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## IN THIS ISSUE

This issue opens with a spotlight on the great and evocative wines of Burgundy from recent vintages. Also well represented are Bordeaux and the Rhône, and from Italy, iconic treasures of Tuscany and Piedmont. An impressive selection of eye-opening Spanish wines is likewise not to be missed.

From the New World, there is an array of powerhouse wines from Australia, as well as a range of Californian beauties from Napa, Sonoma, and Santa Barbara County. Joining the ranks is a handful of gems from Chile, Argentina, New Zealand, BC, and right here in Ontario.

Last but certainly not least, for the spirits aficionado there is a pair of rare and mature Armagnacs to mark that very special occasion, as well as a superb 50-year-old single malt from Speyside.

**VINTAGES** invites you to discover all this and more as you explore the outstanding wines and spirits in our latest Classics Collection.

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A wrought-iron gate and stately stone pillar mark this venerated vineyard's entrance. Opposite: Just-harvested



# BURGUNDY

## REFLECTIONS OF BEAUTIFUL TERROIR

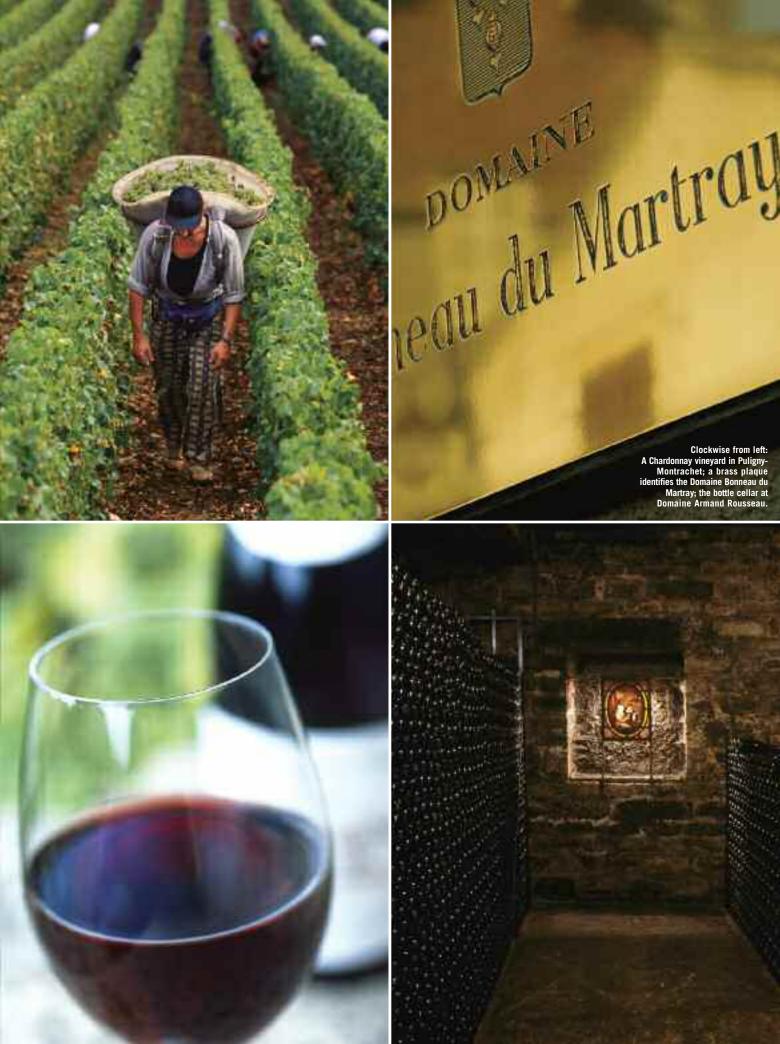
It is said that of all human endeavours, the growing and making of wine most artfully expresses our deep connection with the land. This is the allure of the great wines of Burgundy. Adored for their elegance, eloquence, and aerial grace, they are true reflections of the land, capable of speaking directly to the heart.

"Wine-making is a natural process which does not strictly require any human intervention ... humanity's role is a more modest one, to refine and guide." So asserts Jancis Robinson, MW, in her Oxford Companion to Wine, and this concept is central to the Burgundian winemaking philosophy and approach. Here winemakers strive to express the complex nuances of terroir, rather than simply overloading the senses and diluting a wine's inherent character and beauty. The wines of Burgundy are subtle creatures, not always easily understood, yet getting to know their intricacies is an infinitely rewarding experience. The Burgundians have been able to effectively channel the spirit of the land into wines that speak of the place they call home.

Great wines also speak of time. With each vintage, the nature of the growing season is etched on the finished wine. In the variable climate of Burgundy, this means a share of more challenging vintages, such as 2007 or '08, where greatness is achieved only by skilled growers and winemakers capable of feeling the pulse of terroir and acting accordingly. It is precisely this calibre of wine we've collected here, and this is why vintages such as 2007 and 2008 are particularly exciting: not only are they wines suitable for enjoyment with minimal cellaring - '07 wines blossomed after a year in bottle, while the wines of '08 were gorgeous immediately, though the best will last years – they are also a tangible reminder of the artistry at the heart and soul of Burgundian winemaking.







## **FEATURE PRODUCTS**

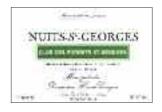
## FRANCE - BURGUNDY

## **CÔTE DE NUITS** RFD WINF

## DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES CLOS **DES PORRETS ST-GEORGES** NUITS-ST-GEORGES 1er CRU 2008

TASTING NOTE: A 3.5 ha monopole with 30+ year old vines ... Here the nose is not reduced and displays really lovely if reserved notes of the vegetal. earth, floral and a touch of the sauvage on the fresh and cool red pinot fruit aromas that precede the round, pure and relatively supple flavors that possess a textured mouth feel and more complexity on the serious, frank and direct if not especially rustic finish. A small but clear step up. Drink: 2015+. Score: 89-92 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, Jan. 30, 2010)

750 mL \$69 154831 [XD]



## DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES LES PRULIERS NUITS-ST-GEORGES 1er CRU 2008

AC

Allen Meadows, of www.burghound.com, gave this wine a score of 90-92 (Jan. 30, 2010).

TASTING NOTE: Mid ruby. Solid but racy, too. A certain dryness at the moment but utterly convincing that it will become something interesting. Lots of nuance here. Drink: 2012-2018. Score: 17 (out of 20) (Jancis Robinson, MW, www.jancisrobinson.com, Jan. 19, 2010)

693572 [XD] 750 mL \$69

#### DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES **VILLAGES NUITS-ST-GEORGES** 2008

AC

TASTING NOTE: Bright crimson. Quite open and very agreeable. Much fresher and more direct than previous vintages of Gouges. Lovely stuff and not expensive. For early enjoyment. Good value. Drink: 2010-2014. Score: 16 (out of 20) (Jancis Robinson, MW, www.jancisrobinson.com, Jan. 19, 2010)

154799 [XD] 750 mL \$45

#### DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME **MOREY SAINT DENIS 2008** AC

TASTING NOTE: Tasted out of barrel at the Domaine. With a majority of fruit sourced from 26-year old vines in "Les Pourroux", this has a gentle, reticent nose at first that unfurls to offer raspberry, wild strawberry, a touch of iron filings developing with aeration. The palate is mediumbodied with smooth, rounded, slightly chewy tannins, lovely touch of cassis on the entry, harmonious with some pure cherry and redcurrant fruit towards the finish that is already demonstrating good weight and length. Good potential here – highly recommended. Score: 89-91 (Neal Martin, www.erobertparker.com, March 2010)



## **FEATURE PRODUCTS**

#### FRANCE - BURGUNDY

## **CÔTE DE NUITS** RFD WINF

## MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU

2008 AC

Stephen Tanzer, of International Wine Cellar, gave this wine a score of 91 (March/April 2010).

TASTING NOTE: The Bellene 2008 Clos de la Roche (of which there is the impressive amount of seven barrels, all new) smells of red raspberries in fresh and confitured form, soy, caramel, and resin. Pure, juicy, sweet fruit along with soy, cherry pit and chalk accents come up against rather gumnumbing tannins on the palate and for all of the sheer length exhibited here the wine never lets you forget its 100% new oak. Still, there is a lot to like already; the potential for ten or a dozen years' reward in bottle; and the possibility – if less than a promise - of more finesse and complexity over time. Score: 90-91 (David Schildknecht, www.erobertparker.com, June 2010)

206961 [XD] 750 mL \$125



## MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE LES PETITS MONTS VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1er CRU 2008

AC

TASTING NOTE: A very perfumed bouquet, huge lift with lovely ripe black cherries, plum, apricot and a touch of blueberry. The palate is mediumbodied, svelte texture, crisp tannins with a touch of spice interlacing the Musigny-like dark fruits. Persistent finish. Lovely. Drink 2013-2025. Tasted January 2010. Score: 92-94 (Neal Martin, www.erobertparker.com, March 2010)

207043 [XD] 750 ml \$89



## DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME LA RIOTTE MOREY SAINT DENIS 1er CRU 2007

AC

TASTING NOTE: This is typically one of the most elegant of the Morey 1ers and so it is again in 2007 with an airy, elegant, refined, spicy and ripe nose of red currant, raspberry and cherry aromas that merge into concentrated, pure and balanced middle weight flavors that deliver excellent depth and length as well as plenty of verve. I quite like this as it's understated, balanced and stylish. Drink 2014+. Score: 90 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, Jan. 30, 2010)

111377 [D] 750 mL \$85



## MAISON NICOLAS POTEL LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN **GRAND CRU 2007**

AC

Bruce Sanderson, of the Wine Spectator, gave this wine a score of 93 (April 30, 2010).

