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Cos d'Estournel Tasting & Dinner

Tuesday, November 27, Jean Guillaume Prats of Château Cos d'Estournel joins us at the Hollywood store for a tasting and subsequent dinner at the Renaissance Hotel's Vantage Room. Only 60 spots available for dinner. \$150 per person (plus tax).

On sale now.

2006 Bordeaux Values

With the iffy 2007 vintage now in cellars, the dollar sinking in value and the price of older Bordeaux skyrocketing, we still have superb 2006 Bordeaux. Don't miss these excellent wines! Sold as futures.

2006 Cantemerle, Médoc (1.5L \$54.99)-90-92 pts RP\$26.99

Ralph Sands: Wow! Very special wine made here in 2006, surely the best in modern times. Spicy ripe fruit with fine middle richness, sweetness and mouth-feel. Alex Brisoux: Sweet, spicy red fruit, cacao/tobacco undertone, good structure, elegant long finish, the best young Cantemerle I've ever tasted.

2006 d'Angludet, Margaux (1.5L \$59.99)\$27.99

K&L's notes: At the property this was very good. It might be as good as 2005—maybe better. Sweet red berry aromas. Elegant cranberry flavors. 89-91 pts WS.

2006 Rouget, Pomerol (1.5L \$72.99)\$34.99

K&L's notes: At Joanne—fat and fruity. Smoky toasty oak flavors and aromas. Tasted at LD Vins—very ripe, forward, fat and fruity. Long finish. Delicious wine—as good or better than their 2005! Should be fine value.

2006 Kirwan, Margaux (1.5L \$85.99)\$42.99

Quite dark with sweet palate entry. Some meaty notes. Flashy style. Ralph Sands: Super sweet fruit upfront. Balanced and firm on the finish. 88-91 pts RP.

2006 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien (1.5L \$87.99)\$43.99

We think this wine is better than their 2005. 92-94 pts WS: "Wonderful aromas of blackberries, minerals and dried flowers. Full-bodied, with a lovely core of cool fruit. Racy and caressing tannins. Excellent."

2006 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Margaux (1.5L \$97.99)\$46.99

A stunning wine in 2006. Great value. 92-94 pts WS: "Lots of blackberry and spice character, with chocolate undertones. Full-bodied, with lovely fine tannins and a long finish."

2006 Haut-Bailly, Pessac (1.5L \$94.99)\$58.99

Ralph Sands: Lovely fresh high-toned fruit, very solid, racy acid, claret style—not overdone, fine balance. 92-94 pts WS.

2006 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac (1.5L \$149.99)\$69.99

Another smashing success for this property. On a level with their 2005. 93-95 pts RP. Fabulous wine—a superb bargain compared to the 2005.

2006 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac (1.5 \$244.99)\$118.99

Much better than their 2005 version. 94-96 pts RP: "94-96 pts RP: "This gorgeous wine represents an updated version of the 1996."

—Clyde Beffa Jr

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

Brick's Thanksgiving Picks

See what domestic gems Bryan Brick will be drinking this Turkey Day, page 12.

Value-Priced 2005 Burgundies

Easy-on-your-pocket picks from Keith on page 18.

New Italian Wine Club

Coming soon. Don't miss this chance to sign up, page 24!

Holiday Shopping? Done!

1996 Pierre Moncuit Blanc de Blancs Vintage Grand Cru

Champagne\$54.99

From one of the most heralded villages in the Côte de Blanc, Le Mesnil sur Oger, the 1996 Pierre Moncuit Blanc de Blanc, comes from chardonnay grown in extremely chalky soils. The resulting champagnes are mineral-rich and start to best express themselves after about ten years in bottle.

1999 Moët & Chandon Cuvée Dom Pérignon Brut

Champagne\$124.99

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "There's a high-toned minty graphite accent to the aroma, with a citric edge on the palate. The structure is overlaid with lemon and bread dough notes. Best from 2008 through 2020."

2005 Caymus "Special Selection" Napa Cabernet Sauvignon ..\$159.00

92-94 points Robert Parker: "A barrel sample of the 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection offers terrific fruit intensity and purity, a more laid-back style, a meaty, chewy texture, and impressive opulence as well as length. It should evolve for 10-15 years."

—Trey Beffa

2005 Bordeaux UGC Tasting, SF

On Saturday, January 19 (3-6 p.m.) the Union de Grand Cru (UGC) tour will stop at San Francisco's Federal Reserve Building.

Taste more than 50 Bordeaux châteaux including 2005s from Pichon-Baron, Léoville-Barton, Langoa-Barton, Pontet-Canet, Haut-Bailly, Angludet, Lascombes and many more. We will have many 2005s for sale that day. \$85/person. On sale now.

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Review Key:

WS: *Wine Spectator*

RP: *Robert Parker*

WE: *Wine Enthusiast*

GR: *Gambero Rosso*

ST: *Stephen Tanzer*

CG: *Cônoisseurs' Guide*

Two Very Fine Bordeaux Events

As the winter approaches and red wines dominate the wine scene, we have two exceptional wine events scheduled to whet your palate. First, we welcome Jean Guillaume Prats, manager of Château Cos d'Estournel, to Hollywood's Vantage Room on November 27 for a dinner and tasting. Enjoy some great wines from this fabulous property—including their first white wine! On Saturday January 19, 50 Bordeaux chateaux owners/winemakers/managers come to San Francisco's Federal Reserve Building to show their great 2005 vintages. Prices and information are on the web and in the stores. Have a good Turkey day!

—Clyde Beffa Jr

Bearden's Bordeaux Picks

I continue to sing the praises of the 2004 vintage in Bordeaux as a crop of balanced, fresh tasting wines that are both traditional in style and approachable in nature and that have the balance and acidity to age well. Here are few that I strongly recommend:

2004 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Leognan (\$44.99) This is a fantastic Graves combining richness, elegance and complexity. Gravelly, earthy scents lead to a very warm, fruity middle of currants, cherry and minerals. The long, subtle graphite-laced finish is gentle and complex.

2004 Chateau du Tertre, Margaux (\$29.99) An affordable fifth growth producing tasty, approachable wines that are flashy, but never over the top. This has aromas of coffee, oak, raspberries and spice. Rich and exotic, there are oodles of sweet fruit and toasty mocha in the middle until the tannins clamp down on the finish. This may just be THE bargain of the vintage.

2004 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien (\$37.99) One of the most consistent and affordable of the second growths, this property has turned out another well-priced beauty. This is amazingly easy to drink already and shows plenty of deep, dark fruit on both the nose and palate. Spicy and lively, there is great balance between the sweet fruit and the silky tannin on the elegant finish.

2004 de Pez, St-Estèphe (\$29.99) 91 pts WE: "Dark, dry tannins are what good St-Estèphe are all about when young and de Pez doesn't disappoint. But it does more, with refined black plum skin flavors, a rich mix of spices and mint, and a refreshing streak of acidity..." This may be one of the best wines this property has ever made.

2004 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac (\$52.99) This overachieving fifth growth is the tightest and most powerful of this flight, but is approachable with decanting and represents amazing potential and overall quality. Aromas of iron, oak and sweet cherry leap from this tense, taught wine. The palate is dense and quite rich with a solid core of black fruit and a surprisingly sweet finish.

—Steve Bearden

Chip's Quips

Psst. I've got a secret. Are you ready? THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! Okay, so it's not a secret. But you know what that means: Bubbles! Here are a few faves to help you choose.

Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve Champagne (\$38.99) The Billecart Brut Reserve has been the same blend since 1945. The aromas from this finely balanced champagne waft from the glass, emphasizing freshness, pears and white flowers. With full, round flavors on the palate, this champagne has great attack and presence defining what non-vintage Bruts should be all about.

Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve Champagne (\$29.99) A great value! Charles Heidsieck keeps a lot of older vintages in reserve, which allows them into current cuvées. There's a sizable amount of wine from the '89 and '95 vintages in this blend. Round and full on the palate, there's big apple fruit with a nice lemon zest on the finish.

Laurent-Perrier Ultra Brut Champagne (\$39.99) This is one for the folks that like their champagnes bone dry. A little toastiness shows up on the nose and there's creamy, round vanilla flavors on the mid-palate and a crisp, clean finish. Crack this beauty with a dozen oysters.

1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs Champagne (\$229.99) Salon only makes champagne in vintages they consider exceptional and 1996 was just that. The wine comes entirely from the village of Mesnil and doesn't go through malo, for ultimate freshness. Salon's reputation for aging is legendary and they only make miniscule amounts of this ultra luxury champagne, so act now.

—Chip Hammack

2006 BORDEAUX FUTURES

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

Beychevelle, St-Julien -90-92 pts RP	\$43.99
Bourgneuf, Pomerol	\$34.99
Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien	\$49.99
92-94 pts RP: "Proprietor Patrick Maroteaux continues to ratchet up the quality level at this impeccably run St-Julien estate. The 2006 is similar to the 1996 Branaire, but with sweeter fruit."	
Calon-Ségur, St-Estèphe	\$54.99
92-94 pts WS: "A lovely wine with a solid core of fruit, silky tannins and chocolate, berry and light spice character. Long and balanced."	
Cantemerle, Médoc (1.5L \$54.99) -90-92 pts RP	\$26.99
Ralph Sands: Wow! Very special wine made here in 2006, surely the best in modern times. Spicy ripe fruit with fine middle richness, sweetness and mouthfeel. Alex Brisoux: Sweet, spicy red fruit, cacao/tobacco undertone, good structure, elegant long finish, the best young Cantemerle I've ever tasted.	
Clerc-Milon, Pauillac -91-93 pts RP	\$39.99
Certan de May, Pomerol -91-95 pts RP	\$99.99
Cheval Blanc, St-Emilion -92-95 pts RP	\$739.00
Clinet, Pomerol -90-92 pts RP	\$69.99
Clos d'Oratoire, St-Emilion -90-93 pts RP	\$32.99
Clos du Marquis, St-Julien	\$43.99
92-94 pts WS: "Wonderful aromas of blackberries, minerals and dried flowers. Full-bodied, with a lovely core of cool fruit. Racy and caressing tannins. Excellent."	
Clos de la Madelaine, St-Emilion	\$27.99
A delicious wine from an extremely small property. Buy it.	
Clos Fourtet, St-Emilion	\$58.99
90-93 pts RP: "Clos Fourtet has produced a succession of brilliant wines since 2003."	
Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe	\$128.99
92-94 pts RP and WS. Ralph Sands: A really strong and powerful Cos with a tightly focused core of spicy fruit—claret style.	
d'Angludet, Margaux (1.5L \$59.99)	\$27.99
89-91 pts WS. K&L's notes: At the property this was very good. It might be as good as 2005—maybe better. Sweet red berry aromas. Elegant cranberry flavors.	
d'Issan, Margaux -90-93 pts RP	\$41.99
de Sales, Pomerol	\$22.99
Ferrand-Lartigue, St-Emilion	\$19.99
Figeac, St-Emilion -89-91 pts WS	\$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
Haut-Bailly, Pessac	\$58.99
92-94 pts WS. Ralph Sands: Lovely fresh high toned fruit, very solid, racy acid, claret style—not overdone, fine balance.	
Haut-Bergey Rouge, Pessac -90-92 pts RP	\$25.99
Haut-Brion, Pessac -92-94 pts RP and WS	\$529.99
Hosanna, Pomerol -95-97 pts RP	Inquire
Joanin Becot, Côtes Castillon	\$19.99
Kirwan, Margaux (1.5L \$85.99)	\$42.99
88-91 pts RP. Quite dark with sweet palate entry. Some meaty notes. Flashy style. Ralph Sands: Super sweet fruit upfront. Balanced and firm on the finish.	
La Mission-Haut-Brion, Pessac -96-100 pts RP; 95-100 pts WS	\$539.99
Lafleur, Pomerol -95-100 pts WS	Inquire
La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande Pomerol -90-93 pts RP.....	\$31.99
Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac -92-94 pts WS	\$529.00
La Grave à Pomerol, Pomerol -89-91 pts WS.....	\$34.99
Lagrange, St-Julien -91-94 pts RP	\$42.99
Langoa-Barton, St-Julien (1.5L \$114.99)	\$54.99

90-92 pts RP: "Much like its more famous sibling, Léoville-Barton, the 2006 Langoa-Barton is a heady, ripe, dense, tannic, powerful wine possessing a deep ruby/purple color as well as aromas of underbrush, damp earth, creme de cassis and licorice."

Larcis-Ducasse, St-Emilion	\$47.99
91-94 pts RP. The monumental 2005 Larcis-Ducasse has been followed by another brilliant effort in 2006. Act fast, fewer than 3,000 cases produced.	
Latour, Pauillac -95-100 pts WS.....	\$539.99
Léoville-Barton, St-Julien	\$67.99
92-94 pts RP and WS. Always a great bargain. This year is no exception.	
Léoville-Las Cases, St-Julien -95-100 pts WS	\$199.99
Le Gay, Pomerol	\$94.99
93-95 pts RP. Only two hectares of vines. Tons of black raspberry and chocolate from the nose to the palate. Extremely rich, but finely balanced.	
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac	\$94.99
90-92 pts RP. It offers sweet, ripe berry fruit, crushed rock, smoke and earth characteristics along with good precision and savoriness.	
Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien -91-93 pts RP	\$64.99
Lynch-Bages, Pauillac	\$67.99
92-94 pts WS. 91-93 points RP: "This may turn out to be the finest Lynch-Bages made since the 2000."	
Malescot-St Exupéry, Margaux	\$46.99
92-94 pts WS: "Lots of blackberry and spice character, with chocolate undertones. Full-bodied, with lovely fine tannins and a long finish."	
Margaux, Margaux	\$539.99
95-100 pts WS: "Very powerful and rich. Fantastic. Full, silky and structured. Yet layered and rich, with loads of mineral, violet and coffee character. Incredible. So much finesse in the nose. What a wine. Similar to the 1995, which received 100 points."	
Palmer, Margaux	\$189.99
92-94 pts WS. Lots of violet on the nose with undertones of cigar box and vanilla oak. An elegant Palmer. Like 2004 with more finesse and ripeness.	
Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe	\$29.99
Petit-Village, Pomerol	\$46.99
Pichon-Baron, Pauillac	\$93.99
92-94 pts RP. At the property—blackish color and pretty nose of spice and some rose petal. Ripe and fat on the palate with mineral undertones. Good structure and nice mouthfeel. Tannins are balanced. Very nice.	
Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac	\$118.99
94-96 pts RP: "This gorgeous wine represents an updated version of the 1996."	
Pontet-Canet, Pauillac	\$69.99
93-95 pts RP. Fabulous wine—a superb bargain compared to the 2005.	
Pierre de Lune, St-Emilion -90-92 pts RP	\$44.99
Rouget, Pomerol (1.5L \$72.99)	\$34.99
K&L's notes: At Joanne—fat and fruity. Smoky toasty oak flavors and aromas. Tasted at LD Vins—very ripe, forward, fat and fruity. Long finish. Delicious wine—as good or better than their 2005! Should be fine value.	
Smith-Haut-Lafitte Rouge, Pessac	\$54.99
91-93 pts RP. At property—very toasty aromas with touch of tobacco and coffee. Fine toasty red fruit flavors. This is powerful wine for ageing. Rounded tannins. Ralph Sands: The round and ripe fruit is a touch exotic with hints of earth and white pepper. The Smith wines continue to get better and better.	
Trotanoy, Pomerol -95-100 pts WS	Inquire
Talbot, St-Julien (1.5L \$83.99) -89-91 pts RP and WS.....	\$41.99

Why Wait?

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BORDEAUX 1945-2005

This is just a partial list of our inventory, check our website for all in-stock Bordeaux.

1945 Mouton-Rothschild\$12,999.00
Perfect condition—from Mahler Besse cellar.

1959 Bouscaut Rouge, Graves\$229.00
Old school—flavorful dry red.

1961 Palmer, Margaux\$2,999.00
Perfect condition—from Mahler Besse cellar.

1970 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien\$245.00
92 pts RP "...quintessentially elegant Bordeaux."

1972 Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac....\$329.00

1975 Poujeaux, Moulis (1.5L)\$169.99
Old-school style, lingering finish. Excellent.

1976 Latour, Pauillac (1.5L)\$599.00
A bargain in the Latour world!

1982 La Lagune, Moulis\$219.99
92 pts RP: "A beautifully made wine, the 1982 is my favorite La Lagune of the last 20 years."

1982 Latour, Pauillac.....\$2,499.00

1982 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$259.00
93 pts RP: "One of the most traditionally-styled wines of the vintage."

1982 Pavillon Rouge, Margaux\$219.00
92 pts WS: "A warm, rich and cuddly wine. Wonderful."

1985 Poujeaux, Moulis.....\$89.99
Delicious wine—Clyde just had it in Tallinn.

1986 Latour, Pauillac\$499.00
96 pts WS: "Seems to be gaining in strength."

1986 Siran, Margaux (5L)\$399.00
Two large formats direct from the property. Perfect condition. Outstanding wine.

1988 Latour, Pauillac- 96 pts WS\$399.00

1989 Chasse-Spleen, Moulis\$119.00
91 pts RP: "The 1989 Chasse-Spleen is the finest wine this property has produced since their great 1949." Direct from the property.

1990 Chasse-Spleen, Moulis\$89.99
90 pts WS. Sweet and lush. Clyde loves it.

1990 Figeac, St-Emilion\$279.00
94 pts RP: "...a great Figeac, potentially a richer, more complete and complex wine than the 1982."

