



## 7 NEW ITALIANS



## 7 NEW SPANISH



## BURGUNDY



## BORDEAUX



**Rubicone** '05 "Italy" SANGIOVESE/MERLOT, **WOW!** What a SCREAMING DEAL this is! Medium-bodied, Silky tannin and a lively, cedary, black currant scented nose displaying hints of spiciness and earth. **4<sup>95</sup>**

**Fontanafredda** '06 "Piedmont" BARBERA, "90" Wine Spectator, Another TERRIFIC DEAL, this wine was featured in Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of the World last year. Full-bodied, Soft & succulent with lots of flavor & a long, long finish. **9<sup>95</sup>**

**La Carraia** '06 "Umbria" SANGIOVESE, This Sangiovese is a brilliant ruby red with loads of berry fruit on the nose. The wine is full and ripe with balanced tannins. **IT IS INDISPUTABLY AN EXCELLENT VALUE!** **8<sup>95</sup>**

**Tenuta Trinoro** '05 "Toscana" LE CUPOLE, A blend of mostly Merlot, Cab. Franc, & Petite Verdot. **RICH & INTENSE!** This stunning Italian red will drink well now and last 5-8 years. **24<sup>95</sup>**

**Destefanis** '06 "DOLCETTO D'ALBA," At its best, Dolcetto can be thought of as Italy's answer to Zinfandel; gutsy, irresistible wine with a freshness & balance most Zins can't touch. Here is a wonderful example! **10<sup>95</sup>**

**Michele Castelloni** '03 "Amarone della Valpolicella" MONTE CRISTI, Notes of chocolate and truffles as well as a **POWERFUL**, long, lush personality! Great with rich meats, game and poultry. **45<sup>95</sup>**

**Michele Castelloni** '03 "Amarone della Valpolicella Classico" CINQUE STELLA, "95" Wine Spectator, **VERY LIMITED!** Don't miss this **SPECTACULAR AMARONE!** **71<sup>95</sup>**

**Campo Viejo** '04 "RIOJA" Crianza, TEMPRANILLO, Another **STEAL OF A DEAL** from Spain! Soft and fruit forward. **WHAT A GREAT QUAFFING WINE!** **5<sup>95</sup>**

**ZA ZA** '07 "CAMPO DE BORJA" Garnacha Rose, "88" Robert Parker, Deliciously dry with intense strawberry and floral aromas and seductively mouth watering juicy fruit flavors. **6<sup>95</sup>**

**Dehesa La Granja** '01 "ZAMORA" TEMPRANILLO, From the province of Zamora, west of Ribera Del Duero. Lush black-berry and plum fruits with supple tannins and hints of black pepper. Made by Bodegas Alejandro Fernandez (TINTO PESQUERA) **14<sup>95</sup>**

**Izadi** '04 "RIOJA," Dark ruby-colored, it offers aromas of spice, soy, and black fruits leading to an elegant wine that should show well over the next 2-3 years. **14<sup>95</sup>**

**Valminor** '06 "RIAS BAIXAS" ALBARIÑO, "90" Robert Parker, This refreshing Spanish white combines fruity flavors and freshness with a rounded acidity resulting in a balanced wine that boasts an opulent taste with elegant aromas. **12<sup>95</sup>**

**Sol y Nieve** '06 "RUEDA" VERDEJO/VIURA, This crisp, fruity Spanish white possesses Sauvignon Blanc like characteristics of melons, figs, and flowers. A **TERRIFIC WARM WEATHER WINE** that will be versatile with an assortment of dishes. **9<sup>95</sup>**

**Prado Rey** '04 "RIBERA DEL DUERO," The velvety texture in addition to hedonistic up-front aromas and flavors provide a luscious mouthful of wine. **11<sup>95</sup>**

**Charles Audoin** '05 "Marsannay" CUVÉE MARIE RAGONNEAU, "90" Wine Spectator, From Wine Spectator: "Intense aromas of mineral, wild berry and black currant mark this firm, tensile red." **DON'T MISS IT!** **19<sup>95</sup>**

**Domaine Georges Vernay** '05 "Saint Joseph" ROUGE, "90" Wine Spectator, From Wine Spectator: "A pure Kirsch aroma leads the way for super racy blackberry and fig flavors, layered with tangy mineral and spice notes. **25<sup>95</sup>**

**Pierre-Marie Chermette** '06 "Beaujolais" CUVÉE TRADITIONELLE, The perfect red for the warm days of spring and summer! Good Beaujolais are extremely versatile with all kinds of foods or great on their own with a very light chill. **12<sup>95</sup>**

