

2003 BORDEAUX ARRIVALS

- Arriving throughout the month and limited, order now!
- Ch. Du Tertre, "Fronsac"** *Great Value!* 9⁹⁵
- Ch. Fleur Haut Gausens, "Fronsac"** 11⁹⁵
- Ch. Pipeau, "Saint Emilion,"** 18⁹⁵
"90-92" Robert Parker
- Ch. Veyry, "Cotes de Castillon,"** 19⁹⁵
"88" Wine Spectator
- Ch. Fondbadet, "Pauillac,"** 19⁹⁵
"89-91" Wine Spectator
- Ch. La Fleur, "Saint Emilion" Grand Cru** 26⁹⁵
"89-91" Wine Spectator
- Ch. Lagrange, "St. Julien,"** 29⁹⁵
"92-94" Wine Spectator
- Ch. D'Armailhac, "Pauillac,"** 34⁹⁵
"89-91" Robert Parker
- Ch. Pontet Canet, "Pauillac,"** 57⁹⁵
"95-100" Wine Spectator
- Ch. Pichon Lalande, "Pauillac,"** 99⁹⁵
"95-100" Wine Spectator
- Ch. Leoville Barton, "St. Julien,"** 110⁹⁵
"95-100" Wine Spectator
- Ch. Ducru Beacailou, "St. Julien,"** 115⁰⁰
"94-96" Robert Parker
- Ch. Cos D'Estournal, "St. Estephe,"** 155⁹⁵
"95-100" Wine Spectator

MORE FRENCH GEMS

- Domaine des Buissones '04, Sancerre,**
A beautiful crisp minerally White from Loire.
Pair with goat cheese or fresh seafood. 15⁹⁵
- Chateau La Tarciere '04, "Sevre & Maine"**
Muscadet, Still the best White wine to match
with oysters! Crisp, clean & vibrant acidity! 7⁹⁹
- Domaine Georges Brunet '02, Vouvray,**
Demi-Sec, Just a touch of sweetness in this
French Chenin Blanc. ~STAFF FAVORITE~ 11⁹⁵
- Domaine André Vatan '04, "Les Charmes"**
Sancerre, This crisp clean White from France's
Loire Valley exhibits subtle lemon-lime fruit.
Sancerre at its BEST! 14⁹⁵
- Domaine de Lalande '04, Macon Chaintre, An**
incredible value White Burgundy! Plum with good
Macon character with apple, honey, & nut flavors. 9⁹⁵
- Domaine du Moulin Neuf '03, Givry,**
Good concentration with this chewy rustic red! 12⁹⁵
- Chateau de Trinquededel '04, Tavel,**
Ask Rich how to pronounce this winery's name!
Don't worry if you cant say it, just pick up a
glass and enjoy this very good Rosé! 12⁹⁵
- Domaine de Fontsaite '04, "Corbieres"**
Gris de Gris, Rosé...dry, crisp Rosé with
flavors of light cherry & a stony finish! 9⁹⁵
- St. Cosme '04, Cotes du Rhone, There's no place like Rhone!** 15⁹⁵
- La Bastide Saint Vincent '03, Gigondas,**
Beefy red with plum, tobacco and grilled herb notes. 16⁹⁵

AUSSIES

- CHARKLES CIMICKY**
'04 "Barossa Valley"
TRUMPS SHIRAZ, "90" R. Parker
100% Shiraz aged in old wood. It exhibits dark
ruby/purple hue along with a flamboyant nose
of cassis fruit, licorice & pepper. 13⁹⁵
- KAESLER**
'04 "Barossa" Stonehorse
Shiraz, "93" Robert Parker
Its opulent, rich in fruit, & full-bodied,
yet well balanced style suggests
it will drink for 10+ years! 22⁹⁵

Spectacular Italians and Highly ALLOCATED Gems from Antinori

- PODERE VIGNAVECCHIA '04 Gavi, Best Value Gavi!** 8⁹⁹
- Feudo di Santa Croce '04 "Pugcia" Primitivo, Big, clean & jammy!** 11⁹⁵
- AIOLA '04 Chianti Classico, Earth and Spice, TERRIFIC!** 11⁹⁵
- CONTI CONTINI '03 "Toscana" Sangiovese, reminiscent of a**
"house" pour at an enoteca in Florence. Great by itself or paired with cheese & salami. 7⁹⁹
- VIETTI '03 "Perbacco" Nebbiolo, A MUST BUY!** 13⁹⁵
- ALLOCATED ANTINORI WINES...
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|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Solaia '01 | 119 ⁹⁵ | Guado Al Tasso '01 | 69 ⁹⁵ |
| Tignanello '01 | 59 ⁹⁵ | HURRY WON'T LAST LONG! | |

March Wine-of-The-Month

STEP RD

'03 "South Australia"
BLACK WING
SHIRAZ

One of the better Aussie values we have tasted
in quite some time! Brick red color with a hint
of black pepper and spice aromas with a taste
of leather.