1990 Labergorce Zede, Margaux.....\$79.99
Delicious wine—sweet and lovely. A steal!

1990 Poujeaux (1.5L)\$179.99
One of the best value properties in the world. Superb wine.

1991 Léoville-Las Cases, St-Julien\$129.00
A very underrated vintage—super wine.

1991 Pichon-Baron (1.5L)\$159.99
RP: "1991 exhibits a formidable, opaque, dark purple color and a tight but promising nose of licorice, minerals and blackcurrants. It is one of the most promising wines of the vintage."

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."

Châteaux Share Passion & Good Business Sense

People all over America want to talk about, buy and eventually drink Léoville-Barton with great gusto and pleasure; you can hear it in their voices! The amazing quality from the vineyard of Léoville has never shined as brightly as it does today.

The simple theory applied over the years by Anthony and his daughter Lillian Barton has been a winner: Make as great a wine as you can, price the wine fairly so the consumer can buy more than one bottle, taste the wine, enjoy the wine, buy more and tell all their friends about the experience. The Bartons have done the job; wines like 1993, 1994 and 1997 are outrageously good efforts from tough weather vintages; 1995, 1996 and 2000 will be long lived classics. The **1999 (\$64.99)** is a vintage I love and I believe is truly underrated; most classified growths have good supple fruit with fine balance and will give good pleasure young. The Barton 1999 is true to the Barton style, which to me is a wine that is masculine, dark and deep, filled with zesty blue-purple fruit with complex aromas of blueberry-blackberry, plum and yes....ripe grapes! The **2001 (\$64.99)** is elegant, as is the vintage, but Barton's wine is still young and fresh, drinking well with an hour decanting—all the Barton wines should be decanted. The **2004 (\$59.99)** is a great wine, no question one of the three greatest wines of the vintage, considering price (the others being Ch.-Pontet Canet and Ch. Haut-Bailly). While opening bottles for a recent in-store tasting you could smell the aromatic explosion from across the room. This wine will be great after 10 years and even better older.

The resurgence of the ancient estate of Ch. Haut-Bailly is a thing of beauty. Haut-Bailly has always made good wine, sometimes great wine, from its fantastic *terroir*, located on one of Léognan's highest plateaus, loaded with gravel and seashells. But the winemaking side of the estate was in bad need of improvements. The purchase and investment made by American businessman Robert Wilmers since 1998 and his retention of director Veronique Sanders to lead the re-development has been perfectly orchestrated, and it shows in their wine. I sure wish I had some 2004 to sell you, but I do have their second wine from **2003, the La Parde de Haut-Bailly (\$23.99)**, which features textbook earth and mineral tones wrapped around ripe firm red fruits. The **2006 Haut-Bailly (\$59.99)** pretty much exudes the house style: firm and strong with red-black fruit, elegant with great brightness, never lacking good acidity. The **1996 (\$69.99)** is showing nice developed characteristics, orange-brick edges with hints of cheese, wild herbs and spicy-cabernet fruit; it's drinking really nicely now with some decanting.

By far, the largest and fastest trek back to greatness in all of Bordeaux has happened at second growth Ch. Lascombes in Margaux. With help from Michel Rolland, Director Dominique Befve runs this huge estate with intensity. The **2001 (\$59.99)** is their comeback wine, showing lovely mid-weight, tasty blue fruit, elegant and fresh, with a clean mineral finish. The **2003 (\$49.99)** continues to be a huge success here with people drinking it young; loaded with rich, ripe fruit, lush and soft on the palate, not one for the cellar but for the table tonight!

Lastly, a request for a visit at Léoville-Barton, Haut-Bailly or Lascombes, with proper notice (a few months) is almost always granted. These estates know how to treat their loyal customers. Bravo to Barton, Bailly and Lascombes!

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or advice on the wines of Bordeaux at x2723 or Ralph@klwines.com Toujours Bordeaux and Go Niners!

—Ralph Sands

1994 Latour, Pauillac-93 pts RP\$299.00

1994 Phélan-Ségur (1.5L)\$89.99

1994 Léoville-Poyferré (1.5L)\$89.99

1994 Soutard, St-Emilion.....\$29.99

A fabulous buy for old-school merlot lovers. Plenty of structure and flavor.

1995 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$59.99

One of the best values from 1995—enjoy now.

1995 Lafleur, Pomerol\$429.00

1996 de Sales, Pomerol.....\$24.99

Inexpensive Pomerol.

1996 Cantenac-Brown, Margaux\$52.99

Their best vintage since 1982.

1996 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$66.99

This wine is stunning—great cab year.

1996 Lafleur, Pomerol\$199.99

1996 Haut-Bailly, Pessac\$69.99

Since 1982 Haut-Bailly has been making outstanding wines and the 1996 is no exception.

1996 Potensac, Medoc\$34.99

89 pts RP: "This is the most amazing wine this estate has ever produced."

1996 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac\$79.99

92+ pts RP: "...superb potential."

1996 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$49.99

Ripe blackberry fruit flavors with hints of spice.

IN STOCK BORDEAUX 1945-2005

- 1997 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$39.99
 1997 Clerc Milon, Pauillac.....\$39.99
 1997 Clos du Marquis, St-Julien\$39.99
 1997 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac\$32.99
 Outstanding wines from an underrated vintage.
- 1997 Latour, PauillacInquire
 1997 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Margaux ..\$39.99
 1998 La Louvière Rouge, Pessac\$29.99
 Fabulous value—drinks great right now.
- 1999 Latour, Pauillac\$369.00
 1999 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$44.99
 1999 Coufran, Médoc\$22.99
 Soft and elegant wine. Enjoy now.
- 1999 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$49.99
 Absolutely delicious. Silky wine.
- 1999 Kirwan, Margaux.....\$49.99
 Rich, round, sweet and lingering on the palate.
- 1999 l'Arrose, St-Emilion.....\$29.99
 Soft and Burgundy-like.
- 1999 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien.....\$64.99
 Another great effort by Anthony Barton.
- 1999 Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien\$42.99
 Leoville-Poyferré made a delicious wine in 1999.
 The nose has a tiny whiff of sweet cola.
- 1999 Smith-Haut-Lafitte (1.5L)\$89.99
 Clyde loves this wine—it drinks perfectly now
 with decanting and will cellar well for 10 years.
- 2000 Clerc-Milon, Pauillac-92 pts RP\$69.99
 2000 Coufran, Medoc.....\$29.99
 RP: "One of the finest efforts from Coufran in
 many years...Drink it over the next decade."
- 2000 du Tertre, Margaux\$49.99
 91 pts RP: "This is the finest Du Tertre since their
 1979. This is a property on the move...up!"
- 2000 Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac.....\$89.99
 93 pts RP: "This is a large-scaled wine."
- 2000 La Grangeneuve de Figeac\$36.99
 Delicious second wine of Figeac.
- 2000 La Tour Carnet, Médoc\$34.99
 Heady, ripe, and medium to full-bodied, it is the
 finest La Tour Carnet produced in many decades.
- 2000 Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc.....\$18.99
 Plenty of red fruit flavors—enjoy now.
- 2000 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac\$89.99
 93 pts WS: "The best Pontet-Canet up til now."
- 2001 Clarke, Lustrac\$27.99
 2001 du Tertre, Margaux\$39.99
 2001 Lascombes, Margaux.....\$59.99
 2001 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien.....\$64.99
 92+ pts RP: "Civilized and approachable for a
 young Léoville-Barton."
- 2001 Meyney, St-Estèphe.....\$28.99
 Decant and enjoy—full-flavored.
- 2001 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$38.99
 2001 Sarget de Gruaud-Larose\$24.99
 2002 Allees de Cantemerle, Médoc.....\$14.99
 You want a great wine for a few bucks? Try this
 beauty and you will buy cases. We like it better
 than 2003 Cantemerle.
- 2002 Léoville-Barton, St-JulienInquire
 2002 Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac\$27.99
 2002 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Marg\$47.99
 This wine is stunning—perfectly balanced, very
 flavorful and it will cellar well for many years.
- 2002 Potensac, Médoc\$18.99
 2002 Reserve de Comtesse-Lalande\$24.99
 This wine is opening up finally—quite delicious
- 2002 Rocher Bellevue Figeac\$19.99
 Another great tasting merlot at a very low price.
- 2003 Beaumont, Haut Medoc\$15.99
 Very elegant wine. Toasty aromas and flavors.
- 2003 Bois Malot, Bordeaux Superior\$9.99
 Packed with sweet fruit.
- 2003 Bourgneuf, Pomerol\$29.99
 2003 Charmes de Kirwan, Margaux....\$24.99
 2003 Clarke, Lustrac\$27.99
 Rich, ripe and forward.
- 2003 Clairefont, Margaux\$19.99
 Second wine of Prieure Lichine—very spicy and
 drinkable with toasty nuances.
- 2003 Clos de la Vieille Eglise, Pom.....\$39.99
 2003 d'Agassac, Haut-Médoc\$22.99
 Fine value from emerging superstar.
- 2003 Domaine de Chevalier\$41.99
 Stunning—cellar it. One of Clyde's favorites.
- 2003 Fonreaud, Lustrac.....\$19.99
 Great value for old-school Bordeaux lovers.
- 2003 Fourcas Hosten, Lustrac\$16.99
 Their best wine ever. Very supple for a Lustrac.
- 2003 Giscours, Margaux-91 pts WS\$49.99
 2003 La Parde de Haut-Bailly\$23.99
 This second wine of Haut-Bailly is excellent—tons
 of ripe fruit and good minerality.
- 2003 Lamothe Bergeron, Médoc.....\$17.99
 2003 Lascombes, Margaux.....\$49.99
 2003 Les Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe\$29.99
 2003 Loudenne, Haut Medoc\$18.99
 2003 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac\$84.99
 2003 Pape-Clément, Pessac\$109.99
 94 pts RP: "Stunning."
- 2003 Poujeaux, Moulis.....\$29.99
 2003 Reserve Comtesse\$34.99
 2003 Reserve Comtesse (1.5L).....\$74.99
 RP: "This is a hedonistic sexpot of a Pauillac with
 loads of density, plenty of ripe fruit, and low acid-
 ity in an easy-to-drink, seductive style."
- 2004 Bernadotte, Médoc\$16.99
 2004 Bernadotte, Médoc (1.5L).....\$34.99
 2004 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien\$39.99
 Outstanding wine. Age it five years.
- 2004 Canon-La-Gaffelière, St-Emil.\$69.99
 2004 Clerc Milon, Pauillac.....\$29.99
 90 pts RP: "This outstanding effort displays loads
 of cassis fruit interwoven with notions of espres-
 so roast, white chocolate and menthol."
- 2004 d'Armailhac, Pauillac\$26.99
 90 pts ST. Gorgeous aromas of blackberries and
 currants. Hints of toasted oak and minerals.
 Medium-bodied with fine tannins.
- 2004 Cos d'Estournel (3L)\$329.99
 2004 Cos d'Estournel (6L)\$649.00
 2004 de Pez, St-Estèphe\$29.99
 2004 du Tertre, Margaux\$29.99
 2004 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac\$39.99
 One of Clyde's favorites—cellar it.
- 2004 Gruaud-Larose, St-Julien\$37.99
 Plummy aromas, with leaf and tobacco under-
 tones. Medium-bodied with soft, silky tannins
 and a medium finish. Balanced and delightful
 already.
- 2004 Haut Beausejour, St-Estèphe\$19.99
 2004 Kirwan, Margaux.....\$46.99
 90 pts RP; 91 by Clyde
- 2004 Lafleur, Pomerol\$549.00
 2004 la Croix de Beaucaillou\$29.99
 2004 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien\$35.99
 2004 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien\$59.99
 92 pts RP: "This is an impressively endowed vin
 de garde that should age effortlessly for 20-30
 years."
- 2004 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac\$52.99
 94 pts and an Editors' Choice from *WE*: "As
 always, Lynch-Bages comes in with an impressive
 performance. It is rich, dense and ripe with black
 fruit flavors."
- 2004 Nenin, Pomerol\$31.99
 2004 Pagodes de Cos\$24.99
 2004 Pape-Clément, Pessac (1.5L)\$149.99
 2004 Petrus, PomerolInquire
 2004 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe\$29.99
 2004 Pichon-Lalande, Pauil (1.5L)\$134.99
 92 pts RP: "The 2004 Pichon-Lalande is a strong
 effort for the vintage (much better than their
 underwhelming and much more expensive 2005).
- 2004 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac\$52.99
 93 pts and Highly Recommended *WS*. See Ralph's
 comments on page four—I completely agree with
 him. This wine is first growth quality for a very
 good price. In 10 years you won't be able to tell
 the difference between this and their 2005.
- 2004 Reserve de Comtesse.....\$33.99
 2004 Seigneurs d' Aiguilhe,Castillon ..\$13.99
 Lovely drinker.
- 2005 Marjosse Rouge\$14.99
 2005 Haut Gay, Bord Superior\$16.99
 2005 Haut-Nadeau Reserve\$9.99
White/Rosé Bordeaux
- 2001 Laville Haut-Brion\$99.99
 2002 La Louviere Blanc, Pessac.....\$24.99
 2004 Doisy-Daëne Sec, Dubourdieu ..\$14.99
 2005 Reynon, Bordeaux\$11.99
 2005 Lynch-Bages Blanc, Bordeaux\$44.99
 2005 Marjosse, Bordeaux\$11.99

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France: Alsace/Loire Valley

2004 Riesling Grand Cru Froehn, J.P. Becker\$14.99

Cremant d'Alsace, J.P. Becker\$14.99

This lovely, dry sparkler is composed of pinot noir, chardonnay and pinot blanc. It is bright and refreshing, with a fine bead, creamy texture and just a hint of toast.

2005 Riesling Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur\$21.99

2005 Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Eichberg, Charles Baur\$21.99

Straw yellow in color, this rich though balanced gewürz offers a nose of ripe fruits, grape jam and spices, with a warmth on the palate and layers of exotic fruit blanketing the mouth. Delicious with smoked salmon or strong cheeses.

2005 Côteaux du Loire Blanc, Benedicte de Ryke\$10.99

2006 Dom Louvetrie Muscadet Maine Hermine\$10.99

2006 Dom Louvetrie Muscadet Maine Amphibolite.....\$10.99

This cuvée is vinified with a very short time on the lees, without chaptalization, making this a super-fresh and lower alcohol wine perfect with fresh oysters or as an aperitif. Drink within the first couple of years.

2006 Grange Tiphaine Touraine-Amboise Bel Air Sec\$12.99

2006 Grange Tiphaine Touraine-Amboise Les Cassiers\$12.99

100% gamay from flint soils with clay, fermented using carbonic maceration. It's fresh and juicy with aromas of wild cherries, blackberries and spice—no tootie-fruity gamay here.

2006 Cheverny Rouge, Tessier\$13.99

2006 Touraine Côt Vieilles Vignes, Grange Tiphaine\$14.99

2004 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil VV\$14.99

2006 Sancerre Rose, BoulayInquire

2006 Sancerre Blanc, Boulay\$19.99

2006 Sancerre Rouge, BoulayInquire

Just arrived—they will sell quickly.

2004 Ch. Tour Grise "253" Samur Rouge,\$15.99

100% cabernet franc from vines 25 to 50 years biodynamically farmed. This wine punches way above its weight class; it's concentrated, full of rich fruit and beautifully textured.

2005 Grange Tiphaine Touraine Becarre\$17.99

Bordeaux: White/Rosé/Red

2006 Roquefort Blanc, Entre Deux Mers\$11.99

One of our favorite properties is back. Plenty of citrus aromas and flavor. Refreshing.

2006 St-Jean des Graves Blanc, Graves-New screw cap\$12.99

Superb year for white Bordeaux. This wine is 90% sauvignon blanc and 10% sémillon with a citric (grapefruit) undertone on the palate. A great value Graves.

2004 Grand Enclos de Ch. Cerons Blanc, Graves\$15.99

A blend of 55% sémillon, 40% sauvignon blanc and 5% sauvignon gris. Fairly rich on the palate.

2005 Clos Floridene, Pessac-Stunning!\$19.99

88-91 pts RP: "A brilliant dry white from proprietor Professor Denis Dubourdieu, the 2005 Clos Floridene exhibits abundant amounts of honeysuckle along with hints of orange rind and honeyed grapefruit. Medium-bodied with a long finish, it should drink well for 5-7 years."

2006 Rosé de Domaine de Chevalier, Bordeaux—Fresh and clean! ..\$10.99

2006 Rosé de Château Clarke, Bordeaux\$11.99

Tons of strawberry and raspberry aromas and flavors.

2006 Rosé de Château Haut-Bailly, Bordeaux\$16.99

Lush and full-bodied rosé. Great with BBQ ribs or steak.

2005 Château Haut-Nadeau Reserve, Bord Superior\$9.99

According to RP: "This lower pedigree wine represents undeniable quality/value rapport in 2005. Sleeper of the vintage."

2005 Grand Bateau Rouge, Bordeaux\$9.99

Elegant wine that consists of 75% merlot and 25% cabernet sauvignon. The wine is rich and round, medium to full-bodied and has luscious ripe red fruit flavors, spice and a touch of new oak.

2005 Château Birot Rouge, Premieres Côtes de Bordeaux.....\$12.99

A nice combination of New World elements (rich currant and blackberry fruit and nice ripeness) along with balancing elements of cigar box and pepper.