TASTING NOTE: A cool and retiring nose of wood spice, ripe red berry fruit, limestone, dried flowers and an interesting hint of dried ginger root merges into concentrated and notably powerful flavors that offer up excellent intensity and more minerality on the dusty, understated and linear finish that is impressively persistent. Drink 2017+. Score: 91-93 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, Jan. 1, 2009)

## **DOMAINE JEAN TARDY ET FILS** GRAND MAUPERTUIS CLOS DE **VOUGEOT GRAND GRU 2006** AC

TASTING NOTE: Here the wood spice is no longer subtle though neither does it dominate the complex and relatively high-toned nose that is ripe and pretty while showcasing lovely red and dark berry fruit aromas amply laced with earth and underbrush notes that are also picked up by the detailed and strikingly long full-bodied flavors that possess plenty of palate staining extract. This is a bit oaky for me but there is no question that this is a wine of real quality that should repay up to a decade of cellar time. Drink 2013+. Score: 90-92 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, Jan. 1, 2010)

211508 [XD] 750 mL \$175



## **CÔTE DE BEAUNE** RFD WINF

## **DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS** RUGIENS POMMARD 1er CRU 2008

AC

TASTING NOTE: Sweet spot outstanding ... Noticeable wood stops short of dominating the otherwise fresh and airy black cherry and wet stone suffused nose that is very much in keeping with the rich, full-bodied and overtly muscular flavors brimming with dry extract and ample power on the impressively long and mineraldriven finish. This is a classic Rugiens in every respect, not the least of which is the amount of time that this will require to reach its apogee. Score: 91-93 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, April 18, 2010)

206177 [XD] 750 mL \$74

#### MAISON AMBROISE LE ROGNET **CORTON GRAND CRU 2008** AC

TASTING NOTE: This is also guite ripe though the dense red and black cherry aromas are fresh if not necessarily especially elegant and are in keeping with the big-bodied and extremely rich flavors that possess excellent power, focus and length on the velvety yet chewy finish. This is a big wine but not necessarily a rustic one. Drink: 2018+. Score: 91-94 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, Jan. 30, 2010)

209486 [XD] 750 mL \$89

## ANTONIN GUYON CORTON CLOS **DU ROY GRAND CRU 2007** AC

TASTING NOTE: A completely different personality is present here with a brooding, backward and borderline inexpressive nose of dark berry fruit, earth, spice, underbrush and a game hint that slides gracefully into muscular, firm, concentrated and sappy flavors that are supported by integrated tannins and excellent length. Terrific. Sweet Spot. Drink: 2015+. Score: 91-93 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, April 1, 2009)

715342 [XD] 750 mL \$89



## DOMAINE JEAN-MARC PAVELOT LES BRESSANDES BEAUNE 1er CRU 2007

AC

TASTING NOTE: Somewhat unexpectedly given the natural elegance of this cru, this is the earthiest wine to this point and the earth character dominates the otherwise fresh red berry fruit and continues onto the rich, detailed and minerally middle weight flavors that possess first rate depth on the stony and impressively lingering finish. In a word, terrific. Recommended. Drink: 2013+. Score: 91 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, April 1, 2009)



## **FEATURE PRODUCTS**

#### FRANCE - BURGUNDY

## CÔTE DE BEAUNE RED WINE

## DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL CHAMPIMONTS BEAUNE 1er CRU 2007

AC

TASTING NOTE: A distinctive note of cinnamon gives way to cherry and raspberry in this supple red, which is harmonious enough to drink now, but also has the structure to age. There's a nice berry and mineral aftertaste. Drink now through 2022. Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, Nov. 30, 2009)

208686 [XD] 750 mL \$55



## P. DUBREUIL-FONTAINE PÈRE & FILS CORTON CLOS DU ROI GRAND CRU 2007

AC

TASTING NOTE: A subtle touch of wood sets off red currant and plum aromas that possess a much earthier and distinctly animale character that continues onto the firm, delicious and powerful big-bodied flavors that also display a velvety mouth feel and excellent length. Like the Bressandes, this is balanced and classy though completely different. Drink: 2014+ Score: 90-92 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, April 1, 2009)

110494 [XD] 750 mL \$69

#### WHITE WINE

## DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE ET FILS LES GENEVRIÈRES MEURSAULT 1er CRU 2008

AC

TASTING NOTE: Pale, bright yellow. Deep peach, nutmeg, jasmine and orange blossom on the sexy nose. Rich, supple and sweet, with expansive flavors of stone fruits and spicy oak. Not the last word in complexity, but this big, sexy Meursault is impressively thick and long. Today, this comes across as the California-style wine in this line-up. Score: **92** (Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar*, Sept./Oct. 2010)

46532 [XD] 750 mL \$69

## DOMAINE FONTAINE-GAGNARD VERGERS CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2008 AC

TASTING NOTE: A mild touch of reduction is not enough to block the otherwise nicely fresh aromas of peach and just sliced lemon that introduces rich, full and voluminous flavors that possess a silky mouth feel and a palate staining, mineral-driven and beautifully complex finish. Excellent quality for this understated and pure effort. Outstanding. Drink: 2014+. Score: **92** (Allen Meadows, *www.burghound.com*, June 1, 2010)

211516 [XD] 750 mL \$89

## DOMAINE JOSEPH MATROT LES CHALUMEAUX PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2008 AC

TASTING NOTE: A background touch of toasty oak does not fight with the cool and airy white flower and spiced pear nose that also evidences traces of wet stone. There is good generosity to the restrained medium-bodied flavors that possess good mid-palate fat and ample minerality on the refined, focused and linear finish that goes on and on. This is an excellent wine of finesse and purity. Sweet Spot. Outstanding. Drink: 2016+. Score: 93 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, June 1, 2010)



## DOMAINE LEFLAIVE CLAVOILLON PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2008

AC

TASTING NOTE: (I tasted a cuvee that got 40% new oak, as the other components of this wine were only two-thirds of the way through their secondary fermentation) Pure aromas of yellow peach, spices and menthol, plus a slightly peppery, herbal quality. Then fat and supple in the mouth, with a strong element of grilled hazelnut. In a fairly thick style but has good energy. Incidentally, Remy pointed out that the 2008s, as a set, display "less ripe fruit aromas than the 2009s but also a lot of sucrosite." Score: 90-91 (Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, Sept./Oct. 2010)

86942 [XD] 750 mL \$109



## DOMAINE LEFLAIVE LES FOLATIÈRES PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1<sup>er</sup> CRU 2008 AC

Bruce Sanderson, of the *Wine Spectator*, gave this wine a score of **90**, suggesting it would be best to enjoy it 2012-2018 (Nov. 15, 2010).

TASTING NOTE: Maison Leflaive always seems to excel with their Folatières and the '08 version is no exception. A more elegant and highertoned if not more complex nose puts on display lemon-lime, wet stone and dried floral hints that slide gracefully into pure, detailed, intense and explosive middle weight flavors that possess good mid-palate fat and outstanding persistence on the balanced finish. A terrific Folatières. Score: 90-93 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, June 2010)

12393 [XD] 750 mL \$154

## JOSEPH DROUHIN CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2008

TASTING NOTE: Discreet if not invisible wood highlights a ripe white flower and green fruit nose nuanced by spice and wet stone hints where the latter elements are also reflected by the intensely soil-driven flavors brimming with both salinity and minerality on the explosive and strikingly long, palate staining and overtly austere finish. This is a sublimely classic Corton-Charlemagne that offers formidable cellar potential. Drink 2016+. Score: **91-94** (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, Jan. 1, 2010)

211540 [XD] 750 mL \$135



## DOMAINE COLIN-DELÉGER EN REMILLY CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2007 AC

TASTING NOTE: Noticeable if not strong  $SO_2$  – decant. Otherwise, an elegant, pure, airy and cool nose leads to intensely mineral-infused medium-bodied flavors that are balanced, vibrant and driving on the impressively long finish. There is mild dryness on the finish but not edginess, which suggests it is due to the sulfur and not lack of ripeness. Outstanding. Drink: 2012+. Score: **91** (Allen Meadows, *www.burghound.com*, July 1, 2009)

## **FEATURE PRODUCTS**

#### FRANCE - BURGUNDY

## CÔTE DE BEAUNE WHITE WINE

## DOMAINE HENRI BOILLOT CLOS DE LA MOUCHÈRE PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1<sup>er</sup> CRU 2007

AC, Monopole

TASTING NOTE: From 60+ year old vines and the vineyard is a whopping 4 ha monopole within Perrières ... An almost invisible touch of wood influence allows the elegant, ripe and ultra pure aromas of citrus blossom, spice and orchard fruit to have center stage while the focused, textured and almost painfully intense flavors culminate in a bone dry, silky and seriously long finish. As good as the Perrières is, and it's indeed very good, there is simply another dimension present here. Along with the Pucelles, this is highly recommended. Drink 2013+. Score: 94 (Allen Meadows. www.burghound.com, July 1, 2009)

48330 [D] 750 mL \$115



## DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR MONTRACHET GRAND CRU 2007 AC

TASTING NOTE: In barrel and recently racked when I tasted it the Prieur 2007 Montrachet offers an open. expressive personality in striking contrast with its sibling from Chevalier-Montrachet, which seems a bit spare and youthfully strident by comparison. Musk, lime zest, and peach on the nose lead to a palate of honeyed richness, alluring creaminess, and persistent juiciness. Pungent hints of citrus pip and peach kernel mingle with brine, honey, and hints of peat in a long, fascinating finish. Here, one doesn't even give a thought to the perfectly absorbed new wood, nor to the fact that this wine alone from the 2007 Prieur collection comes at all near to 14% alcohol. I expect this will retain its seductiveness and intrigue for at least a decade. Drink till 2019. Score: 93-94 (David Schildknecht, www.erobertparker.com. Dec. 2009)

209643 [XD] 750 mL \$595

## DOMAINE JEAN-MARC MOREY LES CAILLERETS CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2007 AC

TASTING NOTE: A strikingly elegant and perfumed nose that is also relatively high-toned reveals poached pear and fresh peach aromas nuanced by wet stone, floral and citrus notes that complement the supple, silky and suave mouth coating flavors that deliver a real sense of volume and ample dry extract on the impressively complex, stony and focused finish that completely coats the palate. Drink: 2013+. Score: 92 (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, July 1, 2009)

205955 [XD] 750 mL \$75

## DOMAINE JEAN-MARC MOREY LES CHENEVOTTES CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2007

TASTING NOTE: Notes of ripe orchard fruit, citrus, floral and brioche give way to discreetly wood-influenced medium full flavors that are round yet detailed and pack really lovely intensity on the palate staining and lingering finish that possesses a seductive mouth feel. Drink 2012+. Score: **91** (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, July 1, 2009)



## DOMAINE MARTELET DE **CHERISEY HAMEAU DE BLAGNY PULIGNY-MONTRACHET** 1er CRU 2007

AC

TASTING NOTE: The Cherisey 2007 Puligny-Montrachet Hameau de Blagny – tasted from cask – smells of iris, lemon oil, high-toned green herbal essences, and chalk dust. Scintillating in its combination of textural richness; ripeness of bright citrus and pit fruit; wafting floral perfume; and shimmering expression of salt and chalk, this is an energizing and very treble expression of highelevation white Burgundy that is apt to thrill lovers of Riesling or Chablis, and apt, too, to be worth following for a half dozen or more years. Drink 2009-2015. Score: 92 (David Schildknecht, www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

206904 [XD] 750 mL \$75



## BONNEAU DU MARTRAY CORTON-**CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2006** AC

This wine ranked #98 in Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 2009.

