
2005 Migration, Anderson Valley	\$31.99
2005 Miner Family "Rosella's"	\$54.99
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 Pahlmeyer "Jayson"	\$64.99
2005 Parker Station, Santa Barbara	\$10.99
2005 Patz & Hall "Hyde"	\$54.99
2005 Ponzi, Willamette Valley	\$29.99
2005 Robert Sinskey, Carneros	\$35.99
2005 Roessler "Red Label"	\$24.99
2005 Row Eleven, California	\$16.99
2005 Saintsbury, Carneros	\$23.98
2005 Stoller "JV" Oregon	\$21.99
2005 Talley Estate, Arroyo Grande	\$31.99
2005 Taz, Santa Barbara	\$17.99
2005 Walter Hansel Estate RRiver	\$29.99
2005 ZD Carneros Reserve	\$49.99
2006 Cartlidge & Browne, California	\$10.99
2006 McManis California	\$8.99
2006 O'Reilly, Oregon	\$16.99
2006 Poppy, Monterey	\$13.99
2006 Ramsay, California	\$12.99

ZINFANDEL

2002 Kirkham Peak, Howell Mtn	\$14.99
2004 Ch. Montelena, Napa	\$24.99
2004 Four Vines "Biker"	\$16.99
2004 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"	\$21.99
2004 Neyers "Pato Vineyard"	\$24.98
2004 Quivira, Dry Creek	\$15.99
2004 Ridge "Geyserville"	\$29.99
2004 Rubicon "Edizione Pennino"	\$31.99
2004 Tres Sabores "Porque No?"	\$18.99
2004 T Vine "Brown Vineyard"	\$31.99
2004 T Vine, Napa	\$30.99
2004 Unti, Dry Creek	\$19.99
2004 Woodhead "Martinelli Road"	\$38.99
2005 Alexander Valley "SinZin"	\$13.99
2005 Balletto, Russian River	\$15.99
2005 Bella, Dry Creek.....	\$21.99
2005 Bogle Old Vines	\$9.99
2005 Brochelle, Paso Robles	\$29.99
2005 Brown Estate, Napa.....	\$35.99
2005 Dashe, Dry Creek	\$19.99
2005 Dashe Late Harvest (375ml).....	\$24.99
2005 David Coffaro, Dry Creek	\$19.99
2005 Easton, Amador	\$12.99
2005 Edmeads, Mendocino	\$14.99
2005 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois"	\$8.99
2005 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$19.99
2005 Gamba "Moratto"	\$37.99
2005 Girard, Napa	\$21.99
90 pts from WS: "Bursts with aromas of chocolate espresso bean and ripe black cherry, with supple, rich flavors of cassis, cinnamon and toasty oak. Yet the tannins are slightly dusty dry, and mineral. Drink now through 2012. 2,300 cases made." (6/15)	
2005 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"	\$22.99
2005 Hartford, Russian River	\$24.99
2005 J. Runquist "Z"	\$19.99
2005 Joel Gott, California	\$12.99
2004 Klinker Brick "OV" Lodi	\$14.99
2004 Michael & David 7 Deadly Zins	\$13.99
2005 Neyers "Tofaneli"	\$29.99
2005 Nickel & Nickel "Ponzo"	\$42.99
2005 Norman "The Monster"	\$18.99
2005 Pellegrini "Eight Cousins"	\$19.99
2005 Plungerhead, Dry Creek	\$15.99
2005 Preston Estate, Dry Creek	\$24.99
2005 Rancho Zabaco "Dancing Bull"	\$6.99
2005 Ridge "Lytton Springs"	\$28.99
2005 Ridge "Ponzo Vineyards"	\$23.99
2005 Ridge "Three Valleys"	\$18.99
2005 Rombauer	\$22.99
2005 Rosenblum Single Vineyards	Inquire
2005 Rosenblum, SF Bay/Paso Robles	\$13.99
2005 Seghesio, Sonoma.	\$16.98
2005 Shenandoah "Special Reserve"	\$7.99
2005 Sobon "Rocky Top" Amador	\$12.99
2005 Storybook Mountain	\$29.99
2005 Windmill Old Vine	\$9.99

Boutique Corner

The prices for California Cabernet Sauvignon seem to be going through the roof. Many of these wines are excellent, but don't deserve the price being asked. In contrast, these wines are from little-known producers and they're well worth the price...

2004 Sherwin Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mountain (\$86.99) I'm a big fan of Spring Mountain wine: Philip Togni, Terra Valentine, Coniglio and now Sherwin Family. 93 points *Wine Spectator*: "A big, rich, intense and tightly focused style, with layers of red cherry, wild berry, earth, mineral and savory herbs and spices. Picks up a nice touch of anise and ends with firm, ripe, integrated tannins, with a dash of cedary oak."

2002 Garden Creek Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$59.99) Garden Creek is a bio-dynamic producer in the Alexander Valley. This is a beautiful, balanced wine with superb blue and red fruit, tobacco and a hint of earth with soft tannins. This is an example of the new quality coming out of the Alexander Valley.

2004 Ladera "Howell Mountain" Cabernet Sauvignon (\$64.99) An excellent, family owned winery that makes several excellent cabs. It is fruit forward with ripe, classic Howell Mountain black cherry, blackberry aromas and plum hints, which are intertwined with subtle oak nuances. On the palate, this wine is weighty, but not flabby. The tannins are long and velvety. This wine is made for the cellar.

See you in the city...

—Mike Jordan

OTHER DOMESTIC WINE/ROSÉ

Domestic White

NV Sokol Blosser "Evolution"	\$13.99
2004 David Noyes "Pagani" Tocai	\$7.99
2005 ABC Pinot Gris/Pinot Blanc	\$14.99
2005 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2005 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2005 MacMurray Pinot Gris	\$12.99
2005 Thomas Fogarty Gewürzt	\$12.99
2005 Turnbull Napa Viognier	\$29.99
2005 WVV Riesling	\$11.99
2006 BDoon "Ca' del Solo" Muscat	\$15.99
2006 Curran Grenache Blanc	\$23.99
2006 Mosby SB Pinot Grigio	\$12.99
2006 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$10.98
2006 Qupe Santa Ynez Viognier	\$27.99

For Rosé Season!

2006 Belle Glos Pinot Noir Rosé	\$24.99
2006 BDoon "Vin Gris de Cigare"	\$11.99
2006 Etude Carneros Rosé	\$19.99
2006 Red Car "Boxcar" CA Rosé	\$11.99
2006 SoloRosa California Rosé	\$11.99
2006 Sofia Coppola Carneros Rosé	\$11.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2004 Chalk Hill, Sonoma	\$21.99
2004 Spring Mountain, Napa	\$26.99
2005 Bernardus, Monterey	\$10.99
2005 Brassfield "High Serenity"	\$10.99
2005 Cakebread, Napa	\$23.99
2005 Chance Creek, Redwood Valley	\$12.99
2005 Ch. St. Jean, Sonoma	\$9.99
2005 Grgich Hills, Napa	\$21.99
2005 Joel Gott "Three Ranches"	\$11.99
2005 Kalinda, Dry Creek	\$9.99
2005 Kendall Jackson, California	\$9.99
2005 Kunde "Magnolia Lane"	\$10.99
2005 Mason, Napa	\$11.99
2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$17.98
2005 Moon Mountain, Sonoma	\$9.99
2005 Quivira "Fig Tree" Dry Creek	\$14.99
2005 Rudd, Napa	\$29.99
2005 Silverado "Miller Ranch"	\$14.99
2005 Voss, Napa	\$12.98
2006 Beckmen Estate, Santa Ynez	\$11.99
2006 Duckhorn, Napa	\$22.99

Domestic Red

2004 Altamura Sangiovese	\$34.99
2004 Bacio Divino "Pazzo"	\$24.99
2004 Graff Family Mourvèdre	\$18.99
2004 Matchbook "Blockhouse"	\$14.99
2004 Joseph Phelps "Le Mistral"	\$39.99
2004 Paraduxx, Napa Red	\$44.99
2004 Vino Noceto Sangiovese	\$12.99
2005 Beckmen Estate Grenache	\$21.99
2005 Flowers Perennial Red	\$36.99
2005 Four Vines Anarchy	\$26.99
2005 Kunin "Pape Star" Rhône Blend	\$16.99
2005 Luna Napa Sangiovese	\$19.99