2004 Château Haut-Vigneau, Pessac.....\$13.99

This property is one of the best value reds in all of Bordeaux. The 2004 is classically built and has fine structure, but is delicious to drink right now.

2005 Château Marges, Graves\$9.99

2005 Château Plaisance, Bordeaux Superiore\$14.99

2005 Château les Tours de Peyrat VV, Côtes de Blaye\$14.99

2005 Château Bel Air La Chaepelle, Côtes de Castillon\$16.99

2005 Château Saransot Dupre, Lustrac\$19.99

All of these values just arrived.

White/Red Burgundy

2005 Mâcon-Villages, V.V., Domaine Rhedon-Marin\$11.99

Focused and bright, with a nice spicy note and pretty acidity, as well as some pretty pear notes. Honest, focused Mâcon.

2006 Mâcon Vergisson, Denis Barraud\$12.99

2006 Pouilly-Fuissé, Les Folles, Denis Barraud\$23.99

These two just arrived.

2006 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets, Denis Barraud\$14.99

This comes from estate vineyards on the slopes of the Roche de Vergisson, a giant basalt monolith surrounded by complex and folded rocky, well-drained soils with limestone outcroppings. It is rich and focused, with good length.

2005 St-Veran de la Croix Senaillant\$14.99

Bright and citrusy with floral and yellow fruit notes. The palate has ripe almost tropical fruit tones with just a hint of nuttiness and a kiss of vanilla spice.

2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Milliane, Domaine Gabriel Billard\$19.99

French Regional

2004 Corbières Castelmaure, "Grand Cuvée"\$14.99

This wine has become known as Grande Cuvée and is made with the help of the winemaking team of Tardieu-Laurent. Seductive brambly aromas on the nose, juicy and fruity flavors, a good density and structure.

Saint Chinian Domaine Rimbert "Le Mas Au Schiste"\$14.99

Grown in mineral-heavy schist soils high in the Languedoc. Soft-handed with the spice and aromatically dynamic, this gorgeous cuvée boasts essences of pitchy herbs and more subtle ones like thyme and tarragon. Dominated by red fruits: wild raspberry, Marion berry and a touch of blackberry.

Rhône

2005 Rasteau, Cave de Rasteau "Dame Victoria"\$12.99

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 to fruit. It finishes with delicate, sweet tannins.

2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chante Cigale\$24.99

Big, rich full-bodied red. Cellar it.

2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Collection Corcia

"Cuvée Patricia"—90-92 pts RP\$24.99

2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Collection Corcia

"Cuvée Julie"—90-92 pts RP\$29.99

2005 Gigondas Moulin de Gardette "Ventabren"\$29.99

A beautiful garnet color with a gorgeous nose of cherry, licorice, wet stones

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and a hint of bacon. On the palate, it's medium-bodied and opulent.

Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut\$24.99

Ariston Aspasie Blanc de Blancs\$29.99

One of our best aperitif champagnes.

Marguet Pere & Fils "Cuvée Reserve" Brut\$29.99

This fantastic Champagne is made entirely of grand cru fruit: 60% pinot noir and 40% chardonnay. It is a very rich and powerful Champagne with tons of pinot noir muscle and plenty of yeasty, toasty flavor.

2000 Launois Brut Blanc de Blancs\$32.99

This is the real vintage stuff from a very hard to get cult champagne house.

2002 Franck Bonville Brut Millesime Blanc de Blancs \$34.99

The greatest vintage in Champagne since 1996 and possibly the most delicious Champagne under \$35 on the shelf!

2002 Philippe Gonet Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru\$49.99

A pure Mesnil chardonnay cellar candidate. Trey and Gary drank the 1973 and it is still fresh! Powerful, complex champagne.

Spain/Portugal

2003 Biurko Rioja Graciano\$9.99

89 pts RP: "A knock-out effort, the 2003 Graciano exhibits a dense ruby/purple color along with sweet, floral, black cherry and currant aromas as well as flavors. Enjoy it over the next 1-2 years."

2003 Biurko Los Valles Crianza Rioja.....\$11.99

The rich concentrated fruit is beautifully balanced with acidity and minerality. From the ripe cherry fruit to the long spicy finish, this wine is a must try with rack of lamb...and it's certified organic in the EU!

2001 Biurko Rioja Reserva Old Vines Garnacha\$12.99

88 pts RP: "Better [than the 2002 tempranillo] is the kirsch liqueur/candied cherry-filled 2001 grenache. Aged 12 months in American and French oak, and bottled unfiltered, it reveals medium body, a fine texture and a hedonistic personality."

2004 Chryseia (Portugal)\$44.99

93 pts RPI! They say \$66 retail price. Full-bodied and rich.

2005 Chryseia (Portugal)-Just released.\$44.99

Saturday Tastings November 2007

The following is our Saturday tasting bar schedule for November. 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 and are the same at all three stores unless noted. Ticket prices TBA unless listed. For information about other special tastings and dinners, please see our website at www.klwines.com and click on the "local events" bar.

November 3: Bordeaux in SF and RC. We'll taste the latest Bordeaux arrivals including a fabulous Sauternes and vintage red Bordeaux. In Hollywood, don't miss the Champagne Tent Tasting with the season's best bubbles.

November 10: Wines of Austria and Germany. Just in time for Thanksgiving, the refreshing reds and whites of Germany and Austria. From riesling to grüner veltliner to spätburgunder, great pairings for the holiday.

November 17: Boutique red and white wines from California, featuring our smallest producers and new arrivals. Most of these wines will be very hard to get, so don't miss this chance to taste them.

November 24: Burgundy. This is the final Burgundy tasting this year. Can you think of a more perfect way to end the month?

—Scott Beckerley, Alexandre Brisoux, Kerri Conlon

Germany

2005 August Kessler Riesling "R"\$9.99

According to *WS*: "Firm and off-dry, this white displays lemon and peach flavors on a juicy profile. Balanced, lingering nicely."

2005 August Kessler 530.3 Spätlese-90 pts *WS*\$27.99

2005 August Kessler Rudesheimer Berg Roseneck Spät GC\$27.99

91(+?) points *ST*: "Pale golden yellow. Vibrant aromas of guava and white peach, with a hint of mint. Succulent peachy fruit is nicely balanced by invigorating acidity. Offers good weight and depth, but is still somewhat closed. Excellent potential here."

New Zealand/Australia/South Africa

2006 Kirkham Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.....\$11.99

Fabulous Kiwi SB. Plenty of acid and clean gooseberry aromas—touch of lime. Not like so many grapefruit juice SBs.

2003 Kirkham Peak Shiraz-Cabernet, Clare Valley.....\$12.99

60% shiraz and 40% cab. This is a full-bodied wine that is loaded with spice and fruit. The nose has notes of eucalyptus, clove and blueberry. The wine is nicely balanced on the palate with notes of cocoa powder and fresh, cooling menthol playing off of the sweet fruit.

2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz\$12.99

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

d'Arenberg "Peppermint Paddock" Sparkling Chambourcin\$21.99

Only available at K&L in the USA! Aromas of violets and blueberries still on the bush and a fruit-forward taste that is balanced by some pretty serious tannins and acidity. Not really a quaffer, this deserves some big, lusty food.

2004 Hewitson Private Cellar Mourvèdre/Shiraz\$26.99

97 pts Halliday. A special reserve blend made for us by Dean Hewitson.

2005 Anwilka Constantia Stellenbosch (South Africa).....\$32.99

90 pts *ST*. (63% cabernet sauvignon and 37% shiraz) According to RP: "Fabulous...this is the finest red wine I have ever had from South Africa...This debut release is world class stuff, exceptional wine..."

Italy

2006 Blason Rosato (Rosé)\$7.99

Soooo juicy you'll just keep pouring yourself a glass of this pink refresher. Served nicely chilled, this cocktail is just the thing with food or as an aperitivo! Perfect for fowl, pork, salmon, pasta and BBQ.

2006 Blason Tocai Friulano..... \$9.99

This very refreshing wine has body, balance and mineral complexity. Spicy with hints of tarragon. Really extraordinary with your favorite fish dish.

2005 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino\$18.99

A garnet-hued sangiovese from Azienda Agricola La Fortuna's Zannoni family. Integrated acidity with intense fruit on the nose. This wine is fresh and ready to drink now.

2005 Ferrero Rosso di Montalcino\$17.99

This gorgeous sangiovese is full-bodied and ripe with layers of lush black cherry fruit. On the palate it is lively, balanced and fresh and has a long finish. The perfect match for grilled meats drizzled with extra virgin olive oil.

2005 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino\$18.99

Baricci's wonderful southeastern exposure on Montalcino's famous Montosoli hill furnishes the wine with a spicy black cherry and gravelly tobacco mix that is just unmatched. Long and elegant the wine finishes with a supple richness.

2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo "San Pietro"\$29.99

Barolo that's drinkable now! The 2003 vintage produced lush, ripe and powerful wines and Ruggeri Corsini's San Pietro Barolo (younger vines) is really delicious! Full bodied and classic nebbiolo character with a riper twist, enjoy with your favorite risotto or Osso Buco.

2002 Sesta di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino\$42.99

Tiny Sesta di Sopra produces about 345 cases of Brunello and for my money they produced the best one in 2002! The wine is full-bodied and shows layers of complex, wild fruit, with hints of rosemary and leather; intriguing, provocative and tempting. Decant an hour before drinking.

RHÔNE VALLEY

2005 Côtes du Rhône Domaine de la Maurelle	\$9.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Domaine de la Garrigue "Romaine"	\$12.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Paul Autard	\$9.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône "Generation" Domaine Jaume	\$9.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône Ch. de Segriés "Clos d l'Hermitage"	\$19.99
2005 Côtes du Rhône-Villages Mas de Boislauzon	\$13.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Papes	\$29.99
2005 CDP Olivier Hillaire Petits Pieds d'Armand	\$69.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Olivier Hillaire	\$38.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine de Marcoux.....	\$44.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Mas de Boislauzon	\$29.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Papes "Tradition"	\$29.99
2005 CDP Bosquet des Papes "Chante Le Merle"	\$59.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Pierre Usseglio "Mon Aieul"	\$84.99
2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "K&L Cuvée" Cecile Chassagne	\$19.99
2004 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chante Cigale	\$24.99
2004 Gigondas Raspail-Ay	\$24.99
2005 Gigondas Château de Saint Cosme "Valbelle"	\$49.99
2005 Rasteau Cave de Rasteau "Dame Victoria"	\$12.99
2005 Vacqueyras Château de Montmirail "Deux Frères".....	\$17.99
2005 Cornas Vincent Paris "Granit 30"	\$34.99
2005 Cornas Vincent Paris "Granit 60"	\$39.99
2005 Côte Rôtie Joel Champet "La Vialliere"	\$49.99
2005 Côte Rôtie Robert Niero	\$54.99
2003 Côte Rôtie E. Guigal Brune et Blonde	\$59.99
2003 Hermitage E. Guigal.....	\$84.99
2005 Condrieu Robert Niero "Cuvee du Chery"	\$54.99
2003 Côtes du Rhône-Villages Rasteau Soumade "Prestige"	\$15.99
2004 Lirac Domaine Duseigneur "Angelique".....	\$12.99
2005 Lirac Domaine de la Mordorée "La Dame Rousse"	\$14.99

Pope's Picks

It is a well known fact that Châteauneuf-du-Pape was the Pope's winter residence, so I'd like to think he would praise the following two wines for their understated power and elegance. The wines are undeniably charming; they are aromatically exuberant and expansive and yet they both maintain a sense of decorum from beginning to end. Bosquet des Papes has been in the Boiron family for five generations. Today, the domaine is comprised of 27 hectares scattered throughout the appellation. It is planted to 75% grenache, 10% syrah, 8% mourvèdre, 7% cinsault and a bit of counoise and vaccarèse. The wines are polished without being New Worldly or losing their sense of place and typicity. The **2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Papes "Cuvée Tradition" (\$29.99)** is a soft and elegant wine, redolent of red fruits, licorice and pepper. The wine opens up beautifully on the mid-palate, lush with fruit and balanced by good acidity. This is a slightly understated Châteauneuf that finishes gently with fine tannins. The **2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Bosquet des Papes "Cuvée Chante Le Merle" (\$59.99)** is more bold and concentrated than the Tradition. The nose is ripe with black fruits and licorice and is punctuated by darker notes of tar and game. The tannins are noticeable, young as the wine is, but not overbearing and the finish is long and rich. The Chante Le Merle has the dense fruit core and layered structure you'd expect from old-vine grenache, but thankfully, without excessive fatness, sweetness or alcohol. Over the course of the evening that I tasted, the wine gradually shed its initial tightness, revealing an alluring suppleness and buoyancy.

—Nadia Dmytriw

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South Africa

2005 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon	\$7.99
2006 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.99
2005 Meerlust Chardonnay, Stellenbosch-92 pts WS	\$16.99
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 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$9.99
2006 Kirkham Peak Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$11.99
2006 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	\$12.99
2006 Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough.....	\$17.99
2006 Seven Terraces Pinot Noir, Marlborough	\$17.99
2006 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough.....	\$21.99
2005 Amsfield Pinot Noir, Otago-93 pts WS	\$29.99

Australia

2005 Ferngrove Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Estate	\$6.99
2006 Bitch Grenache, South Australia	\$8.99
2006 Henry's Drive Pillar Box Padthaway	\$8.99
2004 Richmond Grove "Black Cat" Shiraz	\$8.99
2005 Richmond Grove French Cask Chardonnay.....	\$10.99
2005 Bleasdale Verdelho.....	\$12.99
2003 Kirkham Peak Cab/Shiraz, Clare Valley	\$12.99
2004 Kirkham Peak McLaren Vale Shiraz	\$12.99
2005 Step Road Shiraz, Langhorne Creek-Almost gone!	\$12.99
2005 Three Rings Barossa Valley Shiraz.....	\$15.99
D'Arenberg "Peppermint Paddock" Sparkling Chambourcin....	\$21.99
2005 Schlid Estate Shiraz, Barossa-93 pts WS	\$23.99

Jim C's View Down Under

2005 De Bortoli Deen Vat 10 Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley Victoria Australia (\$13.99) De Bortoli wines have previously been unavailable on the West Coast, until now! This wine stands out for having true pinot character at a fantastic price. The wine is primarily hand-harvested and cold-soaked with stalks and whole bunches, followed by a warm, tank fermentation. It sees only a hint of oak, helping this elegant, restrained pinot noir retain the pure fruit. The bouquet offers notes of dark strawberry, cherry, earth and a hint of clove. On the palate there is good structure with silky tannins and fine texture and length. Try this with some duck, grilled salmon or tuna.

2006 Buitenverwachting "Beyond" Sauvignon Blanc Constantia South Africa (\$10.99) This is the new vintage for one of our most successful South African white wines. Buitenverwachting is Dutch Afrikaans for "beyond expectation" and this wine delivers that promise. The nose is complex and full of gooseberry, grapefruit, citrus blossom, melon, snap pea and green pepper. On the palate there is vibrant, racy acidity that is juicy and refreshing. There is fine balance and a long finish. This would pair nicely with shellfish, oysters, grilled shrimp and goat cheeses. To Infinity and Beyond!

Also, look for many new wines to arrive this month including new vintages of the Thorn Clarke wines, Shotgun, Terra Barossa, Milton Park, Jip Jip Rocks' great 2006 Shiraz and Step Road's great value, Blackwing Shiraz. There will also be new vintages of Tait "Ball Buster," Oliverhill "Jimmy Section," Water Wheel "Memsie," a great new wine called Flinders Run and many more.

—Jimmy C

PORT 1955-1985

1955 Taylor	\$499.00
1960 Taylor	\$149.99
1963 Croft	\$149.99

91 pts *WS*: "Has great elegance and harmony, and should continue to improve for many years. Medium ruby-red, with very fresh plum aromas, medium-bodied, with very delicate fresh fruit flavors, lively acidity and a delicate finish."

1966 Dow.....	\$259.00
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94 pts *WS*. Extremely rare.

1966 Graham.....	\$199.99
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5 stars Broadbent! 93 pts *WS*: "Elegant, silky and youthful, this is a sexy wine. Medium ruby-red, showing aromas of plums, chocolate and ripe fruit. The palate follows through with a bounty of sweet plum flavors and a fleshy mouthfeel. It should continue to improve with age."

1966 Taylor	\$259.00
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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
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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
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94 pts *WS*: "...an extremely full-bodied, powerful wine, but it still retains a classy balance."

1970 Taylor-98 pts <i>WS</i>	Inquire
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1980 Graham.....	\$79.99
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1983 Dow-94 pts <i>WS</i>	\$79.99
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1983 Graham-93 pts <i>WS</i>	\$89.99
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1985 Dow-5 Stars Broadbent	\$79.99
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1985 Taylor-90 pts <i>WS</i>	\$109.99
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1985 Quinta do Noval	\$59.99
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91 pts *WS*. 4 stars Broadbent. "Really ready to drink, spicy and earthy, sweet and lovely. Great value." (Joe Zugelder, K&L Old & Rare buyer).

SAUTERNES

1947 Caillou	\$399.00
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1989 Suduiraut Crème de Tete	\$269.99
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1989 Suduiraut	\$69.99
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1993 d'Yquem	\$139.99
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The best price in the universe!

1996 Rieussec, Sauternes	\$64.99
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1997 Doisy-Védrines, Sauternes	\$44.99
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1997 Lafaurie-Peyraguey	\$46.99
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2001 Filhot (375ml)	\$16.99
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Fabulous year and a great value here.

