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France in October: Part II *by Kaj Stromer*

Back in our January newsletter I wrote about my October trip through France. As you may recall, I visited wineries in Alsace, Burgundy and Champagne. Along with tasting wines at different wineries, we held several tasting sessions where we reviewed wines from other regions of France.



Kaj standing on Holy ground in front of Romanee Conti

Now that the holidays are behind us, I've been able to go through my tasting notes to identify when my favorite wines will be arriving. These wines should begin to arrive in the US in late January, early February. The following lists several of the most exciting wines I came across during the trip.

Our first visit in Burgundy was with Jean-Pierre Latour. Focused primarily on Meursault, the estate owns an impressive range of premier cru vineyards between 20 and 50+ years old including the largest parcel of 1er cru Genevrieres, two thirds of which are over 50 years old. Jean-Pierre's whites are classic white Burgundies: intense and concentrated, stylish and powerful, layered and balanced. Jean-Pierre loves his '00's.

2000 Latour Giraud Meursault Genevrieres "Cuvee Pierre" \$73.15

We tasted about 10 different wines from Jean-Pierre spanning 4 vintages. This limited production cuvee from the esteemed Genevrieres vineyard was my favorite every vintage. This is a selection from 55 year old vines; aged in 100% new oak. Perfumed aromas of lemon, vanilla and hazelnut. Impressively dense and pure, with strong, pineappley fruit framed by vibrant acids. Very rich, racy wine with more than enough material to support the new barrel treatment. Finishes very long and thoroughly ripe, with no dryness or hardness from the wood. Latour achieves excellent acidity

in his Genevrieres cuvees, in contrast to some of his colleagues.

The Domaine Michel Caillot wines are some of the most delicious young white Burgundies I've ever come across. This was one of the single best wine visits I've ever had. I was introduced to these wines a few months back when the importer poured them at our wine bar. People flipped out when they tasted them. Not only that, we sold out the importers' entire stock in one evening. The estate was founded in 1962 by Michel's father Roger. Michel began working in the vineyards in the 80's and took over the estate in the mid 90's. Michel is a fanatic for quality and is committed to the principles of non-interventionist winemaking. The winery moves all wines by gravity. Pumps are never used. The whites are aged in 30% new oak barrels, except for the 1er Cru and Grand Cru which get 50-70% new barrels. While he produces good red wines, his whites are clearly the stars.

2000 Caillot Puligny-Montrachet "les Pucelles" \$77.14

To taste this wine is to understand why white Burgundy is great. This premier cru vineyard lies next to the grand cru vineyard Batard-Montrachet. This has outstanding breadth and amplitude in its medium-bodied character. Velvety-textured and juicy, this is a broad, poached pear, spiced apple, and mineral-flavored wine. It



In the cellar of Latour-Giraud with Jean Pierre Latour

is intense, fresh, and reveals a long, pure finish. It literally explodes in the mouth.

2000 Caillot Batard-Montrachet \$166.25

This grand cru wine may seem slight next to its expressive little brother 'Pucelles' but with patience you get a sense of the greatness contained in this wine. The spiced apple and poached pear-scent-

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ed Batard is medium to full-bodied and displays outstanding depth in its chewy-textured character. It is fat yet fresh, and reveals numerous layers of sweet white fruits, vanilla, and cinnamon throughout its flavor profile and extensive finish. This is a most highly endorsed cellar selection.

After an extensive, and impressive tasting session at Domaine Bart, our host, Martin Bart offered to open a '98 and '99 Bonnes-Mares. We asked if we could instead take the bottles with us and we would



Our lovely host at Guy Charlamagne in Champagne

try them over dinner. That turned out to be a good decision. While the '98 was an impressive overachiever, the '99 was one of the best wines of our trip.

1999 Domaine Saint Martin Bonnes-Mares \$77.14

We brought both bottles to our dinner at La Garaudiere in Levernois. The wine accompanied my order of Charolais beef smothered in an Epoisses sauce. Truth is, the wine didn't reveal all of its complexity until it had been opened for 3 hours. I savored the last glass instead of dessert. The wine reveals ripe, oaky aromas of brown spices, smoke, mint and earth. Dense and spicy, with intriguing, soil inflected notes of raspberry, spices, sassafras, caraway seed and earth. Finishes with good spicy grip. This wine reveals why red Burgundy is so esteemed. Also, this is a great price for grand cru and it is from a great vintage. This wine is a Patrick Lesc selection.

Located just north and west of Beaune lies the village of Savignyles-Beaune, home to some of the best values in quality Burgundy. One of the top producers from this village is Lucien Camus-Bruchon who offered to taste us through all of his wines. My favorite vineyard from this village is the 1er Cru vineyard Narbantons.

2000 Camus-Bruchon Savigny-Narbantons 1er Cru . . \$22.75

Blackberries, grapes, and violets can be discerned in the aromatics of the 2000 1er cru Narbantons. This is a masculine wine, revealing blackberry and dark cherry fruits. It is somewhat rustic, with a firm, solid profile, yet this wine has the density and depth of fruit to sustain its tannin. Of all of the wines we tried, I really thought this was the sweet spot from Lucien's portfolio.

We took a ride south to the Macon where we met with Michel Paquet of Domaine de Velanges located in the village of Davaye. Michel was very generous, offering to taste us on all of his tank samples, barrel samples and plenty of finished wines.

2001 Valanges Saint Veran "Les Cras" \$14.30

It was hard to narrow down a favorite at this winery since most of his wines were just delicious Chardonnay's. All of the possessed great typicity but in the end I decided on the Saint Veran 'Les Cras' as the best QPR (quality to price ratio). The pear-scented St.-Veran 'les Cras' is focused, lively, and medium-bodied. This clean and fresh wine shows plenty of spiced pear, apple, butterscotch and mineral flavors. Only 750 cases were produced.

One of the real eye openers of my trip was visiting small family owned Champagne houses. Not only was I blown away by the quality, but the price on these wines are almost laughable.

An important lesson from visiting the Champagne region is learning to appreciate the wines of the village of Mesnil-sur-Oger located in the Cote des Blancs. Krug and Salon both source their best fruit from here and the quality is without peer. Right down the street from Salon is the domaine of Guy Charlemagne. The following were three of the best champagnes we tasted.

Guy Charlemagne Grand Cru Res Brut Blanc de Blanc \$28.60

After taking the full tour of the Champagne production process and the cellar, we tasted through their entire line-up including a few older bottles, such as the '94 and the '79 Mesnillesime Grand Cru. This particular bottling comes from 100% Grand Cru rated chardonnay. Extremely elegant and intense with just a distant hint of spicy oak.



Fabrice Pouillon of Roger Pouillon & Fils in Champagne

Roger Pouillon created his own brand of Champagne at Mareuil-sur-Ay in 1947. The vineyards are all managed organically in order to respect the land. These days, his grand-son Fabrice runs the family firm. After touring his vineyards we sat down to taste of his sparklers.

Roger Pouillon Brut Rose 1er Cru \$26.60

This Champagne is produced exclusively with 1er cru Pinot Noir.

The wine is light pink to salmon colored and the nose evokes the delicate smell of home made preserves.

Roger Pouillon "La Fleur de Mareuil" Brut 50th Anniv. \$36.58

This is a barn burner champagne. This quality at this price is much too good to be true. But hold on to your bonnet because we are telling the truth. This Champagne is left to age for 10 months in oak barrels. It combines delicacy and complexity with a fruity taste, vanilla aromas and a feeling of coolness. This is a prestige cuvee that beats the pants off most of it's peers at three times the price! No joking.

Even though we didn't visit the Rhone on this trip, I need no introduction to the wines of Philippe Desmeures of Domaine Remizieres. I've carried these wines since the '98 vintage and they consistently impress. This is a serious estate given Desmeures's unmanipulative winemaking philosophy that puts as much of the essence of his vineyards into the bottle as anyone.

2001 Remizieres Crozes-Hermitage Blanc "Cuvee Christophe" \$19.95

White Rhone wines may possibly be the most underappreciated white wines produced. The glycerin-imbued 2001 Crozes-Hermitage Cuvee Christophe (90% Marsanne and 10% Roussanne) reveals a muted bouquet of flowers, pears, and peaches. Tasty, long, and successful for the vintage, drink it over the next 2-3 years.

2001 Remizieres Crozes-Hermitage Rouge "Cuvee Christophe" \$26.60

This wine emerges primarily from one of the appellations finest terroirs, the hillsides of Larnage. The 2001 reveals more volume and depth than the 2000, along with notes of tapenade, Provencal herbs, licorice, black currants, and new oak. This nicely-textured, medium to full-bodied, ripe, generous red will drink well for 5-8 years.

2001 Remizieres Hermitage Rouge "Cuvee Emilie" . . \$39.00

The 2001 Hermitage Cuvee Emilie is similarly-styled to the 2000, although slightly more delineated, leaner, structured, and age worthy. Its dense, saturated blue/purple color is accompanied by aromas of melted licorice, blackberry liqueur, asphalt, and roasted espresso. This rich, full-bodied, dense, chewy Hermitage will drink well for 10-15 years, possibly longer.



Kaj and Marie Dominique with Michel Paquet at Domaine Des Velanges

Last but not least, one of the greatest wine discoveries I've come across in the last several years is the Domaine de Givaudan. We tasted these wines as part of a larger tasting and these wines outperformed 50 other wines that were all more expensive. Located in the remote village of Cavillargues, 33 year old David Givaudan's 45-acres of beautifully tended vines and his state-of-the-art winery produce an incomparable Rhone experience.

