

## CHARDONNAY

**BABCOCK WINERY** '12 "Central Coast" Chardonnay. Babcock Winery pulls out a winner for their entry-level Chardonnay offering. A textbook rich & creamy style Chardonnay. **15<sup>95</sup>**

**PROVOCATIVE** '12 "Sonoma Valley" Chardonnay. Was \$20, now **40% OFF** this terrific Chardonnay crafted by Paul Hobbs. If you enjoyed last years offering, you will not want to pass up this new release! Rich, creamy and balanced. **It is a STEAL at this price!** **11<sup>95</sup>**

**LYNMAR** '12 "Russian River Valley" Chardonnay. This is the best Russian River bottling from LYNMAR we have ever tasted! Just the right amount of oak, followed by a very silky finish. **28<sup>95</sup>**

**CLOS PEGASE** '12 "Carneros/Napa Valley" MITSUKO'S VINEYARD Chardonnay. Vibrant and intense with citrus blossom, green apple, minerality and well-integrated oak on the finish. **19<sup>95</sup>**

**BENNETT VALLEY CELLARS** '12 "Bennett Valley, Sonoma County" Chardonnay. The Bennett Valley AVA is just southeast of Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. Well-drained volcanic soils and a fog-cooled climate are ideal for producing World-Class Burgundian wines. This is a Chardonnay with perfect balance. **21<sup>95</sup>**

## ARGENTINA

**ASTICA** '13 "Mendoza" Torrontes. You simply will not find a better Torrontes for the money! Fresh, floral and incredibly enjoyable. **5<sup>95</sup>**

**BODEGAS CARO** '10 "Mendoza" Red Blend. "92" Wine Spectator, We rarely feature wines at this price point from Argentina, so you better believe we think this is one special wine! This winery is owned by Lafite Rothschild. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. **49<sup>95</sup>**

**COLOME** '13 "Valle Calchaqui, Salta" Torrontes. "91" Stephen Tanzer, A seductive example of Torrontes with grapefruit, lemon, flowers and spices that finishes with a salty minerality. **11<sup>95</sup>**

**CONTRATTO MILLESIMATO**  
'08 "Piedmont"  
**Brut Sparkling**

Aromas of white peach and hazelnuts lead to a complex, creamy and powerful mouthfeel. The finish is fresh and elegant. One of the finest Italian Sparkling wines we have ever tasted! **24<sup>95</sup>**

**BLUE ROCK**  
'12 "Alexander Valley"  
**Baby Blue**

Two years ago this was our best selling red blend from California! Back on track after a difficult 2011 vintage, it is sure to become a customer favorite once again. A blend of Cabernet, Cab Franc, Syrah, Merlot and Malbec. ~Kevin's Top Pick~ **21<sup>95</sup>**

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## WINE OF THE MONTH SEAN MINOR

'09 "Napa Valley"  
Red Blend

If you have shopped here at San Diego Wine Co. over the years, then you most certainly have seen the SEAN MINOR label. We have featured some great values from this producer! Here is yet another great find from SEAN MINOR! A blend of Merlot, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. With a few years of age underneath this wine, it is showing incredibly well right now! Enjoy.

**11<sup>95</sup>**

## PINOT NOIR

**LINCOURT** '12 "Santa Rita Hills" LINDSAY'S VINEYARD Pinot Noir, **WOW!** What a wine and what a price! Almost **50% OFF** the winery price. Hurry in for this one! **15<sup>95</sup>**

**COEUR DE TERRE** '12 "Willamette Valley" Pinot Noir, The 2012 vintage from Oregon continues to amaze! Dark cherry, violet & notes of forest floor with subtle spice on the integrated finish. **17<sup>95</sup>**

**SONNET** '12 "Santa Lucia Highlands" TONDRE'S GRAPEFIELD Pinot Noir, This tastes more like a very good \$30+ bottling of Pinot Noir. Complexity plus the rich fruit equals one tasty wine! **23<sup>95</sup>**

**LYNMAR** '12 "Russian River Valley" Pinot Noir, A stunning Pinot Noir made by Paul Hobbs. Flavors of strawberry and dark cherry cola. The wine is beautifully balanced. **35<sup>95</sup>**

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**BERINGER** '12 "Knights Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, The Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has been a staple in the portfolio for as long as we can remember. It's easy to understand why, as the quality shines through especially in great vintages. **22<sup>95</sup>**

**CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE** '12 "Colombia Valley" INDIAN WELLS Cabernet Sauvignon, Yes, this is a giant producer but the quality of wine they turn out for the money is very impressive! Don't hesitate to give this a try. **14<sup>95</sup>**

**LANCASTER** '09 "Alexander Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, We have the best price around on this gem! You will find it \$60 everywhere else. An intense core of black fruit, this one is not shy! **49<sup>95</sup>**