2001 Castelnau de Suduiraut.....	\$29.99
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2001 Dudon, Sauternes	\$24.99
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2001 Doisy-Védrines, Sauternes	\$49.99
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93 pts *WS*. Fabulous wine—perfect acidity.

2002 d'Yquem	\$209.99
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2003 Doisy-Védrines (375ml)	\$19.99
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2003 Lafaurie Peyraguey (375ml)	\$29.99
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2003 La Clotte-Cazalis (375ml)	\$17.99
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2003 Rieussec	79.99
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2004 Rayne Vigneau.....	\$29.99
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2004 Suduiraut	\$49.99
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A K&L Fave Returns

This month I am pleased to announce that one of K&L's all time favorite Rhône wines is back in stock! The **2004 Gigondas Raspail-Ay Reserve (\$24.99)** was a huge hit at our French Connection event here in San Francisco last month, so if you have not had the opportunity to try it, I suggest that you do!

Up on the terraces of the impressive rock outcroppings known as the Dentelles de Montmirail, winemaker Dominique Ay can be found crafting some of the most consistently vibrant and delicious reds from the southern Rhône appellation of Gigondas.

From his 40-acre domaine, Dominique fashions only one cuvée and produces a modest 8,000 cases. However, the fruits of all this labor are evident in the glass.

The **2004 Gigondas Raspail-Ay Reserve** is composed of 80% grenache, 15% syrah and 5% mourvèdre. After de-stemming and a long cuvaision, the wine is aged for approximately two years in a combination of old oak foudres as well as demi-muids. The resulting wine is truly delicious, exhibiting a medium-plus body with aromatic nuances of forest fruits, lavender and violets. On the palate, crushed blackberries, figs and subtle notes of smoky tea give way to a silky mouthfeel with fine tannins and a juicy finish. This is a generous yet elegant southern Rhône to be enjoyed between now and 2010.

—Mulan Chan

The Rhône's Seductress

2005 Lirac Domaine de la Mordorée "La Dame Rousse" (\$14.99) This scantily clad Rhône wine immediately reveals its curvaceous fruit, fine tannins, and ample acidity. She's not coy. Oh no. No wall flower here, folks. The 2005 "La Dame Rousse" from Lirac is composed of 50% grenache and 50% syrah from 40 year old vines. For 2005, the brothers (Christophe and Fabrice) Delorme have crafted another commanding and thought-provoking Lirac. I get warm, red licorice and huckleberry compote on the nose. On the palate, there's a noticeable sprinkling of spice, a bit of white pepper, cardamom, then bittersweet chocolate and black olive make an appearance while the voluptuous black fruits flesh out this feisty, yet well-structured wine. What else can I say? It's time to dim the lights and get ready for a seductive, vinous experience. Drink it tonight with a lamb shank on a bed of creamy polenta, or keep in the cellar for a few years. I say *carpe diem* with this one!

—Keelyn Healy

Brick's Latin Picks: Portugal

While known best for its Port, Portugal is making incredible dry wines that can compete with any New World region and even some of the best from the Old World. One of the top wineries of Portugal is Casa Ferreirinha. This winery has been producing wine since 1751 and was one of the first to make table wines in the Douro region, starting with their now internationally renowned Barca-Velha in 1953. Barca-Velha is only made two or three times a decade and must pass a unanimous vote by a panel at the winery. When it is not made, all of the wine goes into making the "Reserva" bottling. The **1994 Casa Ferreirinha "Reserva" Douro (\$49.99)** is a spectacular wine, full of life and just starting to show some secondary characteristics. Aromatically this jumps out of the glass with cola, dried plum and new saddle leather. This feels like a Superball in the mouth bouncing around and hitting points of your palate you didn't know you had, leaving behind sweet tea, tobacco leaf and rich blueberry pie filling. A must-try wine for any wine fan.

Another stunning effort from the same producer is the **2000 Casa Ferreirinha "Quinta da Leda" Douro (\$39.99)**. Made from a vineyard directly next to the vineyard that produces the fruit for Barca-Velha, this is a blend of traditional Portuguese varietals like touriga nacional and touriga roriz but the blend includes up to 30 different varietals. More New Worldy than the "Reserva" bottling, this displays huge amounts of cocoa, dark roasted coffee, a bushel of blackberries and roasted fennel bulbs. Decidedly forward and plump but nowhere near jammy this will appeal to any fan of California cab or Bordeaux. Do yourself a favor and be the first of your wine friends to taste these Portuguese gems.

—Bryan Brick

CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS

2002 Silver Oak, Napa	\$84.98	2004 Hawk Crest, California	\$9.99	2004 Quintessa Rutherford Red	\$109.00
2003 Aia, Oakville.....	\$22.99	2004 Hess Collection "Alomi"	\$19.99	2004 Ridge "Monte Bello"	\$124.99
2003 Altamura, Napa	\$56.99	According to WS: "Well-proportioned, with rich currant, berry and spice notes that offer a nice appeal up front..."		2004 Ridge Santa Cruz Mtn Red.....	\$32.99
2003 Burgess, Napa	\$24.99	2004 Hess Select, California	\$11.99	2004 Robert Craig "Affinity"	\$36.99
2003 Cain Concept Napa	\$49.99	2004 Hewitt, Rutherford	\$64.99	2004 Robert Mondavi, Napa	\$19.98
2003 Ch. Montelena Estate Napa	\$84.98	2004 Hogue "Genesis" Washington ..	\$11.99	2004 Robert Mondavi Oakville	\$36.99
2003 Jordan, Alexander Valley	\$44.99	2004 Honig, Napa	\$29.99	2004 Rombauer, Napa	\$34.99
2003 Lancaster, Alexander Valley.....	\$44.99	2004 Joseph Phelps, Napa	\$44.98	2004 Roth Alexander Valley	\$31.99
2003 Napanook Red	\$38.99	2004 Joseph Phelps, Napa (1.5L)	\$99.00	2004 Screw Kappa, Napa	\$10.99
2003 Paradigm, Napa	\$53.99	2004 Joseph Phelps "Insignia"	\$179.99	2004 Silverado, Napa	\$34.98
2003 Rubicon Estate.....	\$109.00	2004 Karl Lawrence, Napa.....	\$59.99	2004 Spottswoode, Lydenhurst.....	\$59.99
2003 Shiners, Napa Valley	\$29.99	2004 Kendall Jackson Grand Res.	\$22.99	2004 St. Clement "Oropas"	\$39.98
2003 Silver Oak, Alexander Valley	\$54.99	2004 Kunde, Sonoma	\$15.99	2004 Sterling Napa "SVR"	\$36.99
2004 Anderson's Conn Valley Res	\$49.99	2004 Ladera, Napa	\$29.98	2004 Sterling Reserve Napa	\$56.99
2004 Beaulieu Vineyards, Rutherford.	\$23.99	2004 L'Adventure "Optimus"	\$39.99	2004 Stewart, Napa.....	\$59.99
2004 BV George's De Latour.....	\$79.98	2004 Lewis Cellars Napa Reserve	\$119.00	2004 Terra Valentine, Napa	\$28.99
2004 BV Tapestry	\$36.98	2004 Lewelling, Napa	\$46.99	2004 Tor Kenward "Mast"	\$72.99
2004 Beringer Founders'	\$7.98	90 pts RP: "...An opaque purple color as well as beautiful aromas of creme de cassis, flowers, licorice, and a hint of barbecue spice, silky tannin, adequate acidity, and well-integrated toasty oak."		2004 Turnbull, Napa	\$39.98
2004 Beringer Knights Valley	\$16.98	2004 Livingston-Moffett Estate.....	\$79.99	2004 Two Tone Farm, Napa	\$8.99
2004 Bogle, California	\$9.99	2004 Merryvale "Starmont"	\$18.99	2004 Waterstone, Napa	\$18.98
2004 Ch. Montelena, Napa	\$39.99	2004 Miner Family "Oakville"	\$59.99	2004 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$36.99
2004 Château Souverain, Alex Vly	\$17.98	2004 Moon Mountain, Sonoma	\$12.99	2005 Alexander Valley Vineyards.....	\$14.99
2004 Chimney Rock, Stags Leap	\$44.99	2004 O'Shaughnessy "Howell Mtn"	\$74.99	2005 Avalon, Napa	\$10.99
2004 Darioush, Napa	\$62.99	2004 Pahlmeyer "Jayson".....	\$59.99	2005 BR Cohn "Silver Label".....	\$14.98
2004 Desert Wind "Ruah"	\$12.99	2004 Piedra Hill "Purple Label"	\$49.99	2005 Blackstone, California.....	\$8.99
2004 Dominus.....	\$99.00	2004 Pirouette Washington Red.....	\$49.99	2005 Carpe Diem, Napa.....	\$21.99
2004 Duckhorn, Napa	\$59.99	2004 Philip Togni, Spring Mountain	\$85.99	2005 Caymus, Napa	\$64.99
2004 Dynamite, California	\$11.99	2004 Provenance, Rutherford	\$27.99	2005 Covenant, Napa (Kosher).....	\$79.99
2004 Ehlers, Napa	\$26.99			2005 Cloverdale Ranch, Alex	\$27.99
2004 Far Niente, Oakville	\$94.99			2005 Decoy, Napa Red Blend	\$25.99
2004 Forman, Napa	\$74.99			2005 Edge, Napa	\$16.99
2004 Groth, Napa	46.99			2005 Hess Select, California	\$11.99

Trey's November Picks!

After many years working with some of the finest vineyard managers and winemakers in the world, Tuck Beckstoffer started the Seventy-Five Wine Company with the goal of crafting and providing value-oriented, handcrafted wines. Witnessing first hand some of the crazy pricing that comes out of Napa, Tuck vowed to make a wine that working people can enjoy and afford. Mission accomplished!

2006 Seventy Five Wine Company Napa Sauvignon Blanc (\$14.99) Using top quality fruit sources in Napa, mostly in Oakville, the Napa Sauvignon Blanc is made in a style I like. It is rich in the mouth with flavors of lime, grass and spice, but still is very clean and bright, especially on the finish.

2005 Seventy Five Wine Company "Amber Knolls" Lake County Cabernet Sauvignon (\$18.99) This hand-selected, handcrafted, vineyard-designated cabernet sauvignon hails from the Amber Knolls Vineyard. The Beckstoffer family purchased the property in the late 1990s after determining that the soils and microclimate were perfect for growing ultra-premium cabernet sauvignon grapes. The property is showcased by its deep, red hillside soils that are heavily laced with obsidian. The 2005 is a great value and perfect for cab fans who want to stay under \$20!

2005 Vinifera Napa Red Blend (\$34.99) Tuck's latest project, Vinifera, is 100% cabernet sauvignon, using grapes sourced from various vineyards in the Oakville and Rutherford appellations of Napa Valley. This 2,500 case production could easily retail for \$50+, but for Tuck, that is not what wine is about. The upfront flavors of ripe raspberries, black cherries and hints of dark chocolate are mixed with notes of leather, cracked pepper and toasty oak. This well-balanced wine can be enjoyed now with just about any meat course you wish to serve.

—Trey Beffa

2005 Justin "Justification"	\$39.99
2005 Kalinda, Napa	\$17.99
2005 McManis, California	\$8.99
2005 Owen Roe Sharecroppers	\$19.99
2005 Piedra Hill "Bronze Label"	\$34.99
A crisp, crimson-colored wine with notes of cedar, cassis and blackberry fruit. Firm tannins on the finish, though they're not too aggressive.	
2005 Poppy, California	\$11.99
2005 Provenance, Rutherford	\$29.99
2005 Purisima Canyon, Napa	\$17.99
2005 Seventy Five "Amber Knolls"	\$18.99
2005 Stag's Leap "Artemis"	\$44.98
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
2005 ZD, Napa	\$37.99

CHARDONNAY

2003 Eric Lecours "Sweeney Vine"\$19.99
 2003 Mount Eden Estate\$34.99
 2004 Chalk Hill Estate, Sonoma\$36.98
 2004 Chalone Estate\$19.98
 2004 Ch. St. Jean Reserve.....\$28.99
 2004 Clos du Val, Napa\$17.99
 2004 Clos Pegase "Mitsuko's"\$39.99
 2004 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"\$18.99
 2004 Domaine Serene "Etoile"\$36.99
 2004 Handley, Dry Creek\$17.99
 2004 Iron Horse, Sonoma\$17.99

A beautiful and complex chardonnay with a nose of clove, vanilla and apples, so crisp and fresh, that it comes as no surprise that there are Gravenstein groves nearby.

2004 Ridge "Monte Bello"\$59.99
 2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards\$34.99
 2004 Three Saints, Santa Maria.....\$20.99
 2004 Walter Hansel "Cuv Alyce"\$34.99
 2005 A by Acacia, California.....\$9.99
 2005 A Donkey and a Goat\$34.99
 2005 Acacia, Carneros\$15.99
 2005 Ambulneo "Big Paw"\$49.99
 2005 Anderson's Conn Valley.....\$44.99
 2005 Audelssa, Sonoma Coast\$24.99
 2005 Beringer Founders'\$7.99
 2005 Beringer "Sbragia"\$39.98
 2005 Beringer, Napa.....\$12.98
 2005 Beringer Private Reserve.....\$29.98
 2005 Bernardus, Monterey\$14.99
 2005 Cakebread, Napa\$34.99
 2005 Cambria "Katherine's"\$16.98
 2005 Cartledge & Browne, California ..\$8.99

2005 Chalone, Monterey\$9.99
 2005 Chappellet, Napa\$26.99
 2005 Chasseur, Russian River\$39.99
 2005 Ch. Montelena, Napa\$34.99
 2005 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma\$12.98
 2005 Ch. St. Jean "Belle Terre"\$17.99
 2005 Ch. St. Jean "Robert Young"\$21.99
 2005 Cuvaision, Carneros.....\$15.99
 2005 Dehlinger Estate Russian River ..\$31.99
 2005 Demetria Estate, Santa Rita\$25.99
 2005 El Molino, Napa.....\$45.99
 2005 Estancia, Monterey\$8.98
 2005 Far Niente, Napa\$41.99
 2005 Ferrari-Carano, Alex Vly\$23.99
 2005 Fisher Mountain Estate.....\$49.99
 2005 Four Vines "Naked" SB\$10.99
 2005 Frog's Leap, Napa\$19.98
 2005 Grgich Hills, Napa.....\$32.99
 2005 Groth, Napa\$22.99
 2005 Hanzell, Sonoma\$59.99
 2005 Heitz, Napa\$14.99
 2005 Hess, Monterey\$8.99
 Classic tropical themes of ripe, cut pineapple, guava and lemon zest give the aroma a lively life toward a similar flavor profile of ripe pear, peach, and pineapple on the palate.
 2005 J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco\$10.99
 2005 Jax Vineyard Y3.....\$16.99
 2005 Joel Gott "Blend 406" Napa\$15.99
 2005 Jordan, Russian River\$27.99
 2005 Kalinda, Anderson Valley\$12.99
 2005 Keenan, Spring Mountain\$22.99
 2005 Kendall Jackson Grand Res.\$14.99

2005 Kunde Estate\$11.99

"This delightful Sonoma Valley Chardonnay presents generous texture and fine intensity to its mix of citrus, apple fruit and caramel and toast flavors."

2005 La Crema, Sonoma\$14.99
 2005 Landmark "Overlook"\$21.98
 2005 Lily, Sonoma\$17.99
 2005 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma\$19.99
 2005 Mer Soleil Central Coast.....\$34.99
 2005 Miner Family, Napa\$27.99
 2005 Morgan "Highland" S.L.H.....\$19.99
 2005 Newton "Unfiltered"\$44.99
 2005 Nickel & NickelInquire
 2005 Olivet Lane, Russian River\$21.99
 2005 Pahlmeyer "Jayson" Napa\$39.99
 2005 Pahlmeyer, Napa\$73.99
 2005 Patz & Hall, Napa\$31.99
 2005 Patz & Hall Single VineyardInquire
 2005 Qupe "Bien Nacido" Block 11\$24.99
 2005 Ramey "Hyde" & "Hudson"\$55.99
 2005 Silverado, Napa\$16.99
 2005 Sonoma-Cutrer, Sonoma Coast \$23.99
 2005 Stuhlmuller, Alexander Valley ..\$21.99
 2005 Talley Estate Arroyo Grande\$24.99
 2005 Walter Hansel "Cahill Lane"\$34.99
 2005 ZD Napa Reserve.....\$46.99
 2006 Au Bon Climat.....\$16.99
 2006 Bogle, California\$7.99
 2006 Château St. Jean, Sonoma.....\$11.99
 2006 Edna Valley "Paragon"\$9.98
 2006 Flora Springs, Napa.....\$19.99
 2006 Foxglove, Edna Valley.....\$10.99
 2006 Francis Coppola Diamond\$11.99
 2006 Heron, California\$8.99
 2006 Hollywood & Vine "2480"\$39.99
 2006 Joel Gott, Monterey.....\$12.99
 2006 Kali Hart, Monterey\$11.99
 2006 Lioco, Sonoma\$19.99

The fruit was hand-harvested and sorted, then fermented in stainless steel tanks using a wild yeast. Malolactic- fermentation occurred and the wine remained in tank on fine-tees for 3-months and bottled without fining or filtration.

2006 Macrostie, Carneros\$16.99
 2006 McManis, California\$7.99
 2006 Mer Soleil "Silver"\$34.99
 2006 Morgan "Metallico"\$19.99
 2006 Neyers, Carneros\$24.99
 2006 Neyers, Napa\$24.98
 2006 Pellegrini, Russian River.....\$13.99

Unoaked, this wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation, making for intense aromas of green apple, Bartlett pear, banana and lemon custard with refreshing acidity.