6⁹⁹

TASTE every wine in this flyer

marked with this "leprechaun hat."
Saturday March 4th 10-4:30 pm &
Saturday March 11th 10-4:30 pm JUST \$7⁰⁰

FRENCH WINE TASTING (wines listed in French Gem box)
Saturday March 18th 10-4:30 pm JUST \$10⁰⁰

CABERNET TASTING (wines listed in Cab box)
Saturday March 25th 10-4:30 pm JUST \$20⁰⁰

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when you bring in a wine to enjoy from our store!

3 SPANISH STEALS

- Hijos de Juan Gil '03 "Jumilla" Juan Gil**
"91" Robert Parker, This dense ruby/purple tinged wine offers
notes of blueberries & graphite. Will last for a good 3-4 yrs 11⁹⁵
- LAS ROCAS '04 "Calatayud" Garnacha, Another**
"can't miss" from this producer! From Vineyards that are 70-
100 years old, it expresses aromas of sweet black cherries,
raspberry, & pepper. Will drink well over the next 1-3 yrs! 6⁹⁹
- RISCAL '03 "Castillo y Leon" Tempranillo**
Soft berry fruit with hint of spice and toasty oak. A
Smooth easy to drink red for any day of the week! 6⁹⁹

2 ALSACE WHITES

- A. SCHERRER '04 "Alsace"**
Gewürztraminer, A huge nose of rose petals
& pepper, followed by a medium-bodied,
concentrated, dry wine with zesty acidity. 12⁹⁵
- LEON BEYER '03 "Alsace" Riesling**
Lots to like in this dry Riesling. Flavors of grapefruit,
acacia flower and peaches fill the glass. 11⁹⁵

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ZAP ZINS

Here's a sampling of what we found at ZAP San Francisco this year!

- ABUNDANCE VINEYARDS** '03 "Lodi" Old Vine Zinfandel, Mencarini Vineyards, This Zin. comes from 60-100 yr. old vines. It has juicy berry fruit with spice & clove. A classic "American" wine. Fire up the B-B-Q! ~MARK & SHARON'S TOP PICK~ **9⁹⁵**
- SEXTANT** '04 "California" Wheelhouse, This is the inaugural release from this winery. A SEXY wine (of course) with raspberry, silky chocolate and hint of black pepper! **9⁹⁵**
- MACCHIA** '04 "Lodi" Old Vine, Mischievous...This small production winery from Lodi is quickly becoming a customer favorite. A blend of 4 different Old Vine Zin. Vineyards. Packed with rich, ripe berry fruit & hints of vanilla oak. **12⁹⁵**
- BLUENOSE** '03 "Dry Creek Valley" A classic Dry Creek Valley style Zinfandel! From the former winemaker of PEZZI KING and WHITE OAK, this is a full bodied, robust, DRINK NOW style that will match nicely with your spicy B-B-Q chicken. **12⁹⁵**
- JRE** '04 "Dry Creek Valley" Dark cherry in color with spicy, raspberry, black pepper and floral scents on the nose. The palate screams black cherries with minerals and rose petal flavors. **19⁹⁵**
- MACAULEY VINEYARD** '03 "Napa Valley" A blend of 50% Brown Estate & 50% Moss Creek. Juicy notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry intermixed with pepper, chocolate & vanilla notes. **21⁹⁵**

MORGAN

'04 "Monterey"
Cotes Du Crows

Ripe blackberry and vanilla Syrah fruit with classic strawberry/rhubarb Grenache notes on the nose & palate. Full-bodied and well balanced. 50% Syrah/50% Grenache. **12⁹⁵**

K VINTNERS

'03 "Walla Walla" Lucky No. 7
Syrah

WOW! A very special Syrah that should not be missed! One of the best domestic producers of this varietal. ~RICH'S TOP PICK!~ **27⁹⁵**

3 NEW GREAT VALUE CHARDS

- MADONNA ESTATE** '03 "Carneros," the 3rd oldest wine-making family in the Napa Valley brings you this GREAT VALUE Chard! Apples, citrus & butterscotch blend with toasted oak. Enjoy with roasted poultry, cracked crab & cream-based pasta dishes. **9⁹⁵**
- CHARLES KRUG** '04 "Carneros," Another winery that has turned it around after a couple of tough years. This wine has aromas of bright green apples, Williams' pears and orange blossom essence with banana and butterscotch notes on the palate. **9⁹⁵**
- CYCLES GALDIATOR** '04 "Central Coast," Toasted oak, pear & vibrant citrus! **7⁹⁹**

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

PINOT NOIRS

It has been over a year since the whole "Sideways" phenomenon occurred. Pinot Noir sales continue to skyrocket and we are having a tough time keeping them in stock. But...here are a few more gems to keep your appetite satisfied!!