Now the bad news, only 50 cases of each will make it to California. Red Carpet will do its best to bring in as much as we can get our hands on. I will bring in as much as possible on these wines. They are anticipated to arrive the week of February 9th.

2001 Domaine de Givaudan VDP\$8.51

Holy Cow! My tasting notes on this wine read "big, dark, brooding, juicy" and I rated it 88 points. At the time I tasted these wines, I had no idea what the pricing would be. I was stunned when I learned I could sell this wine for under \$10. A blend of equal parts Grenache, Syrah and Merlot from 35 year old vines. This wine is loaded with ripe, crushed berries enhanced with spices. A total of 830 cases were produced.

2001 Domaine de Givaudan Cotes du Rhone "Lea" . . \$13.50

Another stunning example of what happened in the southern Rhone region of France. I still think this is the best vintage in the southern Rhone since 1990. Once again, as I tasted the wine, I had no idea what the price would be. My tasting notes indicated that it was reminiscent of the '01 Usseglio Chateauneuf, one of my favorite producers. This dark, full bodied 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah has loads of explosive crushed berry flavors sprinkled with spices. I rated the wine 93 points.



With Fabrice Pouillon in front of racks of Champagne in the cellars at Roger Pouillon & Fils

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1999 Silver Oak Cabernet, Napa Valley \$88.67

February is always a favorite month at Red Carpet. Do you want to know why? It's time for the new release of the Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet bottling. This wine is deep and rich with a garnet color and a concentrated nose of cocoa, cassis, coffee, and black licorice. This is full bodied and has an incredibly long finish. So don't say you weren't told about the release date of the Napa bottling. This wine always sells out very quickly. The production of the Napa wine is about 25% of the Alexander Valley.



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2001 Paraduxx Red, Napa Valley \$42.99



A unique blend of Zinfandel and Cabernet make this a very distinct wine with lots of raspberry-strawberry jam flavors from the Zinfandel. The Cabernet gives it the structure and backbone to make this a very special wine. This wine comes from the fine folks at Duckhorn, whose new winery in Yountville will be completed for the harvest of 2004. This is one of the first of the 2001 vintage of California to come to market.

You simply cannot buy too many 2001 California reds. Two years from now don't make me say I told you so.

Dave's



Picks

2000 Spottswode Cabernet, Napa Valley \$79.99

If you have not yet tasted this wine it's getting close to the last call. The 2000 Spottswode Cabernet Sauvignon came in late last year and as I am looking around our store this is one of the finest Cabernets we have on our shelves. Rich and polished with layers of fruit, aromas of black fruit, cranberry, lavender, chocolate, ginger, tobacco and sage. Now that's a balanced wine from the great folks at Spottswode.



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2000 Richard Partridge Cabernet, Napa Valley . . . \$41.23

This is a wine that we have liked from the very beginning starting with the 98 vintage. Many called it the wine of the vintage. The 2000 is a wonderful wine made from grapes coming from their Sacrashe' vineyard located on the hillsides in the Ruthford district. Big and powerful with blackberry and cassis flavors with a nicely balanced tannic structure. The wine maker is Bob Egelhoff from David Authur fame. Only 940 cases for the world and last year we sold this wine for over seventy dollars.



2000 Chateau Brown, Pessac Leognan \$24.83

The appellation controlee region of Pessac Leognan sits in the northern tip of Graves in Bordeaux. Chateau Brown is a little known producer that has quietly been increasing their quality by leaps and bounds. This 2000 is the best effort yet from an estate where 60% of the vines are dedicated to Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% are Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot. The textbook bouquet reveals berries, black cherries, plums, minerals, tobacco, leather, and mild herbs. On the palate the wine oozes with creamy berries, cherries, cassis, sexy earth notes, minerals, spices, toasty oak, and silky fine grained tannins.



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1995 Pol Roger Brut Reserve, Champagne. \$51.99

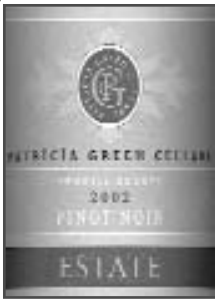


Founded in 1849 in Epernay, Pol Roger is a small Champagne house seemingly incapable of producing anything less than utterly delicious bubbly. We have tasted a lot of great Champagne in the last three months and often at twice this price, but none have been more enjoyable than this 1995 Extra Cuvee De Reserve. The blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay is creamy with strawberries, spunky citrus, toasty oak, minerals, medium bread dough, and a long complex finish. The purity of the grape flavors is nothing short of stunning. Wonderful with fresh oysters and/or sashimi.

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2002 Patricia Green Estate Pinot Noir, Oregon . . . \$27.50

At Red Carpet we love Patricia Green and her wines. After leaving Torii Mor winery, Patty and her cellar master, James Anderson, bought the old Autumn Wind Winery and renamed it Patricia Green Cellars in the spring of 2000. The 2002 vintage is more muscular than the excellent 2001's. The estate fruit is really showing off it's richness and complexity. The smooth bouquet is loaded with strawberry and raspberry fruit, faint mustard grass, spices, mild herbs, oak, and minerals. In the mouth the wine is dry with a medium texture, rich berries, faint rhubarb, spices, silky tannins, oak, and medium acidity. A great match with angel hair pasta pomodoro.



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2001 Grans Fassian Riesling Spätlese, Mosel \$24.83

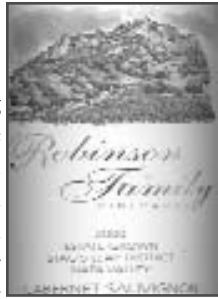
Here is a classic Riesling from the Mosel river in Germany. Not many wines can compete with this late harvest beauty. The balance is stunning and this wine is so easy to drink and appreciate. A Riesling like this is best enjoyed with cold chicken, sushi, pan simmered Orange Roughy, with cheese or simply by itself. German wine has been historically at the pinnacle of international wine appreciation. It is easy to understand why when you taste this beauty and understand its versatility. The bouquet is rich in tropical fruit, petrol, spices, earth, and youthful spunk. The taste is semi-sweet with lots of fruit, minerals, crisp acidity, mild petrol, and earthy spunk. Wine Spectator 91.



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2000 Robinson Family Cabernet, Napa Valley \$46.55

Situated at the foot of the Stag's Leap palisades, nestled beneath the rock outcroppings, lies the Robinson Family Vineyard. The volcanic soil stresses the vines, giving the fruit an intense and robust flavor. The 2000 estate grown Cabernet offers mouth filling tannins and displays finesse and an extensive lingering finish. Deep purple in concentration, complemented by rich cedar mixed with raspberry and fresh black fruit aromas. A classic expression of hillside terroir in famed Stag's Leap District. Only 250 cases were produced.



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2000 Curran Syrah, Central Coast \$15.96



This one is brought to us by Kris Curran, the lady in charge of winemaking for Sea Smoke Cellars. Curran concentrates on Sangiovese and Syrah from small, local vineyards in and around Santa Barbara County, where she can dictate how the vines and fruit are nurtured. Intense without being heavy handed, this syrah reveals an exceptional balance between power and finesse. Impressions of blackberries, allspice, licorice and violets. The wine expands in the mouth with moderate tannins and a well proportioned mouth feel finishing clean with understated elegance. 380 cases produced.

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Mike's



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1997 Rochi Amarone La Bastia \$51.87

Add this one as a must have to your Amarone collection. The 1997 La Bastia is a without a doubt a powerhouse wine. It comes from a 250 year old family owned one acre vineyard in Tinazzi. Intense ruby in color, extraordinarily rich, a flourished and velvety mouth-feel, superb plum-like flavors with notes of warm flubber and chocolate, tremendous length and a minimum of 3 years in oak make this an impressive Amarone. Only 200 cases were produced for the world and this wine will surely sell out fast.



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2002 Ruston Sauvignon Blanc \$14.22

The Rustons began farming in the Napa Valley in 1941. Their vineyard rests on a small, gently sloping hillside on what was for many years an old plum and walnut orchard. This wine is made predominately from the Sauvignon Musque clone, which is known for its aromatics and concentrated flavors. The wine is quite rich and even viscous for a white wine, with aromas and flavors of white flowers, melons, kiwifruit, citrus and cream, and a long, racy finish. This is a wine that you can drink with a grand dinner and then finish it off for dessert. 1267 cases were produced.



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Where Everybody Knows Your Name... by Mike Ulanday

In 1995 Red Carpet Wine constructed its wine bar and since then we have sampled wines on a daily basis to pick and choose which we should offer our customers. Every Friday and Saturday we open our wine bar to the public, when wine enthusiasts occupy the barstools and taste an intriguing selection of wine. In addition to the wine, the draw for many are the sociable staff and fellow wine lovers. What better way to start off or spend your weekend spending an hour or two in the company of friends and exceptional wine!

A warm welcome is extended to you by our barkeep. Subsequently he serves up your pours into a special tasting glass or premium stemware so that you can wholly experience all the essence and character. We take pride in what we serve and take the necessary steps to ensure every wine shows at its best. The wines offered vary from week to week and fall into a themed flight. Whether it be...staff favorites, a vertical, the best of, smart buys, or new releases, we have something for everyone.