2006 Qupe "Bien Nacido Y Block"\$17.99
 2006 Rombauer, Carneros.....\$28.99
 2006 ZD California.....\$24.98

Boutique Corner

This month marks the start to holiday madness: family dinners, long hours of shopping, office parties and Aunt Martha's famous dessert (what exactly is that?). The holidays are always a great time for pinot noir. It goes perfect with turkey, duck or vegetarian-friendly nut roast.

2006 A to Z Oregon Pinot Noir (\$18.99) This might be better than 2005. Clear and vibrant, this wine has a beautiful dark color and aromas of mixed berries, earth, smoke, violets, Asian spices and minerals. In the mouth, the wine mirrors the aromatics with a succulent texture and good acidity. Beautifully balanced between richness and power, this wine possesses amazing depth and purity.

2005 Joseph Swan "Cuvee de Trois" Russian River Pinot Noir (\$24.99) This balanced, fragrant and generous wine is a fine contrast to the oversized, oaky, high alcohol pinot noirs that are the darlings of the press. This small production wine is made by one of our state's most consistent and experienced hands at pinot noir, Rod Berglund. The wine comes from three vineyards, including Saralee's and the young vines on the Swan estate. It is aged in French oak, only 1/3 of which is new. The result is a brilliantly colored red wine with fresh red cherry fruit, subtle earthiness and a long, vibrant finish

2005 Roessler Cellars "Savoy" Anderson Valley Pinot Noir (\$39.99) The wine out of the Anderson Valley is getting better and better every year. An earthier-styled pinot noir unlike many found in California, the Roessler Savoy from the Savoy Vineyard displays darker fruit, smoky, roasted meats, mushrooms and forest floor. Enjoy it now or cellar for a few years.

—Mike Jordan

PINOT NOIR

2004 Argyle "Nuthouse"	\$49.99
2004 Donum, Carneros	\$49.99
2004 Fort Ross "FR Vineyards"	\$37.99
2004 Hanzell, Sonoma	\$79.99
2005 A by Acacia, California	\$14.99
2005 A to Z, Oregon	\$16.99
2005 Argyle, Willamette Valley	\$19.99
2005 Artesa, Carneros	\$18.98
2005 BearBoat, Russian River	\$15.99
2005 Bogle, Russian River	\$11.99
2005 Cambria "Julia's"	\$17.98
2005 Carmel Road, Monterey	\$15.98
2005 Claiborne & Churchill	\$16.99
2005 Dierberg, Santa Maria.....	\$39.99
2005 Domaine Alfred "Chamisal"	\$38.99
2005 Domaine Drouhin, Willamette ..	\$39.99
2005 Etude, Carneros	\$39.99
2005 Foley, Santa Rita	\$29.99
2005 Hartford Court "Land's Edge"	\$36.98
2005 Handley, Mendocino	\$21.99
2005 Hitching Post "Highliner"	\$37.99
2005 Iron Horse, Sonoma	\$27.99
2005 J Wine Company, Russian River	\$24.99
2005 Jalama "Cargasacchi-Jalama"	\$32.99
2005 Joseph Swan "Cuvée de Trois" ..	\$24.99
2005 La Crema, Sonoma	\$16.98
2005 Lazy Creek "Estate"	\$39.99
2005 Londer, Anderson Valley	\$31.99
2005 Loring Single Vineyards	Inquire
2005 Migration, Anderson Valley	\$31.99
2005 Morgan Single Vineyards	Inquire
2005 Parker Station, Santa Barbara	\$10.99
2005 Patz & Hall Single Vineyards	Inquire
2005 Ponzi, Willamette Valley	\$29.99
2005 Robert Sinskey, Carneros	\$35.99
2005 Roessler "Savoy"	\$39.99
2005 Saintsbury, Carneros.....	\$23.98
2005 Taz, Santa Barbara	\$17.99
2005 Three Saints, Santa Maria.....	\$21.99
2005 Woodenhead "Morning Dew"	\$46.99
2006 Adelsheim, Willamette	\$27.99
2006 Argyle, Willamette Valley	\$22.99
2006 Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara....	\$19.99
2006 Broadley, Willamette Valley	\$19.99
2006 Cartlidge & Browne, Cal.....	\$10.99
2006 Copain L'Automne, Adron Vly	\$19.99
2006 Hirsch "Bohan Dillon"	\$29.99
2006 Kalinda, Sonoma	\$17.99
2006 Mark West, California	\$9.99
2006 McManis California	\$8.99
2006 Morgan "Twelve Clones"	\$24.99
2006 Olivet Lane, Russian River	\$34.99
2006 Patz & Hall, Sonoma.....	\$37.99
A beautiful expression of the long 2006 growing season, this blend of pinot noir fruit comes from Sonoma Coast, Russian River Valley and Green Valley family vineyards like Dutton Brothers, Martinelli family, Charlie Chenoweth and Steve Hill.	
2006 Penner-Ash, Willamette Vly	\$44.99
2006 Poppy, Monterey	\$13.99
2006 Ramsay, California	\$12.99
2006 Raptor Ridge, Willamette Vly	\$26.99
2006 Red Car "Boxcar," Russian River	\$26.99
2006 Rex Hill, Oregon	\$19.99
2006 Row Eleven, California	\$16.99
2006 Saintsbury "Garnet"	\$15.98
2006 ZD Carneros	\$32.99

Brick's Backyard Picks: Thanksgiving

For me there is simply no better day in the year than Thanksgiving. The feast, the company and the drinking, although not unusual, are much more special on this holiday. Oh, and the football isn't a bad thing to watch either, pre- or post-digestion. What to drink is always the biggest question, though, hopefully I can shed some light on this most important of choices.

Don't underestimate the power of pinot noir. The medium-bodied weight and red fruit generosity make even the worst turkey disasters palatable and the triumphs bordering on sublime. The **2003 Westwood Los Carneros Pinot Noir (\$59.99)** is the perfect splurge for the holiday bird. This is powerful pinot, but power that is built on structure and balance not on huge alcohol. Full of Burgundian quality, honestly this may be even better next Thanksgiving, with notes of *sous bois*, mushroom and cranberry sauce. Never losing grasp of its sweet edge this comes at you with surgical-like precision and will highlight all of the trimmings as well as the main course. Only 400 cases were made of this gem.

Try gewürztraminer for something more off the beaten path. Both bone dry and off-dry styles work with the typical cornucopia standard on Thanksgiving. The **2006 Londer Dry Gewürztraminer, Anderson Valley (\$23.99)** would be, as the names suggests, completely dry. This lack of sugar is more than made up for by a hugely spiced nose of lychee, clover honey and freshly cut roses. Zippy and refreshing this would be a great foil to cranberry relish with its steely mango, fig and key lime fruit. This vibrancy will keep you awake during the dulllest of conversations. Remember to always overeat—this day comes once a year, so enjoy it.

—Bryan Brick

ZINFANDEL

2002 Joseph Swan "Stellwagon"	\$19.99
2003 Joseph Swan "Lone Redwood"	\$22.99
2003 Little 8 Ottimino "V.Wed"	\$29.99
2004 Ch. Montelena, Napa	\$24.99
2004 Heitz, Napa	\$17.99
2004 Peter Franus "Brandlin"	\$28.99

The Brandlin Vineyard is planted to 60-80 year old head trained vines at eastern exposure, 1,200 feet above sea level. All of this makes for one powerful zinfandel.

2004 Quivira, Dry Creek	\$15.99
2005 Alexander Valley "SinZin"	\$13.99
2005 August Briggs, Napa	\$26.99
2005 Bogle Old Vines	\$9.99
2005 Bucklin Old Hill Ranch	\$29.99
2005 Dashe, Dry Creek	\$19.99
2005 Edmeads, Mendocino	\$14.99
2005 Elyse "Korte Ranch"	\$25.99
2005 Folie á Deux "Menage á Trois"	\$8.99
2005 Four Vines "Maverick"	\$19.99
2005 Francis Coppola "Director's"	\$16.99
2005 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$19.99
2005 Girard, Napa	\$21.99
2005 Green & Red "Chiles Mill"	\$22.99
2005 Hartford, Russian River	\$24.99
2005 J. Runquist "Z"	\$19.99
2005 Joel Gott "Dillian Ranch"	\$21.99
2005 Joel Gott, California	\$12.99
2005 Klinker Brick "Old Ghost"	\$35.99
2004 Klinker Brick "OV" Lodi	\$14.99

This yummy Zin is full, juicy flavors of cherries and plums coupled with the perfect balance of oak and spice. There is a nuance of mint and clove on the nose and a lingering, elegant finish.

2004 Michael & David 7 Deadly Zins	\$13.99
2005 Neyers "High Valley"	\$26.99
2005 Pellegrini "Eight Cousins"	\$19.99
2005 Plungerhead, Dry Creek	\$15.99
2005 Preston Estate, Dry Creek	\$24.99
2005 Ravenswood Single Vineyards ..	Inquire
2005 Rancho Zabaco "Dancing Bull"	\$6.99
2005 Ridge "Lytton Springs"	\$28.99
2005 Ridge Geyserville	\$29.99
2005 Ridge "Three Valleys"	\$18.99
2005 Ridge "York Creek"	\$27.99
2005 Rosenblum Single Vineyards	Inquire
2005 Rosenblum, SF Bay/Paso Robles	\$13.99
2005 Roshambo "The Reverend"	\$15.99
2005 Sobon "Fiddletown" Amador	\$15.99
2005 Sobon "Rocky Top" Amador	\$12.99
2005 Windmill "Old Vine"	\$9.99

Produced from the vineyards of four of Lodi's top growers, this zin is heady with the aromas of ripe, soft, brambly blackberries, Bing cherries and vanilla, leading to a full-mouth feel with hints of dark chocolate.

2006 Easton, Amador	\$12.99
2006 Seghesio, Sonoma	\$16.99
2006 Shenandoah "Special Reserve"	\$8.99

OTHER DOMESTIC WINES

Merlot

2002 Atalon, Napa	\$24.98
2002 Havens, Napa	\$19.99
2003 Duckhorn "Howell Mtn"	\$69.99
2003 Etude, Napa	\$44.99
2003 Paradigm, Napa	\$41.99
2003 Twomey, Napa.....	\$64.99
2004 Burgess, Napa	\$14.99
2004 Capolan, California.....	\$9.99
2004 Cloverdale Ranch, Alexndr Vly ..	\$21.99
2004 Ehlers Estate, Napa	\$25.99
2004 Ferrari-Carano, Sonoma.....	\$19.98
2004 Francis Coppola Diamond	\$12.99
2004 Hall, Napa.....	\$22.99
2004 Markham, Napa	\$15.99
2004 Matanzas Creek, Sonoma	\$22.98
2004 Nickel & Nickel "Suscol"	\$44.98
2004 Parcel 41, Napa	\$15.99
2004 Pedestal, Washington	\$44.99
2004 Rombauer, Napa	\$26.99
2004 Shafer, Napa.....	\$44.99
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 Ch. Souverain, Sonoma	\$13.99
2005 Duckhorn, Napa	\$49.99
2005 Gordon Bros, Columbia Valley ..	\$14.99
2005 McManis, California	\$7.99
2005 Owen Roe "Dubrul"	\$39.99

Syrah/Petite Sirah

2004 Concannon Central Coast	\$11.99
2004 Garretson Syrahs	Inquire
2004 JC Cellars California Cuvée.....	\$24.99
2004 Piedrasassi California	\$52.99
2004 Roshambo "Justice"	\$15.99
2004 T-Vine Napa Petite Sirah	\$33.99
2005 Andrew Murray TLJ	\$14.99
2005 Bogle, California Petite Sirah	\$8.99
2005 Copain L'Hiver, Mendocino	\$15.99
2005 Girard Petite Sirah.....	\$23.99
2005 Hocus Pocus, SB Syrah	\$16.99
2005 Jaffurs Bien Nacido	\$31.99
2005 JC Cellars "Fess Parker"	\$25.99
2005 Joel Gott, California Syrah	\$12.99
2005 Koehler Santa Ynez Syrah	\$19.99
93 points from Robert Parker: "A Hermitage look-alike from Santa Ynez, Koehler's full-bodied 2005 Syrah possesses notes of road tar, spring flowers, blueberries, crushed rocks, and creme de cassis."	
2005 Lewis "Ethan's" Syrah	\$47.99
2005 Lucia Susan's Hill / Gary's	\$39.99
2005 Margerum "Purisima"	\$39.99
2005 McManis, California PS	\$9.99
2005 Melville "Verna's" Syrah	\$17.99

2005 Owen Roe "Ex-Umbris"	\$19.99
2005 Qupe, Central Coast	\$14.99

Domestic Red

2004 Altamura Sangiovese.....	\$34.99
2004 Bacio Divino "Pazzo"	\$24.99
2004 Matchbook "Blockhouse" Red....	\$14.99
2004 Vino Noceto Sangiovese.....	\$12.99
2005 Dom. Chandon Pinot Meunier ..	\$26.99
2005 Lewis "Alec's Blend"	\$59.99
2005 Matchbook "Tempranillo"	\$14.99
2005 Orin Swift "The Prisoner"	\$31.99
2005 Porter Creek Carignane	\$23.99
2005 Purisima Canyon Red	\$10.99
A blend of zinfandel, carignan and merlot grown in family-owned vineyards in Sonoma County.	
2005 Shypoke Napa Charbono	\$23.95
2005 Unti Dry Creek Grenache	\$26.99
2005 Villa Creek Willow Creek	\$34.99
2006 Owen Roe "Sinister Hand"	\$21.99
2006 Owen Roe "Abbot's Table"	\$19.99

Sauvignon Blanc

2005 Bernardus, Monterey	\$10.99
2005 Brassfield "High Serenity"	\$10.99
2005 Chance Creek, Redwood Vly	\$12.99
2005 Chat. St. Jean "Petite Etoile"	\$13.98
2005 Kendall Jackson, California	\$8.98
2005 Quivira "Fig Tree"	\$14.99
2006 Brander, Santa Ynez	\$9.98
2006 Cakebread, Napa	\$23.99
2006 Ceago Vinegarden, Clear Lake ..	\$15.99
2006 Cliff Lede, Napa.....	\$21.99
2006 Duckhorn, Napa	\$22.99
2006 Ferrari-Carano, Sonoma.....	\$14.98
2006 Frog's Leap, Napa	\$16.99
2006 Geyser Peak, California	\$8.98
2006 Girard, Napa	\$14.99
2006 Grgich Hills, Napa.....	\$26.99
2006 Groth, Napa	\$13.99

2006 Hall Vineyards, Napa	\$17.99
2006 Honig, Napa.....	\$13.99
2006 Husch, Mendocino	\$9.99
2006 Kalinda, Redwood Valley	\$11.99
2006 Manifesto, California	\$12.99
2006 Morgan, Monterey	\$12.99
2006 Pellegrini "Leveroni"	\$12.99
2006 Peter Franus, Carneros.....	\$19.99
2006 Pomelo, California	\$8.99
2006 Preston, Dry Creek	\$16.99
2006 Provenance, Rutherford	\$15.99
2006 Selene "HydeVineyard"	\$29.99
2006 Shenandoah Vineyards	\$7.99
2006 Sonoma Coast "Humm Hill"	\$25.99
2006 St. Supery, Napa.....	\$14.99
2006 Turnbull, Napa	\$12.99
2006 Whitehall Lane, Napa	\$12.99

Domestic White

NV Sokol Blosser "Evolution"	\$13.99
2003 Corison "Corazon" Gewürz	\$23.99
2004 Andrew Murray "Enchante"	\$17.98
2004 Qupe Roussanne	\$34.99
2005 ABC Pinot Gris/Pinot Blanc	\$14.99
2005 Conundrum White Blend	\$21.99
2006 Cambiata Albariño	\$18.99
2006 Chat. Ste. Michelle "Eroica"	\$19.99
2006 Etude Napa Pinot Gris	\$21.99
2006 Kung Fu Girl Riesling	\$14.99
2006 Luna Napa Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2006 Palmina "Alisos" Pinot Grigio....	\$19.99
2006 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$10.98
2006 Qupe "Ibbara-Yng" Viognier.....	\$27.99

Rose

2006 Belle Glos Pinot Noir Rosé.....	\$24.99
2006 BDoon "Vin Gris de Cigare"	\$11.99
2006 Sofia Coppola Carneros	\$11.99
2006 SoloRosa California.....	\$11.99

Hollywood's Hot Pix: Justin Vineyards

Justin Vineyards is best known for their flagship Bordeaux-style blend Isosceles, but let's not forget some of the other wonderful wines they produce...

2006 Justin Paso Robles Chardonnay (\$14.99) This is a wonderfully fresh chardonnay that sees a minimal amount of new oak and skips malolactic fermentation. It has a vibrant citrus note that gives it a wonderful crispness and melds well with the tropical and mineral tones.

2005 Justin Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon (\$21.99) Not many people know that the Paso Robles appellation is divided down the middle into East and West boundaries. Rivalries have developed and each will argue that their side produces the better cabernet. Justin has brought a little peace here by blending fruit from both sides to make one of their best entry level cabs I have tasted to date. It is has supple plum and cherry flavors and beautiful toasty oak aromas.

2005 Justin Paso Robles Syrah (\$21.99) Paso Robles has become one of the premier areas for Rhône varietal production in California. Justin has sourced their lovely syrah from neighbor, Halter Ranch. This wine is impressive with loads of brambly blackberry fruit and peppery spice—a tremendous value.