TASTING NOTE: A whiff of chalk dust, along with a vanilla note, introduces this intense white. Flavors of peach, grapefruit and oak spice persist through the finish, with a mineral streak. Powerful and balanced, with a lingering aftertaste. Best from 2011 through 2024. Score: 94 (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, June 30, 2009)

118646 [XD] 750 mL \$159



## **CHABLIS** WHITF WINF

## **DOMAINE PINSON FRÈRES LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008**

TASTING NOTE: ... Bright yellow. Aromas of peach and lemon. Juicv. brisk and penetrating; dense but light on its feet. Subtle hints of toast and truffle add to this very fine-grained wine's complexity. Really perfumes the palate on the gripping, vibrant, slow-building aftertaste. I'd give this a good four or five years in the cellar. Score: 92 (Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, July/Aug. 2010)



## **FEATURE PRODUCTS**

#### FRANCE - BURGUNDY

## CHABLIS WHITE WINE

### DOMAINE WILLIAM FÈVRE LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008 AC

Stephen Tanzer, of *International Wine Cellar*, gave this wine a score of **95** (July/Aug. 2010).

TASTING NOTE: Here too the elegance of the nose is simply stunning with a layered and perfumed aromatic profile trimmed in an almost invisible touch of oak that allows it to ooze Chablis character and in particular, a fine minerality that continues onto the impressively concentrated and palate staining flavors that possess striking precision on the explosively long and bone dry finish. This is a great Les Clos that will make old bones. Drink: 2015+. Score: **96** (Allen Meadows, www.burghound.com, Oct. 1, 2010)

641381 [XD] 750 mL \$85

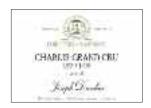
## DROUHIN VAUDON LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008

AC

(Joseph Drouhin)

TASTING NOTE: A tantalizing mix of lemon, oyster shell, white peach and vanilla flavors, but underneath it all there's a mineral component. Tightens up on the finish, so give this a few years to integrate and blossom. Fine length. Best from 2012 through 2023. Score: **93** (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, Aug. 31, 2010)

222133 [XD] 750 mL \$75



## DROUHIN VAUDON VAUDÉSIR CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008

AC

(Joseph Drouhin)

TASTING NOTE: Really silky and seductive, with just a hint of vanilla accenting the peach, apple and lemon flavors. The mineral element is submerged right now, appearing on the finish, where there's terrific harmony and subtlety. Best from 2011 through 2023. Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, Aug. 31, 2010)

211557 [XD] 750 mL \$65

## JEAN-MARC BROCARD VALMUR CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008 AC

Allen Meadows, of www.burghound.com, gave this wine a score

of 93 (Oct. 1, 2010).

TASTING NOTE: Full straw-vellow color. Reticent nose offers a musky honeyed note and a suggestion of wet stone. Large-scaled, opulent and rich, showing a hint of peach but limited primary fruit today. This very closed wine boasts strong acidity and impressive mineral thrust. There's terrific underlying sucrosite but this will need several years of aging to deliver on its potential. Finishes saline and tactile, with palate-staining persistence and emerging floral perfume. Long on potential. Score: 92-94 (Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, July/Aug. 2010)

206151 [XD] 750 mL \$69



## DOMAINE JEAN-MARC BROCARD LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2007

AC

TASTING NOTE: Intense flinty, savory character signals this white's lemon, peach, yellow plum and mineral aromas and flavors. Very expressive of its place, leaving a long aftertaste. Only Chablis can taste like this. Best from 2012 through 2025. Score: **95** (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, Sept. 30, 2009)



#### FRANCE - BORDEAUX

#### RED WINE

#### **CHÂTEAU CLERC-MILON 2006**

AC Pauillac, 5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: From the same stable as Mouton Rothschild and d'Armailhac, Clerc Milon, despite the relatively high percentage of Merlot (44%) combined with 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and the balance Cabernet Franc, is dense, rich, tannic, and backward. Surprisingly muscular for this offering, which often exhibits a more precocious side, it offers up abundant amounts of creme brulee, chocolate, cedar, and black currants. This full-bodied Pauillac displays gorgeous purity and depth as well as moderately high tannins in the finish. Because of its freshness, structure, and density, it is reminiscent of a 1996 Medoc. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2028. Score: 91+ (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2009)

564476 [XD] 750 mL \$62



#### CHÂTEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2006

AC Saint-Estèphe, 2e Cru TASTING NOTE: The exceptional 2006 Cos d'Estournel is composed of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, and 2% Petit Verdot, 55% of the production was utilized. Revealing superb intensity for a 2006 as well as an inky/blue/purple color, and a sweet bouquet of blue and black fruits, licorice, graphite, and charcoal, this full-bodied 2006 possesses high levels of sweet tannin. This wine is characterized by a freshness and precision that give it a 1996-like affinity. Enjoy this beautifully concentrated, exceptionally pure, statuesque Cos d'Estournel over the next 20-25 years. By the way, it was bottled without any fining or filtration. Drink: 2009-2034. Score: 94 (Robert Parker Jr... www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2009)

565580 [XD] 750 mL \$199

## CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE-POYFERRÉ 2006

AC Saint-Julien, 2e Cru
TASTING NOTE: Dense ruby/purple,
with sweet blackberry and black
currant fruit with hints of smoke,
espresso roast, and new saddle
leather, this is another impressively
endowed but tannic, backward style
of wine. The concentration, brightness, and depth are all present,
but I can't see it being even approachable in less than 5-7 years. Anticipated
maturity: 2015-2028. Score: 91
(Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2009)

565044 [XD] 750 mL \$99

#### **CHÂTEAU MONBOUSQUET 2006**

AC Saint-Émilion Grand Cru TASTING NOTE: A blend of 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2006 possesses a dense ruby/purple color as well as a sweet perfume of espresso roast, damp earth, new oak, black cherries, and black currants. Medium to full-bodied with exceptional purity, surprising intensity, good texture, and sweet tannin in the finish, this unfiltered cuvee should drink well for 12-15 years. Drink: 2009-2024. Score: 92 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2009)

564773 [XD] 750 mL \$72



## CHÂTEAU BOYD-CANTENAC 2005

AC Margaux, 3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This chateau, which is often under the radar (production is only 5,500-6,000 cases), has fashioned a terrific, inky/blue/purple-hued 2005 with a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers, creme de cassis, pain grille, and blueberries. Powerful and concentrated with full-bodied richness, stunning purity, and a tannic, 40+second finish, this beauty requires patience. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2030+. Score: 92 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, April 2008)

#### **CHÂTEAU HAUT-BATAILLEY 2005**

AC Pauillac, 5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Offers a beautiful nose of crushed blackberry and cherry, with hints of flowers. Full-bodied, with a lovely balance of silky, caressing tannins and ripe fruit. Very long and minerally, with mint and eucalyptus character. A wonderful wine from this estate. Best after 2014. Score: 93 (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, March 31, 2008)

211565 [XD] 750 mL \$85

#### **CHÂTEAU LA POINTE 2005**

AC Pomerol

TASTING NOTE: Offers a fabulous nose of toasty oak, coffee, cigar box and ripe fruit. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and loads of ripe fruit, toasty oak and spices. Long and silky. Very well done for this estate and better than the 2000. Best after 2013. Score: **91** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, March 31, 2008)

205997 [XD] 750 mL \$65

## CHÂTEAU LARRIVET HAUT-BRION 2005

AC Pessac-Léognan

TASTING NOTE: Exhibiting classic Graves aromas of smoky, volcanic, scorched earth, herbs, chocolate, and black cherries, Larrivet Haut-Brion's dense ruby/purple-colored 2005 possesses superb depth, and silky yet abundant tannins. It is an excellent effort displaying a provocative bouquet as well as 15 or more years of aging potential. Drink: 2008-2023. Score: 90 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, April 2008)

206029 [XD] 750 mL \$65

#### **CHÂTEAU LA GAFFELIÈRE 2004**

AC Saint-Émilion,

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: This beautiful offering is a striking success for the vintage. Elegant, pure, and impeccably detailed as well as noble, the deep ruby/purpletinged 2004 La Gaffeliere reveals fragrant aromatics of sweet cherries, cassis, menthol, and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied with soft tannin, outstanding ripeness as well as texture, and a lovely, low acid, lush finish, this stunningly complex, already evolved St.-Emilion should drink handsomely for another 12-15+ years. It is a sleeper of the vintage. Drink: 2007-2022. Score: 92 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, June 2007)

206037 [XD] 750 mL \$99



#### CHÂTEAU QUINAULT L'ENCLOS 2004

AC Saint-Émilion Grand Cru TASTING NOTE: An elegant, pretty Quinault, the 2004 displays a dense ruby/purple color along with a big. rich nose of licorice, black raspberries, cherries, and spice. This blend of 71% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec possesses an excellent texture, beautiful elegance and complexity, and no hard edges. A seamlessly made, supple-textured, evolved, forward effort, it can be drunk now or cellared for 12-15 years. This is a very strong effort in a challenging vintage. Drink: 2007-2022. Score: 91 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, June 2007)

211532 [XD] 750 mL \$49



#### **CHÂTEAU PRIEURÉ-LICHINE 2003**

AC Margaux, 4e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Already drinking well, the dark ruby/plum/purple-tinged 2003 reveals an evolved, fragrant perfume of melted licorice, spice box, cedar, black cherries, and currants. With marvelous fruit, medium to full body, low acidity, and abundant glycerin, this seductive, lush claret is hard to resist. Enjoy it over the next 12-14 years. Drink: 2006-2020. Score: **90** (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, April 2006)

