

## NEW FROM ITALY

**Stella** '06 "PUGLIA" Sangiovese, For the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive vintage in a row, this wine represents a **RIDICULOUS VALUE!** Aromas of strawberry and raspberry lead to a lively, crisp, balanced wine with ripe red fruit flavors. **4<sup>95</sup>**

**Layer Cake** '06 "PUGLIA" Primitivo, The Layer Cake people make their mark with a juicy Aussie Shiraz but they go to Italy to bring you this tasty treat! Primitivo is the grape and it is genetically identical to Zinfandel. **A must try for Zin lovers!** **12<sup>95</sup>**

**Zenato** '06 "DELLE VENEZIE" Pinot Grigio, Clean and crisp with apple, honey & pineapple. Try it with risotto or lightly grilled appetizers. **7<sup>95</sup>**

**Sylla Sebaste** '00 "BAROLO" From the Piedmont vintage that Wine Spectator rated 100 points, this small producer's wine is a lovely example of the fruit of that harvest. Softly fragrant with roses, violets, and hints of saddle leather, this is drinking quite beautifully at the moment! **28<sup>95</sup>**

**Laila** '06 "CASTELLO DI JESI" Verdicchio, This mineral driven, pure white delivers plenty of varietal expression in its floral aromatics, white peach fruit & a long, clean finish. **8<sup>95</sup>**

**d' Aragona** '06 "MONTEPULCIANO D' ABRUZZO," Made in a fruity, plum style with plenty of dark cherry tobacco and herb flavors. We agree with The Wall Street Journal, "...Montepulciano D' Abruzzo is easy to drink, easy to like and easy to afford." **7<sup>95</sup>**

**Villa di Geggiano** '04 "CHIANTI CLASSICO," Black cherry and licorice notes with excellent length and a earthy finish. Imported by Kermit Lynch. **16<sup>95</sup>**

**Il Poggione** '03 "BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO," A classic Brunello that is well balanced with acidity and tannin. With an intense ruby red color, it shows Marasca cherry and red fruit on the nose. A very soft and enduring finish! **49<sup>95</sup>**

**Guido Porro** '03 "BAROLO," Vigna Lazzairasco, "91" Robert Parker, From Parker: "Layers of spices, dark cherries and minerals flow onto the palate with wonderful expansiveness." Imported by Kermit Lynch. **31<sup>95</sup>**

## MORE FROM FRANCE

**Domaine Paul Autard** '06 "COTES DU RHONE," Lots of black cherry, vanilla bean, spice cake and mineral notes that ripple through a long, supple mid-palate. Terrific acidity pulls it together for an encore on the finish. **9<sup>95</sup>**

**Eric Texier** '05 "CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE" Vieilles Vignes, "91" Wine Spectator, "Bright and juicy with a forward personality and tasty red fruit, licorice, floral and mineral notes that stay tangy on the finish." Wine Spectator. **31<sup>95</sup>**

**Les Jardins de Bouscasse** '05 "PACHERENE DU VIC-BILH SEC," This dry and tangy white is made from the Madirua region in the South West of France. The local Arrutiac, Courbu, and Petit Manseng are just some of the grapes in this flavorful blend. **14<sup>95</sup>**

**Chateau d' Aqueria** '06 "TAVEL," This blend of Grenache, Clairette, Cinsault, and Syrah makes for an incredibly pretty Rosé, with strawberry and floral notes over a nice mineral background. Firmly structured, beautifully balanced & **DOWNRIGHT IRRESISTABLE!** **12<sup>95</sup>**

## MORE '05 BORDEAUX ARRIVALS

**Chateau Marjosse** '05 "BORDEAUX," From Robert Parker: "This lower pedigree wine represents undeniable quality/value rapport in 2005. This vintage is so deep in quality among the better run, less heralded estates, that these wines should appeal to readers looking for great values from Bordeaux." **14<sup>95</sup>**

**Moulin Haut-Laroque** '05 "FRONSAC," "89-91" Robert Parker, From Parker: "A candidate for the top Fronsac of the vintage, its dense purple color is accompanied by sweet cassis fruit interwoven with notions of cold steel and flowers." **24<sup>95</sup>**

**Chateau Soudars** '05 "HAUT MEDOC," "89" Wine Spectator, Don't miss this **TERRIFIC VALUE!** An under \$20 Bordeaux that will age gracefully over the next 5-10 years. **19<sup>95</sup>**