—Keith Mabry

ARGENTINA/CHILE/PORTUGAL/SPAIN

Portugal

2005 Vale da Torre "Bin 717" Alentejano	\$11.99
2006 Quinta do Crasto "Crasto" Douro	\$15.99
2006 Álvaro Castro, Dão.....	\$17.99
2005 Campolargo "Arinto" Bairrada	\$19.99
2005 "Monte de Peceguina" Herdade de Malhadinha Alentejano	\$27.99
2005 Quinta do Crasto "Reserva-Old Vines" Douro	\$34.99
2000 Casa Ferreirinha "Quinta da Leda" Douro-91 pts WS	\$39.99
2004 Chryseia.....	\$44.99
2005 Chryseia	\$44.99
1994 Casa Ferreirinha "Reserva" Douro.....	\$49.99

Spain

NV Gran Sarao Brut Cava	\$7.99
NV Gran Sarao Rosé	\$7.99
2003 Biurko Graciano, Rioja	\$9.99
2004 Bodegas Castano "Hecula," Yecla.....	\$9.99
2006 Burgans Albariño, Rias Baixas	\$9.99
2004 Celler de Capcanes "Mas Donis" Barrica, Monsant.....	\$9.99
2004 Finca Sobreño Toro	\$11.99
2004 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla	\$12.99
2006 Valduero Rosado, Ribera Del Duero, Spain.....	\$13.99
2001 Biurko Reserva Old Vine Garnacha, Rioja	\$14.99
2004 Zarus Barrica, Ribera del Duero.....	\$14.99
2006 Castelo de Papa Godello, Valdeorras.....	\$14.99
2001 Conde Valdemar Reserva Rioja.....	\$16.99
2006 "Rosal" Aforado Rias Baixas	\$19.99
2001 Bodegas Primicia Reserva Rioja	\$19.99
2003 Marques de Vargas Reserva Rioja	\$21.99
2003 Valduero Crianza, Ribera Del Duero-92 pts RP	\$23.99
2004 Pesquera Tinto, Ribera del Duero	\$24.99
1999 Senorio de P.Pecina Reserva, Rioja	\$26.99
2005 Acustic "Brao," Monsant-94 pts ST	\$31.99
2004 Altolandon	\$34.99
2005 Lusco do Mino Pazo "Pineiro de Lusco," Albariño	\$41.99
2004 Clos Mogador "Manyetes" Priorat.....	\$89.99

Argentina/Chile

2006 Elsa Malbec (Argentina)	\$6.99
2006 Aresti Sauvignon Blanc Curicó Valley (Chile)	\$8.99
2005 Finca Flichman "Vino Reserva" Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza (Argentina).....	\$9.99
2006 Aresti "Estate Selection" Pinot Noir Curicó Valley (Chile)	\$10.99
2006 Dominio del Plata "Crios" Torrontes (Argentina).....	\$11.99
2005 Poesia Pasodoble (Argentina).....	\$11.99
2004 Dominio del Plata "Crios" Cab Sauv (Argentina)	\$12.99
2005 Paris Goulart "Reserva" Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza (Argentina)	\$14.99
2005 Kingston Family Vineyards "Tobiano" Syrah (Chile)	\$14.99
2003 Martino "Vina Violeta-Old Vine" Malbec Mendoza (Argentina)	\$15.99
2005 Cono Sur 20 Barrels Sauvignon Blanc (Chile).....	\$17.99
2004 Clos des Andes (Argentina)	\$18.99
2006 Achával Ferrer Malbec Mendoza (Argentina)	\$19.99
2005 Achával Ferrer "Quimera" (Argentina).....	\$37.99
2004 Almaviva (Chile)	\$57.99

Let's Talk Turkey...En Español

The complex flavors and balance of Spanish wines make them a great accompaniment for any meal, even something as complicated as a Thanksgiving feast. Here are a few suggestions for your table:

2006 Bodegas Montebaco, Rueda, Verdejo (\$14.99) Rueda is a hot, dry, sandy area in Spain just east of Toro in Castilla y Leon. Long sunny summer days and cool nights make it perfect for producing dry crisp white wines. This 100% verdejo is an excellent example. Aromas of grapefruit and lime lead to a fresh yet full-bodied palate. The long crisp finish lifts the flavors and gives this wine depth and complexity. This will go great with my friend Barbara's crab bisque!

2004 Peique Bierzo Vinedos Viejos (\$24.99) From the western-most zone of Castilla y Leon comes this fabulous red, an old vine cuvée from vineyards covered in silvery slate known as *pizarra*. Made from 100% mencia, the Peique is full of ripe blackberry and raspberry fruit. The round palate feel is balanced by bright acidity. The minerality from the slate soils makes it lively and exciting. I think this will go great with my sausage and sage stuffing!

1998 Senorio de P. Pecina Rioja, Gran Reserva (\$42.99) At this stage in the Spanish wine revolution, it is rare to find new wineries that make high quality, traditional-styled Rioja. Founded in 1992, Senorio de Pedro Pecina is an exception. This 1998 Gran Reserva is a blend of 95% tempranillo, 3% graciano and 2% garnacha aged in American oak barrels for 48 months. Aromas of crushed rose petal, vanillin and black cherry fruit give way to a rich silky palate feel. This wine shows off minerality and structure to perfection and will go great with my friend Rebecca's turkey with chanterelle mushroom stuffing!

—Anne Pickett

A True Original in the World of Wine

Lopez de Heredia produces some of our favorite Spanish wines; actually, some of our favorite wines from anywhere, period. They are uncompromisingly traditional, brilliant Riojas and, given their status among wine cognoscenti, still incredible values.

1996 Lopez de Heredia Viña Gravonia Blanco (\$23.99) Aged much longer than traditional Crianza level wines, this firecracker of a white is produced from 100% viura and, at 11 years old, it's still in its youth and should continue to improve for years. Racy, minerally citrus and yellow stone fruit flavors give way to a slightly nutty finish.

1989 Lopez de Heredia Tiña Tondonia Blanco Reserva (\$36.99) This is a current release! A touch floral, viscous and evolved on the palate, it has a gorgeous, soft texture, fig flavors and a more pronounced hazelnut character and there's still plenty of acidity and vibrancy.

1997 Lopez de Heredia Viña Tondonia Rosado (\$23.99) Produced from 60% garnacha, 20% tempranillo and 20% viura. This is the current rosé, just released! I find this wine a little, dare I say, young. A beautiful coppery color, this is traditional Rioja rosado at its best.

2001 Lopez de Heredia Viña Cubillo Crianza (\$23.99) I think that this might be the best value and most accessible of all the LdH wines. Loads of sour cherry fruit, meaty savoriness and texture.

1999 Lopez de Heredia Bosconia Reserva (\$30.99) What an amazing Rioja: 80% tempranillo, 15% garnacha, 3% graciano and 2% mazuelo. Deeper, darker fruits abound on the nose with remarkably pure black cherries on the palate. It's tough to resist now, but it will be even tougher to resist in another 12 years.

—Joe Manekin

AUSTRIA/GERMANY

Austria

Schloss Gobelsburg Sekt	\$26.99
2005 Bäuerl Stein am Rain Grüner Veltliner Federspiel.....	\$14.99
2005 Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner Kamptaler Terrassen	\$19.99
2005 Iby Zweigelt Classic	\$11.99
2005 Moric Blaufrankish	\$19.99
2005 Spaetrot-Gebeshuber Klassik Blanc	\$15.99
2006 Gritsch Gruner Veltliner Federspiel "Singerriedel"	\$19.99
2006 Heidi Schröck Furmint	\$23.99
2006 Hiedler Grüner Veltliner Löss	\$14.99
2006 Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner "Gobelsburger"	\$13.99
2006 Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner "Steinsetz"	\$23.99

Germany

1981 Eitelsbacher Karthausenhof Spätlese	\$37.99
2005 Schönborn Hallburger Schlossberg Silvaner Spät Dry	\$19.99
2005 Dr. Fisher Ockfener Bockstein Kabinett	\$15.99
2006 von Simmern Erbacher Marcobrunn Kabinett.....	\$21.99
2005 Dr. Loosen Estate Beerenauslese (375ml)	\$55.99
2006 Dr. Heyden Rosé Qba	\$9.99
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
2004 August Kessler Spätburgunder	\$24.99
2005 August Kessler Berg Roseneck Spätlese Gold Cap	\$27.99

Austria: Franz Josef Gritsch

The dynamic young Franz Josef is making quite a name for himself in the sleepy Wachau Valley. On one hand he has taken the helm of his family's traditional estate in Spitz and on the other has created a new ultra-modern label, Kalmuck, that has raised quite a few of the neighbors eyebrows. All this at only 25 years of age! We are very pleased to have discovered his wines and they are quickly becoming as big a hit on this side of the pond as they are in Austria. From the family estate, Gritsch Mauritiushof, we have the **2006 Gritsch Grüner Veltliner Federspiel "Singerriedel" (\$19.99)** of which Franz Josef says: "The Singerriedel is one of the most famous set of vines in the Wachau, with its extremely steep terraces. It is all handwork; no tractors are possible with these vines. We have to put the old style buckets on our backs and pick by hand. The terroir here has a lot of slate. There is no real 'earthy mulch,' just sand and old rotten stone, so the roots have to travel quite deep in order to get any water or nutrients. The climate provides for very cold nights from over the hills and warm days up from the Danube and the stony terroir reflects the sunlight, so this change in temperature every night and day is what gives this wine its specific character. This terrace structure allows for the sun to reach every vine because they don't cast shadows on each other." What this gives you is a wine of serious concentration and mineral character with ripeness in check by vibrant acidity, preserving the wonderful spiciness at the same time abounding in ripe fruit aromas. For a great introduction to his wines, and grüner veltliner in general, try the **2006 Kalmuck Grüner Veltliner (\$12.99)** a classic veltliner with ripe stone fruit aromas, hints of white pepper, snap pea and supporting mineral flavors in the mouth. A truly enjoyable bottle...

—Jeff Vierra

ALSACE/LOIRE

Alsace

Jean Philippe & Francois Becker Cremant d' Alsace	\$14.99
2001 Jean Becker Gewürztraminer Grand Cru Froehn	\$18.99
2003 Trimbach Riesling Cuvee Frederic Emile	\$39.99
2004 Barmes-Buecher Riesling Grand Cru Steingrubler	\$34.99
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

Francois Chidaine Montlouis Brut	\$16.99
François Pinon Vouvray Pétillant Brut.....	\$17.99
1989 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Cuvée de Domaine ..	\$26.99
2002 Chateau Tour Grise Fontenelles Saumur Blanc	\$15.99
2002 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Cuvée Domaine	\$14.99
2004 Chateau Tour Grise "253" Saumur Rouge	\$15.99
2004 Domaine de la Noblaie Chinon "Les Chiens-Chien"	\$14.99
2004 Joel Taluau St-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil Vieilles Vignes	\$16.99
2005 Château du Hureau Saumur Champigny, Vatan	\$13.99
2005 Domaine de la Louvetrie Muscadet Hermine d'Or	\$10.99
2006 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol	\$19.99

Boulay Knows Nature Makes the Wine

Just in time for Thanksgiving our favorite Sancerre producer's wines have returned. A friend turned me on to the Boulay family in Chavignol, long hallowed ground for sauvignon blanc, and after a staggering tasting of more than eight vintages I was in love. Gerard Boulay is a humble and delightful vigneron, quietly making wines that will forever expand your idea of what sauvignon blanc can achieve. Never had I tasted such vivid clarity and expressiveness in Sancerre, much less sauvignon blanc, the wines are much more than simple quaffers. Aromas of candied grapefruit, mandarin orange, lime and wildflowers are transcendent, but what really sets them apart is their mineral-infused personality. These are wines of the soil, that echo the land with precision and delineation. Gerard Boulay works the soil manually, personally planting the youngest vines at the domaine in 1972. The average vine age is about 45 years old. The wines ferment naturally. He adds no yeast and minimal amounts of SO₂. He described his role as one of surveillance, working by instinct, "au feeling" because he wants to "let the wine live" and tries not to interfere with the natural process. He says, "C'est la nature qui fait le vin," nature makes the wine.

2006 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol (\$19.99) This is anything but a "regular" cuvée, raised in stainless steel and bottled unfiltered. It is juicy and bright with pleasing fruitiness and a crunchy mineral-infused finish. The **2006 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Clos de Beaujeu (\$29.99)** is the old-vine cuvée, vinified in neutral wood and it is one of the greatest wines of the region. The wine (from a vineyard of 0.75 hectares) is fermented in large neutral barrels and bottled without filtration. This is the more delicate and mineral of the single-vineyard bottlings, it ages beautifully. **2006 Gerard Boulay Sancerre Chavignol Monts Damnés (\$29.99)** is made from vines that are grown on the Monts Damnés plot, a steep, south-facing slope that provides some of the regions most powerful and long lived wines. There are also very small quantities of a new cuvée **La Comtesse (\$42.99)** from the heart of Monts Damnés in both the premier '05 vintage and '06.

Enjoy—Jeff Vierra, Sancerre Drinker

A Vegetarian Thanksgiving

It's such a typical left wing Northern California thing—moaning about this most carnivorous of holidays. Us Veggies (okay, pescetarians too) get all worked up and say things like “tofurkey...wattle it take?” Seriously—I think gobbler smells like an old locker room, especially when you carnivores do that sandwich assemblage that means you've finally finished the bird off for good. But take that with a grain of salt from a yam killer like me.

A turkey is just an ugly Apteryx with a corn nut for a brain. Kind of makes being a vegan look good. (You put the stuffing WHERE?)

We love Thanksgiving at K&L for one simple reason—ANY WINE GOES WITH THANKSGIVING DINNER. Truth is, no wine really goes with it either, so every suggestion is valid. What'll it be? Red, white or pink? Everyone has such conflicting emotions. The wine business is hell, I'm tellin' ya.

Jim Barr does a turkey call. I know that is not surprising in itself, but to hear him go “gwahbble guh-wahbble” is absolutely priceless. With his bald dome, hanging flap of skin under his chin and his locker room scent, the guy is a natural.

Wines that don't go with Thanksgiving dinner:

1994 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien (\$86.99) Loads of character here—layers of ripe red fruits, minerals and earth. Not too heavy and (thankfully) not too tannic. A real beauty in a style I adore. Plus, I'm coming over for the feast, so make me thankful and serve this one.

Jim's November Gems

Happy Thanksgiving and Holidays everyone. Early this morning (September 30), my winemaking buddies and I gathered to press off the three tanks of Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel that we crushed on September 3. While the guys were busy cleaning and setting up the equipment for this pressing, I went through for a second time that morning and punched down the caps of the remaining eight tanks of Geyserville Cabernet Franc and Syrah that were still fermenting (these will be pressed off in two weeks). The color and aromatics in and from the fermentation tanks this year have been absolutely amazing, the clusters have been perfect, and the pH's, sugars and acids are in total harmony—what winemakers worldwide dream about—unbelievable! I turned to the guys as they were washing everything down and said, “In my 34 years of making wine, I cannot recall a harvest producing such monumental juice. And I am hearing this quiet enthusiastic glee from winery personnel, too. If all of us don't blow it, this vintage has the potential of being one of the greatest.” More later!

Our Burgundy buyer, Keith Wollenberg, continues to discover superb Gems. His most recent discovery, **2005 Domaine Pascal Bouchard Chablis “Grande Reserve Du Domaine” (\$18.99)** is an outstanding non-premier cru, premier-cru acting Chablis that must not be overlooked. Produced from 40-year old, low yielding vines and fermented mostly in stainless steel tanks, this lovely chardonnay provides tons of that classic limestone minerality on the nose and in the mouth, yet with the richness of character and structure of a premier cru. The mouthwatering finish is crisp and bright. The Beaner has informed me that this will be one of our house whites for the month.



Our newly arrived **2006 Kirkham Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (\$11.99)** is a great follow up to the 2005 production. Perfumed

2005 Stonyridge Larose, New Zealand (\$89.95) Claret style Kiwi wine? Yup. World class stuff and '05 was killer down there. The wine has unmistakable Bordeaux styling and will age beautifully. Herbs and cassis and balance here. This is a great wine and it will get better. Decant three to four hours or lay it down. A must for the balanced cellar.

1983 Sterling Cabernet Sauvignon (\$29.95/Magnum) Focused and full flavored, a lovely mature cabernet for thirty bucks a magnum. C'mon cheapskate, here's your chance—show up with a mag of cab for gobbler and be a hero.

While Thanksgiving is a uniquely American anomaly, other countries have adopted the holiday. Adapted it, too. Some examples:


United Kingdom: Thanksgiving is called “Black Thursday” here. The Brits were big losers as far as Turkey day goes. Later they tried the beads and baubles thing with the Irish, with disastrous results. For the feast, crow is substituted for turkey.


Turkey: Ah, the mother country. Turkey Day is actually on Christmas day here and the gobblers are festooned with lights and tinsel. The Manger Parade takes to the streets at midnight. Maria Muldaur is cast as Mary, Daniel Day Lewis as Joseph. After the ceremonial pipes are lit everyone sees Jesus.



Norway: Lundefisk is dried, reconstituted and pounded into the shape of an elk. The drink of choice is Bordeaux laced with Aquavit, called “trow uppe” by these hearty Norskies.

Happy Gwahbble Day!