#### FRANCE - BORDEAUX

#### WHITE WINE

#### **CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM 2006**

AC Sauternes, 1er Cru Supérieur TASTING NOTE: While no surprise here. this wine, which will be bottled in 2009, is certainly this estate's greatest effort since their 2001. It completely outclasses everything from the appellation, but even when you're number one, that's often hard to do. This light gold wine offers up a sensational smorgasbord of aromas including huge honeyed pineapple and other caramelized tropical fruit flavors, massive richness, and a viscous, unctuous texture with the oak beautifully integrated. The wine has enough acidity to buttress its fullbodied mouthfeel, but this is not by any means the sweetest or most alcoholic of the d'Yquems I have tasted. In fact, in the range of d'Yquems, this is a powerful wine, but it is one built more on finesse and elegance, a la the 1988. Nevertheless, this wine will prove to have 50+ years of longevity. The finish, the mid-palate, the sensation of looking at a skyscraper of Semillon with a small dosage of Sauvignon, is impressive. Like all of the sweet wines of Barsac and Sauternes, one can drink this young, but the nuances and complexities really don't emerge for at least a decade, especially in the case of a wine such as this. Bravo! Score: (96-98+) (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2009)

567370 [S] 750 mL \$849



## FRANCE - RHÔNE

## NORTHERN RHÔNE RED WINE

#### FERRATON PÈRE & FILS L'EGLANTINE CÔTE RÔTIE 2007 AC

TASTING NOTE: Taut, with mineral and lavender notes leading the way for iron, red currant and sanguine hints. The long, fine-grained finish still has to unwind a little. Best from 2011 ... Score: **92** (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, Dec. 31, 2009)

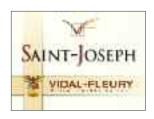
206144 [XD] 750 mL \$74



## VIDAL-FLEURY SAINT-JOSEPH 2007 AC

TASTING NOTE: This has a nice sappy feel, with kirsch and raspberry notes laced with briar and black tea hints. Stays lively on the finish, with a mineral note adding length. Drink now through 2013. Score: **90** (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, June 15, 2010)

209114 [XD] 750 mL \$29



## FERRATON PÈRE & FILS LES DIONNIÈRES HERMITAGE 2006 AC

TASTING NOTE: The dense purple-colored 2006 Hermitage Les Dionnieres offers aromas of road tar, burning embers, creme de cassis, and blackberries. Thick and rich with sweet noble tannin as well as a large-scaled, expansive mouthfeel and finish, it will last for 20-25 years. Drink: 2009-2034. Score: 93 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, April 2009)

578781 [XD] 750 mL \$95



#### WHITE WINE

## FRANÇOIS VILLARD LES TERRASSES DU PALAT CONDRIEU 2008

AC

TASTING NOTE: Ripe and very lively, with great definition and zip to the green plum, anise, fennel and yellow apple fruit flavors, all laid over bright, racy minerality. Should broaden a touch with brief cellaring. Drink now through 2011. Score: **92** (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, Sept. 30, 2010)



## SOUTHERN RHÔNE RFD WINF

## CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE DES PAPES LES CHOREGIES CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007 AC

TASTING NOTE: A classic in the making is the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Choregies. A gorgeous nose of nori (the seaweed wrapper used in sushi restaurants) interwoven with ground pepper, incense, kirsch liqueur, floral notes, and loads of fruit soar from the glass of this dense ruby/ purple-colored wine. Full-bodied, with superb concentration, wonderful precision and freshness, and a hefty yet refreshing finish of well over thirty seconds, this beauty has enough accessibility to be drunk now or cellared for 15 or more years. Score: 93 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

995365 [XD] 750 mL \$79



## DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD **BOISRENARD** CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007

AC

(Paul Coulon & Fils)

TASTING NOTE: Ripe, with the lush crème de cassis and crushed plum fruit of the vintage, showing excellent focus and drive, with racy acidity and taut, licorice-tinged structure. Turns flashy and exotic on the finish, with mulled blueberry, incense and fruitcake notes that are laid over impressive. graphite-filled grip. Best from 2010 through 2030. Score: 95 (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, Oct. 15, 2009)

964585 [XD] 750 mL \$79

## DOMAINE DE LA CHARBONNIÈRE **CUVÉE VIEILLES VIGNES** CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007

TASTING NOTE: My notes on the dense ruby/purple-colored 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Vieilles Vignes (95% Grenache and 5% Mourvedre from 80-year-old vines) begin with the words "serious stuff." Deep, rich, and full-bodied with abundant notes of forest floor, truffles, earth, kirsch, raspberries, and black currants, this powerful, layered, multidimensional, long, ageworthy wine should drink well between 2012-2028. Score: 94 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

205948 [XD] 1500 mL \$125



## DOMAINE DE LA CHARBONNIÈRE LES HAUTES BRUSQUIÈRES **CUVÉE SPÉCIALE** CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007

TASTING NOTE: This wine is composed of a selection the Maret family makes from their holdings in one of the great sites in all of Chateauneuf du Pape, the lieux-dit known as La Crau. The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Hautes Brusquieres Cuvee Speciale is a blend of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah. The Grenache is aged in large oak foudres and most of the Syrah in smaller barrels. This fabulous, inky/ruby/purple-tinged wine offers up sweet, jammy aromas of black raspberries, licorice, truffles, underbrush, and Provencal herbs. It is the deepest colored of these four wines, and is also profoundly rich and layered, with sweet tannins as well as refreshing vibrancy and acidity. This stunner should hit its peak in 3-4 years, and last for two decades. Drink: 2012-2032. Score: 95+ (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)



## FRANCE - RHÔNE

## SOUTHERN RHÔNE RED WINE

## DOMAINE DE LA SOLITUDE CUVÉE BARBERINI CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007

TASTING NOTE: Shows the forward, ripe profile of the vintage, with delicious plum, violet, black licorice and fig notes backed by velvety texture and lots of fruitcake and spice on the finish. Lush and flattering. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2023. Score: **92** (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, July 31, 2010)

83527 [XD] 750 mL \$65



## DOMAINE DU PEGAU CUVÉE RESERVÉE CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE 2007

AC

(Paul Feraud et Fille, Prop.-Récolt.) "I have been buying the Cuvee Reservees since 1979 and the greatest examples include the 1981, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1990, 2003 and the 2007." (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2010)

TASTING NOTE: The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Reservee (of which I was lucky to find a magnum on a Paris bistro's wine list a week after my tasting at the estate) is a brilliant effort that ranks alongside the colossal 2003 Cuvee Reservee. A blend of approximately 85% Grenache, 8-9% Syrah, and the rest Mourvedre and other varietals from 50-100+ year old vines aged in foudre, it exhibits a dense plum/purple color along with a big, sweet bouquet of beef blood, grilled herbs, barbecue smoke, lavender, sweet cassis and kirsch and a hint of Asian sov. The wine possesses a fabulous texture, a full-bodied mouthfeel and a seamless integration of tannin, acidity and alcohol. Certainly the alcohol level is pushing 16% in this wine. With extraordinary texture and unctuosity, this remarkable effort should drink well for 20+ years yet be very appealing in its youth given the glycerin, velvety texture, and remarkable complexity. Drink: 2010-2030. Score: 95 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2010)

196121 [XD] 750 mL \$89



## DOMAINE DE LA SOLITUDE CORNELIA CONSTANZA CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2006 AC

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Cornelia Constanza was fashioned from 100% very old vine Grenache, primarily aged in tank. It exhibits all the characteristics of ripe Grenache, including notes of kirsch liqueur, black raspberries, figs, spice box, and flowers. Heady, full-bodied, concentrated, decadently rich, and oh, so powerful and deep, this is a "must" purchase for those who love old vine Grenache in its unmanipulated. natural, naked glory. This wine should drink beautifully for 15-20 years. Drink: 2008-2028, Score: 96 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2008)

206078 [XD] 750 mL \$99

## PATRICK LESEC CUVÉE BARGETON CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2005 AC

TASTING NOTE: Utterly profound, the 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Bargeton (85% old vine Grenache from the sector of Chateauneuf du Pape called La Crau and the rest Mourvedre) is the only Chateauneuf to be completely aged in small barrels. This full-bodied wine has a deep ruby/ purple color and a sweet nose of melted licorice, roasted Provencal herbs, blackberry, and deep, rich kirsch liqueur. It is quite full-bodied, unctuously textured, and juicy, with moderately high tannins. Give it 3-4 years of bottle age and drink it over the following two decades. Drink: 2010-2030. Score: 94+ (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2007)

#### FRANCE - ALSACE

#### WHITE WINE

## **DOMAINE BARMÈS BUECHER** ROSENBERG GEWURZTRAMINER 2007

AC Alsace

TASTING NOTE: Well-integrated acidity provides the framework for this lush, aromatic white, which has textbook Gewürztraminer flavors of lychee. rose petal, white pepper and honey, with a hint of grapefruit peel. There's a subtle underlying smoky layer and a lingering finish. Drink now through 2019. Score: 91 (Alison Napius, www.winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2009)

161935 [MD] 750 mL \$29

## DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER **SAERING RIESLING 2007**

AC Alsace Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: This is true Riesling. a wine in waiting. Needs two years at least before it will begin to show its potential. Drink from 2012. Score: ★★★★★ (www.decanter.com, Undated)

627950 [XD] 750 mL \$32

#### FRANCE - CHAMPAGNE

## **VILMART & CIE GRAND CELLIER** PREMIER CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE

TASTING NOTE: (70% chardonnay and 30% pinot noir; disgorged February, 2009) Light yellow with a fine bead. An exotically perfumed bouquet offers scents of pear nectar, orange, honeydew, toasty lees and minerals. Suave, palate-coating orchard and pit fruit flavors are underscored by smoky minerals and, picking up notes of allspice and cinnamon with air. At once creamy and nervy, showing seductive spiciness and a hint of sweetness on the back end. Very rich but by no means heavy, thanks to its strong finishing cut and minerality and striking clarity. Score: 92 (Josh Raynolds, International Wine Cellar, Dec. 2009)