**Chateau Tayac** '05 "MARGAUX," Check out this **AMAZING MARGAUX VALUE!** Robert Parker called it a "sleeper of the vintage." Drink now or over the next 7 to 10 years. ~Dan's Top Pick~ **27<sup>95</sup>**

**Domaine de Courteillac** '05 "BOURDEAUX SUPERIEUR," "90" Wine Spectator, The Wine Spectator made this one of their **TOP 50 WINE VALUES** from the **SPECTACULAR VINTAGE IN BORDEAUX.** Dark in color, exhibiting beautiful aromas of blackberry, coffee and milk chocolate. **17<sup>95</sup>**

### MAY Wine-of-the-Month



## GENESIS Merlot



For the first time in 5 years, a Merlot has been selected for our Wine of the Month! Not surprising that it hails from Washington State where we believe this grape can have a Renaissance. Eastern Washington's long days and cool nights make it the perfect place to grow Merlot. The wine's richness carries the black cherry, plum, and clove spice flavors on the palate. **GIVE THIS ONE A SHOT!**

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We love getting your wine boxes back! Please put them aside or throw them in your trunk for your next visit. **THANK YOU!**

## NEW FROM ARGENTINA

**Tikal** '06 "Mendoza" Patriota, MALBEC/BONARDA, "92" Robert Parker, From Parker: "Medium to full-bodied, it has a plush palate feel, excellent balance and nicely combines elegance with power." **19<sup>95</sup>**

**Punto Final** '06 "Mendoza" MALBEC, The Malbec grapes are sourced from two Mountain vineyards, both planted more than 50 years ago. The wine has a rich bouquet, lively mouth-feel & a lingering sumptuous finish. **9<sup>95</sup>**

**Trapiche** '06 "Mendoza" OAK CASK, CHARDONNAY, Don't miss this **RECESSION BUSTER!** Light gold colored, it exhibits toasty oak notes, apple, pear and tropical fruit aromas. **7<sup>95</sup>**

**Melipal** '05 "Mendoza" MALBEC, "91" Robert Parker, Cherry and wild berry liqueur on a rather tightly wound, well structured frame, this provides intensity of fruit with the tannin and acidity to stand up to it. **13<sup>95</sup>**

**Norton** '05 "Mendoza" PRIVADA, From the winery: "The harmonic blend of Cab. Sauv, Malbec and Merlot..." The name "Privada" refers to the family's private reserve, only to be enjoyed by friends. **16<sup>95</sup>**

## NEW FROM SOUTH AFRICA

**WOLFTRAP** '06 "South Africa" Red, The Syrah in the blend leads to a spicy, aromatic nose, supported by the perfume from the Viognier. Yes, Viognier! The Mourvedre adds structure and weight to the palate with good density. **7<sup>95</sup>**

**Sincerely** '07 "South Africa" Sauvignon Blanc, This is Neil Ellis' Sincere tribute to Sancerre. How about a "Sancerre" look alike at 7.99? Nice herb, lime aromas and flavors with good richness and a sorbet-like grapefruit finish. **7<sup>95</sup>**

**Man Vintners** '07 "South Africa" Chenin Blanc, The wine has a delicious tangy character that goes well with many dishes and makes for an excellent aperitif. **6<sup>95</sup>**

**Neil Ellis** '06 "Stellenbosch" Pinotage, A Pinotage that has wonderful fruit and meaty characteristics without that crazy funk found in so many Pinotage from South Africa. **13<sup>95</sup>**

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## 7 NEW CHARDONNAYS

- COLUMBIA CREST** '06 "Washington" HORSE HEAVEN HILLS. Horse Heaven Hills is one of the United States newest American Viticultural Areas. It seems to be treating Chardonnay well. The wine delivers aromas of tropical pineapple and pear flavors of tart apples and caramelized sugar. **9<sup>95</sup>**
- SONOMA CUTRER** '05 "Sonoma Coast" Aromas of ginger and lemon zest and joined by toasty coconut, melon and caramel. A cornucopia of fruit join a nutty, spicy, lightly oak profile. **19<sup>95</sup>**
- TALLEY** '06 "Arroyo Grande" OLIVER'S VINEYARD. This wine is a classic Chardonnay from the Edna Valley with an exotic nose of ripe pears, pineapple and hint of vanilla. **25<sup>95</sup>**
- COSTA DE ORO** '06 "Santa Maria" ESTATE. A DELICIOUS CHARDONNAY! This ripe, rich, full-bodied white wine reveals aromas of liquid minerals, vanilla custard and spicy oak. **15<sup>95</sup>**
- HANDLEY** '06 "Dry Creek Valley" Soft fruit, pleasant acidity, use of neutral oak, are all characteristics that make this a welcome change from heavier Chardonnay's in the market. **13<sup>95</sup>**
- TRUCHARD** '06 "Napa/Carneros" Always one of the most consistently well made Domestic Chardonnay's! The mouth is rich, filled with bright flavors of wild flower, honey, green apple, and nutmeg. **24<sup>95</sup>**