—Joe Zugelder

aromas of gooseberries and lime zest, this too is a crisp, clean and mouthwatering white on the palate. Eby purrs at the thought that this will be one of our house whites for the month. 

Also landing is the new vintage (**2006**) of **Blason Pinot Grigio (\$8.99)**, which is clearly, and hard to believe, better than the '05. The nose shows white peach qualities and is distinctively floral, almost like walking into a room full of orchids. In the mouth, you will be treated to lovely pinot grigio fruit with viscosity and freshness and a finish that is remarkably bright and snappish. This Gem will be our other house white for November according to both Eb and the Beaner. 

Finally, Anderson is once again hooting over the next two Bordeaux Gems that we have chosen for our November house reds. The **2003 Château Beaumont Haut-Médoc (\$15.99)**, which is owned by Beychevelle, is deeply colored and offers an opulent bouquet of currants, plums, cedar and roasted coffee. Good fullness of body in the mouth with silky, integrated tannins, excellent backbone and depth, the warm finish lingers for six minutes and thirty-four seconds. This is a nice, near-term drinker and should not be put down for any length of time.  The **2005 Château Birot Premieres Côtes de Bordeaux (\$12.99)** is a deep ruby in color and shows lush and ripe blackberries, currants and spicy fruit aromas underscored by cigar box and antique tones. Medium-full in body, you will discover a Gem that is round and soft, yet well-structured and long on flavor. Again, this new world style wine is meant for near-term consumption. 

If you have any questions regarding these Gems, you can contact us at jimbarr@klwines.com. Enjoy this month's selections,

—Jim, Anderson, Eby, and Vanilla

CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING WINE

Champagne

Ariston Carte Blanche Brut	\$24.99
Franck Bonville Brut Selection Blanc de Blancs	\$27.99
Tarlant Brut Reserve	\$31.99
Michel Arnould Verzenay Brut Reserve	\$29.99
Ariston Aspasie Blanc de Blancs	\$29.99
Launois "Quartz" Brut Blanc de Blancs	\$31.99
Laurent-Perrier Brut	\$29.99
Laurent-Perrier Demi Sec	\$29.99
Fleury Brut Carte Rouge-Now direct!	\$31.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Crayères" Single Vineyard Brut	\$29.99
Leclerc Briant "Les Chèvres Pierreuses"	\$29.99
Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve.....	\$29.99
Deutz Brut Classic	\$32.99
Philippe Gonet Brut Rosé-Exciting pink!	\$34.99
Ariston Aspasie Brut Prestige	\$34.99
Ayala Brut Majeur	\$34.99
Fleury Brut Rosé	\$39.99
Michel Arnould Grand Cuvée Brut	\$34.99
Louis Roederer Brut-One of Clyde's favorites.....	\$36.99
1996 Salon Blanc de Blancs Champagne	\$229.00
Bollinger Special Cuvée	\$37.99
Veuve Clicquot Brut	Inquire
de Castillane Brut Rosé	\$42.99
Tarlant Cuvée Louis Brut Prestige	\$46.99
1997 Laurent-Perrier Brut	\$44.99
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
Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé.....	Inquire
Laurent-Perrier "Grand Siècle"	\$79.99
1997 Laurent-Perrier Grand Siècle Alexandra Rosé	\$109.00
Krug Grand Cuvée Brut	Inquire
1996 Krug Vintage	Inquire
1999 Dom Perignon.....	Inquire
Armand de Brignac "Ace of Spades" Brut	\$299.99
1996 Dom Perignon Rosé	Inquire
1996 Krug Clos de Mesnil	Inquire

Domestic Sparkling Wine

2000 Roederer "l'Ermitage"	\$32.99
2004 Domaine Carneros Brut	\$19.98
2004 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc/Blanc de Noirs	\$27.98
2004 Schramsberg Brut Rosé	\$32.99
2004 Iron Horse "Wedding Cuvée".....	\$26.99
2006 Niebaum-Coppola Estate Sofia Blanc de Blanc	\$16.99
NV Domaine Mumm Brut/Blanc de Noir	\$12.98
NV Gloria Ferrer Brut/Blanc de Noir	\$14.99
NV Roederer Estate Anderson Valley.....	\$16.99
NV Scharffenberger Brut	\$14.99

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Rene Collard is Back!

It is an honor for us to import one of Champagne's greatest producers, Mr. Rene Collard. Now retired, his legacy continues with his bottles. And while his powerful champagne is certainly not for everyone, the class of his wines is undeniable. As I write this (on October 1) his champagnes are on the water and should be in shortly after you receive this newsletter. I can't give exact prices yet, since the dollar has been in a tailspin and showing signs of falling even further. But even if the dollar trades at 1.6 by the time these wines arrive, Mr. Collard's inimitable champagne will be a tremendous value... He has farmed organically since his first harvest in 1943 and never has wavered from barrel and concrete fermentation. His champagnes are made from very old vine meunier grown in the villages of Reuil and Damery and undergo no malolactic fermentation. His youngest wine, the non-vintage, no-dosage **Cuvée Ultime** is based entirely on the 1995 vintage. It is a powerhouse and does not come across as a brut zero, because of the prodigious ripeness of the meunier that year. This is the best introduction to Mr. Collard's wines. It will sell for less than \$50, as will the **Carte d'Or**, his other non-vintage offering, this one composed entirely from the 1992 harvest. Much more brooding and mushroomy, this champagne is perfect with foie gras or other rich patés, stretching the definition of champagne with its imposing vinosity. Also available will be a pair of **1985s**, both under \$100, the **Vintage** and the **Rosé**. These wines destroy the big house notion that meunier cannot age; they are unbelievably youthful at 25 years and have time in hand. Collard's wines back to the 1940s are still drinking gorgeously. More complex than anything outside of Burgundy has a right to be, these wines are among our most special. Call or check online for more detailed notes and the exact prices.

—Gary Westby

LeClerc Briant

The highlight of my fall was easily September's trip to Champagne with Gary and Cindy Westby. It was my first trip to the region and after 10 days of cool, rainy weather (before we arrived) it was all sun and temperatures in the high 70s. This turned an otherwise mediocre harvest into quite a good one, though yields were less than normal. Toward the end of my trip, we visited LeClerc Briant, who ended their harvest on September 15. I was also able to meet the lovely Amelie, Pascal LeClerc's biodynamic consultant whose true passion is working to produce the finest biodynamic Champagne. The tour of the cellar was amazing; all of the riddling is done by hand in chalk caves far beneath the surface of Epernay. A cellar specialist can riddle up to 60,000 bottles per day, which makes my wrists ache just thinking about it. Later in the day, we toured the chalky (and rocky) hillside vineyards of Les Crayes and Les Chevres Pierreuses. A dinner at Pascal's house later that night, with recipes from LeClerc Briant, rounded off the day with great food and (of course) LeClerc Briant Champagne. We tried the **2002 LeClerc Briant Divine (\$39.99)**, which is my featured wine for November. The wine had a very pretty, very open nose with notes of tropical fruits, mandarin oranges, bananas and a slight hint of coconut and brioche. On the palate the flavors were rich: poached pears, cashews and cream. A blend of 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir, this is a very viscous champagne with a big mouthful of flavors, crisp on the mid-palate with a very fine finish. An excellent cellar candidate. We recently stocked the 1990 and it tasted exquisite after 17 years. To obtain maximum enjoyment of Pascal's latest release I suggest trying the 2002 on its own. The tropical notes and luscious palate really stand out. If you prefer to enjoy this wine with food, try it with creamier cheeses or light chicken dishes!

—Scott Beckerley

WHITE BURGUNDY/BEAUJOLAIS

2001 Mercurey Blanc, Louis Max	\$5.99
2005 Mâcon-Villages, V.V., Domaine Rhedon-Marin	\$11.99
2006 Mâcon Charnay, Domaine Renaud	\$11.99
2006 Mâcon Solutré, Domaine Renaud	\$11.99
The Charnay is fruity and rich and the Solutré more precise and mineral driven.	
2005 Bourgogne, "Les Setilles, Olivier Leflaive	\$14.99
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, Louis Jadot (375ml)	\$12.99
2005 Mâcon Solutré, Domaine Jean-Pierre Seve	\$12.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Kimmeridgean, J-M Brocard	\$13.99
Crisp and delightful Chablis character from limestone-rich Kimmeridgian soil.	
2005 St-Veran, Domaine des Nembrets.....	\$13.99
2005 Meursault Chevalières, Matrot (375ml)	\$14.99
2005 St-Veran, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet.....	\$14.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Denis Bachelet	\$14.99
2004 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Signature, Maison Champy.....	\$15.99
2005 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Roulot	\$15.99
2005 Chablis, St. Victoire, Domaine Seguinot-Bordet	\$16.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Raisin Dorée, Domaine Lafarge.....	\$17.99
2005 Rully 1er Cru, Les Cloux, Vincent Girardin	\$17.99
2005 Rully, St. Jacques, Domaine J-M Boillot	\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine St. Claire, J-M Brocard	\$17.99
2005 Chablis, Domaine Vocoret	\$17.99
2005 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Emotion Terroirs, Girardin.....	\$18.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Benoit Ente	\$18.99
2005 Bourgogne Chard., Emotions de Terroir, Girardin	\$18.99
2006 Macon, Domaine Heritiers de Comte Lafon.....	\$18.99
2005 Chablis, V.V., Grand Rsv. du Domaine, P. Bouchard	\$18.99
2005 Bourgogne Aligoté, Plantation 1902, Domaine DeMoor ..	\$19.99
2005 Pouilly-Fuissé, Solutré, Domaine Auvigue	\$19.99
2005 Rully 1er, Les Grésigny, Domaine J-F Protheau.....	\$19.99
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Roty.....	\$19.99
2004 Bourgogne Aligoté, Domaine Ramonet	\$21.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Etienne Sauzet.....	\$22.99
2005 Rully, Les Cloux, Vincent Girardin	\$24.99
2005 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Benoit Ente.....	\$24.99
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Domaine Benoit Ente.....	\$24.99
2004 Bourgogne Blanc, Lucien Le Moine	\$27.99
2005 Chablis, Rosette, Domaine Alice/Oliver DeMoor	\$27.99
2005 Maranges, 1er Cru, Fussieres, Dom. Bachelet-Monnot.....	\$28.99
2005 Haute Côte de Nuits Blanc, Cuvée Marine, Anne Gros	\$29.99
2005 St-Aubin "Murgers Dent de Chien," 1er Cru, Domaine Maroslavic-Leger	\$29.99
2005 St-Aubin, 1er Cru, Domaine Boillot	\$29.99
2005 Meursault, "Tillets, Domaine Denis Carré	\$30.99
2005 St. Aubin 1er Cru, Remilly, Sylvain Langoreau	\$32.99
2004 Meursault, Domaine Matrot.....	\$32.99
2004 Pernand-Verg. "Sous Fretilles," 1er, Deux Montille	\$37.99
2005 Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Paul Pernot	\$39.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Philippe Colin	\$41.99
2005 Puligny Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	\$42.99
2005 Meursault, Les Grands Charrons, Deux Montilles.....	\$44.99
2004 Puligny Montrachet, Ch de Puligny Montrachet	\$46.99
2005 Chassagne-Mont. 1er, Clos St. Jean, Paul Pillot	\$46.99
2005 Chassagne-Mont., V.V., Dom. Fontaine Gagnard.....	\$46.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Niellon	\$54.99
2004 Chassagne-Mont. "Blanchots Dessus," 1er, A. Deleger.....	\$59.99
2004 Chassagne-Mont. "Boudriotte," 1er, Dom. Ramonet	\$63.99

2004 Chassagne-Mont. "Morgeot," 1er, Dom. Ramonet	\$63.99
2005 Puligny-Montrachet, "Referts," 1er, Etienne Sauzet	\$69.99
2004 Puligny-Montrachet "Referts," 1er, Dom. Benoit Ente	\$78.99
2004 Puligny Montrachet 1er, Champs Gain, Benoit Ente	\$81.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er, Clos St. Jean, Niellon.....	\$83.99
2004 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er, Vergers, Niellon.....	\$83.99
2005 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er, Marquis Laguiche	\$89.95
2005 Beaune Clos des Mouches Blanc, Drouhin	\$89.95
2004 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Jomain.....	\$129.99
2005 Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Philippe Colin	\$219.99

Beaujolais

2004 Morgon, "Les Charmes," Mommessin-Was \$17.99	\$11.99
2006 Morgon, Louis Tête	\$14.99
2005 Brouilly, Domaine Ruet.....	\$14.99
2005 Julienas, Cuvée Speciale, P. Granger	\$14.99
2005 Moulin-à-Vent, Louis Tête	\$15.99

Pour Votre Plaisir

2005 Burgundies A Value?

With the escalation in prices of French wines, due to the sought-after nature of the 2005 Burgundy vintage and the weakness in the dollar, the headline may seem as much a contradiction in terms as "bureaucratic efficiency." Still, I want to let you know that, if you are not after the handful of top Grand Crus, there are some terrific values to be found. 2005 is the kind of vintage, with perfect healthy grapes, where buying lower down the ladder can provide terrific drinking pleasure. I am listing a few here, but we literally have a dozen or more different red Burgundies available for under \$25.

As examples, the **2005 Bourgogne Rouge, "Milliane" (\$19.99)** is made by Laurent Jobard, from her family estate, from vines more than 45 years old. It has a bright cherry note and a silky finish, but a bit of Pommard power as well. The **2005 Hautes Cotes de Nuits, Frederic Esmonin (\$20.99)** shows lovely, rich and elegant fruit and a long finish. It comes from a grower near Gevrey Chambertin. The **2005 Côtes de Nuits-Villages, Joseph Drouhin (\$20.99)** offers high-pitched aromas of black cherry and is bright and penetrating. The **2005 Chorey les Beaune, Joseph Drouhin (\$22.99)** has bright cherry notes, received 90 Points from Parker's Wine Advocate, and was picked as a Key Buy by Burghound. The 2005s are coming and going so quickly, that we urge you to check online for a current inventory, or to email me at Burgundy@klwines.com with questions. À Sante!

—Keith Wollenberg

November's Thursday Tasting Schedule

Please call the stores for more information on upcoming tastings.

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

Nov 1: Spring Mountain Vineyard; Nov 8: Wines of Germany; Nov 15: Miner Family; Nov 22: Closed for Thanksgiving; Nov 29: TBA

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

NO THURSDAY TASTINGS IN NOVEMBER

In Hollywood, 5 to 7 p.m.

Nov 1: Hess Collection; Nov 8: Pacific Wine Partners Presents Australia & New Zealand; Nov 15: Schlumberger (Alsace); Nov 22: Closed for Thanksgiving; Nov 29: Justin Vineyards

RED BURGUNDY

2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Vincent Sauvestre.....	\$12.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Tradition, Moillard	\$13.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Cuvée Gerard, Nicolas Potel	\$16.99
This lovely, bright pinot is an homage to Nicolas' father Gerard. Also available in half bottles (\$11.99).	
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Heresztyn	\$17.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Edmund Cornu	\$18.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Bachey-Legros	\$19.99
2005 Bourgogne Rouge, "Milliane," Dom. Gabriel Billard.....	\$19.99
From 45 year old vines in Pommard, bright cherry notes and lots of character.	
2005 Marsannay Rouge, Les Longeroies Domaine Bart	\$19.99
2005 Bourgogne Haute Côte de Nuits, Frederic Esmonin	\$20.99
2005 Cote de Nuits Villages, Maison Drouhin	\$20.99
2004 Bourgogne Rouge, Pressioniers, Domaine Roty.....	\$21.99
2005 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Denis Carré	\$21.99
2005 Chorey Les Beaune, Maison Joseph Drouhin	\$22.99
2005 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Deux Papis, Alex Gambal	\$23.99
2004 Santenay 1er, Clos Rousseau, Dom. Bachey-Legros	\$24.99
2005 Santenay, Champ Claude, Domaine Lucien Muzard.....	\$28.99
2005 Mercurey 1er, Clos Montaigus, Dom. Patrick Size	\$28.99
2004 Marsannay Rouge, Domaine Roty	\$29.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Bussieres, Olivier Jouan.....	\$29.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village, Domaine Heresztyn	\$29.99
2003 Beaune 1er Marconnets, Ch. de la Velle	\$29.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, "Peuillets," 1er, Pavelot	\$31.99
2004 Marsannay Rouge, Champs St. Etienne, Domaine Roty	\$32.99
2004 Volnay-Santenots, 1er Cru, Domaine J Matrot	\$34.99
2004 Savigny-lès-Beaune, "La Dominode," 1er Cru, Jean-Marc Pavelot-Also available in 375ml (\$19.99).....	\$36.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis, Rue de Vergy, Domaine Bruno Clair	\$37.99
2005 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru, Narbantons, M. Ecard	\$39.99
2004 Aloxe-Corton, "Fourniere," 1er, Hippolyte Thevenot.....	\$39.99
2005 Pommard, Noizons, Domaine Denis Carré	\$39.99
2005 Beaune 1er Grèves, Domaine Thomas-Moillard	\$39.99
2005 Beaune 1er Chouacheux, Domaine Jadot	\$40.99
2005 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Paul Misset	\$41.99
2005 Beaune 1er Vigne Franches, Nicolas Potel	\$43.99
2005 Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos Village, Domaine Heresztyn	\$44.99
2005 Chambolle-Musigny, Les Athets, Domaine Tardy.....	\$44.99
2005 Nuits-St-Georges, Au Bas de Combe, Dom. Tardy	\$44.99
2004 Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Michel Gros	\$44.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru, Les Chaumes, Jer. Chezeaux	\$44.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Michel Gros	\$44.99
2004 Nuits-St-Georges, Charmois, Dom. Jean Grivot	\$46.99
2005 Vosne-Romanée, Les Vigneux, Domaine Jean Tardy	\$47.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin, V.V., Domaine Denis Bachelet	\$49.99
Comes from old vines, shows nice spice and lots of length.	
2005 Gevrey Chamb. 1er, Champonnets, Frederic Esmonin	\$49.99
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
2005 Chambolle Musigny, Drouhin	\$56.99
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
2005 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru, Les Chaumes, Dom. Tardy.....	\$64.99
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 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Baudes," 1er Cru, Ghislaine Barthod.....	\$79.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos St. Jacques," 1er Cru, Domaine Bruno Clair	\$84.99
2004 Morey-St-Denis "La Forge de Tart," 1er Cru, Mommessin	\$84.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée "Beaumonts," 1er Cru, Jean Grivot	\$89.99
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Sentiers," 1er Cru, Groffier.....	\$99.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru, Fontenys, Domaine Roty	\$99.95
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Fuées," 1er Cru, J-F Mugnier	\$99.95
2004 Clos de Vougeot, V.V., Château de la Tour	\$109.99
2004 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, V.V., Bachelet	\$115.00
92 pts Burghound. Sweet, supple black raspberry notes and long on the palate.	
2004 Chambolle-Musigny "Amoureuses," 1er Cru, Lucien Le Moine	\$126.99
2004 Vosne-Romanée, "Les Gaudichots," Nicolas Potel	\$129.99
2004 Echézeaux, Grand Cru, Domaine Jean Grivot	\$137.99
2004 Clos de Tart Grand Cru, Mommessin	\$149.99
93 pts Burghound. Intense and powerful. May be the wine of the vintage.	
2004 Charmes-Chambertin, V.V., Domaine J. Roty.....	\$149.99
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru, Clos St. Jacques, Rousseau	\$179.99
2004 Chambertin, Clos de Beze, GC, Rousseau.....	\$259.99