2006 Ferrari Carano, Sonoma	\$14.98
2006 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$16.99
2006 Gary Farrell, Sonoma	\$21.99
2006 Geyser Peak, California	\$8.98
2006 Girard, Napa	\$14.99
2006 Groth, Napa	\$13.99
2006 Honig, Napa	\$13.99
2006 Morgan, Monterey	\$12.99
2006 Pomelo, California	\$8.99
2006 Preston, Dry Creek	\$16.99
2006 Provenance, Rutherford	\$15.99
2006 Selene "Hyde"	\$29.99
2006 Shenandoah Vineyards	\$7.99
2006 Turnbull, Napa	\$12.99
2006 Westerly, Santa Ynez	\$16.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2004 Garretson "Aisling" Syrah	\$27.99
2004 JC Cellars California Cuvée	\$24.99
2005 Beckmen, Santa Ynez	\$18.99
2005 Bogle, California Petite Sirah	\$8.99
2005 David Bruce, C Petite Sirah	\$14.99
2005 Eric Kent, Dry Creek Syrah	\$34.99
2004 Girard, Napa Petite Sirah	\$23.99
2005 Hocus Pocus, SB Syrah	\$16.99
2005 Joel Gott, California Syrah	\$12.99
2005 Margerum "Purissima Mtn"	\$39.99
2005 McManis Petite Sirah	\$9.99
2005 Melville "Verna's" Syrah	\$17.99
2005 Morgan, Monterey	\$19.99
2005 Novy, Sonoma County	\$20.99
2005 Owen Roe "Ex-Umbris"	\$19.99
2005 Qupe, Central Coast	\$14.99
2005 Red Car "Shake, Rattle & Roll"	\$54.99
2005 Rosenblum "Heritage Clones"	\$13.98
2005 Vinum Cellars "Pets" Petite Sirah	\$9.99

Merlot

2002 Atalon, Napa	\$24.98
2002 Havens, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Cloverdale, Alexander Valley	\$19.99
2003 Duckhorn "Howell Mountain"	\$69.99
2003 Etude, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Keenan, Napa	\$27.99
2003 Paradigm, Napa	\$41.99
2003 Rombauer, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Silverado, Napa	\$21.99
2003 Swanson, Napa	\$24.99
2003 Twomey, Napa	\$64.99
2004 Burgess, Napa	\$14.99
2004 Chappellet, Napa	\$29.99
2004 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma	\$13.98
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$44.99
2004 Duckhorn "Estate Grown"	\$79.99
2004 Ehlers Estate, Napa	\$25.99
2004 Ferrari-Carano, Sonoma	\$19.98
2004 Francis Coppola, Diamond	\$12.99
2004 Markham, Napa	\$15.99
2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$22.98
2004 Nickel & Nickel	Inquire
2004 Pahlmeyer, Napa	\$89.99
2004 Parcel 41, Napa	\$15.99
2004 Pedestal, Washington	\$49.99
2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$16.98
2004 Screw Kappa, Napa	\$9.99
2004 Stag's Leap Winery, Napa	\$21.99
2004 Turnbull, Napa	\$29.99
2004 T-Vine Cellars, Napa	\$31.99
2004 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$24.99
2005 Blackstone, California	\$8.99
2005 Bogle, California	\$6.98
2005 McManis, California	\$7.99

Brick's Backyard Picks: Tablas Creek Edition

Tablas Creek began as joint project between the Perrin family, of Château Beaucastel fame, and Robert Haas, founder of Vineyard Brands, a tremendous import company. Widely regarded as one of the best, if not *the* best producer of Rhône varieties in the country, we are incredibly excited and somewhat honored that we have been granted access to some of Tablas Creek's winery direct wines. These wines have never been offered outside the winery walls (unless you count their informative website). These wines are a one-shot deal; once they're gone they're gone, so act fast.

2005 Tablas Creek Vermentino, Paso Robles (\$26.99) This varietal, sometimes known as rolle in the south of France, is grown in numerous coastal regions in Italy. Crisp and racy this is full of crushed mineral and briny, lemon zest. Think muscadet on steroids. Add a lovely nutty character and an overall refreshing nature and you have a perfect wine for seafood.

Another of the wines available to us is the little seen counoise. This varietal is used in Southern Rhône blends and is one of the thirteen red-skinned grapes accepted in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. But the **2005 Tablas Creek Counoise, Paso Robles (\$32.99)** is more similar to Cru Beaujolais than Châteauneuf. With its pure crushed Bing cherry nose backed by a persistent earth quality, this is fun yet serious. White raspberry, strawberry and a slight hint of thyme makes this a knockout barbecue wine. Come see why we think these wines are so special.

—Bryan Brick

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Argentina/Chile

2005 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$6.99
2005 Los Vascos Cabernet Sauvignon (Chile)	\$7.99
2005 Budini Malbec (Argentina)	\$8.99
2006 Terrazas de los Andes Malbec (Argentina)	\$8.99
2006 Dominio del Plata, Crios, Rosé of Malbec (Argentina)	\$9.99
2006 Alamos Viognier (Argentina)	\$10.99
2004 Bodega Weinert Carascal Red (Argentina)	\$10.99
2005 Kingston Family "Tobiano" Sauvignon Blanc (Chile)	\$10.99
2005 Navarro Correas Colec. Privada Malbec (Argentina)	\$10.99
2006 Dominio del Plata, Crios, Torrontes (Argentina)	\$11.99
2006 Bodega Renacer Punto Final Malbec (Argentina)	\$11.99
2004 Dominio del Plata, Crios Cabernet Sauvignon (Arg)	\$12.99
2003 Veramonte Primus (Chile)	\$13.99
2005 Alamos Selección Malbec (Argentina)	\$14.99
2005 Kingston Family "Tobiano" Syrah (Chile)	\$15.99
2006 Achával-Ferrer Malbec Mendoza (Argentina)	\$19.99
2004 Montes Folly (Chile)	\$69.99

Portugal/Spain

2005 Bodegas Castano Monastrell, Yecla	\$6.99
2004 Biurko Rioja Tempranillo	\$8.99
2005 Cuevas de Castilla "Con Class" Rueda, Blanco	\$8.99
2005 Bodegas Olivares Altos de la Hoya, Jumilla	\$8.99
2005 Palacio de Menade, Cuevas de Castilla, Cuvée RS, Rueda ..	\$8.99
2005 Basa Rueda Blanco	\$8.99
2005 Senorio de Barahonda Carro	\$8.99
2005 Valdesil Montenovio Godello	\$8.99
2004 Mas Que Vinos, Ercavio Roble, La Mancha	\$8.99
2004 Douro Vale do Bomfim Reserva (Portugal)	\$9.99
2005 Vinos Piñol Ludovicus, Terra Alta	\$9.99
2005 Viña Sila Naia, Rueda, Blanco	\$10.99
2005 Bodegas Y Viñedos Luna Beberide, Luna Beberide Mencia	\$11.99
2005 Vinicola del Priorat Onix, Priorat	\$11.99
2004 Bodegas Y Viñedos Maurodos Prima, Toro	\$12.99
2004 Corpus del Muni Roble	\$12.99
2005 Dominio dos Tares Estay Prieto Picudo	\$13.99
2005 Bodegas Arrocal Arrocal	\$14.99
2006 Fefiñanes Albariño	\$14.99
2004 Bodegas Y Viñedos Maurodos Prima, Toro	\$14.99
2004 Senorio de Barahonda Bellum Providencia	\$14.99
2004 Vinos Piñol Portal Crianza, Terra Alta	\$14.99
2001 José Maria da Fonseca Periquita Classico (Portugal)	\$15.99
2001 Conde de Valdemar Reserva Rioja	\$16.99
2003 Bodegas Tikalo Kios, La Mancha	\$16.99
2004 Vetus, Toro	\$17.99
2005 Cillar de Silos El Quintanal Vendimia Seleccionada	\$17.99
2005 Descendientes de Jose Palacios, Petalos del Bierzo	\$17.99
90 pts RP: "Purple-colored, it has attractive aromas of flowers, raspberries and chocolate. The fruit is ripe, sweet, and supple in the mouth offering excellent intensity as well as elegance."	
2001 Baron de Ley Rioja Reserva	\$19.99
2001 Biurko Rioja Reserva Old Vine Garnacha	\$19.99
2001 Bodegas Valsacro Rioja	\$19.99
2001 Bodegas Aster Crianza, Ribera del Duero	\$24.99
2003 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza	\$26.99
2004 Celler de Cantonella Cerveles Tinto, Costers del Segre	\$28.99

Mi España

Spain is the country of my heart and soul—*la corazon, el alma*. My grandmother was born in a tiny town in the hills of Navarra, one of the country's many amazing winegrowing regions. While not necessarily from Navarra, the following wines speak of the sun, the earth and the heart of the warm and generous people who live in that most magical country, España.

The **2006 Burgans Albariño (\$9.99)** is a charming white from one of the largest wineries in Galicia. Burgans was really the first albariño to be a big hit here in America more than 15 years ago. A perennial bargain favorite in the *Wine Advocate*, this white has classic aromas of white peach and honeysuckle. Its long, crisp finish makes it lively and fresh. Mariola Varona, their export manager, would probably tell you to have this wine with some fresh seafood.