65110 [XD] 750 mL \$59



## VILMART & CIE COEUR DE CUVÉE PREMIER CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE 2001

AC

TASTING NOTE: The 2001 Brut Premier Cru Coeur de Cuvee is a phenomenal wine, especially considering the tricky year. The 2001 is a big, imposing Coeur de Cuvee that explodes from the glass with waves of mineral-infused fruit. Here, too, the oak is beautifully balanced. The finish remains intensely chalky, yet creamy. Today the 2001 is painfully young and in need of time on the cork, but it is terrific in every way. The mousse is slightly less polished than the exceptional 2000 tasted alongside it, but that is splitting hairs at this level. The Coeur de Cuvee is 80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir aged in oak. Only the middle 800 liters, i.e. the "heart" is used for the wine. Disgorged: April, 2008. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. Score: 93 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com. Dec. 2009)

750 mL \$99 65128 [XD]



#### FRANCE - MIDI

#### **RED WINE**

## MAS DU SOLEILLA CLÔT DE L'AMANDIER 2007

La Clape, AC Coteaux du Languedoc TASTING NOTE: Well-focused, peppery and robust, with nicely sculpted flavors of red plum, kirsch and cocoa powder. Refined yet powerful, oozing blackberry and hints of pomegranate midpalate. The long, spicy finish is rich and creamy. Drink now through 2015. Score: **94** (Kim Marcus, www.winespectator.com, Nov. 15, 2009)

206110 [D] 750 mL \$59

#### CLOS DEL REY 2004 AC Côtes du Roussillon

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Cotes du Roussillon Clos del Rey is 80% Carignan (the rest, again, Grenache) and even more darkly-hued in flavor than its 2006 counterpart. Roasted meats, toasted nuts, and concentrated yet fresh blackberry are mingled with iodine and crushed stone and there are savory, saline, meaty, and peaty dimensions to the finish – which practically comes barreling at you – that take one far from considerations

of fruits and berries. Even more than

with the 2006, one has to emphasize that not only is there nothing superficial,

there is in fact a certain handsome

austerity to this wine, an uncompro-

mising tribute to an underdog among

grapes and to the amazing terroirs of Maury. I hope to have a chance to revisit it 8-10 years from now. Score: **94** (David Schildknecht, *www.erobertparker.com*, June 2009)

154385 [XD] 750 mL \$49

#### FRANCE - SOUTHWEST

#### **RED WINE**

## CHÂTEAU DU CÈDRE LE CÈDRE CAHORS 2006

AC

TASTING NOTE: Almost black in color, this is a wonderful wine with a long development ahead. At the moment, wood is still too dominant, but just taste the weight of the darkest plum and sweet fig fruit flavors, a line of licorice and bitter coffee and huge, dry tannins. Score: **95** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2010)

71183 [XD] 750 mL \$54



## **AUSTRIA**

#### WHITE WINE

## LOIMER TERRASSEN KAMPTAL RESERVE GRÜNER VELTLINER 2008

Niederösterreich

TASTING NOTE: Intense grapefruit, white pepper and lentil flavors give this power and focus. Crushed stone, with hints of cream, pervades the finish. A textbook Grüner. Should flesh out in the cellar. Drink now through 2016. Score: **91** (Kim Marcus, www.winespectator.com, May 31, 2010)

149674 [XD] 750 mL \$35

#### **GERMANY** – PFALZ

#### WHITE WINE

## FRIEDRICH BECKER 69 RIESLING SPÄTLESE 2007

QmP

The Becker winery does not designate a vineyard for this QmP wine.

TASTING NOTE: Packed with honey and candied grapefruit and apricot preserves, this is rich, viscous and appealing. It shows good cut on the finish, boding well for the future. Drink now through 2020. Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, Web Only, 2009)

208611 [MS] 750 mL \$35

## **HUNGARY**

#### WHITE WINE

## ROYAL TOKAJI WINE CO. 5 PUTTONYOS RED LABEL TOKAJI ASZÚ 2006

This wine was ranked no.28 on *Wine Spectator's* Top 100 Wines list of 2010.

TASTING NOTE: Superclean and defined, delivering beeswax, apricot, clementine and saline mineral notes that converge on the racy finish. Refined in both texture and profile, with harmony and a long aftertaste. Drink now through 2030. Score: **94** (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, June 30, 2010)

959031 [S] 500 mL \$39



## KIRÁLYUDVAR CUVÉE ILLONA TOKAJI 2003

TASTING NOTE: Orange and apricot flavors combine in this rich, concentrated dessert white. There's no lack of acidity, which builds through the finish. Impressive for its intensity, rather than complexity. Drink now through 2022. Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, *www.winespectator.com*, June 30, 2010)

206201 [MS] 500 mL \$59

### ITALY - ABRUZZO

#### RED WINE

## LA VALENTINA BELLOVEDERE MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2005

DOC

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Bellovedere is a drop-dead gorgeous wine that achieves a rare level of brilliance in a combination of ripeness in a poised, mid-weight style of notable clarity that recalls a great Burgundy or Barolo. This sensual, elegant red flows with red cherries, sweet spices, tobacco and leather, showing superb delineation and balance. The finish is long, sweet and incredibly pure. La Valentina is aged partly in cask and partly in small French oak barrels. Simply put La Valentina's Bellovedere sets a new standard for Montepulciano. It is not to be missed. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2015. Score: 94 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, April 2009)

167445 [XD] 750 mL \$64

#### **ITALY** – PIEDMONT

#### RED WINE

## ELIO GRASSO GAVARINI VIGNA CHINIERA BAROLO 2006 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Grasso's 2006 Barolo Gavarini Vigna Chiniera is laced with racy, perfumed red fruit, flowers and minerals. The wine gains weight and depth in the glass as its energy and vibrancy take center stage. This is a supremely beautiful Barolo where expressive aromatics, generous fruit and silky tannins come together with unusual grace and elegance. Sweet, floral notes add a sense of lift on the finish. The 2006 is the best Gavarini since the 1989, and who knows if one day it might not match that legendary Barolo. Readers won't want to miss the sublime 2006 Gavarini Vigna Chiniera. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2031. Score: 95 (Antonio Galloni. www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2010)

702373 [XD] 750 mL \$85



## ELIO GRASSO GINESTRA CASA MATÉ BAROLO 2006

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Barolo Ginestra Casa Mate is simply marvelous. Sweet, balsamic and layered, this powerful Barolo covers the palate with endless dimensions to its fruit, showing exceptional richness and density. The wine continues to blossom beautifully in the glass with myriad expressions of dark, perfumed fruit that are hard to fully capture with words. This is class personified. but the tannins will require a measure of patience. Still, it is impossible to miss the wine's pedigree and significant potential. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2031. Score: 96 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2010)

81794 [XD] 750 mL \$85

#### SOTTIMANO FAUSONI BARBARESCO 2006 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Barbaresco Fausoni reveals a gorgeous core of cherries in liqueur, menthol, spices and flowers in a surprisingly rich, round style for the vintage. The wine possesses terrific harmony and balance, with a round, polished finish. Floral notes reappear on the finish, giving the wine a pretty sense of lift. In 2006 the Fausoni is all about elegance. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2026. Score: **94** (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)



#### **ITALY** - PIEDMONT

#### RED WINE

## ALBINO ROCCA VIGNETO BRICH RONCHI BARBARESCO 2005 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Rocca's 2005
Barbaresco Bric Ronchi is the most complex of his Barbarescos. The wine flows from the glass with layers of dark fruit, sweet French oak, minerals, menthol and licorice. This big, strapping wine could use another year or two in bottle to come together, but its ample potential is evident today. The Bric Ronchi was aged in French oak (40%) and larger cask (60%). Anticipated maturity: 2010-2020. Score: 92 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2008)

207431 [D] 750 mL \$64

## ANDREA OBERTO VIGNETO ROCCHE BAROLO 2005

TASTING NOTE: Oberto's 2005 Barolo Rocche is another strong wine from a vineyard that yielded a number of top wines in this vintage. Sweet perfumed cherries, flowers and minerals come together in a weightless, transparent expression of Nebbiolo that offers striking clarity and precision. The wine offers notable intensity, but needs time to find its inner balance. This is a commendable effort from Fabio and Andrea Oberto. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2025. Score: 93 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, April 2009)

115618 [D] 750 mL \$75

#### BROVIA CA' MIA BAROLO 2005 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Deep red with ruby highlights. Black fruits, iron, violet, menthol and smoked meat on the nose. Juicy, spicy and ripe, with explosive inner-mouth perfume and superb intensity to the slightly medicinal black fruit flavors. Really classic Serralunga Barolo: not obviously sweet and not at all easy in the early going but with a powerful structure for a long and slow evolution in bottle. Extremely long on the aftertaste, with the firm tannins covered by the wine's sheer stuffing. Score: 94(+?) (Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar*, Nov./Dec. 2009)

641027 [XD] 750 mL \$75

## BROVIA GARBLÈT SUE BAROLO 2005

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Barolo Garblet Sue' reveals a firmer and more focused personality than the Rocche. Dark red fruits, tar, licorice and smoke emerge from this sturdy, mid-weight Barolo. The Garblet Sue' needs a few years for its tannins to soften, but it, too, is a very successful effort. The wine continues to gain volume and depth with air, showing awesome density and balance. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2025. Score: 93 (Antonio Galloni, www.ero-bertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

105569 [XD] 750 mL \$69



## CANTINA DEL PINO OVELLO BARBARESCO 2005

**DOCG** 

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Barbaresco Ovello is another magnificent Barbaresco from Renato Vacca. The Ovello is decidedly more powerful and taut in its expression of red cherries. flowers, minerals, and menthol although it is just as compelling as the Albesani. The wine offers exceptional length and a long, powerful finish. The wine continues to improve in the glass, but it remains a decidedly energetic, youthful Barbaresco in need of significant cellaring. In a word: majestic. Ovello sees greater temperature fluctuations from day to night than Albesani. The microclimate, along with the poorer, white soils give the Ovello its signature focus and drive. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025. Score: **95** (Antonio Galloni. www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

206938 [D] 750 mL \$59



## CONTERNO FANTINO VIGNA DEL GRIS BAROLO 2005

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Displays rich, decadent aromas of ripe berry and meat, with hints of mushroom. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and cedar and berry character. A big, chewy wine. Best after 2013. Score: **94** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, July 31, 2009)

## G.D. VAJRA BRICCO DELLE VIOLE BAROLO 2005

DOCG

This wine also received a score of **PPP** in the 2010 edition of the *Gambero Rosso Italian Wines Guide*.