For our customers our wine bar is a seventh heaven testing ground for tasting a wine they might be uncertain about committing to purchasing a full bottle of or more. Novices and aficionados alike enjoy the tasting atmosphere. Frequently we will have a representative, wine maker, or owner of a winery or an importer here to discuss the intricacies of their wine. Also, we set aside a number

of culty and limited production wines that not everyone may have access to. For example, a vertical of Bryant Family or the best of the legendary 2000 vintage of 1st Growth Bordeaux.

What I appreciate about our wine bar is the crowd we attract. Everyone is in good spirits, avid about wine, and keep an apt approach to tasting wine. People set aside published ratings and scores and let their taste buds and sheer satisfaction of the wine serve as the basis of whether or not they might enjoy what they are drinking. So, if you have a penchant for wine, please join us. It's an open invitation, no reservations required. If you don't live in Los Angeles, come see us on your next visit and find out why our Wine Bar is considered the best in LA. A big thanks to all who have visited us time and again and we're looking forward to seeing you soon.



2001 Cabernet - "Vintage of the Century"? by Paul Schnee

When it comes to purchasing wines that possess staying power we always look for the best vintages in a particular region. While we love to drink wines from many vintages, those overachievers that will lay down and improve best with extended bottle-ageing simply come from fabulous vintages. Many wineries producing Cabernet Sauvignon and Meritage wines from Napa and Sonoma grapes hit a home run in 2001. We have been privileged to taste hundreds of these wines from barrel and since from bottle, and 2001 is simply a blockbuster year. These are the wines every collector and enthusiast needs to own.

2001 Cabernet Sauvignon is to Napa Valley and Sonoma what 2000 is to Bordeaux and 2002 in Australia. It is believed by many that 2001 is the finest vintage to date in the Northern California super premium wine regions. And not just the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes did well. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot are excellent too. Some of the best Meritages we have tasted are from 2001. Additionally, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Syrah, and Petit Sirah came in with exceptionally high quality.

Robert M. Parker, Jr. had this to say: "This is a superlative vintage in the North Coast. A cool (but not excessively so) growing season was followed by fabulous weather in September and October, allowing producers to harvest at their leisure. Crop size was reasonably good, and my tastings revealed the finest young California Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot I have ever tasted. The wines possess extraordinary ripeness as well as sweet tannin, high glycerin and alcohol levels, and astonishing balance. Comparisons to 1991 and 1994 are justified, but given the present day competition, and the number of producers attempting to fashion world-class wines, potentially this is a great vintage that looks remarkably consistent."

James Laube of the Wine Spectator had this advise to offer in an article last November relevant to buying strategies: "Keep an eye on what's ahead, too. I expect the 2001 Cabernets, due for release next year, to be sensational. It should be a classic year for Cabernet and one to stockpile, on par with the high quality 1994 and 1997 vintages."

"The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot all show signs of potential greatness," said Bob Levy, winemaker at Harlan Estate in Napa Valley. "The wines have the power and concentration of '94 and '97, without the superripe character that '97 brought us." "Best since 1997," commented Mia Klein, winemaker for Dalle Valle, another Napa Valley cult winery. The wines have "great concentration, extract and sap."

Many 2001 Cabs are starting to come to market and we will be seeing many more arrive between now and the late fall this year. A number of these wines are already for sale

in our store and on January 30th and 31st we are conducting our first of many 2001 tastings at our wine bar. If you are not able to attend, please call us and we will share our tasting impressions and make further recommendations. Here are some of the early arrival reds wines from 2001 and more and more are arriving each week:



Caymus Cab Napa Valley \$64.28

92 WS. A stylish wine with layers of rich polished Cabernet fruit and a chorus of currant, herb and black cherry accompanied by pretty smoke and toasty oak. The long, soothing, complex after-taste keeps pumping out the flavors. Drink now through 2011.



Diamond Creek Cab "Gravelly Meadow \$155.00

Diamond Creek Cab "Red Rock Terrace" \$155.00

Diamond Creek Cab "Volcanic Hill" \$155.00

Diamond Creek is a Wine Spectator 5 star rated Cabernet producer that consistently releases age worthy gems of unparalleled quality.



Duckhorn Merlot Napa Valley \$47.99

The 2001 Duckhorn Merlot is one of their finest efforts yet.

Franciscan Oakville Estate Cab Napa Valley \$22.37

The 2000 got a Wine Spectator 90 point rating and the 2001 is without question even better.

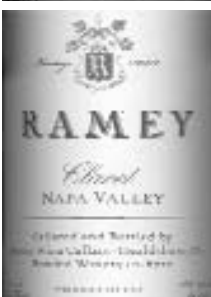


Hendry Red Wine (Meritage) Napa Valley \$26.60

This blend is rich and mouth filling with supple tannins and many layers of flavor. The flavors include black cherry and blackberry with delicate floral notes. The French oak is well integrated adding an additional complexity of toast and spice.

J. Kirkwood Merlot Napa Valley \$29.99

The 2001 Merlot was made using grapes from Ken Laird's Rutherford vineyard and Larry Hyde's Carneros vineyard. It has a rich color and a nose of jam and black cherries. The tannins are silky and the oak is well integrated.



Louis M. Martini Cab Sonoma County \$12.75

Excellent quality for the price with black cherry and currant.

Paraduxx Red Wine Napa Valley \$42.99

This is a full-bodied wine with generous, soft tannins that should allow it to age well for the next decade.

Ramey "Claret" Napa Valley \$32.40

Red-ruby. Smoky aromas of blackcurrant, roasted meat, tobacco and hot stones. Supple and rich but dry, with flavors of black raspberry, cassis and dark chocolate. Ultimately shows a rather lush mouth feel and a round finish, with slightly drying tannins.



Ruston Family "La Maestra" (Meritage) \$45.00

The 2001 Ruston La Maestra is the richest chocolatey wine they have produced to date with concentrated berries, toasty oak, and silky fine grained tannins. Nice Grand Slam John!

Simi Cabernet Alexander Valley \$19.91

Dark red with purple tones. Bright berry and jammy cherry aromas balanced with toasty oak. Lush fruit flavors with hints of spice and full, ripe tannins provide this wine with great length and power.

S. P. Drummer Cabernet's "Blair Vyd" Napa \$44.33

The 99 vintage Blair Vineyard got a Wine Spectator 90 point rating and the 2001 is quite a bit better. Only 425 cases made.

T-Vine Meritage "T" Napa Valley \$40.79

Very balanced and delicious with wild berries, cherry, toasty oak and silky tannins, nicely balanced together.

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Shopping List

CABERNET & BLENDS

99 ALTAMURA CAB	\$59.99
<i>Owner wine maker Frank Altamura hit this one out of the park. Wine Spectator 93/100. Ripe, smooth and smokey with wild berry, black cherry, and currant.</i>	
00 ARNS CAB	\$55.00
00 ARNS CAB 1.5L	\$150.00
99 ARTESA CAB BOOKENDS PNV ...	\$137.00
99 ARTESA CAB BOOKENDS PNV 1.5L	\$275.00
00 ATALON CAB	\$30.59
99 BERINGER CAB ALLUVIUM	\$23.39
00 BERINGER CAB KNIGHTS	\$19.95
00 BRANDER CAB RESERVE	\$39.24
00 CAKEBREAD CAB	\$51.87
01 CAYMUS CAB	\$64.28
99 CH MONTELENA CAB ESTATE ...	\$125.00
00 CH MONTELENA CAB EST 1.5L ...	\$199.00
00 CH MONTELENA CAB EST 375ML ...	\$45.00
00 CH MONTELENA CAB ESTATE 3L ...	\$375.00
00 CH MONTELENA CAB NAPA	\$29.99
00 CH ST JEAN CINQ CEPAGES	\$66.50
99 CLOS DU VAL CAB	\$29.95
99 CONSTANT CAB	\$66.50
00 DALLA VALLE CAB	\$109.00
00 DELECTUS ARGENTUM CSM	\$17.73
01 DIAMOND CREEK GRAVELLY M. ...	\$175.00
01 DIAMOND CREEK RED ROCK T. ...	\$175.00
01 DIAMOND CREEK VOLCANIC H. ...	\$175.00
00 DOMINUS	\$89.00
99 DUCKHORN CAB MONITOR LED ...	\$89.99
00 DUCKHORN CAB NAPA 1.5L ...	\$149.99
00 DUCKHORN CAB PATZIMARO ...	\$89.99
01 DUCKHORN DECOY	\$25.99
00 DUCKHORN NAPA CAB	\$55.00
00 DUNN CAB NAPA 1.5L	\$148.00
99 DUNN CAB NAPA 1.5L	\$148.00
99 ENCORE RED MEDLEY	\$12.64
00 ETUDE CAB	\$79.99
00 ETUDE CAB 1.5L	\$169.99
00 FORMAN CAB	\$54.09
01 FRANCISCAN CAB	\$22.37
<i>Last year's vintage was one of the Wine Spectator's top picks and the new release is truly a better wine. One of the best buys in Cabernet.</i>	
00 FRANCISCAN MAGNIFICAT	\$33.25
00 FREI BROTHERS CAB RESERVE ...	\$17.75
99 GROTH CAB RESERVE	\$133.00
00 HARTWELL MISTIQUE CABERNET ...	\$48.98
01 HDV FAMILY RED	\$64.99
00 HEDGES THREE VINEYARDS	\$18.65
98 HEITZ CAB BELLA OAKS	\$48.99
97 HENDRY CAB BLOCK 8	\$59.99
01 HESS SELECT CAB	\$12.64
00 HONIG CAB	\$26.65
00 IL CUORE CAB	\$10.64
99 JARVIS CAB	\$66.50
97 JARVIS CAB RESERVE	\$110.39
99 JARVIS MERITAGE LAKE WILLIAM ...	\$52.65
NV JEST RED	\$7.98
<i>This is one of our most successful red wines. Great for parties and a field blend of many red grapes.</i>	