Sparkling Burgundy

The sparkling wines of Louis Bouillot have been a tremendous success for over the last several years. In fact the **Cremant de Bourgogne Rosé, Perle d'Aurore (\$11.99)** is one of our best-selling products. It is 100% pinot noir, method champenois, sparkling wine aged for two years before it is released, and we're selling it for a song! But even more important is that it is good, I mean really good. It is a lightly colored rosé, with terrific pinot noir flavors: bright strawberries, raspberries and currants. It is not terribly complex, but what it lacks in depth it more than makes up in charm! You almost cannot help but reach for a second glass. The **1999 Cremant de Bourgogne Brut, Perle d'Or, Louis Bouillot (\$15.99)** can be taken a bit more seriously, you might even call it a champagne-alternative. It is crisper than the Rosé with more developed yeasty tones and nice richness. The fruit character of the wine runs more to the apple/pear spectrum with some berry notes. Considerably more complex but no less delicious, this make a great aperitif, perfect for toasting this upcoming holiday season!

—Kirk Walker

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Misc Tuscany

2006 Maritima 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—2 Glasses GR	\$16.99
2006 Campo al Mare Vermentino di Toscana	\$16.99
2005 Antinori Chianti Classico "Peppoli"	\$21.95
2004 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico	\$19.99
2004 Tenuta Sette Ponti "Crognolo"—91pts WS	\$29.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti "S. Marcellino"—91 pts RP	\$34.99
This is a 2003. But unlike so many others of this vintage, it is very focused. Beyond a doubt, a magnificent wine. While different from the serious 2001, the 2003 is richer, has deeper flavors now and gives lushness to the mouth rarely seen in Chianti! (Greg St.Clair)	
2004 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva "Rancia"—95 pts ST.....	\$34.99
2003 Rocca di Montegrossi "Geremia" Cab-Merlot	\$34.99
2004 Felsina "Fontalloro" 100% Sangiovese-94 pts ST	\$34.99
2003 Poggiopiano Rosso di Sera IGT-3 Glasses GR	\$39.99
2004 Antinori "Tignanello"—95 pts WS	\$79.95
1999 Fontodi Flaccianello-92 pts RP	\$79.99
2004 Fontodi Flaccianello-96 pts RP	\$99.95

Montalcino

2004 La Fortuna "Fortunello"	\$14.99
What a steal this Mini Super Tuscan is! Lush soft and so drinkable!	

2005 Ferrero Rosso di Montalcino.....	\$17.99
2005 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino	\$18.99
2005 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino	\$18.99
2005 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino	\$19.99
2005 Valdicava Rosso di Montalcino	\$29.99
2002 Ferrero Brunello di Montalcino	\$29.99
2000 La Colombina Brunello di Montalcino-92 pts WE	\$34.99
2002 Baricci Brunello di Montalcino	\$34.99
2001 Castiglione del Bosco Brunello di Montalcino-90 pts ST	\$34.99
1999 La Colombina Brunello di Montalcino-90 pts ST.....	\$34.99
2002 Sesta di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino	\$42.99
2001 San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino-90 pts WS	\$44.99
2000 Canalicchio (Franco Pacenti) Brunello-91pts WS	\$49.99
2001 Marchesato degli Aleramici Brunello-92 pts WS	\$53.99
2001 La Fuga Brunello di Montalcino-93 pts WS	\$54.95
2001 Lambardi Brunello di Montalcino-93 pts WS.....	\$56.99
2001 Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino-93 pts WS	\$59.95
2001 Da Vinci Brunello di Montalcino.....	\$59.99
2001 Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello Riserva-92 pts ST	\$64.95
2001 Tornesi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva-92 pts WS.....	\$69.99
2001 Caprili Brunello di Montalcino Riserva-92 pts WS	\$79.99
2001 La Fortuna Brunello di Montalcino Riserva-92 pts WS	\$89.99
2001 La Fortuna Brunello di Montalcino (1.5L)-3 Glasses GR	\$89.99
2001 Camigliano Brunello di Montalcino "Gualto"—93 pts WS	\$89.99
2001 Costanti Brunello di Montalcino Riserva-93 pts WS	\$94.99
2001 Gianni Brunelli Brunello Riserva-96 pts WS.....	\$124.95

Misc. Piedmont

2005 Ruggeri Corsini Barbera d'Alba	\$14.99
2005 Ruggeri Corsini Langhe Bianco	\$14.99

Sul Tappeto Rosso

November signals the start of the holiday season, when family and friends get together, and what better way to celebrate than with Italian wine! The traditional Thanksgiving turkey is so versatile that it offers many food matching possibilities. I love to start with bubbles, so the stunningly good **Silvano Follador Prosecco del Valdobbiadene Superiore "Cartizze" (\$19.99)** is a sure-fire winner, complex, rich and a real crowd pleaser, I really love it. My sister loves California chardonnay, so for her I suggest the **2005 Cantina Valle Isarco "Aristos" Kerner (\$19.99)** a stunningly rich and un-oaked white from the Alto Adige, complex, powerful and for those who like the weight of California chardonnay, yet with balance, verve and a finish, this is the wine! My father likes pinot noir and he likes them delicate. A new arrival from, of all places, Sicily has really made the choice easy. The **2006 Feudo Arancio Pinot Noir (\$8.99)** is really wonderful, balanced, soft with cherry aromatics and a hint of spice on the finish. My brothers and I are all suckers for Rosso di Montalcino, and the 2005 vintage has responded gracefully with delicious opportunities. The more forward and fruit-filled versions are the **2005 Ferrero Rosso di Montalcino (\$17.99)** ripe, forward, mouth-filling with cherry and plum; the **2005 La Fortuna Rosso di Montalcino (\$18.99)** is full of plummy notes, ripe and soft in the mouth. The more classic and earthier versions would include the **2005 Baricci Rosso di Montalcino (\$18.99)** one of my personal favorites, full of forest aromatics, spice and earth; the **2005 Poggiarellino Rosso di Montalcino (\$17.99)** is really a great wine with powerful fruit, struc-

ture and finish. The most complex and powerful of the bunch would be the **2005 Sesta di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino (\$19.99)** not quite a Brunello, but wow, what a wine! Everything you could ask for. The **2004 La Fortuna Fortunello (\$14.99)** is a Mini Super Tuscan: 90% sangiovese and 10% merlot—this is really something special. My brother-in-law-to-be is a cab guy, for him it's the **2003 Rocca di Montegrossi "Geremia" (\$34.99)** a delicious blend of 50% cabernet sauvignon and 50% merlot that will please any cab lover's palate. Just for the experience, while sitting around and drinking, is the (yes you've never heard of it before) **2005 Passopisciaro "Franchetti" (\$109.99)**, a blend of 60% petite verdot and 40% cesanese from the slopes of Sicily's Mt. Etna; it will blow your mind. To finish (or start, for my sister-in-law), would be the **2006 Saracco Moscato d'Asti (\$13.99)** the perfect finish, light, refreshing and low alcohol. Buon Appetito!

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—Greg St.Clair

ITALIAN WINES

2005 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"-2 Glasses GR	\$19.99
2003 Massa Barbera "Monleale"-2 Red Glasses GR	\$21.99
2003 Aldo Conterno Barbera d'Alba "Conca Tre Pile"	\$29.99

Barolo/Barbaresco

2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo "San Pietro"	\$29.99
2003 Paitin di Pasquero Elia Barbaresco "Sori Paitin"	\$32.99
2003 Ruggeri Corsini Barolo	\$36.99
2003 Marchesi di Grésy Barbaresco "Martinenga"	\$39.99
2001 Palladino Barolo-91 pts WS.....	\$39.99
2001 Famiglia Anselma Barolo-91 pts WS	\$42.99
1996 Pelissero Barbaresco Annata.....	\$44.95
2001 E. Sobrino Barolo Vecchie Vigne-93 pts WS.....	\$44.99
2003 Cavallo Barolo "Bricco Boschis"-92 pts WS	\$47.95
2001 Prinsi Barbaresco "Fausone" Riserva-2 Glasses GR.....	\$49.99
2001 Boroli Barolo "Bussia"-91 pts WS.....	\$54.99
2000 Ettore Germano Barolo "Cerretta"	\$55.99
2003 Vietti Barolo "Rocche".....	\$94.99
2003 Vietti Barolo "Brunate"	\$94.99

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2006 Blason Rosato "Rosé" (1.5L for only \$13.99!)	\$7.99
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2005 Ermacora Pinot Bianco-2 Red Glasses GR	\$14.99
2005 Convento Muri-Gries Pinot Grigio	\$14.99
2005 Ermacora Schioppettino	\$15.99

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!

2005/2006 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio	\$17.95
2006 Venica Collio Pinot Grigio "Jesera"	\$18.99
2005 Cantina Valle Isarco Kerner "Aristos"-3 Glasses GR	\$19.99
2006 Venica Collio Tocai Friulano "Ronco delle Cime"	\$22.99
2006 Jermann Pinot Grigio	\$24.99
2006 Venica Collio Sauvignon "Ronco delle Mele"	\$29.99
2005 Jermann Vintage Tunina.....	\$49.95

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2004 Sella Mosca Cannonau Riserva.....	\$8.99
2006 Feudo Arancio Pinot Noir.....	\$8.99
2006 Mancini Vermentino di Gallura.....	\$11.99
2005 Valle del Acate Poggio Bidini Nero d'Avola	\$12.99
2005 Gulfi Cerasuolo di Vittoria	\$13.99
2003 Gulfi Nero d'Avola Nerojbleo.....	\$16.99
2006 Valle dell'Acate "Il Frappato"-2 Glasses GR	\$17.99
2004 Valle dell'Acate Cerasuolo di Vittoria-1 Glass GR	\$19.99
2005 Marisa Cuomo Ravello Bianco	\$21.99
2002 Benanti Rosso di Verzella-1 Glass GR.....	\$22.99
2005 Vini Biondi "Gurna" Bianco	\$24.99
2004 Villagrande "Fiore" Bianco -2 Glasses GR	\$24.99
2004 Feudo Maccari Saia Nero-92 pts WS	\$27.99
2002 Villagrande "Sciara"-2 Glasses GR.....	\$27.99
2003 Palari "Rosso Soprano"	\$28.99
2005 Passopisciaro Sicily IGT	\$31.99

2003 Vini Biondi Etna Rosso "Outis"	\$33.99
2004 Marisa Cuomo Furore Bianco Fior d'Uva-3 Glasses GR.....	\$42.99
2001 Benanti Pietramarina Bianco-3 Glasses GR	\$44.99
2001 Benanti Rovitello-2 Glasses GR	\$46.99
2004 Palari "Faro"-3 Glasses GR	\$64.99
2005 Franchetti Rosso Sicilia IGT	\$109.99

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2005 Falesco Vitiano	\$7.95
2005 Vallevo Montepulciano d'Abruzzo	\$7.99
2005 Pasetti Montepulciano d'Abruzzo	\$14.99
2003 Li Veli Salice Salento Pezzo Morgana	\$17.99
2005 Sartarelli Verdicchio Castello di Jesi "Tralivio"	\$19.99

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2003 Villa Medoro "Adrano" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo	\$32.99
2000 Alberto Serenelli Rosso Conero "Varano"	\$64.99
2004 Oasi Degli Angeli "Kurni"-3 Glasses GR.....	\$89.99

Emilia-Romagna & Veneto

2006 Corte Rugolin Valpolicella Classico.....	\$9.99
Silvano Follador Prosecco Brut	\$12.99
Ca Berti Lambrusco Grasp. di Castelvetro "Amabile"-Sweet	\$7.99
Silvano Follador Prosecco Cartizze	\$19.99

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2001 Corte Rugolin Amarone "Danieli"-2 Glasses GR.....	\$39.99
2001 Brigaldara Amarone "Case Vecie"	\$64.99
2003 Allegrini Amarone	\$69.95

Mike's November Picks!

1967 Bertani Amarone Recioto della Valpolicella (\$299) Founded in 1857 at Quinto di Valpentena by brothers Giovanbattista and Gaetano, Bertani's Recioto is among the world's longest-lived wines. It owes its strength and power to the same method used to make dry Amarone (grapes picked at optimal ripeness and dried on straw mats, then pressed and fermented). In this case, however, the fermentation is stopped early, preserving the wine's sweetness. At the table it acts like your finest vintage Port, though with less brute alcoholic strength and a more pronounced fruitcake/raisin aroma. The 1967 was just bottled in 1985 and shows an intense garnet red with a slightly orange rim, a soft palate with sweet tannins, good acidity and a long finish.

1975 Bertani Amarone Recioto della Valpolicella (\$195) This vintage was bottled in 1986 and again has a great garnet red color; the nose brings leather, cherries and dried flowers. The most evident flavors on the palate are baked cherries, rosehips and spices, concluding with a touch of vanilla in the finish.

1981 Bertani Amarone Recioto della Valpolicella (\$169.99) Deep red with garnet shades, ripe black cherries, plum and a touch of cocoa dance on the tongue, while the finish brings more spice, cinnamon and a hint clove. Yum !

1986 Bertani Amarone Recioto della Valpolicella (\$139.99) I am very fond of this one. Aged in Slovenian oak casks, this was bottled in 1995. Distinctive notes of traditional fruit like wild cherries and blackberry jam with vanilla up front, you find walnut and hazelnuts at the back of the palate. A wide nose with sweet and luscious impact and a pleasurable dry ending note on this full-bodied Amarone. We have very limited quantities of these, sorry...

—Mike Parres

SPECIALTY SPIRITS

The Holidays are here and 2008 is right around the corner. Our selection of high quality, unique spirits will be just what you need for that special gift! If we don't have what you are looking for, we are always willing to special order! For a more complete listing with descriptions and tasting notes, check out our website at klwines.com.

—Susan Purnell

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Glenmorangie "The Original"	Inquire
1995 Edradour 10-year-old, Un-chill filtered Signatory	\$62.99
Bruichladdich "Celtic Nations" Multi Nation Vatted	\$65.99
Bruichladdich 3D Peat "Norrie Campbell Tribute"	\$68.99
Highland Park 17 yr, Refill Sherry Cask Murray McDavid	\$68.99
Glenmorangie Lasanta Extra Matured Sherry Cask	Inquire
Hazelburn 8 year old Triple Distilled Campbeltown	\$69.99
Highland Park 18-year-old, Distillery Bottling	\$69.99
1991 Lochside Gordon & MacPhail-K&L Exclusive	\$69.99
Talisker 18-year-old Isle of Skye	\$69.99
1991 Bruichladdich WMD II - Yellow Submarine	\$72.99
Talisker Distillers Edition Isle of Skye	\$73.99
Arran Gonzalez Byass Lepanto PX Brandy Finish	\$79.99
Compass Box Flaming Heart Vatted Grain Whisky	\$79.99
BenRiach 15-year-old Wood Finishes	Inquire
Bruichladdich 14-year-old "Links Series"	\$79.99
Springbank 9 year old Marsala Wood, Cask Strength	\$79.99
Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban Extra Matured Port Cask	Inquire
Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or Extra Matured Sauternes	Inquire
Ardbeg Uigeadail Traditional Strength	\$89.99
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Talisker 30-year-old	Inquire
Brora 30-year-old, Distillery Bottling-Very Limited	Inquire
Glenmorangie 25 year old-Very Limited!	Inquire

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1977 Castarede Armagnac	\$109.99
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Ferrand Selection Des Anges Grande Champagne	\$99.99
Leopold Gourmel Cognac Age de Epices "20 Carats"	\$124.99
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