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Barolo Bricco delle Viole is insanely beautiful. A sweet, inviting bouquet leads to roses, cherries, raspberries, flowers and spices. The wine possesses gorgeous inner perfume and wonderful depth as it hovers on the palate with a Burgundian sense of weightlessness. This is an emotionally moving, delicate wine of the highest level. The 2005 Bricco delle Viole is quite approachable today, but it is likely to close down a bit in bottle, so readers will want to taste it upon release and then forget about any remaining bottles for a while. There is purity to the fruit that recalls Giacomo Conterno's Barolo Cascina Francia without that wine's heft. In 2005 the growing season was a bit warmer than in 2004, and this high-altitude vineyard is one of a handful of sites that did better in 2005 than in 2004. Simply put, this is a marvelous bottle of Barolo! Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030. Score: 95 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

206128 [D] 750 mL \$85



## MARCHESI DI GRÉSY CAMP GROS MARTINENGA BARBARESCO 2005 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Good full red. Lovely precision to the aromas of cherry and minerals. Sweet on entry, then highpitched and penetrating in the middle palate, with a strong acid/tannin spine providing energy and support. This wonderfully silky and perfumed wine is completely different in texture from the Gaiun. Perhaps best today on the rising, palate-staining finish, which features a whiplash of cherry, raspberry and orange peel flavors and a vibrant mineral dust quality. Reminded me of an Anne Gros Clos Vougeot. One of the purest and most perfumed wines I tasted on my tour. Score: 95(+?) (Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, Nov./Dec. 2009)

46029 [XD] 750 mL \$99



## MARCHESI DI GRÉSY GAIUN MARTINENGA BARBARESCO 2005 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Barbaresco Gaiun Martinenga is a round, sensual wine laced with perfumed fruit. This is an especially soft, elegant Gaiun with impeccable balance and tons of style. The wine remains understated as the di Gresy Barbarescos often are - but the plumpness and inner sweetness of the fruit gives the wine wonderful volume. The French oak is very nicely integrated here. This is another delicious Barbaresco from Marchesi di Gresy. The Gaiun is made from a parcel adjacent to Asili and it, too, shows many of that site's qualities. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025. Score: 94 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

206193 [XD] 750 mL \$99



## **ODDERO VILLERO BAROLO 2005**DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Intense aromas of plum and berries, with vanilla, Indian spices and ginger. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and loads of fruit and wood. Big and juicy. Best after 2011. Score: **92** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, Dec. 15, 2009)



#### **ITALY** - PIEDMONT

#### RED WINE

## MASCARELLO MONPRIVATO BAROLO 2004

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Mascarello's 2004 Barolo Monprivato is an explosive wine with an almost Pinot-like expression of purity in its fruit. This round, sweet Barolo is extremely primary at this stage, with tons of dense fruit that almost cover the wine's tannins completely. Subtle overtones of roses and tar develop in the glass, rounding out this majestic wine. Monprivato is one of the world's very finest values in collectible, age-worthy wine, and the 2004 is another classic in the making. I was blown away by this wine's sheer balance and harmony, both of which are remarkable considering the wine's age. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2034. Score: 96 (Antonio Galloni. www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2008)

106617 [XD] 750 mL \$139

## SCHIAVENZA BRICCO CERRETTA BAROLO 2004

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Barolo Bricco Cerretta is a gorgeous wine redolent of cherries, plums, spices and minerals in a layered, delicate expression of Serralunga Nebbiolo. Sweet scents of tar, smoke and leather make an appearance on the vibrant, pure finish. This gorgeous wine from Schiavenza is more approachable today than the imposing Prapo. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2022. Score: 92 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertpar-ker.com, Oct. 2009)

209437 [XD] 750 mL \$49

## PAOLO CONTERNO GINESTRA BAROLO RISERVA 2003

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2003 Barolo Riserva Ginestra is a big, powerful wine built on an intense core of fruit. As is typical of hot vintages, the wine's aromatics are somewhat suppressed in favor of the fruit but the wine nevertheless comes across as beautifully balanced. The tannins are broad yet very nicely integrated. Although I am not a big fan of Riservas in 2003, Ginestra is one of the few vineyards that always maintains quite a bit of acidity and therefore freshness. This Barolo is truly gorgeous. Roasted coffee beans, worn-in leather, and cedar waft from the empty glass. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023. Score: 93 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

954677 [XD] 750 mL \$75

## **ITALY** - TUSCANY

#### RED WINE

## **BRANCAIA IL BLU 2007**

**IGT Toscana** 

This wine also received **TT** in the 2010 edition of the *Gambero Rosso Italian Wines Guide*.

TASTING NOTE: Lovely blueberry and blackberry aromas lead to a full body, with supersilky tannins and a chocolate, blackberry and currant aftertaste. Very tight and attractive. Racy, balanced and seductive. Best after 2011. Score: **94** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, June 15, 2010)

31559 [XD] 750 mL \$79

#### **DIADEMA 2007**

IGT Toscana

TASTING NOTE: Fabulous aromas of crushed berries, spices, black licorice and smoke. Full-bodied, with a beautiful density of rich, ripe fruit, as well as coffee and toffee. Complex and spell-binding. The bottle is total bling, with encrusted Swarovski crystals as a label, but the wine is very, very real. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Best after 2011. Score: **95** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2009)

207464 [D] 750 mL \$79



## CASTELVECCHIO IL BRECCIOLINO 2006

IGT Toscana

TASTING NOTE: Powerful aromas of blackberry, vanilla and blueberry. Full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit, supervelvety tannins and a rich, fruity finish. Very complex on the finish, with berry, toasty oak and chocolate. Sangiovese, Petit Verdot and Merlot. Best after 2011. Score: **94** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2009)



## DIEVOLE NOVOCENTO CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA 2006

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Offers very ripe black-berry, with mineral and violet. Full-bodied and rich, with vanilla and berry flavors and a long, silky finish. Rich and structured. More like a Brunello in structure. Best after 2011. Score: **92** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, Oct. 15, 2009)

213926 [XD] 750 mL \$39

## I SODI CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA 2006

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Nose of ripe cherries, plus some sweet oak. Fruity with plenty of cherry and blackcurant fruit. Plenty of tannins, but nice and smooth. Bright acidity, attractive and long. From 2011. Score: \*\*\*\* (Marcia Waters, MW, Decanter, May 2010)

213074 [XD] 750 mL \$29



#### PETRA QUERCEGOBBE 2006

IGT Toscana

TASTING NOTE: The estate's 2006 Quercegobbe (Merlot) flows from the glass with tons of ripe dark fruit, violets, minerals, tar and smoke. This is a beautifully sculpted, opulent wine bursting with complexity, class and elegance. Everything is in the right place. All the 2006 Quercegobbe needs is time in bottle to develop further nuance. That said, the wine is pretty appealing even at this early stage. This is a wonderful high-class Merlot from Petra. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2021. Score: **94** (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Aug. 2009)

123190 [XD] 750 mL \$59

## PODERE FORTE GUARDIAVIGNA 2006

**IGT** Toscana

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Guardavigna is even better. Here the fruit is riper. darker and richer. Blackberries, blueberries, grilled herbs, minerals and tar emerge from this dark, brooding beauty. The wine possesses gorgeous inner perfume and an utterly captivating personality. The tannins remain imposing, so a few years of cellaring are recommended, but readers lucky enough to find the Guardavigna are in for a thrilling drinking experience. Guardavigna is Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Sangiovese. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2026. Score: 96 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Aug. 2009)

192484 [D] 750 mL \$95



#### POGGIOPIANO ROSSO DI SERA 2006

**IGT** Toscana

TASTING NOTE: I was quite taken with Poggiopiano's 2006 Rosso di Sera, (90% Sangiovese, 10% Colorino). This opaque, full-bodied red flows with masses of super-ripe dark fruit lavered with scents of new leather, graphite and French oak. The wine possesses superb density and richness in a fullbodied, intense style. The tannins from the oak remain rather firm and unyielding at this stage, but in a few years' time the 2006 Rosso di Sera should begin strutting its stuff. The long, polished finish is that of a firstclass wine. This is a remarkable effort from Poggiopiano. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. Score: 94 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Aug. 2009)

115840 [XD] 750 mL \$59



#### **POGGIO MANDORLO 2005**

**DOC Montecucco** 

TASTING NOTE: Very fresh, with a focused blackberry and mineral character. Full-bodied, with a wonderful core of ripe fruit and a silky, soft texture. Balanced and complex. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best after 2011. Score: **94** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, Oct. 15, 2008)

#### **ITALY** - TUSCANY

#### RED WINE

## ALTESINO MONTOSOLI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Shows meat and blackberry on the nose, with hints of rose perfume. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, rich and flavorful finish. Love the cocoa, berry and light vanilla bean aftertaste. This is always classic in an outstanding year. Best from 2010 through 2015. Score: **95** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, Web Only, 2009)

92247 [XD] 750 mL \$99

## ANGELINI VIGNA SPUNTALI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Brunello di Montalcino Vigna Spuntali is wonderfully vivid in its dark fruit, menthol, minerals and spices. This is rich and juicy, with tons of density and a sumptuous, layered personality that blossoms over time. The enveloping, creamy texture follows through to the long, refined finish. Ideally, readers should plan on cellaring the Spuntali for at least a few years. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024. Score: 93 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertpar-ker.com, April 2010)

588624 [XD] 750 mL \$85



## ANTINORI PIAN DELLE VIGNE VIGNAFERROVIA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Vignaferrovia, a new bottling, is sweet, rich and layered in its fruit. This is a decidedly firm Brunello in need of a few years in the cellar to soften the firm yet refined tannins. Red raspberries, flowers and sweet spices are some of the nuances that emerge on the round, creamy finish. There is guite a bit of volume and richness, but the greater presence of oak has left the Riserva with some slightly oxidative qualities and less overall freshness than is typically the case here. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. Score: 92 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

206227 [D] 750 mL \$95 206235 [D] 1500 mL \$245 206243 [D] 3000 mL \$525



## CAPANNA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva is impressive. Richly-textured layers of fruit emerge from this vivid, old-vine selection. The wine shows remarkable depth. clarity and polish, with subtle notes of oak that impart volume and richness. The finish is equally generous and round, although the wine's structural components are ever-present. Tar, smoke and licorice mark the powerful, brooding finish. This is a gorgeous effort from Capanna. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024. Score: 93 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

210765 [D] 750 mL \$69

## CASTELGIOCONDO RIPE AL CONVENTO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004

DOCG

(Marchesi de' Frescobaldi)
TASTING NOTE: Shows subtle yet intense aromas of blackberry, blueberry and flowers, with a hint of vanilla bean. Full-bodied, with lovely flavors of berry, chocolate and spice that follow through to a firm, racy finish. Best after 2012. Score: 95 (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, June 15, 2010)



## **FANTI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004**

DOCG

James Suckling of Wine Spectator magazine gave this Brunello a rating of **94** (www.winespectator.com, Web Only, 2009).