## NEW CABERNET SAUVIGNONS

- J LOHR** '06 "Paso Robles" SEVEN OAKS. The stars must be aligned if our wine of the month is a Merlot & we are featuring J LOHR Cab. Sauv. in our newsletter. WE LIKE IT & we can offer it to you for the **LOWEST PRICE IN THE COUNTRY!** **9<sup>95</sup>**
- ADELAIDA** '05 "Paso Robles." The wine delivers impressions of freshly picked wild blackberries with elements of cedar spice. Now ready for current **PRIME TIME ENJOYMENT!** **14<sup>95</sup>**
- WATERSTONE** '04 "Napa Valley." Dense, mouth-filling cherries, plums, chocolate & tobacco marry with the oak nuances. **16<sup>95</sup>**
- HANNA** '04 "Alexander Valley." "90" Wine Enthusiast, Balance and complexity are the hallmarks of the Cab. from veteran producer HANNA. It is deep and long in flavorful spice and cherry fruit. **23<sup>95</sup>**
- STAR LANE** '05 "Santa Ynez." From Connoisseurs Guide: "The Santa Ynez Valley is not the first district that comes to mind when thinking of a top shelf Cabernet, but this deep and densely fruited bottling is just that." **39<sup>95</sup>**
- SNOWDEN** '04 "Napa Valley." THE RANCH, "90" Robert Parker, From Parker: "...an outstanding example of Napa Cabernet at a realistic price point." BEAUTIFUL OPULENCE! **33<sup>95</sup>**

## 2 TERRIFIC BLENDS FROM PASO ROBLES

- BLACK HAND CELLARS** '05 "Paso Robles" ALIBI. Cab, Merlot, Cab Franc. The winery's name is a tribute to the owners Great Grandfather who made great wine & the Black Hand Mafia who sought it out in the roaring 20's. ~Mark's Top Pick~ **21<sup>95</sup>**
- HEARTHSTONE** '06 "Paso Robles" PEARL. 53% Viognier, 47% Roussane. Many of you have come to our Saturday tastings and have met Sharon and her infectious positive personality. What you may not know is that her wine preference is red & red only! When she gave a glowing review of this White wine, it naturally became... ~Sharon's Top Pick~ **17<sup>95</sup>**

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## FANTASTIC FRENCH ARRIVALS

- Colombelle** '06 "Vin de Pays Des" CÔTES DE GASCOGNE. A blend of 70% French Colombard, 30% Ugni Blanc. Crisp and refreshing with white peach, mango & a hint of citrus. Always one of our "go to" warm weather Whites! **5<sup>95</sup>**
- Chateau Saint Florin** '05 "BORDEAUX." A TERRIFIC VALUE White Bordeaux from the rolling hills of the Entre-Deux Mers. Crisp, fruity and a well balanced palate with an elegant, dry, refreshing finish. **6<sup>95</sup>**
- Domaine des Aubuisieres** '06 "VOUVRAY" CUVEE DE SILEX. Last years version was a "93" from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. This is another TERRIFIC Chenin Blanc that has plenty of floral and mineral characteristics that make this wine very refreshing. **12<sup>95</sup>**
- Hughes Beaulieu** '07 "COTEAUX DU LANGUEDOC" Picpoul de Pinet. This wine has been a staple in our store for many years because of its **BANG FOR THE BUCK VALUE!** With the weak dollar and a change of distribution, the price keeps creeping up. We will let you decide if you feel it still warrants, "A steal of a Deal." **8<sup>49</sup>**
- Chateau de Segries** '05 "COTES DU RHONE." An elegant Cotes du Rhone displaying good acidity, medium-body, and a peppery, spicy, strawberry and cherry tinged personality. **9<sup>95</sup>**
- Domaine de Ferraud** '05 "COTES DU RHONE" Vieilles Vignes. A TERRIFIC PRODUCER that will certainly get the attention of Cotes Du Rhone purists. Wonderful cassis notes, pepper, earth and an underlying spiciness. **14<sup>95</sup>**