**DOUBLEBACK** '11 "Walla Walla" Cabernet Sauvignon, This is Drew Bledsoe's Winery (former quarterback of New England Patriots) in Washington State. This is no hobby, it is a serious business as you can taste the amazing quality in this wine. **89<sup>95</sup>**

**TRENTADUE** '12 "Alexander Valley" LA STORIA Cabernet Sauvignon, Fresh and juicy with balanced acidity and a very soft tannins for a young wine. **19<sup>95</sup>**

## ZINFANDEL

**ROSENBLUM** NV "California" VINTNERS CUVÉE XXXV Zinfandel, **WOW!** One of the Zinfandel deals of the year! Nice and juicy, it's the perfect middle of the week pizza/pasta wine. **5<sup>95</sup>**

**FROG'S LEAP** '12 "Napa Valley" Zinfandel, What is it, the 1980's? GRGICH HILLS and FROG'S LEAP in the same newsletter! Both have had long, successful runs in this crazy, competitive wine business. Flavors of red fruit compete leads to power & sophistication! **23<sup>95</sup>**

**GRGICH HILLS** '10 "Napa Valley" ESTATE Zinfandel, A food-friendly Zinfandel with strawberry and red plum fruit with hints of white pepper on the finish. Their best in years! **29<sup>95</sup>**

**JAMIESON RANCH** '12 "Lodi" WHIPLASH Zinfandel, Just what you hope to get from a Zinfandel from Lodi! Big, up-front, juicy fruit that is hard to resist. **9<sup>95</sup>**

**D CUBED** '10 "Napa Valley" Zinfandel, With a few years of age underneath it, this wine is drinking beautifully right now! Flavors of cherries, candied raspberries and vanilla. **19<sup>95</sup>**

**J**  
'13 "California"  
**Pinot Gris**

Delightful aromatics and a lush mouthfeel make this the perfect summertime sipper. Flavors of ripe pear, lemon-lime and orange blossom with a distinct minerality. **11<sup>95</sup>**

**TERRA**  
By Haywood  
'10 "Sonoma Valley"  
**Red Blend**

This is one delicious Zinfandel blend! Extravagant richness with full-bodied mouthfeel. 81% Zinfandel, 17% Cab Franc and 2% Cabernet. **17<sup>95</sup>**

## SPAIN

**Bodegas Borsao** '12 "CAMPO DE BORTJA" TRES PICOS Garnacha, "92" Stephen Tanzer, "92" Robert Parker, From Robert Parker: "The terrific 2012 Tres Picos is one of the finest, inexpensive Grenache-based wines made in the world." Full-bodied with a deep ruby color that reveals loads of strawberry and black cherry fruit, hints of lavender and crushed rocks with a broad, savory mouthfeel. This beauty should be consumed over the next 3-4 years. **12<sup>95</sup>**

**Hazaña** '11 "RIOJA" Tradicion, "90" Robert Parker, Medium-bodied and elegant with black cherry, lead pencil shavings, anise and tobacco leaf. **9<sup>95</sup>**

**Mas Doix** '10 "PRIORAT" Les Crestes, "92" Robert Parker, Deep blue/purple color with blueberry and raspberry fruit, crushed rock & floral notes on the medium to full-bodied finish. **22<sup>95</sup>**

**VALDELAINOS** '13 "RUEDA" Verdejo, A crisp, clean, flavorful white wine from Spain is the perfect answer to our beautifully warm summer nights. **11<sup>95</sup>**

**San Chez** '12 "LA MANCHA" Macabeo, What a fun, enjoyable, inexpensive and refreshing white this is! Macabeo has the unusual virtue of being capable of making dry white wines with real nerve and character. **5<sup>95</sup>**

## CHILE

### J. BOUCHON

'12 "Maule Valley" CANTO NORTE Red Blend

"90" Stephen Tanzer

Canto Norte is modeled after Bordeaux's Right Bank. This blend of 75% Merlot, 15% Carmenere and 5% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon expresses fresh red cherries and raspberries with subtle minerality on the complex finish. ~Mark's Top Pick~ **11<sup>95</sup>**

### AQUINTANIA

'11 "Valle del Maipo" RESERVA Cabernet Sauvignon

"90" Stephen Tanzer

The palate reveals loads of red fruit, cassis, dried herbs and hints of red pepper. **12<sup>95</sup>**

### ERNIE ELS

'13 "South Africa" BIG EASY Chenin Blanc

This white wine is approachable and juicy yet complex. Simply delightful!

**12<sup>95</sup>**

### FERRARI-CARRANO

'13 "Sonoma" Fume Blanc

One of the most consistent Fume Blancs year in and year out. Flavors of pineapple, lemon and mango with guava on the finish. This new vintage may be their finest to date!