00 JORDAN CAB	\$39.24
00 JOSEPH PHELPS CAB BACKUS ...	\$156.00
00 JOSEPH PHELPS INSIGNIA 1.5L ...	\$258.75
98 KENDALL JACKSON GE CABERNET	\$19.91
00 LADERA CAB HOWELL MNT	\$57.63
00 LADERA CAB LONE CANYON	\$57.63
99 LANCASTER CAB	\$49.51
00 LANCASTER CAB 375ML	\$29.70
<i>We have been fans of this property since its first release. And this 2000 vintage is without question their best bottling yet. Wine maker extraordinaire David Ramey has joined the team.</i>	
01 LOUIS MARTINI CAB SONOMA ...	\$12.75
00 MADRIGAL CAB	\$30.99
00 MATANZAS CREEK SAUV BLANC ...	\$29.99
02 MCMANIS CAB	\$8.91
99 MICHEL SCHLUMBERGER CAB ...	\$23.05
00 MONDAVI CAB	\$20.95
<i>We have been big fans of Mr. Mondavi and it's great to see them making great wines again. A must try!</i>	
00 MT VEEDER CAB	\$39.90
00 NAPA WINE CO CAB	\$29.25
01 NEAL CAB 1.5L	\$145.00
98 OAKFORD CAB	\$75.00
01 ORIGIN RED HERITAGE SITES ...	\$31.03
00 ORTMAN VINEYARDS CAB NAPA ...	\$44.33
98 PARADIGM CAB	\$31.99
00 PARADIGM CAB FRANC	\$48.00
00 PARADUXX	\$38.13
01 PARADUXX	\$42.99
01 PARADUXX 1.5L	\$99.00
00 PARTRIDGE CAB	\$41.23
00 PEZZI KING CAB	\$8.65
01 PHILIP TOGNI CAB	\$79.99
00 PLUMJACK CAB RESERVE	\$149.99
00 QUINTESSA CAB	\$86.45
01 RAMEY CLARET	\$32.40
98 REVERIE CAB RESERVE	\$53.25
00 RISTOW CAB	\$53.20
00 ROBERT CRAIG AFFINITY	\$35.99
00 ROBERT CRAIG CAB HOWELL ...	\$35.99
00 ROBERT CRAIG CAB MT. VEEDER .	\$35.99
<i>We have known Robert for many years and all three bottlings: Affinity, Howell Mt., and Mt. Veeder are jam-packed with flavor and truly worth a try.</i>	
00 ROBERT FOLEY CLARET NAPA ...	\$99.00
00 ROBERT FOLEY CLARET 1.5L ...	\$299.00
99 ROBERT FOLEY CLARET 1.5L ...	\$299.00
00 ROBINSON CAB SLD	\$46.55
00 ROTH HERITAGE	\$23.28
99 RUDD ESTATE RED	\$99.99
00 RUDD ESTATE RED 1.5L	\$299.00
01 RUSTON LA MAESTRA	\$45.00
01 RUSTON LA MAESTRA 1.5L	\$138.00
01 RUSTON LA MAESTRA 3L	\$320.00
99 SANTO STEFANO CAB ALEXANDER	\$25.27
01 SEBASTIANI CAB	\$22.17
99 SILVER OAK CAB ALEXANDER ...	\$59.99
98 SILVER OAK CAB NAPA	\$88.67
98 SILVER OAK CAB NAPA 1.5L ...	\$299.00

99 SILVER OAK CAB NAPA	\$88.67
<i>Always a favorite, the '99 serves up lots of supple and complex current, cedar, and toasty oak. Limited.</i>	
99 SMITH MADRONE CAB	\$33.25
99 SOLARIS CAB RESERVE	\$20.95
00 SPELLETICH CAB	\$33.25
00 SPOTTSWOODE CAB	\$79.99
00 SPOTTSWOODE CAB 1.5L	\$160.00
99 ST. CLEMENT CAB	\$29.91
<i>Last call for this over-achieving wine. Complex, with ripe plum, black cherry, current, and wild berry flavors.</i>	
01 STAGS LEAP CAB ARTEMIS	\$39.90
00 STAGS LEAP CASK 23	\$133.00
00 STAGS LEAP SLV	\$88.67
97 STERLING CAB RESERVE	\$65.00
96 STERLING CAB RESERVE 1.5L ...	\$150.00
00 SUMMERS CAB NAPA	\$28.37
01 T VINE MERITAGE	\$40.79
<i>Owner/wine maker Greg Brown has been a long-time friend and this '01 Meritage has a wonderful sense of harmony, and finesse. Lots of complex flavors, this wine is surely to sell out quickly.</i>	
00 T VINE CAB MONTE ROSSO	\$54.09
99 TANBARK HILL CAB	\$44.33
01 TITUS CAB FRANC	\$27.49
00 TURNBULL CAB NAPA	\$28.73
01 VIADER	\$84.99
01 VIADER 1.5L	\$180.00
99 WHITE COTTAGE RISA	\$50.13
MERLOT	
00 ADASTRA MERLOT CARNEROS ...	\$26.60
<i>Made by wine maker extraordinaire Pam Starr, this merlot comes from the Carneros district which we believe is the finest area to grow merlot. Supple, with current and berry notes. An RC favorite.</i>	
00 ARTESA MERLOT NAPA	\$14.99
01 CAKEBREAD MERLOT	\$50.87
00 CLOS DU BOIS MERLOT	\$13.75
01 COPPOLA MERLOT DIAMOND ...	\$15.29
00 DUCKHORN MERLOT ESTATE ...	\$79.99
00 DUCKHORN MERLOT EST. 1.5L ...	\$164.99
99 DUCKHORN MERLOT HOWELL ...	\$64.99
01 DUCKHORN MERLOT NAPA	\$47.99
00 DUCKHORN MERLOT NAPA 1.5L ...	\$109.00
01 DUCKHORN MERLOT NAPA 1.5L ...	\$109.00
01 DUCKHORN MERLOT NAPA 375ML	\$23.99
00 DUCKHORN MERLOT 3 PALMS ...	\$74.99
00 EMMOLO MERLOT NAPA	\$19.95
<i>Without question one of the best buys in the merlot world. Supple and wonderful, with juicy black cherry, plum, and toasted oak notes.</i>	
01 FREI BROS MERLOT RESERVE ...	\$15.99
99 HAWLEY MERLOT	\$15.96
00 JARVIS MERLOT	\$41.23
00 LARKMEAD MERLOT	\$31.03
02 MCMANIS MERLOT	\$8.91
03 NORMA JEAN MERLOT	\$10.99
99 RAYMOND MERLOT RESERVE ...	\$17.99

00 REGUSCI MERLOT SLD\$37.24
From the Stags Leap District, complex with a spicy dimension and supple plum, cherry, and current notes. The winner of our Merlot shoot-out at Red Carpet.

00 ROMBAUER MERLOT\$24.85
 99 SALEXIS MERLOT\$28.37
 00 SELENE MERLOT\$37.25
 00 STAGS LEAP WC MERLOT\$35.49
 01 STERLING MERLOT\$19.95
 00 STONESTREET MERLOT\$19.99
 01 SUMMERS MERLOT\$17.49
 00 TWOMEY MERLOT\$59.99
 00 WHITEHALL LANE MERLOT\$22.06
 01 WILD HORSE MERLOT\$16.91

PINOT NOIR

02 ADRIAN FOG PINOT SAVOY\$66.50
 00 ANCIEN PINOT DIABLO\$44.33
 00 ANCIEN PINOT MINK\$27.99
 01 ARTESA PINOT CARNEROS\$16.63
 00 BYRON PINOT SANTA MARIA\$24.06
 00 DOM CARNEROS PINOT\$29.92
 00 DOM DROUHIN PINOT\$37.24
 00 DOM DROUHIN PINOT LAURENE\$49.21

00 EL MOLINO PINOT NAPA\$45.22
We have been fans of this winery for years and just recently became able to represent it. Without question one of the finest Pinot Noirs in America. Very limited, less than 1000 cases produced. This is a must try wine!

01 ETUDE PINOT CARNEROS\$35.47
Benchmark California Pinot. Smooth and elegant with ripe black cherry, currant and well-integrated oak.

01 FLOWERS PINOT ANDREEN GALE\$47.99
 01 FREI BROS PINOT RESERVE\$17.75
 00 GOLDENEYE PINOT\$47.90
 98 GOLDENEYE PINOT 1.5L\$149.99
 99 HANNA PINOT NOIR\$14.50

01 HARTFORD PINOT SONOMA\$19.95
Smooth, ripe, rich, and polished. Delivers a complex array of plum, cherry, wild berry, and toasty oak flavors.