The **2003 Viña Izadi Crianza (\$13.99)** is classic Rioja. The Anton family's love for all things gastronomic shows in the pure expression of high quality product. Ripe black cherry fruit from tempranillo complements the spice and richness of vanillin oak. Enjoy this red with garlicky rich lamb chops hot off the grill.

Roberto and Oscar Aragon are brothers from the tiny Ribera del Duero town of Quintana del Pidio. Their **2005 Cillar de Silos El Quintanal Vendimia Seleccionada (\$17.99)** represents some of the finest value in the region. 90 points in the *Wine Advocate*, the Quintanal is full of dark blackberry fruit and spice. The complexity and depth of this wine make it a perfect match for a juicy steak.

The first thing I ever remember hearing about wine was, "Lopez de Heredia is the greatest wine in all of Spain!" I was about five. Still true, the **1998 Lopez de Heredia Viña Tondonia Reserva, Rioja (\$38.99)** is rich, powerful, deep and complex. Keep this in your cellar for awhile.

Quiero dar gracias a todos mis amigos españoles por tu apoyo y tu amistad. Un besazo, Anna Margarita Pickett y Baldassarre.

—Anne Pickett

Spanish Wine for Hipsters

Hipsters know what's cool and how to find it. Wine explorers search and find gems. Whichever you are, head straight to our Spanish wine section and seek out these three delights:

2005 Luna Beberide Mencia (\$11.99) There are plenty of perfectly balanced food friendly reds at K&L to choose from. I particularly love those made from the mencia grape in Northwest Spain's Bierzo region. This example is all sappy dark fruit, with the deliciously dense structure common in '05 European reds.

2005 Rafael Palacios Louro Godello (\$13.99) This godello is soft with a pretty, gentle citrus fruit character, perhaps a suggestion of starfruit. Try this for a non-traditional pairing: Asiago and pea ravioli with butter, shallots, English peas, chopped mint and grated asiago.

2005 Dominio dos Tares Estay Prieto Picudo (\$13.99) Prieto picudo is the hot new grape, like the first fixed gear spotted on Valencia or Delfina in its opening year. Full of brambly, blackberry character, with amazing freshness and complexity, think top-notch Dry Creek AVA zinfandel with more acidity and mineral/floral notes. Be among the first to discover this Castillian gem.

—Joe Manekin

AUSTRIA/GERMANY

Austria

Schloss Gobelsburg Sekt	\$26.99
2004 Heinrich Blaufränkisch	\$16.99
2005 Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner Kamptaler Terrassen	\$19.99
2005 Höfer Grüner Veltliner (1L)	\$10.99
2005 Iby Zweigelt Classic	\$11.99
2005 Spaetrot-Gebeshuber Klassik Blanc	\$15.99
2006 Heidi Schröck Furmint	\$23.99
2006 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss	\$14.99
2006 Pollerhof Grüner Veltliner (1L)	\$9.99
2006 Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner "Gobelsburger"	\$13.99
2006 Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner "Steinsetz"	\$23.99

Germany

2004 August Kessler Spätburgunder	\$24.99
2005 Alfred Merkelbach Kinheimer Rosenberg Kabinett	\$14.99
2005 August Kessler Berg Roseneck Spätlese Gold Cap	\$27.99
2005 August Kessler Lorcher Schlossberg Kabinett	\$18.99
2005 August Kessler Riesling Kabinett Dry	\$16.99
2005 Dr. Fisher Ockfener Bockstein Kabinett	\$15.99
2005 Dr. H. Thanisch Bernkasteler Badstube Kabinett	\$17.99
2005 Dr. Loosen Estate Beereauslese (375ml)	\$55.99
2005 Dr. Pauly Bergweiler Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese	\$34.99
2005 Georg Albrecht Schneider St. Laurent.....	\$11.99
2005 Spreitzer Oestricher Lenchen Kabinett	\$19.99
2006 Dr. Heyden Oppenheimer Sacktrager Spätlese	\$15.99
2006 Fritz Haag Brauneberger Juffer Kabinett	\$25.99
2006 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Drachenstein "Dragonstone"	\$14.99
2006 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Klosterlay Kabinett	\$16.99
2006 Josef Leitz Rudesheimer Magdalenenkreuz Spätlese	\$19.99
2006 Mönchhof Estate Riesling	\$14.99

Germany: 2006 Favorite

Not many of the wines from 2006 have hit the shores, most will arrive around October/November, but a few tasty treats are here and on our shelves. The 2006 vintage was tricky to say the least: There was rain before and during harvest, rampant rot (mostly the bad kind) and producers had to scramble to drop infected fruit, get the grapes in fast and press off the juice before the weather worsened. My friends in Germany tell of very long and stressful days, having trouble finding enough pickers on such short notice and a crop that was even smaller than the short 2005 vintage. Once you peel away all that misery, there are still some pretty nice wines, though you must be selective. The 2006 vintage is very ripe, with levels equal to 2003 and 2005 at most estates, yet there is overall much better acidity than 2003. More on the vintage later...

For now, let me suggest a lovely wine to whet your appetite for 2006 and show you just how tasty and satisfying these wines can be.

The **2006 Dr. Heyden Oppenheimer Sacktrager Spätlese (\$15.99)** is, by a long shot, one of the greatest deals in riesling. Young Frank Heyden has taken over the reins of this family estate and he is intent on bringing back the fame of the Sacktrager a vineyard, once renowned for its fine, elegant wines. This wine, redolent of stone fruits, wisteria and mint, is poised, vibrant and snappy. You will love it now and surely you should stash a case away to start drinking in 2016; at this price how could you not?

Live in the light.

—Jeff Vierra

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

Charles Baur Cremant d'Alsace Rosé	\$14.99
Jean Philippe & Francois Becker Cremant d'Alsace	\$14.99
2001 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	\$18.99
2003 Trimbach Riesling Cuvée Frederic Emile	\$39.99
2004 Trimbach Pinot Blanc	\$12.99
2005 Charles Baur Pinot Noir	\$14.99
2005 Charles Baur Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg	\$21.99
2005 Domiane Weinbach Riesling Cuvée Theo.....	\$32.99
2005 Jean Becker Muscat Grand Cru Froehn.....	\$17.99

Loire

François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut.....	\$16.99
François Chidaine Montlouis Brut	\$16.99
1989 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Cuvée de Domaine ..	\$26.99
2002 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Cuvée Domaine	\$14.99
2002 Château Tour Grise Fontenelles Saumur Blanc	\$15.99
2004 Château Tour Grise 253 Saumur Rouge	\$15.99
2004 Domaine Belliviere Jasnieres Rosiers.....	\$24.99
2004 Domaine Belliviere Rouge-Gorge Pinot d'Aunis	\$18.99
2004 Domaine de la Noblaie Chinon "Les Chiens-Chien".....	\$14.99
2004 Domaine du Closel Savennières "La Jalousie"	\$19.99
2004 Domaine La Tour St. Martin Menetou Salon Rouge	\$14.99
2004 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Vieilles Vignes	\$16.99
2005 Château du Hureau Saumur Champigny, Vatan	\$13.99
2005 Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly	\$45.99
2005 Domaine de la Pépière Classique Muscadet Sur Lie	\$10.99
2005 Domaine Franck Millet Sancerre Blanc.....	\$13.99
2005 Domaine Philippe Alliet Chinon	\$18.99
2005 Domaine Saint Nicolas Les Clous	\$11.99
2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Monts Damnés	\$29.99
2005 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol	\$19.99
2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Cot Vieilles Vignes	\$13.99

Cab Franc?

Not over-extracted or surrounded by new, charred oak barrels for way too long, cabernet franc retains a sense of terroir and has a bit of acid to it too. The grape thrives in the Loire Valley, particularly the Touraine, where it is said that the wine mirrors the land. On the far western edge of the Touraine, across the Loire River from the famed commune of Chinon, quietly tucked away is St-Nicholas-de-Bourgueil. Here the vines have their roots firmly planted into the gravelly terraces, which produces a lighter, more delicate style of cab franc with a bit of nerve. When the wines are fermented in stainless steel you get a true sense of the varietal character, without it being muddled by those, shall we say, "other" techniques. The **2005 Frédéric Mabileau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil les Rouillères (\$13.99)** is one such wine. Harvested from vines ranging in age from 15 to 35 years old, it underwent an aggressive pre-harvest triage, was de-stemmed prior to fermentation and underwent an 8-10 day maceration. Aged in stainless steel tanks for 7-9 months this is a clean, bright, pure expression of cabernet franc that really sings on its own or with fresh flavors from your local farmers market. The **2005 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Expression (\$12.99)** is a cuvée from vines planted in calcium rich soils. Enticing aromas of violet and a fleshy fruit front, backed up by a dark black fruit cut keeps this wine nice and lively.