**12<sup>95</sup>**

## INCREDIBLE ITALIAN VALUES

**Perazzeta** '13 "TOSCANA" Mercurio Rosso, One of the finest Italian reds you will ever find at this price! This wine should cost much more than it does but we're sure glad it doesn't. A blend of Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc and Alicante. ~Matt's Top Pick~ **9<sup>95</sup>**

**Casa Contini** '11 "PUGLIA" RISERVA Brindisi, A truly elegant, lush Negroamaro-based wine with classic alluring dark fruits. An extraordinary value and a unique selection that is very hard to find. **11<sup>95</sup>**

**Cantina Altarocca** '13 "UMBRIA" Orvieto Classico Superiore, A gorgeous Italian White! A blend of Grechetto, Procanico and Malvasia Bianca. Bright and sunny with citrus and mineral overtones! **14<sup>95</sup>**

**Antonio Sanguineti** '13 "TOSCANA" Vermentino, Vermentino is one of the Italy's quintessential white wine experiences. This wine pairs flawlessly with seafood, tomato sauces and all things pasta! **11<sup>95</sup>**

**La Quercia** '10 "Montepulciano d'Abruzzo" Riserva, One of the finest Montepulciano d'Abruzzo's we have ever featured! Wonderful character and class! **16<sup>95</sup>**

**Inama** '13 "Soave Classico" Made from the Garganega grape. This is a beautiful example of how tasty Soave can be! **11<sup>95</sup>**

**Li Veli** '12 "SALENTO" Primitivo, Super tasty! Soft and juicy, it's the perfect match for a spicy lasagna or thin crust pizza. **9<sup>95</sup>**

**Malabaila** '12 "PIEMONTE" Roero Arneis, An enticing bouquet of lemon and crushed sea shells. A light hint infused honey adds depth to the finish. **15<sup>95</sup>**

## FRANCE

**Chateau Haut Gay** '12 "Bordeaux Superieur" Bang for the buck, this is one delicious Bordeaux! Don't miss it at only... **11<sup>95</sup>**

**Olivier Hillaire** '12 "Chateaufort du Pape" "93-95" Wine Advocate, Fruit-loaded and a hedonistic dream. Should dish out tons of pleasure over the next decade. **44<sup>95</sup>**

**La Domitienne** '12 "LANGUEDOC" Picpoul de Pinet, One of our favorite value white wines from France. Dry, crisp & refreshing, it makes for a great aperitif or picnic wine. **8<sup>95</sup>**

**Domaine de Terrebrune** '13 "BANDOL" Rose, One of the best Rose producers in Bandol. Pleasant herbal aromas with hints of apricot, grapefruit and lemon-peel. Imported by Kermit Lynch. **25<sup>95</sup>**

**Domaine Notre Dame des Pallieres** '11 "Gigondas" It is highly unusual to find Gigondas at this price point (usually \$25 is the going rate.) **15<sup>95</sup>**  
**A TRUE VALUE! A GREAT GIG!**

## WINE TASTINGS

Taste New Wines in this Months Newsletter marked with Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 11-4:00pm JUST \$10<sup>00</sup>

Taste Italian Wines Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> 11-4:00pm JUST \$10<sup>00</sup>

Taste the Best Wines Under \$10 Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> 11-4:00pm JUST \$5<sup>00</sup>

Taste Staff Top Picks Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> 11-4:00pm JUST \$10<sup>00</sup>

OUR HOURS: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm  
OPEN July 4th 10am-3pm



## GERMANY

**Monchhof** '11 "MOSEL" URZIG WURZGARTEN Riesling Spatlese, "92" Wine Spectator, Vibrant and lush with loads of structure and acidity to the peach, apricot and tangerine flavors with a mineral finish. Was \$30, now only... **19<sup>95</sup>**

**Dr. F Weins Prum** '12 "MOSEL" ESTATE Riesling, A terrific Riesling that is mostly dry with just a hint of sweetness. Try it with a spicy Thai dish. **11<sup>95</sup>**

**Wagner Stempel** '13 "RHEINHESSEN" Rose, A beautiful dry Rose from Germany with a touch of effervescence that makes it quite refreshing. **14<sup>95</sup>**

**Von Bual Armand** '12 "PFALZ" KABINETT Riesling, "90" Wine Spectator, A rich style with ample minerality to the ruby grapefruit, lemon curd and green peach flavors. **15<sup>95</sup>**

**Diel** '12 "NAHE" Dry Riesling, One of the finest Dry Rieslings we have ever offered. **21<sup>95</sup>**

### JORDANOV

'13 "Macedonia" RKACITELI

A beautiful white wine from Greece. Bright, crisp, clean and floral.

**9<sup>95</sup>**

### TRISAETUM

'13 "Willamette Valley" Riesling

This off-dry Riesling shows beautiful apple, pear and dried floral notes on the balanced, harmonious finish.

~Jameson's Top Pick~

**15<sup>95</sup>**