01 LONGORIA PINOT SANTA RITA ...\$18.62
 02 MELVILLE PINOT\$20.95
 01 MIGRATION PINOT ANDRSON V. ..\$25.99
 01 MUELLER PINOT EMILY'S CUVÉE ..\$34.89
 01 ORTMAN VINEYARDS PINOT SB ...\$30.15
 01 PATASSY VINEYARD PINOT\$16.63
 02 PATRICIA GREEN PINOT BALCOM ..\$27.49
 02 PATRICIA GREEN PINOT ESTATE ..\$27.50
 01 PONZI PINOT\$29.99

01 RAMSAY PINOT LOT 16\$12.49
A second label for Kent Rasmussen Winery, Ramsay is a best buy Pinot from people known for their fabulous wines. Classic style Pinot Noir at a great price. Don't miss this one.

01 SAINTSBURY PINOT CARNEROS ..\$23.05
 02 SEBASTIANI PINOT NOIR SONOMA \$11.91
 02 SIDURI PINOT CENTRAL COAST ..\$25.54

01 SIDURI PINOT ROSELLA\$38.13
 01 SIDURI PINOT RUSSIAN RIVER ...\$23.14
 00 TANDEM PINOT NOIR "PISONI" ...\$50.54
 01 TANDEM PINOT NOIR SANGIAC ..\$42.56
 01 TANDEM PINOT NOIR VDK\$42.56
 00 WHITCRAFT PINOT BLOCK Q\$39.90
 00 WILD HORSE PINOT\$14.99
 01 WL SMITH PINOT HELLANTHAL ..\$26.99
 01 WL SMITH PINOT SONOMA\$24.85

SYRAH & OTHER REDS

01 ALBAN GRENACHE\$43.89
 01 ALBAN ROUSSANE\$29.26
 01 ALBAN SYRAH\$22.65
 99 ALTAMURA SANGIOVESE\$26.65
 01 ANDREW MURRAY SYRAH HILLS ..\$39.99
 02 ANDREW MURRAY SYRAH TL J ...\$16.50
 01 BELLA ZIN LATE HARVEST 375ML ..\$18.81
 98 BLOCKHEADIA PETITE SIRAH 1.5L \$175.00
 01 CLAY STATION MALBEC\$9.37

01 CULLER SYRAH\$26.60
New wine from wine maker Karen Culler who also makes the wines of Ladera and Wolf. This beauty is dark with peppery, plumy flavors. Our best buy in Syrah.

00 CURRAN SYRAH\$15.96
 01 DUMOL SYRAH EDDIES PATCH ...\$54.00
 02 ENCORE DRY ROSE\$12.64
 01 JC CELLARS SYRAH ROCKPILE VYD \$32.81
 99 LA JOTA CAB FRANC\$47.88
 01 LEONETTI SANGIOVESE\$57.00

01 MADRIGAL PETITE SIRAH\$28.82
We just tasted this wine on our last trip and we all think it is the finest Petite Sirah we've tasted from California. Lots of blackberry and black pepper flavors that linger. Don't wait too long.

02 MARGERUM M5\$22.17
 01 MELVILLE SYRAH\$18.99
 01 RIDGE YORK CREEK PETITE SIRAH \$21.28
 99 ROCCA SYRAH\$33.69
 NV SEAN THACKREY PLEIADES XII ..\$15.96
 00 SHAFER SYRAH RELENTLESS\$54.05
 02 STERLING SHIRAZ\$8.98
 01 T VINE SYRAH\$29.26

02 T VINE GRENACHE\$22.17
This is the closest thing to Chateauneuf-du-Pape that we have tasted in California. Raspberry and cherry flavors. Our favorite wine from T-Vine.

00 TERRE ROUGE ASCENT SIERRA ...\$66.50
 99 TERRE ROUGE SYRAH SENT OAK ..\$31.92

ZINFANDEL

00 BELVEDERE ZIN HEALDSBURG ...\$17.07
 00 BRADFORD MTN ZIN GRIST VYD ..\$26.60
 00 BURRTON ZIN NAPA\$14.65
 01 DOWNING ZIN\$26.60
 02 EASTON ZIN AMADOR\$10.77
 02 HARTFORD ZIN RUSSIAN RIVER ..\$22.50
 01 HENDRY PRIMITIVO\$24.85
 00 HENDRY ZIN BLOCK 28\$24.83
 00 LIMERICK LANE ZIN COLLINS ...\$25.99

01 NAPA WINE CO ZIN\$19.95

00 MADRIGAL ZIN\$22.17
Chris Madrigal, the coolest cat in all the valley, has made a stunning '00 Zin. Beautifully balanced and supple. Lots of wild berry, black cherry and plum flavors. An RC favorite.

01 NORMAN ZIN MONSTER\$17.73
 00 PARADIGM ZINFANDEL\$29.91
 99 PEZZI KING ZIN\$11.64
 01 RANCHO ZABACO ZIN CHIOTTI ..\$19.29
 01 RANCHO ZABACO ZIN DANC BULL \$8.99
 01 RIDGE GEYSERVILLE\$26.60
 01 RIDGE PAGANI RANCH\$24.83
 01 RIDGE ZIN THREE VALLEYS\$15.96
 01 ROMBAUER ZIN EL DORADO\$22.19
 NV ROSENBLUM ZIN CUVÉE XXIII ...\$8.99
 01 TITUS ZIN NAPA\$22.17

01 T VINE ZIN\$23.32
Owner/Winemaker Greg Brown continues to make fun wines at very fair prices. Intense, rich, and peppery. Very limited.

01 TRES SABORES ZIN BERNARDS ...\$29.28
 01 TRES SABORES ZIN CULLER\$29.28
 01 TRES SABORES ZIN ZUIDEMA\$29.28
 00 TRES SABORES ZIN POR QUE NO ..\$15.96
 00 TRES SABORES ZIN 3 BOT GIFT SET \$89.00
 01 TRES SABORES ZIN 3 BOT GIFT SET \$89.00
 01 TURLEY ZIN JUVENILE\$99.00
 01 TURLEY ZIN TOFANELLI\$79.95
 00 WILD HORSE ZIN\$11.55

CHARDONNAY

01 ADASTRA CHARD\$24.83
 00 ANCIEN CHARD\$28.39
 01 ARTESA CHARD CARNEROS\$17.29
 00 BELVEDERE CHARD RRV\$13.23
 02 BV CHARD CARNEROS\$13.99

01 BV CHARD CARNEROS RESERVE ..\$19.91
We sold this wine last year for \$30. Ripe and spicy with pear, peach and pineapple flavors. One of the best buys in Chardonnay.

02 CAKEBREAD CHARD\$38.25
 02 CAMBRIA CHARD KATHERINES ...\$13.99
 01 CH MONTELENA CHARD\$29.26
 01 CH ST JEAN CHARD SONOMA ...\$10.99
 01 CHALONE CHARD\$22.19
 01 CHAPPELLET CHARD\$16.63

02 CLOS PEGASE CHARD\$18.62
This wine strikes a nice balance between spicy vanilla-tinged oak and ripe pear flavors. Very elegant with a lingering finish.

01 COLUMBIA CREST CHARD GE\$9.75
 02 CRANE LAKE CHARD\$4.96
 02 DAVID ARTHUR CHARD\$31.25
 98 DE LOACH CHARD RRV 1.5L\$24.99
 01 FERRARI CARANO CHARD ALEX ...\$24.60
 01 FLOWERS CHARD\$34.99
 01 FLOWERS CHARD ANDREEN GALE \$43.99
 00 FRANK FAMILY CHARD\$29.99
 01 FREI BROS CHARD RESERVE\$14.99

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00 GALLO CHARD LAGUNA RANCH ..\$19.99
00 GLORIA FERRER CHARD CARN ..\$16.63
01 GRGICH HILLS CHARD ..\$29.29
00 HAMACHER CHARD FORETS D ..\$22.19
01 HENDRY CHARD BLOCK 9 & 21 ..\$22.17
02 HESS CHARD SELECT ..\$9.31
02 IL CUORE CHARD ..\$9.31
01 INDIGO HILLS CHARD ..\$7.99
00 JARVIS CHARD ..\$33.75
01 JORDAN CHARD ..\$21.65
01 KEEGAN CHARD BUENA TIERRA ..\$34.99
99 KENDALL JACKSON GE CHARD ..\$16.95
02 LA CREMA CHARD RRV ..\$14.63
00 LAIRD CHARD NAPA ..\$35.49
01 LANDMARK CHARD OVERLOOK ..\$21.95
01 LEWIS CHARD BARCAGLIA ..\$49.99
02 LEWIS CHARD NAPA ..\$33.30
02 LEWIS CHARD SONOMA ..\$35.99
00 LONG CHARD ..\$29.94
00 MARIMAR TORRES CHARD ..\$17.73
01 MER SOLEIL CHARD ..\$42.99
01 MERRYVALE CHARD STARMONT ..\$17.29
99 MERRYVALE CHARD STARM 1.5L ..\$32.99
01 MONDAVI CHARD NAPA ..\$14.99
01 MONTERRA CHARD ..\$9.99