## TWO DELICIOUS SYRAHS

- BECKMEN** '06 "Santa Ynez Valley." Syrah. A BEAUTY! Plenty of black raspberry, cassis fruit, earthiness and a touch of black olives. **15<sup>95</sup>**
- MINASSIAN YOUNG** '05 "Paso Robles" Syrah. Like their Zin, this is FULL THROTTLE! A sweet nose of black raspberries, licorice, and pepper. Full-bodied flavors coat the palate! YUM! **14<sup>95</sup>**

## 7 NEW ZINFANDELS

- HUNTINGTON** '06 "California." The Huntington people have **DONE IT AGAIN!** Over delivering on the **QUALITY TO PRICE RATIO** is what they do BEST! Here is another example! **8<sup>95</sup>**
- WALLACE** '05 "Lodi." A vibrant wine that captures it's fruity yet sophisticated character from blending Lodi Zinfandel grapes with small amounts of Lake County Petite Sirah and Napa Valley Merlot. **12<sup>95</sup>**
- STEELE** '06 "Mendocino County" PACINI VINEYARD. The Pacini Family planted the vineyard in 1940 on the western foothills of the Mayacama Mountains in Mendocino County. It produces a Zin that is effusive with berries and chocolate tannins. **13<sup>95</sup>**
- GAMBA** '06 "Russian River Valley" GAMBA ESTATE. One of the best Zins we have tasted all year! Exquisite layers of abundant ripe raspberry, Bing cherry and stone fruits. Incredible depth and complexity makes this **A MUST TRY FOR ZIN LOVERS!** ~Matt's Top Pick~ **35<sup>95</sup>**
- MINASSIAN YOUNG** '06 "Paso Robles." Full throttle, concentrated Zin fruit! Ripe blackberry and cherry flavors are jammy, complete with spicy tobacco and chocolate. **14<sup>95</sup>**
- OPOLO** '06 "Paso Robles" SUMMIT CREEK. Named for the creek that runs through their west side vineyard in the Santa Lucia Mountains, it offers intense flavors of ripe black cherry, raspberry & a touch of spice. **15<sup>95</sup>**
- MARIETTA** '06 "Sonoma County." Heady aromas compliment a thick, luscious, chewy palate to create a wine that is balanced and round. **14<sup>95</sup>**

## NEW PINOT NOIRS

- MARTIN RAY** '06 "Santa Barbara." The wine has a brilliant garnet color and aromas of berries and vanilla. The palate is full and sensual with ripe raspberry and strawberry. **13<sup>95</sup>**
- CLOS DU VAL** '06 "Carneros." Flavors of ripe red berries, warm cinnamon and a touch of ginger linger on the palate. Soft, silky tannins round out this full-bodied Pinot! **23<sup>95</sup>**
- PIETRA SANTA** '06 "Cienega Valley." Pietra Santa is a family run estate in the beautiful Cienega Valley just 25 miles from California's Monterey Bay. Their Pinot is a **FANTASTIC VALUE** with vibrant flavors of wild berry, cherry and raspberry. **12<sup>95</sup>**
- COSTA DE ORO** '06 "Santa Barbara." Gary Burk, the former assistant winemaker at AU BON CLIMAT, brings us this very approachable Pinot, full of blackberry and blueberry spice. **19<sup>95</sup>**

## TWO PINOTS FROM NEW ZEALAND

- MATUA** '06 "Marlborough." An elegant and well proportioned Pinot Noir exhibiting red currant nuances together with violet and mint characters and well integrated oak. **9<sup>95</sup>**
- SHERWOOD** '07 "Marlborough." A great example of the progress New Zealand has achieved in its **VALUE** category of Pinot Noir. Ripe, sweet plum notes with an edge of complexity on the nose. **11<sup>95</sup>**

## TWO FROM CHILE

- CALINA RESERVA** '07 "Valle de Casablanca" Chardonnay. Hints of fresh citrus and tropical fruit with mineral undertones and a creamy finish with subtle toasty notes. **5<sup>95</sup>**
- SANTA EMA** '05 "Cachapoal Valley" Carmenere. This distinctive Red offers up an earthy, cedar and blueberry perfume with a whiff of mint in the background. **EXCELLENT BALANCE!** **7<sup>95</sup>**