TASTING NOTE: Thick, dark and beautifully concentrated, this is a dense, succulent wine with a soft, velvety feel that will appeal to those who like this style. The aromas are layered and penetrating and span the gamut of black fruit to smoky spice. Drink this Brunello now through 2015. Score: 92 (Monica Larner, Wine Enthusiast, June 1, 2009)

112607 [XD] 750 mL \$75

#### **FULIGNI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004** DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva reveals gorgeous clarity, precision and richness in a generous, enveloping style. The fruit remains incredibly pure and almost primary at this stage, suggesting the wine has many years of fine drinking ahead of it. Deceptively medium in body, Fuligni's Riserva has plenty of tannic clout to back up the sexy, opulent fruit. A layered, impeccable finish rounds out this utterly brilliant Riserva. Readers will not want to miss this fabulous Brunello from Fuligni. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. Score: 96 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

952325 [XD] 750 mL \$99



## LA COLOMBINA BRUNELLO DI **MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004**

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Offers opulent fruit on the nose, with mushroom and toffee. Full-bodied, with loads of decadent ripe berry, coffee and dark chocolate character. Big and juicy. Best after 2012. Score: 93 (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, June 15, 2010)

206417 [XD] 750 mL \$79

## LE GODE BRUNELLO DI **MONTALCINO 2004**

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Le Gode's 2004 Brunello di Montalcino is a big, fullbodied offering loaded with dark fruit, French oak, flowers and licorice. The wine possesses terrific depth and richness, along with enough vibrancy to make me think it will continue to drink well for some time. Today, the tannins needs bottle age to soften. but this is a very pretty effort that only requires a measure of patience. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. Score: 92 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, June 2009)

209122 [XD] 750 mL \$49



## MASTROJANNI SCHIENA D'ASINO **BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004** DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Brunello di Montalcino Vigna Schiena d'Asino is a taut, powerful offering imbued with iron, tar, licorice, earthiness, smoke and dark fruit. This is an especially muscular, tense Brunello that is in some ways reminiscent of a Barolo from Serralunga in its intense dark fruit and mineral laced finish. The wine's depth, richness and power are all commendable, while the balance is simply superb. Patience is the key, though. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. Score: 94 (Antonio Galloni. www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

750 mL 46920 [XD] \$85

## PALAZZO BRUNELLO DI **MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004** DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Violet and dried dark fruits on the nose. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a meat, toasty oak and sultana aftertaste. There's lots of dark chocolate. An opulent Brunello. Best after 2010. Score: 94 (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, June 15, 2010)

206375 [D] 750 ml \$89



#### **ITALY** – TUSCANY

#### RED WINE

## POGGIO ANTICO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Very dark in color, with a complex nose of Indian tea, blackberry, licorice and dried flowers. Fullbodied, with a wonderfully integrated and polished tannin structure. Caresses every millimeter of the palate. What a joy to taste. No use waiting much. Best after 2010. Collectible. Score: **96** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, June 15, 2010)

700443 [XD] 750 mL \$119

## STELLA DI CAMPALTO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The estate's 2004 Brunello di Montalcino is off the charts, especially considering it is the debut vintage for this wine. Campalto's Brunello combines elements of richness and sheer density of fruit within the framework of a classically structured wine. Plums, cherries, wild herbs, menthol and minerals are woven together in an intricate fabric of rare pedigree and complexity. The finish is exceptionally pure, elegant and refined. Simply put, this seductive and powerful Brunello is a gem that readers won't want to miss. It is every bit as remarkable as my comments suggest. The Brunello saw 34 months of oak prior to bottling. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2024. Score: 95+ (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertpar-

156893 [XD] 750 mL \$115

## CASISANO-COLOMBAIO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2003 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Offers wonderful aromas of black cherry, mineral, flowers and raspberry. Full-bodied, yet balanced and silky, with lovely fruit and a long, flavorful finish. Very well done for the vintage from this producer. Best after 2010. Score: 92 (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, May 15, 2008)

122242 [XD] 750 mL \$65

#### **ITALY** – UMBRIA

#### RED WINE

#### LUNGAROTTI RUBESCO MONTICCHIO 2004

DOCG Torgiano Rosso Riserva
This wine also received **TT** in the
2009 edition of the *Gambero Rosso*Italian Wines Guide.

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Torgiano Rosso Riserva Rubesco Vigna Monticchio is a single-vineyard blend of Sangiovese and Canaiolo that spent two years in oak barrels prior to being bottled. An elegant, layered offering, the wine possesses attractive red fruits intermingled with suggestions of flowers, spices, tobacco and earthiness. The wine reveals outstanding depth in a medium-bodied style, with a long, refined finish. The 2004 is one of the finest recent vintages of this wine I remember. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2019. Score: 90 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, April 2009)

51771 [XD] 750 mL \$39

#### **ITALY** – VENETO

#### **RED WINE**

## LE RAGOSE AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2004 DOC

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico is a pretty, understated wine with lovely inner perfume in its sweet roses, raspberries, spices and licorice. The tannins remain fine and silky throughout, conveying an impression of elegance. The wine offers outstanding length as well as balance. Though not a blockbuster, the 2004 Amarone impresses for its superb drinkability and balance. Ideally this traditionally made Amarone is best enjoyed if opened an hour or two prior to serving. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2016. Score: 92 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

700872 [XD] 750 mL \$59



ker.com, June 2009)

## TRABUCCHI AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2004

DOC

This wine also received **PP** in the 2009 edition of the *Gambero Rosso Italian Wines Guide*.

TASTING NOTE: There is nothing subtle about the 2004 Amarone della Valpolicella. This intense, fruit-driven wine comes across as super-ripe and jammy at first, but with air an attractive inner sweetness gradually emerges as notes of spices, chocolate and sweet toasted oak take on a more prominent role. This, too, is an especially concentrated wine, but there is more than enough harmony to make me think it will develop nicely in bottle. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2016. Score: 90 (Antonio Galloni, www.erobertpar-ker.com, Oct. 2008)

214643 [D] 750 mL \$59





#### **PORTUGAL**

RED WINE

#### QUINTA DO PORTAL GRANDE RESERVA 2006

DOC Douro

TASTING NOTE: Vibrant, muscular touriga nacional powers this wine when it's first poured, with the variety's purple, violet-tinged fruit making up half of the blend. The characters of roriz and touriga franca, the other varieties, grow more prominent with air, adding complexity and sunny warmth to the fruit. The tannins are sturdy, more mineral than astringent, the acidity equally potent. All primary at the moment, this needs a few years to mellow. To serve with braised duck. Score: **94** (Joshua Greene, www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com, April 2009)

74666 [XD] 750 mL \$45



#### **SPAIN**

**RED WINE** 

## ÁLVARO PALACIOS FINCA DOFÍ 2007

DOCa Priorat

TASTING NOTE: The 2007 Finca Dofi ups the ante. It is sourced from a single vineyard with a cepage of 60% Garnacha and 40% Cabernet, Syrah, and Merlot aged in 100% new oak. It displays a more expressive nose of mineral, Asian spices, smoke, espresso, black cherry, and licorice. On the palate it is dense but approachable. It merits several years of cellaring, and its optimal drinking window extends from 2013 to 2022. Score: 93 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

730184 [XD] 750 mL \$79

## DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS VILLA DE CORULLÓN 2007

DO Bierzo

TASTING NOTE: The purple-colored 2007 Corullon was aged in 80% new French oak. It displays an expressive perfume of smoke, mineral, lavender, black cherry, and black raspberry. Dense, layered, and plush on the palate, it has enough fine-grained tannin to blossom for another 2-3 years. This lengthy effort will deliver prime drinking from 2012 to 2019. Score: 92 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

#### **SPAIN**

#### RED WINE

#### **FINCA TERRERAZO 2007**

Tierra El Terrerazo (Bodega Mustiguillo)

TASTING NOTE: The 2007 Finca Terrerazo is made up of 85% Bobal (60-year-old vines), 10% Tempranillo, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 20 months in French oak. It offers up a distinctive high-toned perfume of cherry and creme de cassis with background oak. Creamy-textured on the palate, it has loads of succulent, ripe fruit, outstanding concentration, incipient complexity, and a 45-second finish. Give it 2-3 years of additional cellaring and drink it from 2012 to 2022. Score: 92 (Jay Miller, www.ero-bertparker.com, April 2010)

206425 [D] 750 mL \$29



#### **TARDENCUBA AUTOR 2007**

DO Toro

TASTING NOTE: The 2007
Tardencuba Autor was sourced from 100+-year-old vines and aged for 18 months in new French oak. It exhibits a superb aromatic array of pain grille, mineral, spice box, floral notes, and wild blackberry. Layered, extracted, complex, and still tightly wound, this impressive effort demands cellaring. Give it 8-10 years of additional bottle age and drink it from 2015 to 2030. Score: 93 (Jay Miller, www.erober-tparker.com, June 2009)

105619 [XD] 750 mL \$35

## FINCA TORREMILANOS CYCLO 2006

DO Ribera Del Duero

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Cyclo contains 10% Blanca del Pais. Grapes were sourced from two vineyards ranging in age from 80 to 150 years. Two-thirds of the wine was naturally fermented in barrel, the rest in unlined cement. The cement-aged portion spent 13 months in barrel, the barrelfermented portion 19 months. A glassstaining opaque purple, the bouquet gets a lift from the Blanca del Pais. Lavender, leather, smoke, blackberry, and black cherry aromas lead to a dense, ripe, structured wine with outstanding concentration and incipient complexity. This spicy effort will have a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2030. Score: 92 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, June 2009)