**Beaulieu Comtes de Tastes** '05 "BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR," "88-90" Robert Parker, A blend of 60% Merlot, 30% Cab. Franc and 10% Cab. Sauv. Like so many smaller Chateaux in 2005, this **UNBELIEVABLE OFFERING** as well as fabulous **BARGAIN** transcends its class. **17<sup>95</sup>**

**Quinault L'Enclos** '05 "ST. EMILION," "92-94" Robert Parker, A blend of 70% Merlot, 17% Cab. Franc, 7% Cab. Sauv. & 6% Malbec. Beautiful aromas of blueberries, raspberries and cassis. The overall style is one of finesse, elegance, & minerality. **47<sup>95</sup>**

**Malartic-Lagraviere** '05 "PESSAC LEODGAN," "91-93" Robert Parker, From Parker: "The finest wine yet under the auspices of Belgian proprietor Alexandre Bonnie, Malartic Lagraviere's classically elegant 2005 reveals a deep/ruby color, wonderful density and richness." **58<sup>95</sup>**

**Beychevelle** '05 "ST. JULIEN," "90-93" Robert Parker, From Parker: "The quintessentially elegant yet powerful 2005 may be the finest Beychevelle since 1982. A nose of blueberries, black currants, flowers precede a lovely, rich wine." **64<sup>95</sup>**

**Sociando-Mallet** '05 "HAUT MEDOC," "91-93" Robert Parker, From Parker: "A classic nose of graphite, crushed rocks, crème de cassis, smoke and pain grille." **55<sup>95</sup>**

## TASTY '05 SAUTERNES

**Rayne-Vigneau** '05 "SAUTERNES," "92" Wine Spectator, From Wine Spec: "Bright aromas of lemon, spice and honey follow through to a full body with loads of dried apricot, honey and nutmeg." **21<sup>95</sup>**

**Lafaurie-Peyraguey** '05 "SAUTERNES," "92" Wine Spectator, From Wine Spec: "There's beautiful ripe fruit in this, with pineapple, mango and papaya and hints of vanilla and honey." **29<sup>95</sup>**

**Chateau Caillou** '05 "SAUTERNES," "92-94" Wine Spectator, Subtle aromas of honey, violets and light vanilla. Full-bodied, with a solid core of dried fruit, spices and sweet apricot. **16<sup>95</sup>**

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## NEW GERMAN ARRIVALS

**Dr. Burklin-Wolf** '05 "Pfalz" Riesling, A splendid nose of earth, mineral and fresh grapefruit. Broad and mouth-filling with vibrant acidity and complex flavors. A great aperitif wine or for the adventurous, try it with B-B-Q ribs. **10<sup>95</sup>**

**Langwerth Von Simmern** '06 "Rheingau" Riesling, Tasty peach, nectarine, spice and mineral aromas and flavors are matched to a firm, succulent profile. **13<sup>95</sup>**

**Heymann-Löwenstein** '06 "Mosel" Schieferterrassen Riesling (Dry), Satiny in texture, delicate in weight and transparent to mineral nuances on the palate, it finishes with juicy fresh citrus and white peach. **22<sup>95</sup>**

## APRIL Wine-of-the-Month

### VINTAGE INK

'05 "California" Red

2005 was a **BUMPER YEAR** for California, with very large, very good grape harvest. A number of vintners had more high-quality juice than they knew what to do with, and we're seeing this bounty trickle down to inexpensive bottles that **over-deliver on quality.** Our current fave is a lush and fruit forward blend of Cab, Merlot, Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot, filled with sweet berry, chocolate powder and hints of sweet oak.

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## 2 GREAT DOMESTIC BARBERA'S

**Boeger** '05 "El Dorado" Barbera, A contrasting style when comparing it to the R Barbera. This is much more delicate with aromas of plum with flavors of bright raspberries and a soft well rounded finish. **13<sup>95</sup>**

**R** '06 "Amador County" Cooper Vineyard, Barbera, A full throttle, rich, jammy style of Barbera which we have come to expect from Jeff Runquist wines. **Absolutely delicious!** **17<sup>95</sup>**

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## 5 TERRIFIC NEW ZINFANDELS