Thanks for being there!

—Eric Story

A Hot and Heavy Summer

August is kind of the “time out” month for K&L, when folks are on vacation or incognito. This is siesta month, when the only activity seems to originate at the strip malls, movie theatres and ballparks and bibliophiles turn to puzzles and pulp fiction to give their noggins a much needed recharging. August—when Ralph briefly stops cursing the telephone for ringing. Be thankful—always be thankful, but more so in August because a) You are not a roofer, b) You are not a Newfoundland and c) you are not a Phillies fan.

August can seem a bit backwards, too—we feature wines like Port and dense, heavy red wines and expect you, the Consumer, to respond in 100 degree heat. I’ll not do Port, but I’d like to pitch some lovely red wines and ask you to imagine the plunge in weather that is mere months in the future.

We’ve stocks of the **Beaulieu Vineyard Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon** from the august vintages of 1977 and 1984. Both have quite recently migrated from winery to the K&L cellars, so nonpareil storage is assured. The ’77 (**\$89.95**) has come on so strong in the last decade that it is now considered one of the great B.V.’s of the last 30 years. The wine is full of black fruit with a racy, refreshingly vibrant quality. While I’d not call it typical B.V. Reserve, I would call it outstanding. The ’84 (**\$79.95**) flaunts classic B.V. house style, all herbs and dust and American oak and red fruits and elegance. It is ready when you are willing.

From across the pond we’ve got a **1998 Château Margaux (Inquire)**. This left banker from a right bank vintage? Oh, don’t go all vintage assessments on me; this is a stunning wine, sturdy and noble and waking from a much-needed slumber. In the case of the ’98s, you’ll find upward reassessment as the wines mature; the 1998 Margaux is a relative bargain in Bordeaux’s upper echelon.

Margaux’s doppelganger opposite (dopplezit?) is the **Château Ducru-Beaucaillou**, the great St-Julien. Always firm and solidly structured, the marriage of the house and firm and elegant vintage of 1970 means

Jim’s August Gems

Two Aprils ago, Mike and Greg discovered one of the finest Proseccis that this wine staff has ever tasted. The **Silvano Follador Prosecco Valdobbiadene Brut (\$12.99)**, produced by a very young brother/sister winemaking team, Silvano and Alberta Follador, continues to be a stunning sparkler, showing bright perfumed aromatics that lead to a perfectly balanced, crisp, refreshing and delicate mouthfeel with lime zest and a touch of yeastiness. *Gambero Rosso* gave this one glass and, more importantly, Vanilla has informed me that this is our house sparkler for the summer. (🍾🍾🍾🍾🍾🍾)

Grapgrower Lou Bock, a friend of mine for the past thirty years, grows some of the finest sauvignon blanc on the North Coast at his Redwood Valley estate, Chance Creek Vineyards, north of Ukiah. Organically grown, the **2005 Chance Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Redwood Valley (\$12.99)** is a clean, snappy sauvignon blanc with a mouthwatering finish, making it a perfect wine for freshly cooked North Coast crab or grilled fish. This will be our house white for August, according to the Eb. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

K&L’s latest pinot noir release has Anderson hooting, a cross between a howl and a bark, like he joyously does each time a fire engine passes the house with its siren blaring (this Brit secretly wants to be a Dalmatian). But there is no secret as to the incredibly superb quality of the **2006 Kalinda Sonoma Pinot Noir (\$17.99)**. Brilliant, medium

that, as Yoda would say, “Much age the wine to mature did need.” Utterly classy and all earthy, herbal elegance, this wine has ridden on a plateau for some years now and needs drinking in the next few. It has always been a favorite of mine, first enjoyed with Monsieur Clyde Beffa in the tiny courtyard of the Hotel St Dominique, a value priced and utterly charming Parisian gem.

Last, though not least: **1993 Château d’Yquem (\$139.99)**. Americans don’t drink much Sauternes, but we always seem to make room for arguably the greatest of all dessert wines. Intensely ripe, the sweet white peaches and pineapples fight to get out of the glass first and this focused cacophony is exhilarating. The ’93 is complete and complex and has matured a bit more quickly than many vintages. So, better to have this one now, says I.

The Traveler’s Journey

It seemed odd for the Traveler to be so near his destination. He hadn’t gone so far, nor learned so much. There were far too many seasons yet, too many people to experience and distant shores unveiling a bounty of sunrises. But the sun was setting on this shore, and the Traveler wanted to be in his favorite place when she crashed into the sea. He wanted to be home.

A curious thing happens at sunset—the mind spins a tape of random memories, this by way of grasping the impossible: the sense of the universe, as told to a grain of sand called a human being.

As the sun’s afterglow danced across the horizon, the Traveler realized that a light can continue to shine after it ceases to be.

“The sun has set,” said the voice.

The Traveler took a last look across the water.

“It won’t be long,” said the Traveler. He smiled, and turned to follow the voice.

Goodbye dad. I love you. We all do.

—Joe Zugelder

deep crimson-garnet in color, the nose is packed with strawberries, cherries and roses. In the mouth, you are treated to an ever-expanding, vivacious, perfectly balanced and structured pinot that finishes warm and cuddly. A gem that will be our house red as long as it’s available; only 200 cases produced. (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

One of the pitfalls that affect many of us in an escalated market is that we begin to relate high prices to better quality. While only a tiny number of wines open at astronomical prices or fetch thousands of dollars at auction, they seem to command 99 percent of the accolades from trade journals. Lately I have found myself telling customers, “don’t let this price scare you, it’s only \$9.99 and it’s really good.” With that off of my chest, YOU really need to try the **2005 Château Haut Sociendo Premieres Côtes De Blaye (\$10.99)**. Deeply colored, the nose explodes with cassis, currants and roasted coffee beans. Big, rich, and full, yet round, lush and silky, this is just an absolute pleasure to consume. The Wine God called this a “terrific value... sleeper of vintage” (04/06) and Anderson says this deserves some very serious consideration for Jim’s Gems Hall Of Fame. Don’t let this great price scare you—stockpile it! (🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷)

We hope everyone enjoys this month’s Gems. If you have any questions, contact us at jimbarr@klwines.com.

—Jim, Anderson, Eby, and Vanilla

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut	\$22.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$25.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve	\$26.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve	\$27.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Reserve	\$27.99
Ariston Aspasia Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
Laurent Perrier Brut	\$29.99
Laurent Perrier Demi Sec	\$29.99
Fleury Brut Carte Rouge-Now direct!	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Crayères" Single Vineyard Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Chèvres Pierreuses"	\$29.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve.....	\$29.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé-Exciting pink!	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasia Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$34.99
Michel Arnould Grand Cuvée Brut	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites.....	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé-Now direct!	\$34.99
Veuve Clicquot Brut	Inquire
Lallement Brut	\$39.99
Tarlant Cuvée Louis Brut Prestige	\$39.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Brut.....	\$44.99
Lallement Brut Reserve	\$49.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Brut	\$54.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Blanc de Blancs	\$54.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut Rosé	\$54.99
2000 Roederer Vintage Brut Rosé	\$54.99
1995 Veuve Clicquot Gold Label Reserve.....	\$59.99
Franck Bonville Cuvée Les Belles Voyes	\$64.99
Laurent Perrier "Grand Siècle"	\$79.99
1997 Laurent Perrier Grand Siècle Alexandra Rosé	\$99.99
Krug Grand Cuvée Brut	Inquire
1996 Krug Vintage	Inquire
1998 Dom Perignon.....	Inquire
1995 Krug Clos de Mesnil	Inquire

Domestic Sparkling Wine

1999 J. Schram Brut.....	\$74.99
2000 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	\$32.99
2002 J Wine Company Brut	\$16.99

Château Cos d'Estournel Dinner

Tuesday, November 27 in Hollywood. Jean Guillaume Prats, director of the super-second growth Château Cos d'Estournel joins us at the Hollywood store for a tasting and subsequent dinner. Limited spots available. On sale 8/15.

Fete du Bordeaux Dinner

Sunday, January 13 in the San Francisco Bay Area. A tasting of the fabulous wines of Lynch-Bages, Léoville-Barton, and Cos d'Estournel including the great 2005s as well as older including, 1990 Lynch-Bages, 1989 Léoville-Barton and 1985 Cos d'Estournel. On Sale 8/15.

2005 Bordeaux UGC Grand Tasting, S.F.

Saturday, January 19 (3-6 p.m.) the Union de Grand Cru (UGC) tour will stop in San Francisco. Taste more than 80 Bordeaux châteaux including the excellent 2005 vintage of Pichon-Baron, Angelus, Lynch-Bages, Pontet-Canet, Haut-Bailly, Angludet, Lascombes, and many more. We will have some 2005s for sale that day.