- MADONNA ESTATE** '03 "Carneros," Rich, deep jammy flavors are followed by a medium toasty oak finish. Try it with grilled Salmon, stuffed mushrooms or a spicy pasta dish. **13⁹⁵**
- WENTE VINEYARDS** '04 "Monterey" Reliz Creek Reserve, Another Winner from WENTE! Classic Pinot taste of strawberries and plums with a balanced tannin and refreshing acidity. **13⁹⁵**
- RAYE'S HILL** '03 "Anderson Valley," Nighthman Howe Vineyard, A new winery to us & we are impressed by this good value Pinot! Complex with clear garnet color. **15⁹⁵**
- SHEA WINE CELLARS** '04 "Willamette Valley" Shea Vineyard, Aroma of Bing cherries, purple floral notes and fresh tilled earth. Flavors of black raspberries, minerals and roasted spices. ~VERY LIMITED!~ **29⁹⁵**
- EIEIO** '03 "Willamette Valley" Windhill Vineyard, TERRIFIC & LIMITED! Deep Aromatic profile surrounding a core of black cherry with a violet floral component. **31⁹⁵**
- CARTER VINEYARD** '04 "Willamette Valley" Hillblock Vineyard, On the earthy side with currants and blackberry ~VERY VERY LIMITED!~ **32⁹⁵**
- DOMAINE SERENE** '03 "Willamette Valley" Evenstad Reserve, Enticing nose of cherry pie, raspberry cordial, caramel & allspice. The palate delivers intense elderberry. Power & complexity! **39⁹⁵**

2 NEW "RED" WINES TO ENJOY!

RED TRUCK

'04 "California" Red Wine
Made by Cline Cellars, this is a blend of Syrah, Petite Sirah and Cab. Franc. A GREAT party Red or good to go with pizza night! Delicious flavor of dark berries and licorice. **7⁹⁹**

RED DIAMOND

'03 "Washington"
Cabernet Sauvignon
Right there in quality with last year's bottling. Flaunting a spicy nose with aromas of tobacco & cherry and rich fruits on the palate. **7⁹⁹**

CABS FROM NAPA VINTNERS

The Napa Valley Vintners Association came to town a few weeks ago and we were able to taste over 75 Cabernets. These are a few of the BEST from that event:

- RUTHERFORD RANCH** '02 "Napa" Reserve, This reminds us of the wonderful Grove St. Cab we sold 2 yrs ago. Full-bodied yet velvety textured wine that can be enjoyed NOW! ~MATT'S TOP PICK~ **19⁹⁵**
- ROUND POND** '02 "Napa Valley," A brand new winery from the Rutherford region. If this is any indication of what's to come... get it before the press does and the price doubles! **41⁹⁵**
- LADERA** '02 "Napa," Lone Canyon Vineyard, A winery to watch with Karen Culler as winemaker! Deep dark flavors with extracted bramble fruit. **49⁹⁵**
- PARADIGM** '02 "Oakville," It is no SURPRISE that this wine was one of the most talked-about Cabs at the tasting! Made by Heidi Peterson-Barrett, tons of richness! **45⁰⁰**
- REYNOLDS FAMILY** '02 "Napa," A real family-owned winery sitting in the proposed Silverado Bench appellation. This wine is a broad spectrum of flavors highlighted by blackberry, cassis, cherry and hints of dark chocolate. **38⁹⁵**
- ROCCA FAMILY** '02 "Napa" Yountville, A newcomer to the San Diego Wine Co. This Cab stood out with its big dense structure, will stay alive for 10+ yrs. **47⁹⁵**
- CLARK-CLAUDON** '02 "Napa," It aint cheap, but worth every penny for a special occasion! Stunning and captivating with depth and darkness. **79⁹⁵**
- COSENTINO** '02 "Napa," This was a pleasant surprise! Flavors of mineral, cassis, leather and spice. Great effort! Great Find! **26⁹⁵**

HAHN

'04 "Central Coast"
Meritage

This most recent vintage, is their most intense to date! It has ripe blackberry & raspberry flavors up front that expand and develop in the mouth into notes of plum & spice. Try this with Filet Mignon wrapped in bacon or B-B-Q ribs with a tangy sauce. **9⁹⁵**

FOPPIANO

'03 "Russian River"
Bacigalupi Vineyards, Petite Sirah

Owned by the Foppiano Family since 1896! Petite Sirah is their hallmark varietal and it offers a huge structure with deep rich purple color and flavors of black pepper, ripe berries & chocolate! **11⁹⁵**

NEW MERLOTS

- CYCLES GLADIATOR** '04 "Central Coast," Supple and elegant with a decidedly spicy nose of black cherry, cassis, and cedar. Mouth-filling flavors of plums and wild red berries. **7⁹⁹**
- POPPY HILL** '01 "Napa Valley," A very polished style with lots of cherry vanilla, cocoa, & plum flavors. This wine has a rich, fleshy finish that is a sure CROWD PLEASER! **9⁹⁵**