- CLINE** '06 "California" Zinfandel, As always, the California Zinfandel is a challenging and rewarding wine to produce. This **WONDERFUL VALUE** showcases a wide array of dark berry fruit including blackberry and raspberry. **79<sup>95</sup>**
- SUMMERS** '05 "Napa Valley" VILLA ANDRIANA Zinfandel, A fruit forward wine with spicy oak undertones, ideal tannins and a lingering, lush berry and vanilla finish. **15<sup>95</sup>**
- GRAZIANO** '05 "Mendocino" Zinfandel, This vintage displays rich, dark garnet color and deep aromas of raspberry, wild strawberry, spicy white pepper and hints of toasty oak. **11<sup>95</sup>**
- SAUCELITO CANYON** '06 "Arroyo Grande" Zinfandel, From the oldest Zinfandel vines in the Arroyo Grande Valley. Flavors of red raspberry and boysenberry lead to a hint of leather and minerality on the finish. **~Mark's Top Pick~ 19<sup>95</sup>**
- JOEL GOTT** '05 "Lodi" MOHR-FRY RANCHES, Zinfandel, Classic currant, plum and sweet oak aromas lead to ripe berries, cherry, and spicy flavors with a long and juicy finish. **15<sup>95</sup>**

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## FANTASTIC DOMESTIC RED BLENDS

- TAMARACK** '06 "Columbia Valley" Firehouse Red, A blend of Cab, Syrah, and Merlot. Rounded, lush, layered & lovely. The ultimate food/wine, pairing well with everything from pasta and pizza to grilled meat & roasted chicken. **14<sup>95</sup>**
- CAIN CUVÉE** NV "Napa Valley" Red, This Napa blend of four different grapes is made using a portion of the previous vintage. Dark berry fruit & a touch of mocha make for an accessible blend. **26<sup>95</sup>**
- LEAL** '05 "San Benito" Threesome, A blend of Syrah, Mourvedre and Grenache, it is full of raw blackberry and cassis aromas with accents of tobacco and espresso. **18<sup>95</sup>**
- WHITE ROCK** '02 "Napa Valley" Claret, What an **AMAZING PRICE** for a wine of such **QUALITY!** This is the perfect wine for those that think there is no value left in Napa! **STUNNING!** **~Dan's Top Pick~ 28<sup>95</sup>**
- RAMIAN** '05 "Napa Valley" Chapter Five, A big, fat, opulent mouth-feel of ripe blackberries, black currants, roasted coffee with a long toasty finish. **43<sup>95</sup>**
- BENNETT LANE** '05 "Napa Valley" Maximus, "90" Wine Spectator, One of the Wine Spectator's picks for **OUTSTANDING CALIFORNIA VALUES**, this is firmly structured with cassis, plum, cherry and hints of tobacco. **27<sup>95</sup>**
- MORGAN** '06 "Monterey" Cotes du Crow's, This blend of Syrah and Grenache shows flavors of violets, blueberry, spice and pepper. A versatile food wine that can also be enjoyed by itself. **13<sup>95</sup>**

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## NEW CHARDONNAYS

- TAZ** '06 "Santa Barbara County" Chardonnay, This wine opens with aromas of citrus, pear and pineapple. The wine is creamy, but balanced with a refreshing acidity and lengthy finish. **15<sup>95</sup>**
- O'REILLY'S** '06 "Oregon" Chardonnay, Great fruit and acidity, an excellent example of what caliber of Chardonnay can come out of Oregon. Rich texture and fresh melon and pineapple-like fruitiness with a tasty vanilla finish. **10<sup>95</sup>**
- FOXGLOVE** '07 "San Luis Obispo" Chardonnay, For the third year in a row, FOXGLOVE has made a **DELICIOUS UNOAKED** Chardonnay. The past two vintages have received "90" points from Robert Parker and this should follow suit. A crisp and clean style of Chardonnay. **10<sup>95</sup>**
- BYRON** '05 "Santa Maria Valley" Chardonnay, "93" Wine Spectator, From Wine Spectator: "Ultra-rich and concentrated with layers of fig, citrus and tangerine flavors that are shaded by toasty oak." **16<sup>95</sup>**
- CARDIFF** '06 "California" Chardonnay, We scoured all over California to find you another toasty, buttery Chardonnay at a **RIDICULOUSLY LOW PRICE**-and with a name like Cardiff, this was practically made for San Diego! Another San Diego Wine Co. Find! **3<sup>99</sup>**
- HOOK & LADDER** '06 "Russian River" Chardonnay, A slight caramelized honeysuckle essence is combined with crisp flavors and tropical notes that come together for a smooth finish. **12<sup>95</sup>**
- LAIRD** '06 "Carneros" Chardonnay, Vibrant gold colors and a nose of hazelnut and marzipan, complemented by subtle aromas of white peach, spiced apple and citrus. **21<sup>95</sup>**
- HIGHLANDS ESTATE** '05 "Santa Maria" Chardonnay, "92" Robert Parker, From Parker: "This well-made, medium to full bodied effort reminds me of a classic Premier Cru Mersault in its smoky, earthy, ripe fruit notes." **17<sup>95</sup>**