2003 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc or Blanc de Noirs	\$24.98
2004 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée"	\$26.99
2004 Schramsberg Brut Rose	\$32.99
NV Domaine Chandon Brut /Blanc de Noir	\$14.99
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc de Noir	\$14.99
NV Scharffenberger Brut	\$14.99
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut	\$16.99

What a Difference 500 Feet Makes

Two of our most interesting and very best values in Champagne are from vineyards less than 500 feet apart, the **Leclerc Briant "Les Chèvres Pierreuses"** and **"Les Crayères"** (both \$29.99). Pascal Leclerc grows grapes biodynamically and these two vineyards are treated completely organically. The "Les Chèvres Pierreuses" is a blend of 41% pinot noir, 19% meunier and 40% chardonnay from a seven-acre plot that is covered in small stones. The "Les Crayères" is composed of 38% pinot noir, 37% meunier and 25% chardonnay from a two and two thirds acre vineyard that has the highest chalk content of all of Pascal's estate. Every time that I taste them I am surprised, and even often forget, that the Pierreuses has the higher chardonnay content... I could mistake the Crayères for a blanc de blanc given its chalk driven minerality. It is one of the liveliest, cleanest bottles of Champagne in our stock. The Chèvres Pierreuses is elegant, round and subtle—perhaps the best celebratory bottle in our stock and perfect for having on its own. Both are made very differently than most Champagnes, co- pressed, then fermented in tile and concrete instead of stainless steel or wood.

—Gary Westby

Celebrate With Champagnes of Tarlant!

You might not think that August is much of a celebratory month but, with the arrival of the Champagnes of Tarlant, this month couldn't be any sweeter. The Tarlant family has been around for 310 years and has the experience to back up their "cult" status in France. The **Tarlant Brut Reserve (\$27.99)** is a blend of one third each chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier. The fruit comes from hillsides in Oeuilly in the Vallee de la Marne. This particular release of the Brut Reserve is a blend of the 2002, 2003 and 2004 vintages. Inhale aromas of fresh bread dough and pears as they waft out of the glass. In the mouth, experience more pears, golden apples, nuts and cream. This wine is rich and heady, but light and refreshing on the finish. We also carry its "sister" wine, the **Tarlant Brut Zero (\$27.99)**. The Zero is the yin to the Reserve's yang. Although it is the same blend as the Brut Reserve, the Zero is a *no dosage* (no sugar added) "ultra" Brut Champagne. It's pure, unadulterated, clean fruit and minerality, with zesty citrus fruit aspects of lemon/lime and tangerine, wet stones and granny smith apples. Barrel ageing and the addition of reserve stock to the blend results in an "ultra" Brut style that also has depth, texture and richness. And while the Reserve and Zero are amazing, the **Tarlant Cuvée Louis Brut (\$42.99)** is one of my most favorite Champagnes in the store, regardless of price. In fact, I have tasted some that are twice its price without its character. Made from 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir from the chalkiest portions of Tarlant's hillside vineyards in Oeuilly, all of the vines are more than 45 years old. This cuvée is aged in oak for 13 months and on the lees for seven years without malolactic fermentation. The current cuvée is equal parts of the phenomenal 1996 vintage and the 1997 vintage. Low dosage. It has a rich nose of dried apples, vanilla and light yeast and flavors of ripe apples, toast, honey and cinnamon with a dry finish that lingers on the palate. A HUGE hit at our last customer Champagne tasting in June! All Tarlant Champagnes are organic, though they don't publicize this fact.

—Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

2003 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Matrot.....	\$9.99	2004 Chassagne-Mont. "Blanchots Dessus," 1er, A. Deleger.....	\$59.99
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Jean Monnier	\$9.99	2004 Chassagne-Mont. "Boudriotte," 1er, Dom. Ramonet	\$63.99
2005 Macon, Domaine Rhedon-Marin.....	\$11.99	2004 Chassagne-Mont. "Morgeot," 1er, Dom. Ramonet	\$63.99
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, Louis Jadot (375ml)	\$12.99	2004 Puligny-Montrachet "Referts," 1er, Etienne Sauzet.....	\$69.99
2005 Macon Solutré, Domaine Jean-Pierre Seve	\$12.99	2004 Puligny-Montrachet "Referts," 1er, Dom. Benoit Ente	\$78.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Kimmeridgean, J-M Brocard	\$13.99	2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos Maltroie," 1er, Niellon.....	\$82.99
Crisp and delightful Chablis character from limestone-rich Kimmeridgian soil.			
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets.....	\$13.99	2004 Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos St. Jean," 1er, Niellon.....	\$83.99
2005 Meursault Chevalières, Matrot (375ml)	\$14.99	2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Louis Latour.....	\$86.99
2005 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet.....	\$14.99	2003 Corton-Charlemagne Grnd Cru, Bonneau de Martray.....	\$89.95
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Denis Bachelet	\$14.99	2004 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin	\$89.99
2003 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet (Was \$20.99).....	\$14.99	2005 Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot.....	\$124.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Maison Champy.....	\$15.99	2005 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Paul Pernot	\$149.99
Rich and lovely, with fruit from Puligny and Meursault and a bit of new oak.			
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Bernard Morey.....	\$15.99	2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Château De Puligny	
2005 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Roulot	\$15.99	Montrachet	\$225.00
2004 St. Romain, Maison Champy (Was \$21.99)	\$16.99	2004 Montrachet Grand Cru, Marquis Laguiche (Drouhin)	\$335.00
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Cuvée Raisin Dorée, M. Lafarge	\$16.99	Beaujolais	
Exceptional richness and lovely spice. WOW!			
2005 Rully, St. Jacques, Domaine Jean-Marc Boillot.....	\$17.99	2005 Beaujolais Villages, Manoir du Carra	\$11.99
2005 Petit Chablis, Domaine Louis Michel	\$17.99	2005 Beaujolais, Domaine Vissoux, Pierre Chermette	\$12.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine St. Claire, J-M Brocard	\$17.99	2005 Brouilly, Domaine Ruet.....	\$14.99
2005 Chablis, Vieilles Vignes, Roger Roblot	\$17.99	2005 Julienas, Cuvée Speciale, P. Granger	\$14.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine Vocoret	\$17.99	2005 Moulin-à-Vent, Louis Tête	\$14.99
2005 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Emotion Terroirs, Girardin.....	\$18.99	2006 Beaujolais, l'Ancienne, Vieilles Vignes, Jean-Paul Brun	\$14.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Benoit Ente	\$18.99	2004 Morgon, "Les Charmes," Mommessin	\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine Daniel Damppt	\$18.99	2005 Fleurie, Clos de la Roilette.....	\$19.99
2005 Bourgogne Chard., Emotions de Terroir, Girardin	\$18.99		
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, Solutré, Auvigues.....	\$19.99		
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Roty.....	\$19.99		
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet	\$21.99		
2004 Pernand-Vergelesse Blanc, Maison Champy	\$21.99		
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, Les Folles, Domaine Nembrets	\$21.99		
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Benoit Ente.....	\$24.99		
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Etienne Sauzet.....	\$24.99		
2004 Meursault, Olivier Leflaive (Was \$39.99 elsewhere)	\$24.99		
Clean, bright and lovely, with classic Meursault nuttiness.			
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Benoit Ente.....	\$24.99		
2005 Haute Côte de Nuits Blanc, Cuvée Marine, Anne Gros	\$29.99		
2004 Meursault Les Clous, Bouchard Père & Fils	\$29.99		
2004 Meursault, Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré	\$30.99		
2004 Meursaults, Chevalières, Domaine Jean Monnier	\$29.99		
2005 Montagny, 1er Cru, Les Coueres, Deux Montille.....	\$29.99		
2005 St-Aubin "Murgers Dent de Chien," 1er Cru,			
Domaine Maroslavic-Leger	\$29.99		
Restrained and elegant with lovely minerality. Next to Puligny Champ Gain!			
2005 St. Aubin, Charmois, Domaine Bernard Morey.....	\$29.99		
2004 Meursault, Domaine Matrot.....	\$32.99		
2004 Pernand-Verg. "Sous Fretilles," 1er, Deux Montille	\$37.99		
2005 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Paul Pernot.....	\$39.99		
2005 Puligny-Montrachet, Vieilles Vignes, V. Girardin.....	\$41.99		
Lovely rich and focused. Also available in 375ml at \$21.99			
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Philippe Colin	\$41.99		
2004 Puligny-Montrachet, Château de Puligny-Montrachet.....	\$46.99		
2005 Chassagne-Mont., V.V., Dom. Fontaine Gagnard.....	\$46.99		
2002 Meursault "Charmes," 1er Cru, Domaine Guyonniere.....	\$54.99		
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Niellon	\$54.99		

Pour Votre Plaisir

Chablis For Hot August Days

When the weather is sultry and hot, I love to drink white wines that are crisp and refreshing to wake my palate up before a meal, or to have with some steamed mussels. For me, a top pick is Chablis. We have just found a wonderful candidate, the **2005 Chablis, Cuvée St. Victoire, Domaine Seguinot-Bordet (\$17.99)** and I like it so much I am making it my summer wine. Jeff Vierra, our Loire Valley buyer, and Mike Parres, one of our Italian buyers, both did handsprings over it, too. When I get all of their attention, I know we have something special.