00 MUELLER CHARD RRV LB\$24.83
A complex and sophisticated wine. Hints of pear, honey and nutmeg come together nicely.

01 ORTMAN CHARD EDNA ..\$24.83
02 PATZ & HALL CHARD DUTTON ..\$29.29
01 PETER MICHAEL CHARD M P ..\$79.00
01 RAMEY CHARD CARNEROS ..\$32.40
01 RAMEY CHARD HUDSON ..\$50.39
01 RAMEY CHARD HYDE ..\$50.39
01 RAYMOND CHARD RESERVE ..\$17.81
02 ROMBAUER CHARD ..\$24.85
00 RUDD CHARD BACIGALUPI ..\$49.99
00 RUDD CHARD RR ..\$34.99
01 SCOTT PAUL CHARD SONOMA ..\$30.26
00 SMITH MADRONE CHARD ..\$23.94
02 SOLITUDE CHARD CARNAROS ..\$20.35
00 SONOMA CUTRER CHARD LES P ..\$34.22
01 SONOMA CUTRER CHARD RRV ..\$28.82
00 SPELLETICH CHARD KEEFER R ..\$15.96
01 ST INNOCENT CHARD ANDEN ..\$21.72
01 STAGS LEAP CHARD NAPA ..\$23.99
01 STONESTREET CHARD ..\$19.95
01 TANDEM CHARD SANGIACOMO ..\$37.24
01 TREFETHEN CHARD ESTATE ..\$16.63
98 WHITCRAFT CHARD BIEN NAC ..\$22.17
01 WHITFORD CHARD ..\$17.73
01 WILD HORSE CHARD ..\$13.33
00 WOLTNER CHARD NAPA ..\$26.60

OTHER WHITE WINES

01 ALBAN VIOGNIER ESTATE ..\$26.65
01 ANDREW MURRAY ENCHANTE ..\$19.51
02 ANDREW MURRAY VIOGNIER ..\$22.17
01 BONNY DOON RIESLING PACIFIC ..\$9.75
01 BRANDER CUVÉE NATALIE ..\$14.19
00 BRANDER CUVÉE NICOLAS ..\$22.17
01 BRANDER SAUV BLANC NATUREL \$26.60
02 BUENA VISTA SAUV BLANC ..\$9.64
01 CAYMUS CONUNDRUM ..\$23.50

02 CH ST MICHELLE EROICA\$18.18
02 CLAY STATION VIOGNIER\$12.30
99 DOLCE 375ML\$49.99
01 DOM LA DUE PINOT GRIS\$7.98

02 DUCKHORN SAUV BLANC\$21.99
This wine has richness uncommon in Sauv Blanc. Appealing pear and apple flavors shaded by a light touch of grapefruit. The finest Sauv Blanc ever produced by Duckhorn.

01 EMMOLO SAUV BLANC\$12.99
01 ENCORE WHITE MEDLEY\$12.64
02 FERRARI CARANO FUME BLANC ..\$15.99
00 FLORA SPRINGS SOLILOQUY\$15.96
01 GAINNEY SAUV BLANC LTD SELEC ..\$17.29
02 GRGICH HILLS FUME BLANC\$15.96

02 HAWLEY VIOGNIER\$13.30
Elegant, spicy and lightly oaked with ripe pear and apricot flavors. This wine also shows pretty floral overtones. A great alternative to Chardonnay.

02 HERITAGE SITES SAUV BLANC ...\$21.72
02 HONIG SAUV BLANC\$11.39
02 HONIG SAUV BLANC RESERVE ...\$17.75
02 LONG PINOT GRIGIO LAIRD FAM ..\$18.97
00 LONG RIESLING BOTRYTIS 500ML \$22.17
02 LORCA PINOT GRIS\$13.02
02 MACMURRAY RANCH PINOT GRIS ..\$17.99
02 MASON SAUV BLANC\$14.19
01 MATANZAS CREEK SAUV BLANC ..\$15.96
01 MURPHY GOODE FUME BLANC ...\$9.99

02 RUSTON SAUV BLANC\$14.22
Ripe and distinct with grapefruit and pear. A great expression of the Sauvignon Blanc grape. Very limited.

02 SELENE SAUV BLANC\$22.17
02 SMITH MADRONE RIESLING\$14.19
01 STAGS LEAP SAUV BLANC\$15.96
00 TURNBULL SAUV BLANC\$11.36
02 VINUM CELLARS CNW CUVÉE\$8.89
02 VINUM CELLARS VIOGNIER\$17.73
02 WHITEHALL LANE SAUV BLANC ..\$14.19
02 WOLF FAMILY SAUV BLANC\$21.15

BORDEAUX

00 BEYCHEVELLE ST JULIEN\$53.09
00 BROWN ROUGE PESSAC LEOGNAN \$24.83

00 CLOS DU MARQUIS\$51.19
This is the second label of Leoville Las Cases, which got a 100 Point rating from the Wine Spectator. The Clos Du Marquis was wine # 14 in the Spectator Top 100 and received a 94 point rating in its own right. Don't miss this beauty.

00 COS LABORY ST ESTEPHE\$29.87
00 COUDREAU LALANDE POMEROL ..\$24.75
01 D'ARCHE LAFABRIE SAUTERNES ..\$24.97
89 DE MALLE SAUTERNES\$44.11

01 DE MYRAT SAUTERNES 375ML\$19.98
01 DE MYRAT SAUTERNES\$37.24
From the fabulous 2001 vintage in Sauternes comes De Myrat, a producer rarely seen in the United States. Wonderfully crafted dessert wine.

97 DOISY VEDRINES SAUTERNES\$39.99
97 D'YQUEM 375ML\$129.23
00 FOMBRAUGE ST EMILION\$30.59
00 FONPLEGADE ST EMILION\$35.80
00 GARREAU COTES DE BLAYE\$17.99
00 GLORIA ST JULIEN\$35.91
02 GRAND PERREAU BORDEAUX\$7.76

02 GRAVILLE LACOSTE GRAVES\$14.97
Classic dry white Graves for your enjoyment with seafood or by itself. Wonderfully complex fruit with spunky crisp acidity, spices, and minerals.

00 HAUT CHAIGNEAU LAL POMEROL \$25.88
99 LA COUSPAUDE ST EMILION\$53.45
01 LA TOUR BLANCHE SAUTERNES ..\$29.37
98 LANGOA BARTON ST JULIEN\$39.99

00 LATOUR MARTILLAC PESSAC LEO \$30.48
We have been touting this wonderful red Graves for some months now and we simply can not get enough of this wine. It is great now after 4+ hours in the decanter but greater reward lies ahead for those with the patience to cellar this wine.

98 LYNCH BAGES PAUILLAC\$76.99
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00 MALMAISON MOULIS\$29.08
98 MARGAUX\$189.00
94 MEYNEY ST ESTEPHE\$23.21

00 MOUTON AILES D'ARGENT\$49.93
Last call on this rare white wine from Chateau Mouton Rothschild in Pauillac. Less than 1,500 cases are produced in some vintages. This is classic white Bordeaux at its best!

01 MOUTON BORD SUPERIEUR\$15.99
99 PAPE CLEMENT BLANC PESSAC ..\$61.62
00 PONTET CANET PAUILLAC\$66.12
01 RABAUD PROMIS SAUTERNES 375M\$22.58
00 SAINTE MARIE 'MADLYS' E-D-M ..\$13.59

00 SIRAN MARGAUX\$33.92
Awesome 2000 Margaux for under \$35.00. In our brown bag tasting at the wine bar this was the wine of the night for Cabernet-based blends. Rich creamy cherry and berries with silky tannins and rich toasty oak. 91 Points RC.

94 TALBOT ST JULIEN\$29.04

00 YON FIGEAC ST EMILION\$33.19
Another great 2000 Bordeaux for under \$35.00. The Yon Figeac is from the right river bank where Merlot and Cabernet Franc rule. This wine is dense in structure with cherry, wild berry, toasty oak and big searing tannins.

BURGUNDY

02 AUVIGUE MACON-VILLAGES\$12.95
00 AZO CHABLIS VAU DE VEY\$17.96
00 BILLAUD SIMON CHABLIS LE CLOS\$66.94
00 CAILLOT BATARD MONTRACHET \$166.25
00 CAILLOT MEURSAULT MARGUERIT \$37.24
00 CAILLOT PUL-MONT PUCELLES ..\$77.14
00 CAMUS-BRUCHON SAVIGNY-NARB \$22.75
00 CHANDON CORTON CLOS DU ROI\$55.20
00 CHANDON CORTON LE BRESSAND\$49.65

00 CHANDON PERNAND VERGEL ...	\$27.49
00 CHANDON PERNAND VERGEL ...	\$23.50
99 CLAVELIER VOSNE-ROM BEAUX M	\$55.42
00 DOM CAMUZET NUITS BLANC ...	\$35.00
00 DUJAC CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY ...	\$129.99
92 DOM MARC ROUGET MEURSAULT	\$49.00
01 DROUHIN CHABLIS VAUDON ...	\$14.96
01 DROUHIN CHARD ...	\$22.61
01 DROUHIN GEVREY CHAMBERTIN	\$29.93
01 DROUHIN MEURSAULT ...	\$28.60
02 DROUHIN POUILLY FUISSE ...	\$15.96
02 DROUHIN ST VERAN ...	\$10.64
00 DUJAC CLOS DE LA ROCHE ...	\$124.13
00 DUJAC MOREY ST DENIS 1ER CRU	\$84.23
02 GIRARDIN P-M LES PUCELLES ...	\$73.50
00 GRY-SABLON MORGON ...	\$13.74
01 GUFFENS-HEYNEN MACON PIERRE	\$36.80
00 LABOURE ROI CORTON CHARLEM	\$54.09
00 LATOUR-GIRAUD PULIG-MONT ...	\$53.20
00 LESEC FIXIN HERVELETS ...	\$27.93
00 LESEC GEVREY-CHAMB CHERB ...	\$53.20
01 VALENSAC CHARD CUVÉE LAFON	\$15.18
02 VERGET CHABLIS TERROIRS ...	\$21.95
02 VERGET MACON VILLAGE ...	\$11.75