## THREE NEW SAUVIGNON BLANCS

- HUNTINGTON** '06 "Sonoma County" Sauvignon Blanc, Yet another hit from the winery that believes that high quality and low prices can come in the same bottle. Clean and bright with lime blossom. **8<sup>95</sup>**
- FRANCISCAN** '07 "Napa Valley" Sauvignon Blanc, This medium-bodied white is loaded with melony fruit notes, crisp acidity, freshness and a true Sauvignon character. **12<sup>95</sup>**
- SBRAGIA** '06 "Dry Creek Valley" Sauvignon Blanc, "90" Wine Spec, From Wine Spectator: "A tasty cocktail of tropical pineapple, guava and citrus notes mingling with spicy vanilla flavors." **13<sup>95</sup>**

## 5 TERRIFIC NEW PINOT NOIRS

- QUEEN OF HEARTS** '06 "Santa Barbara County" Pinot Noir, Juicy black cherry and berry fruit on a smooth and supple frame make this delectable-and the price makes it **DOWNRIGHT IRRESISTIBLE!** **9<sup>95</sup>**
- LONDER** '06 "Anderson Valley" Pinot Noir, Another wonderful Pinot from LONDER. A nose of dark berries, cola, and spice give way to a silky, smooth texture and balance. **27<sup>95</sup>**
- QUAILHURST** '05 "Willamette Valley" Pinot Noir, Redolent of wild berries and baking spice, this lovely Willamette Pinot hits all the right notes! **19<sup>95</sup>**
- COHO** '06 "Carneros" STANLY RANCH, Pinot Noir, **TREMENDOUS!** Aromas of red cherry & violets exude from the glass, leading to mouth-filling cherry flavors mingled with spicy cinnamon and creamy vanilla. **~Matt's Top Pick~ 29<sup>95</sup>**
- PATASSY VINEYARD** '06 "Russian River" Pinot Noir, We taste \$40 Pinot Noirs every week that don't measure up to this wonderful wine. Black cherries, spice & flowery flavors fill the palate. **19<sup>95</sup>**

## 5 GREAT NEW CABERNET SAUVIGNONS

- GRAYSON** '06 "Paso Robles" Cabernet Sauvignon, **THIS FANTASTIC VALUE CAB IS BACK!** Plum currant, and a hint of black olive with a plush mouth-feel at an everyday-drinking price! **7<sup>99</sup>**
- CLEARWATER CREEK** '05 "Sonoma County" Cabernet Sauvignon, Fruit sourced from **SILVER OAKS'S** Alexander Valley Vnyds! Notes of black cherries, licorice & chocolate! **VERY DELICIOUS AND VERY LIMITED!** **11<sup>95</sup>**
- SPARROW HAWK** '05 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, Compare this to many Napa Cabernets at twice the price and you will know instantly what a **REMARKABLE VALUE** this is! Concentrated flavors of cassis, dark currant, licorice and a hint of creamy chocolate. **17<sup>95</sup>**
- FLORA SPRINGS** '04 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, Exhibiting all the classic characteristics of a Napa Cab, this is mouth-filling with black cherry, fruit & cocoa. **23<sup>95</sup>**
- MACAULEY** '04 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, This winery's TO-KALON '04 offering received a "96" from the Wine Spectator (\$100 per bottle). Most of the fruit from this bottling comes from the TO-KALON vineyard and it's safe to say at **almost 40% less per bottle, THIS IS A TERRIFIC VALUE!** **MKT**

## NEW WHITE BURGUNDY

- Domaine Barat** '06 "PETIT CHABLIS" Le Padabu, An expressive clean and overly fruity nose lead to bright flavors that are delicious and easy to drink yet they are not simple! **14<sup>95</sup>**
- Domaine Raymond Dupont-Fahn** '06 "BOURGOGNE" Chaumes des Perrieres, Adjoining the famed Les Perrieres vineyard in Meursault, the site these vines originally qualified for 1er Cru status. This is easily one of the loveliest white "Bourgogne" out there, drinking far above its classification. **24<sup>95</sup>**
- Robert Denogent** '05 "ST. VERAN" Les Pommards, A remarkable producer who very much lives up to his reputation with this bottling. The wine displays ripe citrus & yellow orchard fruit aromas. Imported by Kermit Lynch. **27<sup>95</sup>**
- Robert Denogent** '05 "POUILLY FUISE" La Croix, "91" Burghound, Made from 70 year old vines, the wine shows off a minerally note in the bouquet and aftertaste. The terroir gives a wine that is usually quite generous and floral in its youth. **29<sup>95</sup>**