The Seguinot family has been growing Chablis vines since 1590. This Chablis is called St. Victoire, after the family name, which translates to "friendly victor" or "friendly victory" in the ancient Visigoth tongue. It is made from the family's oldest vines, planted in 1935. This results in focus, a rich mid-palate and great weight to accompany the bright minerality on the long finish. This is all hand-harvested, which is critical for quality, but all too rare at the village level in Chablis. Fifteen to twenty percent is fermented in wood and the remainder is fermented in horizontal stainless tanks, which Jean-Francois had specially built to increase lees contact. Although twice as expensive as conventional tanks, these allow 75% of all of the wine to remain within 3 feet of the lees, to pick up more richness than the upright tanks, while retaining crisp minerality. The success of this method is clearly seen here in the glass! Don't Miss This! Á Sante!

—Keith Wollenberg

RED BURGUNDY

2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Vincent Sauvestre.....	\$12.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Baudes,” 1er Cru, Ghislaine Barthod.....	\$79.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Maison Moillard	\$13.99	2004 Gevrey-Chambertin “Clos St. Jacques,” 1er Cru, Domaine Bruno Clair	\$84.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Maurice Ecard	\$15.99	2004 Vosne-Romanée “Beaumonts,” 1er Cru, Jean Grivot	\$89.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Camus-Bruchon.....	\$16.99	2004 Morey-St-Denis “La Forge de Tart,” 1er Cru, Mommessin.....	\$89.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Olivier Guyot	\$17.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny “Sentiers,” 1er Cru, Groffier.....	\$99.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Heresztyn	\$17.99	2004 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru, Fontenys, Domaine Roty	\$99.95
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Edmund Cornu	\$18.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny “Fuées,” 1er Cru, J-F Mugnier	\$99.95
2004 Côte de Nuits Villages, Desertaux-Ferrand.....	\$21.99	2004 Latricieres Chambertin, Grnd Cru, Mommessin.....	\$107.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Pressioniers, Domaine Roty.....	21.99	2004 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, V.V., Bachelet	\$115.00
2005 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré	\$21.99	92 pts Burghound. Sweet, supple black raspberry notes and very long on the palate.	
2004 Santenay 1er, Clos Rousseau, Dom. Bachey-Legros	\$24.99	2003 Clos-St-Denis Grand Cru, Domaine Heresztyn.....	\$116.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Jean-Marc Pavelot	\$24.99	2004 Clos de Vougeot, V.V., Château de la Tour	\$124.99
2004 Ladoix, Vieilles Vignes, Edmund Cornu.....	\$26.99	2004 Chambolle-Musigny “Amoureuses,” 1er Cru, Lucien Le Moine	\$126.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Lucien Le Moine	\$27.99	2004 Vosne-Romanée, “Les Gaudichots,” Nicolas Potel	\$129.99
2005 Mercurey 1er, Clos Montaignus, Dom. Patrick Size	\$28.99	2004 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Domaine Jean Grivot	\$137.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune “Lavières,” 1er, Camus-Bruchon	\$28.99	2004 Clos de Tart Grand Cru, Mommessin	\$154.99
2004 Marsannay Rouge, Domaine Roty	\$29.99	93 pts Burghound. Intense and powerful. May be the wine of the vintage.	
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Bussieres, Olivier Jouan.....	\$29.99	2004 Charmes-Chambertin, V.V., Domaine J. Roty.....	\$169.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune “Fourneaux,” 1er, Camus Bruchon	\$31.99	2003 Mazy Chambertin, Domaine Roty (Was \$189.99).....	\$169.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, “Peuillets,” 1er, Pavelot	\$31.99	2004 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru, Clos St. Jacques, Rousseau	\$179.99
2004 Marsannay Rouge, Champs St. Etienne, Domaine Roty	\$32.99	2004 Chambertin, Clos de Beze, GC, Rousseau.....	\$269.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, “La Dominode,” 1er Cru, Jean-Marc Pavelot-Also available in 375ml at \$19.99	\$36.99		
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village, Domaine Heresztyn	\$36.99		
2004 Volnay-Santenots, 1er Cru, Domaine J Matrot	\$37.99		
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue de Vergy, Domaine Bruno Clair.....	\$37.99		
2004 Beaune 1er cru, Grèves, Mommessin.....	\$39.99		
2004 Aloxe-Corton, “Fourniere,” 1er, Hippolyte Thevenot.....	\$39.99		
2005 Pommard, Noizons, Domaine Denis Carré	\$39.99		
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 Nuits-St-Georges, Charmois, Dom. Jean Grivot	\$46.99		
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Clos Solon, Domaine Fourrier	\$46.99		
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros	\$47.99		
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Domaine Denis Bachelet	\$49.99		
Comes from old vines, shows nice spice and lots of length.			
2004 Volnay “Fremiers,” 1er Cru, Marquis d’Angerville	\$50.99		
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, Champs Chenys, Domaine Roty	\$52.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges “Damodes,” 1er Cru, Mommessin	\$54.99		
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Georges Roumier.....	\$54.99		
2004 Morey-St-Denis “Bussiere,” 1er Cru, G. Roumier	\$59.99		
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine J-F Mugnier	\$60.99		
Lovely red fruit notes and a nice finishing spice.			
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Gruenchers, David Duband	\$63.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges “Clos de Marechale,” 1er Cru, JF Mugnier	\$64.99		
2004 Volnay “Taillepieds,” 1er Cru, Marquis d’Angerville	\$73.99		
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin “Corbeaux,” 1er Cru, Domaine Bachelet.....	\$74.99		
2004 Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Moillard	\$79.95		
2004 Vosne-Romanée “Brulées,” 1er Cru, Domaine Michel Gros	\$79.99		
2004 Nuits-St-Georges “Les St. Georges,” 1er Cru, Henri Gouge	\$79.99		

Alpine Delight!

I’ve always been captivated by Northern Italian red wines. It’s all too easy to be seduced by nebbiolo and charmed by the easy going dolcetto, but I think there’s something special about the red wines from the dramatic landscapes of Italy’s northeast, particularly the Trentino-Alto Adige. The **Elisabetta Foradori 2003 Teroldego Rotaliano (\$18.99)** is one such wine. Teroldego is an heirloom varietal grown in the alluvial deposits around the Adige and Noce rivers where the soils are composed of limestone, granite and porphyry debris; it has had a reputation for making exceptional wines in these parts since the 18th Century. Elisabetta Foradori is the first lady of Teroldego; while people were aware of the varietal, it was not until her wines made it into the world marketplace that they started to pay attention, especially to her luxury cuvée, the Grana-to! Known for being a low acid varietal, Teroldego stands out from other traditional indigenous Italian varietals known for their high acidity. There is a hint of pomegranate in this wine, characteristic of the best Teroldego. The vibrant yet dark red fruits are framed with just a touch of oak spice and the ripe, round tannins and concentrated fruit further the impression of the rich, heady qualities of pomegranate. Medium to medium-full-bodied, this is not a pasta wine, or at least not pasta dressed in a bright fresh tomato sauce. This wants something that is savory—think rabbit ragu or maybe goulash or even a Middle Eastern stew. For those of you who do not want to spend hours in a hot kitchen the summer, try it with grilled pork chops or kebabs and fall in love.