R H O N E & S O U T H

01 ALAIN JAUME CDP ...	\$17.73
00 ALAIN VOGÉ CORNAS VV ...	\$45.89
<i>The tightly-knit, inky/purple-colored 2000 Cornas Vieilles Vignes reveals sweet aromas of liquid stones, white flowers, blackberries, and cassis with a hint of wood in the background. This offering admirably reveals the appellation's terroir. Well-endowed and muscular with abundant tannin, this pure, impeccably made Cornas will be at its finest between 2006-2014. - Robert Parker (90/100 Points)</i>	
01 BEAUCASTEL CDP ...	\$69.95
01 BEAUCHENE NUMA ...	\$10.99
01 BOSQUET CDP CHANT LE MERLE	\$52.67
99 BOSQUET DES PAPES CHANT 1.5L	\$129.99

01 BRESSY RASTEAU ...	\$42.33
01 BRESSY RASTEAU BLANC ...	\$42.33
<i>Jerome Bressy has put the village of Rasteau in the forefront of Cotes du Rhone Village. His red wine is stylistically somewhere between the pure Syrahs of the northern Rhone and the blends of the Southern Rhone. His white wine can compete with the best Chateaufort du Pape blanc. Bressy makes only 900 cases a year of these top cuvees. Jerome will sacrifice almost anything to create a wine that will astonish. We have never seen anyone taste these who was not amazed by either of these wines.</i>	
01 CAZAUX GIGONDAS SARRAZINE	\$12.41
01 CAZAUX VACQUEYRAS TEMPLIERS	\$11.53
00 CH DE NAGES 'JOSEPH TORRES'	\$14.63
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Germany 2001 & 2002 *by Paul Schnee*

Most of you have read some of the positive press surrounding the 2001 German wines and I hope that many of you have already had the opportunity to taste these wonderful wines. In fact many 2001's from Germany are still available.

Germany was blessed with another fantastic vintage in 2002. In fact Parker has rated 7 of the last 14 vintages from 1989 to 2002 with 90 points or higher. He has given the 2002 vintage a 92 point rating while the 2001 vintage got 96 points. Of course these vintage ratings are very broad but you get the picture. While the 2001 vintage may have been to Germany what 2000 was to Bordeaux, the 2002's are more classically styled. Not better or worse, just more typical of a great vintage in Germany.

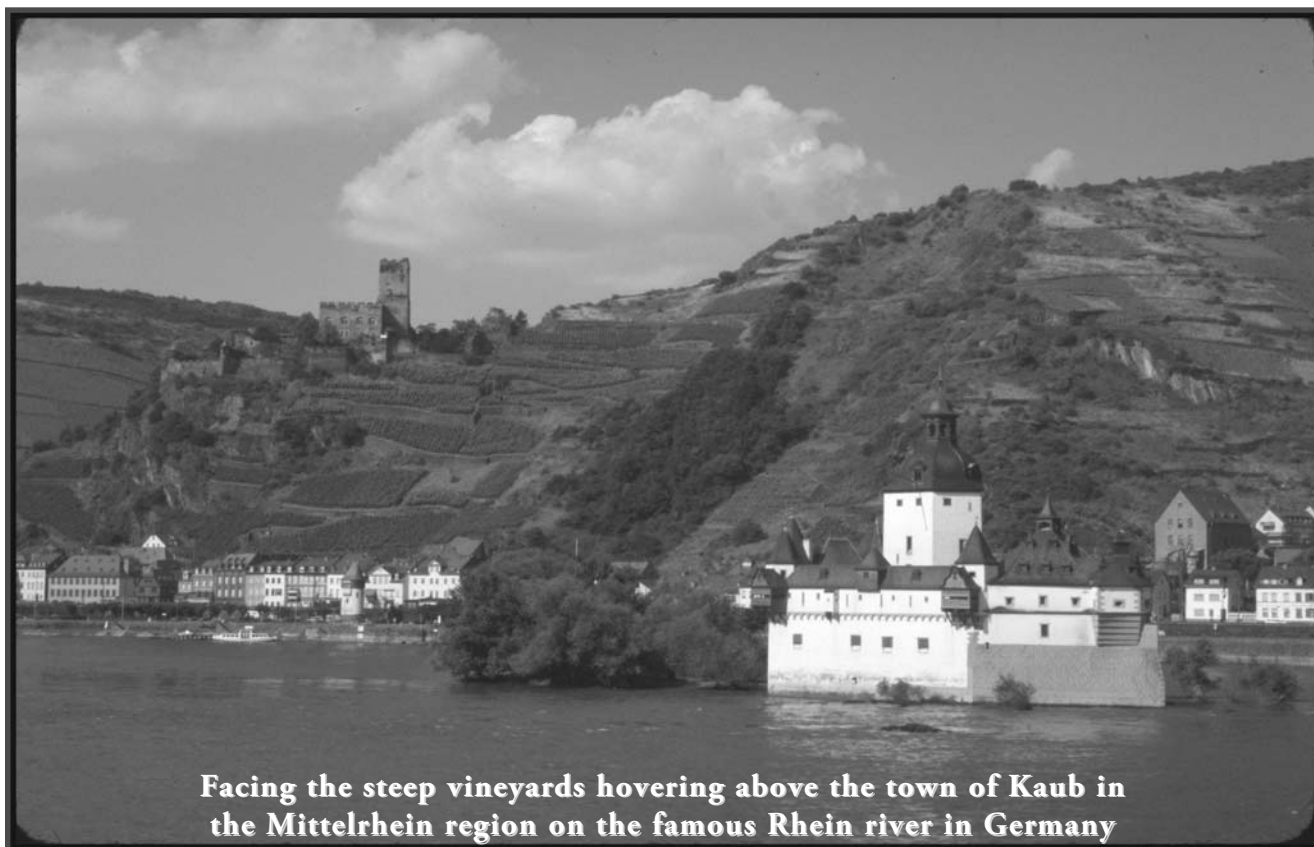
2001 was the vintage for dry wines, Spätlese, and Auslese with very little Eiswein, Beerenauslese, or Trockenbeerenauslese produced. 2002 is also excellent for dry wines, Spätlese, and Auslese, but a higher proportion of the super sweet wines was produced.

With food, dry German Riesling wines are the most versatile

in the world. These wines are not bone dry but rather what I like to describe as off-dry. They are rich in floral notes and fruit, with wonderful minerality and crisp acidity. The acids allow the Riesling to cut through very spicy food such as Chinese and Thai cuisine. It also matches well with Indonesian fare and even Indian food. An array of seafood works well with Riesling too such as sushi, sashimi, fresh oysters, steamed clams, and white-fleshed fish. Chicken, salads, and cheeses are other great matches for Riesling.

The sweeter Kabinett and Spätlese styles also match well with seafood, exotic fruits, and many poultry dishes. Most dessert level wines of Auslese or higher sweetness are best enjoyed by themselves after food or on a lazy afternoon between meals.

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The Truth About Syrah *by Kaj Stromer*

The debate rages on regarding the life or death of Syrah. Is today the day of Syrah or has the luster of it's shining future begun to tarnish? Have winegrowers perfected the next big thing or is this just a passing blip on the radar screen of Cabernet lovers?

For those intrepid winemakers who've staked their future on the varietal, the arguments for are many. For that secretive legion of wine drinkers who know that Petit Sirah is in fact not Syrah, the arguments for are many. So what is so special about this particular grape or wine?

First and foremost, it tastes really good. As would be expected, the French versions offer up more earth, leather and some incredible pork aromas. We're talking bacon or ham. That may sound strange but sizzling bacon is one of the greatest smells on earth. To the other extreme, Australian Shiraz tend towards softer, thicker and jammier wines laced with a shot of eucalyptus. These wines tend towards lower acidity and more opulent fruit making them immensely drinkable on release. The California style seems to lie somewhere in between these extremes. They have less of the French dirt and less of the Aussie fruit. That is not to imply that our homeland version is Syrah light. On the contrary, they are some of the most balanced and appealing Syrah's produced.

Second, if you like to eat food, and I do, it is incredibly versatile with food pairings. Syrah, depending on its style and origin can be paired with most of the same food as you'd serve with Pinot Noir. This includes very flavorful fish such as salmon and hearty chicken dishes such as coq au vin. But Syrah goes even further. Due to it's richness and complexity, it is also a great match for roasts, stews and steaks and rack of lamb.

But possibly the greatest attribute is it's immense drinkability. Drinkability is a good thing. Generally, Syrah has considerably less tannin than Cabernet and lower acid than Pinot Noir. Both of these attributes contribute to the luscious nature of these wines.

For those of you who are terroir purists, possibly no other varietal excels at expressing itself so differently depending on where it is cultivated. Certainly, the most esteemed regions for producing Syrah include the Rhone valley in France, California and Australia. If you brown bag a bottle of well made Syrah from each of the regions, you will experience three rather different wines. There is a common thread that unites them but the exuberance and character of each clearly distinguishes which wine came from where. The common thread in these wines is a deep, rich blueberry and blackberry character seasoned with white pepper. The wines tend to be full, rich and concentrated. From there, the variations begin. While there are endless excellent wines to seek out, here are a few that represent Syrah's diversity very well.

2001 JC Cellars Rockpile Vineyard \$32.81
Winemaker Jeff Cohen is also the winemaker at Rosenblum. Under his own label, Jeff is turning heads with his rhone varietal wines. The saturated ruby/purple-colored syrah offers a moderate-

ly intense bouquet of blueberries and blackberries, a soft, sexy palate, well-integrated oak and a voluptuously-textured finish. Delicious!

2002 Andrew Murray Syrah Tous les Jours \$16.50
Andrew is one of our favorite Rhone rangers as well as one of the best producers along the central coast. Andrew developed this wine to meet the demand of the everyday drinker. But don't be fooled by its casual attitude. This is reminiscent of a well made Crozes-Hermitage or St.-Joseph. A dark plum/ruby color is accompanied by a big, fruit-driven bouquet of bacon fat, currants, and dried Provencal herbs. Tangy and meaty, with good color, loads of fruit, and a delicious, complex personality, it should drink well for 2-3 years.

2001 Michel Perraud Cornas 'Les Genets' \$31.03
The village of Cornas is known for brooding, black, massive yet voluptuous wines. This selection is made from 80-year old vines planted on the upper slopes of the hills. The wine is a saturated black/purple in color, fat, as well as an unctuously-textured offering with 10-16 years of aging potential. This is a modern-styled, impressive effort from Cornas. Match this with wild hare.

2000 Gres St Paul 'Cuvee Antonin' \$13.35
This is one winery proving what can come from the Coteaux du Languedoc. In this glass, this wine could fool you that it is a \$50 Cote-Rotie. It explodes from the glass with blackberry jam and cassis liqueur. This intensely rich, medium to full bodied wine coats the palate with layer after layer of raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and plums. It is satin-textured, powerful, intense, and deep.

2002 Oliver Hill Shiraz Jimmy Section \$29.55
Oliver Hill is an actual strip of dirt on which is grown arguably the best fruit in Australia. At the base of the hill are wineries such as D'Arenberg, Maxwell and Coriole. Further up the slope are 4 growers whose fruit has been part of the backbone of Grange for a really long time. One property is the actual famous Balmoral Vineyard belonging to Rosemount. Another is a Grenache grower whose fruit goes into D'Arenberg's 'Custodian'. Some of his fruit has been going to Clarendon Hills whose Grenache sells for over \$75 a bottle. And then, right in the thick of all this is a tiny little property owned by Stuart and Linda Miller called Oliver Hill. Only 420 cases made. 112 shipped to the US. Robert Parker liked it so much he rated it 94 points.

Syrah just seems like a no-brainer. American wine buyers, by and large, like powerful wines. That is why Cabernet continues to be king. But sometimes, you may not be craving that mouthful of tannins, and maybe just once you are considering trying a different flavor profile. Even lobster, frois gras, and truffles can get tedious if you eat them every night. A British wine writer once described the famous Rhone wine Hermitage (made exclusively from Syrah) as the "manliest wine" he'd ever drunk. If you are not already into Syrah, maybe it is time to give a try.

Best Buys



2002 Dr. Bassermann-Jordan Dry Riesling \$13.30

In the Pfalz region of central Germany, only a few producers make up the pinnacle in high quality winemaking. Dr. Bassermann-Jordan is one of the best producers and Riesling is the star. This wine has a wonderful fruity nose with apples, white peaches, and apricots, further enhanced by spices and minerals. The dry taste is vibrant with fruit, crisp acidity, and minerals and is perfectly balanced. - *Paul*



2000 Pezzi King Cabernet Sauvignon \$8.65

My hat is off to PK winery for making such a great wine at a great price. We have carried this wine off and on for many years and with this new reduced price this wine was one of our best sellers during the holiday season. The winery is located in Dry Creek, which is a great appellation in Sonoma County. Lots of currant, cherry flavors with a supple and harmonious finish. - *David*



2002 Michele Chiarlo Moscato Nivole \$8.49

Delicate and peachy in character with lovely effervescence. Slightly bubbly, sweet and lively with bright and supplementary flavors and nice balance. Match this aesthetically pleasing Italian potion with citrus, berry, and melon fruits. A great way to start or finish the evening. - *Mike*



1999 Hanna Pinot Noir \$10.91

Prized for its outstanding Pinot Noir, the Russian River Valley is home to sandy, well draining soils that are perfect for this grape. This wine has enjoyable aromas of cranberry, vanilla and a hint of Burgundian earthiness and smoke. It is difficult to find a Pinot Noir this good at this price. We have sold this wine earlier this year at twenty bucks and at this close out price we took all they had left. - *David*



2002 Graille Lacoste Graves \$14.97

From the Dubourdieu Family comes this delicious spunky white Graves wine. It is an excellent match with the fruit of the ocean. In the nose it reveals apples, pears, cantelope, melon, moist stones, straw, minerals, and mild oak. The taste is dry with crisp acidity and smooth grapefruit notes. This wine is wonderfully balanced and should drink well over the next 3 - 4 years. Try it with oysters, steamed clams, or mussels. - *Paul*



02 Txomin Txakolina \$13.99

Planted on chalky soils, it is considered the greatest white wine vineyard of the Basque region. The 2002 is intriguing with exceptional ripeness and purity of fruit. A forceful, pungent, spicy, fruity nose, surprisingly high acidity, and a medium-bodied, vibrant, crisp, clean finish. There is good weight, but the emphasis is on its gorgeous fruit and crisp acidity. A stunning complement for fish and grilled seafood. - *Mike*



Jest Red, California \$7.98

Jest Red was made by a group of winemakers with a single goal in mind: to produce something fruit-filled and JOLLY. Something you can drink when wearied from serious wines, something undeniable DELICIOUS. Jest Red is a table wine that you can drink in bed or on a boat, it will make you laugh, but this wine is no JOKE! Try this wine and come running back for more. This wine is made of seven noble grape varieties and if you drink enough of this wine you too will sing with abandon. - *David*



NV Rosenblum Zinfandel Vintners Cuvée XXV \$8.99

This is simply the most magnificent Zinfandel under \$10! It is super extracted like an Australian Shiraz, and it displays wonderful balance and decent depth. The Vintners Cuvée is never vintage dated, but each new release climbs in Roman numerals. Blackberries, blueberries, red currants, vanilla-oak, mocha, spices, black pepper, and silky tannins in 13.7% alcohol provide an enjoyable and easy to drink wine. - *Paul*



NV Sushiwine \$11.64

A French table wine especially elaborated to accompany Japanese dishes, such as sushi, sashimi and marinated raw fish. Delicious, rich, and full. An intermingling of Chenin Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc creates the beautiful, glowing white gold color. The nose consists of ripe exotic and citrus fruits, essences of tangerine rind and pith, finishes clean and fresh with wonderful finesse. Just the thing to cleanse the palate. - *Mike*



2002 Protocolo White Vino De La Tierra Castilla \$4.88

When I first tasted this wine I thought my sales rep quoted me the wrong price and again she said &^%\$ and I said can I have twenty cases and she said yes and the rest is history. Light, with good intensity, this wine is firm and refreshing, offering apple and melon flavors with a crisp core of acidity. This wine is one of the greatest value I have come across in many months. - *David*

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Red Carpet Wine Bar

Open Friday 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

January 30th & 31st

\$\$\$ First Look at the Great 2001 Vintage

Viader, HDV, Arietta, Origin,

Ramey Jericho Canyon, Caymus Napa

\$\$ The Best of California Chardonnay

\$ New Arrivals & Staff Favorites

February 6th & 7th

\$\$\$ The Best from Down Under

'01 Old Bastard Shiraz 96 RP, '01 d'Arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz

98 RP, '00 Henschke Keyneton Estate, '02 Massena "The 11th

Hour" 94-97 RP, '02 Kaessler Stone Horse Shiraz 94-96 RP,

'02 Amon Ra Shiraz 96-100 RP

\$\$ The Wines of Flowers

'01 Andreen-Gale Cuvee Chardonnay,

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'00 Van Der Kamp Pinot Noir, '00 Sonoma Coast Pinot,

'98 Camp Meeting Ridge Pinot Noir,

\$ New Arrivals & Staff Favorites

February 13th & 14th

\$\$\$ Cupids Favorite Champagne

Feuillatte Palmes D'Or Rose, Dom Perignon, Grand Siecle,

Bollinger Grand Annee, Billecart Salmon Blanc De Blancs

\$\$ The Best of Italy

\$ New Arrivals & Staff Favorites

February 20th & 21st

Chardonnay Fest!

A La Carte - Pay Per Taste

This week Chardonnay, Chardonnay, and more Chardonnay...

'99 Marcassin, '98 Kistler, '99 Kistler, '01 Peter Michael,

'01 HDV, '01 Dumol, '01 Ramey, '02 Patz & Hall, '01 Flowers,

'01 Rudd, '02 Lewis, '01 Scott Paul, '02 Rombauer, '01 Hendry,

'01 Jordan, '00 Jarvis, '01 Mer Soleil, '00 Ancien, '02 Cakebread,

'01 Ortman

February 27th & 28th

\$\$\$ Looking back at the Great '85 Vintage

Opus One, Joseph Phelps Insignia, Joseph Phelps Eisele,

Mondavi Reserve, Beringer Reserve, Duckhorn

\$\$ The Best of Germany

\$ New Arrivals & Staff Favorites

March 5th & 6th

\$\$\$ Chateau Montelena Vertical

'83, '84, '85, '86, '97, '98, '00

\$\$ The Wines of Jean Claude Mas and

Peter Mahan's Heritage of France

With Jean Claude Mas & Peter Mahan

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