—Kirk Walker

ITALIAN WINES

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Misc Tuscany

2005 Maritma Sangiovese "4 Old Guys"—A new cuvée	\$7.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico (375ml)	\$11.99
2002 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico	\$12.99
Super deal on a really good wine!	
2005 Felsina Chianti Classico	\$16.99
2 Glasses GR.	
2004 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli"	\$21.95
2004 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico	\$19.99
2003 Felsina Chianti Riserva "Rancia"—3 Glasses GR	\$24.95
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Riserva "S. Marcellino"	\$34.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi "Geremia" Cab-Merlot	\$34.99
2003 Poggiano Rosso di Sera IGT—3 Glasses GR	\$39.99
The wine is a blend of 90% sangiovese and 10% colorino. The sangiovese provides the backbone and structure while the colorino adds color and texture. If you've ever liked Tignanello you're going to love Rosso di Sera! (Greg St.Clair, K&L Italian buyer)	

Montalcino

2002 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
2002 Baricci Brunello di Montalcino	\$34.99
2001 Canalicchio (Franco Pacenti) Brunello di Montalcino	\$42.99
2001 San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino.....	\$44.99
90 pts WS	
2000 Canalicchio (Franco Pacenti) Brunello di Montalcino	\$49.99

2001 Marchesato degli Aleramici Brunello di Montalcino.....	\$53.99
2001 Lambardi Brunello di Montalcino	\$56.99
93 pts WS	
2001 Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino	\$59.95
93 pts WS	
2001 Da Vinci Brunello di Montalcino	\$59.99
2001 Villa Le Prata Brunello di Montalcino.....	\$59.99
This producer's 1999 was my "Wine of the Vintage." The 2001 certainly makes the top ten wines of this vintage.	
2001 Tornesi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva	\$69.99
92 pts WS	
2001 Caprili Brunello di Montalcino Riserva.....	\$79.99
92 pts WS	
2001 Camigliano Brunello di Montalcino "Gualto"	\$89.99
93 pts WS	

Misc. Piedmont

2003 Agostino Pavia Barbera d'Asti, Moliss.....	\$12.99
2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera "Armujan" (375ml).....	\$13.99
2* Glasses GR	
2005 Anna Maria Abbona Dolcetto di Dogliani, Sori dij But	\$13.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba	\$14.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Langhe Bianco	\$14.99
2004 Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne"	\$15.99
2005 Cascina Val del Prete Barbera d'Alba "Serra di Gatti".....	\$17.99
2005 Da Capo "Majoli" Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato	\$19.99
2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"	\$19.99
2* Glasses GR	
2003 Massa Barbera "Monleale"—2 Red Glasses GR	\$21.99

Sul Tappeto Rosso

True or false: 2002 is the worst vintage in history for Brunello di Montalcino?

False. I have long been a believer that vintage tells you everything about the weather for a given year, but little about the wine. Pick me a great vintage and I'll show you a bad wine, pick me a bad vintage and I'll show you a good one. The critics ripped Barolo in 2002, but Barolo's most storied and respected producer, Giacomo Conterno, made his Monfortino in 2002, and they only make that wine in years they consider to be great! Arriving the middle of this month is the **2002 Sesta di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino (\$42.99)**—a stunningly good wine. How did they do it in such a "bad" year? Sesta di Sopra is not a gigantic winery, they produce about 345 cases of Brunello a year and about the same amount of Rosso di Montalcino. They have one hectare (2.471 acres) of Brunello vineyards. In 2002 the entire extended family passed through the vineyard, all armed with tweezers, on six different occasions. On each pass they looked at each bunch of grapes and extracted any shot, mildewed or unripe berries, leaving only the healthiest of grapes. They are also fortunate because their vineyard is extraordinarily well ventilated with superb Galestro soil. The resulting wine is full bodied and shows layers of complex, wild fruit, with hints of rosemary, and leather; it is intriguing, provocative and tempting. Drink this wine now and over the course of the next decade. Decant an hour ahead of time. Don't miss trying the **2005 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino (\$19.99)** too. It has the

classic Sesta di Sopra character, yet a little fresher. The vintage is four out of five stars, delightful and drinkable now!

Last year we imported the Ferrero for the first time and their great pricing and forward richness sold out their Brunello faster than we could say Pablo Harri. The **2002 Ferrero Brunello di Montalcino (\$32.99)** is one of the better of the vintage. Their vineyard sits southwest of Montalcino, between Banfi's Poggio all'Oro and Argiano. It gets lots of sun, even in the coolest of vintages. The wine shows lots of spice and ripe plum-like fruit mixed with some wild cherry and a plump richness on the palate with good acidity. It is a classic match for roasted pork loin marinated in rosemary and extra virgin olive oil! The **2005 Ferrero Rosso di Montalcino (\$17.99)** is powerful with lots of soft, muscular richness up front, yet with remarkably good acidity. The flavors can best be described as wild chocolate cherry spiced, with hints of violet and lavender enhanced by a bit of subtle woody flavors on the finish.

I love the classic character of another new arrival, the **2005 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino (\$18.99)**; it is one of my favorites. Baricci's wonderful southeastern exposure on Montalcino's famous Montosoli hill furnishes the wine with such a unique spicy black cherry and gravelly tobacco mix, it is just unmatched. Long and elegant with a supple richness in the mouth, this isn't a blockbuster, just a really pretty wine!

—Greg St.Clair

ITALIAN WINES

2004 Proprieta Sperino Uvaggio, Coste della Sesia Rosso	\$27.99	2004 Pallavicini "Amarasco"	\$14.99
2003 Aldo Conterno Barbera d'Alba "Conca Tre Pile"	\$29.99	2003 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Nerojbleo.....	\$16.99
2004 Cascina Val del Prete Barbera d'Alba "Carolina"	\$39.99	2003 Li Veli Salice Salento Pezzo Morgana	\$17.99
<u>Barolo/Barbaresco</u>			
2003 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin"	\$32.99	2005 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses GR	\$17.99
2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo "San Pietro"	\$29.99	2005 Marisa Cuomo Ravello Bianco	\$21.99
2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo	\$36.99	2003 2004 Pasetti Montepulciano d'Abruzzo "Testarosso"	\$21.99
2001 E.Sobrino Barolo Vecchie Vigne-93 pts WS	\$44.99	2002 Benanti Rosso di Verzella-1 Glass GR.....	\$22.99
2001 Alessandria Barolo "San Giovanni"	\$54.99	2004 Villagrande "Fiore" Bianco -2 Glasses GR	\$24.99
3 Glasses GR		2002 Vini Biondi Etna Rosso "Outis"	\$26.99
2001 Boroli Barolo "Bussia"-91 pts WS.....	\$54.99	2002 Villagrande "Sciara"-2 Glasses GR.....	\$27.99
2000 Ettore Germano Barolo "Cerretta"	\$55.99	2003 Palari "Rosso Soprano"	\$28.99
1995 Famiglia Anselma Barolo "Adasi"	\$74.99	2003 Palari "Faro"-3 Glasses GR	\$28.99
Excellent Barolo, drinking well now!		2003 Villa Medoro "Adrano" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo	\$32.99
2003 Vietti Barolo "Rocche"	\$109.99	2004 Marisa Cuomo Furore Bianco Fior d'Uva.....	\$42.99
2003 Vietti Barolo "Brunate"	\$109.99	3 Glasses GR	
<u>Trentino-Alto Adige, Lombardy, Friuli & Marche</u>			
2005 Blason Pinot Grigio	\$8.99	2001 Benanti Pietramarina Bianco-3 Glasses GR	\$44.99
Don't wait to try this absolutely stunning Pinot Grigio! DIRECT IMPORT!		2001 Benanti Rovitello-2 Glasses GR	\$46.99
2005 Blason Cabernet Franc.....	\$8.99	2003 De Conciliis Naima	\$57.99
Looking for a flavor bargain? This is your wine. Once you try it you're hooked!		<u>Emilia Romagna & Veneto</u>	
2005 Ermacora Refosco.....	\$9.99	2006 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico.....	\$9.99
2005 Blason Chardonnay-Un-oaked and wonderful!.....	\$9.99	Silvano Follador Prosecco Brut>Returns!	\$12.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Grigio	\$14.99	Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Amabile"-Sweet	\$7.99
2 Red Glasses GR		Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Classico"-Semi-dry	\$8.99
2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco	\$14.99	Silvano Follador Prosecco Cartizze	\$19.99
2 Red Glasses GR		Silvano has now made the Cartizze an Extra Dry. It is SPECTACULAR.	
2005 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio	\$14.99	2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"	\$39.99
2005 Ermacora Schioppettino	\$15.99	2 Glasses GR	
This wine is absolutely delicious, a vibrant black pepper nose leads in to hints of blueberries. On the palate it is pinot like, elegant, balanced yet supple, very inviting and leaves you begging for more. If you are having pasta with mushrooms and a delicate cream sauce or a simple rotisserie chicken, this is your wine!		2001 Allegrini Amarone	\$59.95
2005 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio	\$17.95	August Picks!	
2006 Venica Collio Pinot Grigio "Jesera"	\$18.99	2004 Livio Felluga Sauvignon (Was \$16.99; Now \$7.99) Sauvignon	
2005 Cantina Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos".....	\$19.99	blanc was introduced into Friuli under the Hapsburgs and became	
3 Glasses GR		widely planted in the early 20th century. This wine is refreshing and	
2006 Venica Collio Tocai Friulano "Ronco delle Cime"	\$22.99	captivating. On the palate you will find yellow pepper, tomato leaf	
2005 Livio Felluga Pinot Grigio	\$23.99	and classic herbaceous' crisp and dry. Enjoy with summer salads and	
2006 Jermann Pinot Grigio	\$24.99	antipasti.	
2006 Venica Collio Sauvignon "Ronco delle Mele".....	\$29.99	2005 Bolognani Moscato Giallo (\$14.99) Diego Bolognani is truly one	
2004 Santa Maddalena Lagrein Riserva Taber	\$32.99	of the best winemakers in Trentino. He makes vivid and DELICIOUS	
3 Glasses GR		white wines that are indigenous to this area. All of his wines show	
2004 Livio Felluga Terre Alte.....	\$37.99	wonderfully vivid aromas and flavors. This "yellow" moscato is huge-	
2004 San Michele Appiano Sanct Valentin Pinot Grigio	\$36.99	ly aromatic (peaches, a lot of floralness) and very dry. Try this out-	
2005 San Michele Appiano Sanct Valentin Sauvignon.....	\$42.99	standing wine with something spicy or on the porch with a good	
3 Glasses GR		book, enjoying the last days of summer.	
2002 Nino Negri Cinque 5 Stelle Sfsusat	\$69.99	2005 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino (\$18.99) Montosoli is a small parcel	
3 Glasses GR		of land in Montalcino where Sangiovese thrives! This rosso is very	
2000 Alberto Serenelli Rosso Conero "Varano"	\$64.99	user friendly: black cherry, plum, cranberries and spices mingle with	
2004 Oasi Degli Angeli "Kurni"-3 Glasses GR.....	\$89.99	leather and lots of Montosoli dust, distinguishing it from every other	
<u>Sicily, Umbria, Campania, Abruzzo, Puglia & Lazio</u>			
2005 Arancio Grillo	\$5.99	rosso. Think of Q-ing a pork roast with this lovely, baby Brunello at	
2005 Arancio Nero d'Avola	\$5.99	half the price!	
2005 Falesco Vitiano	\$7.95	2004 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba "Armujan"(1.5L \$44.99; 750ml	
2005 Vallevo Montepulciano d'Abruzzo	\$7.99	\$19.99; 375ml \$12.99) I gave this wine one of my highest ratings when	
2005 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola	\$12.99	Greg and I were in Italy last January. Three stars *** is as high as I go!	
2005 Gulfi Cerasuolo di Vittoria	\$13.99	This wine won those stars with its richness and complexity. Ripe	

—Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

August, the month I was born. To celebrate that most auspicious occasion, I have put together my list of favorites. I always get asked the question, if you could choose just one bottle... Well, truth be told, one is never enough!
—Susan Purnell

42 Below Vodka New Zealand\$29.99

Arran Gonzalez Bypass Cream Sherry Finish.....\$79.99

3 Stars - Recommended - *Spirit Journal* - F. Paul Pacult. Color: Polished brass. Aroma: Rich, warming layers of confectionary. Golden syrup and ripe fruit: pear, apples & banana. Palate: Creamy & malty, this dram captivates the palate with a dense, mouth-coating sweetness. There are just enough of the classic. Arran citrus notes to provide a zesty burst on the finish. Finish: Silky and smooth, this sugarcoated malt is the perfect digestif to savor long into the night. 756 bottles produced; 57.4% ABV.

BenRiach 15 year Madeira Single Malt Whisky\$79.99

BenRiach 15 year Pedro Ximinez Sherry Finished\$79.99

I was able to try all of the new 15-year "wood finished" whiskies when I visited BenRiach in the summer of 2006. I was very impressed with their balance and how BenRiach was marrying so well with many different types of cask. Billy Walker, the Master Blender at BenRiach, is doing a fantastic job picking out their lovely gems! BenRiach is a small, independently owned distillery in the Speyside region. Give one of these a try!

Broker's London Dry Gin (1L)\$22.99

1970 Bruichladdich 125th Anniversary Bottling\$499.99

This special 35-year old bottling has been ACE'd (Additional Cask Enhancement) in Zind Humbrecht Selection de Grain Nobles Pinot Gris wine casks. I was lucky enough to taste this out of the barrel with Jim McEwan in July 2006. Dear God above, I am the luckiest woman on earth to be able to have experiences like these. Liquid gold on the palate. This is a malt to treasure! If you buy one expensive bottle of single malt whisky in your lifetime, make it this bottle!

Bunnahabhain 18 year old Islay Single Malt Whisky\$96.99

I fell in love with older Bunnahabhain on my trip to Islay in 2005. They have such elegance, yet are filled with incredible weight and complexity. Color: rich, golden amber. Nose: Liquid caramel bubbling on the stove, banana cream pie, macadamia nut brittle and the blowing sea breeze. Palate: It lies like heavy syrup that coats your mouth. The flavors are all creamy butter, toasted almonds and Brazil nuts, fresh pipe tobacco and a sea brininess. The weight of the 18-year is like your favorite blanket on a cold winter's day. The finish is extremely long and warming with just a wee bit of spiciness. 92 points - *Malt Advocate*.

Cadenhead's Old Raj Gin 110 Proof\$54.99

Old Raj Gin is distinctive in that it contains a measure of saffron, the rare and costly spice derived from the crocus flower. In addition to the slightly spicy flavor, this also imparts a pale yellow color. The subtle, aristocratic botanical mix (starring, of course, juniper berries) lures you into a warm, delighted sense of well being, a feeling deepened by the sheer silkiness of the spirit. (Preiss Imports 96 - CLASSIC! WE)

1977 Coeur de Lion Pays d'Auge Calvados\$229.99

I had the great honor to visit Christian Drouin and the good folks at Coeur de Lion in June. From the choice of fruit, to fermentation, distillation and maturation in fine oak, great care is taken to make the best possible Calvados.

Edradour Unchillfiltered Signatory\$62.99

I love this bottle of Edradour so much that there is always a bottle at my home. It is great malt for anyone who likes a rich, sweet, heavy sherry style. Classic Edradour, with the additional flavors that come from not chill filtering, which leaves all the natural oils in the bottle. A deep and dark, super rich, sweeter style malt, multi-layered with flavors of roasted nuts and caramel. Dessert!

Ellenstown 10 year Cask Strength Islay Single Malt\$51.99

This one is almost gone, so get it while it lasts! This is one of the best independent, cask strength bottles of an Islay single malt that I have tasted in a long time. Hmmm...Ellenstown, what distillery could this malt be? It has a rich, creamy mouthfeel, touch of sweetness, huge puffs of campfire smoke and a wee bit of iodine. FANTASTIC! 58% ABV!

Francois Peyrot 25 year old XO Cognac\$67.99

Frapin Château Fontpinot, Grande Champagne Cognac.....\$87.99

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Glen Grant 31 year old, Lonach\$124.99

What makes Glen Grant unique it that it is one of the few distilleries to use coal-fired stills. Located in the Speyside region at the north end of the village of Rothes, about 10 miles south of Elgin, it is an important component of Chivas Regal. Color: Beautiful Islay Sunrise. Nose: A very deep rich nose filled with coconut, roasted macadamia nuts and sticky toffee pudding. Palate: Beautiful weight on this malt and a rich oiliness that coats your mouth. Buttery puff pastry, sweet baked apples, with just a hint of spice. Finish: A luxurious creamy finish that doesn't want to let go of your palate. Simply Stunning!

Hazelburn 8 year old Triple Distilled Campbeltown\$81.99

Hazelburn is a triple distilled, completely unpeated single malt produced at the Springbank Distillery. It has not been chill filtered and no caramel has been added. Tasting notes from the distillery—Color: Pale gold. Nose: Light and delicate, the 8-year old Hazelburn has subtle nuances of raspberry coulis, shortbread and sherbet. Sweet vanilla, malt and white oak are also in evidence. Palate: Elegantly sweet and malty. Loads of vanilla flavour combines well with toasty oak notes leading to a spicy aftertaste. No smokiness in triple distilled Hazelburn. Finish: A slightly peppery finish to a refined and elegant dram.

Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age des Fleurs "15 Carats"\$65.99

Roger Groult 15 year old Calvados Pay d'Auge\$73.99

This 15-year old calvados has a deep, rich color and the bouquet becomes more elegant, complex and sophisticated with age. The flavors are of spicy apples and vanilla, which blend together for a finish that is very long and elegant. Balanced with a good persistence, it's a nice compromise between the fresh fruity aromas and the concentration of an old spirit.

Ron Pampero Aniversario Rum, Venezuela\$29.99

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Rosebank Signatory Lowland Single Malt\$66.99

Russian Standard St. Petersburg Vodka\$19.99

Springbank 9 year Marsala Wood, Campbeltown.....\$94.99

Tasting notes from the distillery—Color: Russet. Nose: Sugar and spice and all things nice! Rich, sweet and syrupy. Crème caramel, coffee creams and rum and raisin. Palate: Thick and rich on the palate, the sweetness from the nose develops and stays at the front of your tongue. Hints of fruit and nut chocolate. Finish: Long and lingering. The Marsala and Springbank compliment each other without either being too dominant. A perfect balance.

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