209452 [D] 750 mL \$39



#### **PUJANZA NORTE 2006**

DOCa Rioja

TASTING NOTE: The medium purple-colored 2006 Pujanza Norte is a bit less concentrated than the 2007 but still has plenty of savory fruit, good depth, and several years of aging potential. It will drink well through 2018. Score: **92** (Jay Miller, *www.erober-tparker.com*, June 2010)

207456 [D] 750 mL \$69

#### **SENTIUS 2006**

DOCa Priorat (Joan Simó)

TASTING NOTE: Celler Joan Simo's 2006 Sentius is a blend of 48% Garnacha and the balance Carinena, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah from the estate's younger vines aged for 15 months in French oak. A glass-coating opaque purple/ black color, it offers up a nose of mineral, espresso, pepper, licorice, black cherry, and plum. Dense, rich, and full-bodied on the palate, it has terrific volume and concentration for its price. It is an amazing value in Priorat for drinking over the next 6-8 years. Drink: 2010-2018. Score: 92 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

35477 [XD] 750 mL \$32

#### **TORRE ALBÉNIZ RESERVA 2006**

DO Ribera del Duero TASTING NOTE: The 20

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Torre Albeniz Reserva contains 97% Tempranillo and 3% Blanca del Pais (added for increased viscosity and to help bind color). The fruit was sourced from specific old vine sites (55-73 years of age) and was aged for 23 months in second fill French oak. Purple/black in color, the nose offers up mineral, espresso, pencil lead, lavender, Asian spices, and blackberry. It delivers greater depth and concentration than the Torremilanos bottling and will benefit from another 4-6 years of cellaring to fully blossom. Drink this impressive offering from 2015 to 2026 if not longer. Score: 92+ (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, April 2010)

#### **CONVENTO SAN FRANCISCO 2005**

DO Ribera Del Duero

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Covento San Francisco is 90% Tempranillo and 10% Merlot with 50% of the Tempranillo vineyards dating from pre-phylloxera times. The wine was sourced from 46 different sites. Opaque purple-colored, it offers a superb bouquet of pain grille, pencil lead, spice box, saddle leather, and blackberry. Opulent, full-bodied, rich, and concentrated, the wine has terrific depth and enough structure to evolve for at least 6-8 years. This lengthy wine will come into its own by 2018 and drink well through 2035. Score: 93 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2008)

206409 [D] 750 mL \$29

#### **MATARREDONDA LIBRANZA 2005** DO Toro

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Libranza was sourced from 120-year-old vines and aged for 14 months in French oak. Dark ruby in color, it is a bit more expressive aromatically as well as more concentrated. On the palate, savory, ripe black cherry and blackberry flavors nicely conceal enough ripe tannin to support 5-7 years of additional cellaring. It will offer prime drinking from 2014 to 2025. Score: 92 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, June 2009)

104562 [D] 750 mL \$39



#### SEÑORÍO DE CUZCURRITA 2005

DOCa Rioia

(Castillo de Cuzcurrita)

TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Senorio de Cuzcurrita is 100% Tempranillo sourced from a vineyard planted in 1970. It was aged for 24 months in seasoned French oak. Deep purplecolored with a brooding bouquet of cigar box, violets, leather, black cherry, and blackberry, on the palate it is medium to full-bodied with a velvetytexture, succulent black fruit, loads of earthy spice notes, and a sense of elegance. Approachable now but with 1-2 years of aging potential, it will make for pleasant drinking over the next 8-10 years. Drink: 2010-2020. Score: 92 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, June 2010)

208165 [D] 750 mL \$35

#### **CLOSA BATLLET 2004**

DOCa Priorat (Marc Ripoll)

TASTING NOTE: The 2004 Closa Batllet is 67% Carinena, 16% Garnacha, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, and 2% Syrah aged for 15 months in French and American oak. Inky purple, the wine has a wonderful perfume of scorched earth, truffle, graphite, black cherry, and blueberry. This is followed by an opulent wine with full-body, fleshy blue fruits, and a lengthy finish in a hedonistic package. Drink this forward effort over the next 12-15 years. Drink: 2007-2022. Score: 93 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2007)

156398 [XD] 750 ml \$39

#### **BALBAS GRAN RESERVA 1996**

DO Ribera Del Duero

TASTING NOTE: Still vibrant, this red shows balance and structure, with plum, cassis, floral, chocolate and light earthy flavors over firm, well-integrated tannins. Complex and expressive, with a long, spicy finish. Drink now through 2016. Score: 94 (Thomas Matthews, www.winespectator.com, Dec. 15, 2007)

85373 [XD] 750 mL \$89

## **CANADA** – ONTARIO

**RED WINE** 

#### **RAVINE VINEYARD RESERVE RED** 2007

VQA St. David's Bench, Niagara Peninsula

TASTING NOTE: ... From the fine 2007 vintage, Niagara veteran Peter Gamble has crafted some fantastic Bordeaux-style cab-merlot reds. Here, cab sauvignon anchors an exuberant wine that brims with cassis, vanilla, tobacco and flashy new oak mocha notes. Score: 91 (David Lawrason, Toronto Life, March 2010)



#### **CANADA** – ONTARIO

#### WHITE WINE

## STONEY RIDGE EXCELLENCE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009

VQA Niagara Lakeshore
TASTING NOTE: A grassy, grapefruit
and herbaceous/floral nose that turns
to lime and citrus fruit on the palate.
A nice and zesty, clean and bright
Sauvignon ... Score: ★★★★☆ (Rick
VanSickle, www.winesinniagara.com,
Aug. 13, 2010)

212779 [XD] 750 mL \$25



## PAUL ROSS RIESLING 2007

VQA Niagara Peninsula (Norman Hardie)

Paul Ross presents his inaugural Riesling in conjunction with the team at Norman Hardie wines. Made in a classic Alsatian-inspired style, this is a crisp and refreshing, mineral-infused expression of the Niagara Peninsula that will show beautifully over the next 3-5 years. Hailing from Ontario's celebrated 2007 vintage, and made in very limited quantities, this is a masterful wine that shows precisely why Riesling yields so many of our local terroir's great triumphs.

206813 [XD] 750 mL \$35

## CANADA – BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### **RED WINE**

## MISSION HILL FAMILY ESTATE OCULUS 2005

VQA Okanagan Valley

TASTING NOTE: The latest Oculus continues down the path of richer, softer textures while eliminating almost all green aspects. We like the '05 and its spicy, peppery, chocolate nose laced with vanilla, black olive, tobacco leaf, coriander, cassis and cherry aromas. The palate is dry and elegant, and yes young and tight but in time this will dissipate. More cedar, tobacco leaf, cassis, orange peel, vanilla, coffee, green olive and licorice flavours mark the palate with a bit of cardamom and coriander on the finish. There is fine finesse in what is the best Oculus yet. Cellar for 3-5 years and beyond for best results. Score: 91 (Anthony Gismondi & Stuart Tobe, www.gismondionwine.com, Sept. 16, 2008)

9316 [XD] 750 mL \$70



#### **AUSTRALIA**

#### **RED WINE**

## CLARENDON HILLS ASTRALIS 2007

McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: Clarendon Hills' flagship is the 2007 Syrah Astralis. It is an exemplar of what old vines and a great terroir can achieve in a less than great vintage. Aromas of pain grille, pencil lead, tar, underbrush, meat, licorice, and blackberry lead to a burly, masculine version of Astralis. It has tremendous grip, plenty of finegrained tannin, layers of savory fruit, and 10-12 years of aging potential. Patience will be required. Score: 97 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

64378 [XD] 750 mL \$399

#### CLARENDON HILLS MORITZ SYRAH 2007

McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: The more statuesque 2007 Syrah Moritz delivers a complex perfume of meat, hung game, Asian spices, incense, and blueberry. Mouth-filling and structured on the palate, this well-balanced effort has superior grip and concentration. It should be in full form with 5-7 years of cellaring. Score: **94+** (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)



#### **CLARENDON HILLS HICKINBOTHAM CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006**

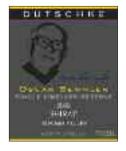
McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Hickinbotham Vineyard is the most muscular and densely packed of the Cabernets. This opulent effort will evolve for a minimum of a decade and drink well through 2036. Score: 96 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2009)

143958 [XD] 750 mL \$99

#### **DUTSCHKE OSCAR SEMMLER SHIRAZ 2006**

Single Vineyard Reserve, Barossa Valley, South Australia TASTING NOTE: The purple/black 2006 Oscar Semmler Shiraz is a blend of the finest parcels from the St. Jakobi vineyard and was barrelfermented and aged in French oak for 22 months. It offers up a fullthrottle perfume of pain grille, pencil lead, truffle, espresso, wild blueberry, and blackberry. Plush on the palate, ripe and surprisingly forward, this succulent Shiraz has the balance to blossom for another 4-6 years. Drink it from 2013 to 2026. Score: 93 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2009)

199760 [XD] 750 mL \$65



#### **OLIVER'S TARANGA VINEYARDS HJ RESERVE SHIRAZ 2006**

McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Shiraz H.J. Reserve, sourced from tiny yields of 1 ton per acre, was aged in 100% new French oak. A glass-coating purple/ black in color, the nose delivers an aromatic array of pain grille, espresso, scorched earth, smoked meat, and blueberry. Velvety, ripe, and voluptuous on the palate, this beautifully balanced Shiraz will blossom for several more vears and drink well through 2021. Score: 93 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

76661 [XD] 750 mL \$69



#### **RUSDEN BLACK GUTS SHIRAZ** 2006

Barossa Valley, South Australia TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Black Guts Shiraz competes favorably with its predecessors. The wine spent 30 months in 10% new American oak, 25% new French oak, and 65% old French barrels. Purple in color, it displays scents of cedar, lavender, incense, rosemary, smoked meat, and blueberry. Plush on the palate with a sense of elegance, this incredibly intense, savory, impeccably balanced Shiraz has layers of flavor, and is amazingly light on its feet. Drink it over the next 10-12 years. Score: 97 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

218255 [XD] 750 mL \$99

#### **GLAYMOND DISTINCTION SHIRAZ** 2005

Barossa Valley, South Australia TASTING NOTE: The 2005 Shiraz "Distinction" was sourced from 53-year-old vines and was aged in French oak for 24 months. It has an enticing perfume of pencil lead. scorched earth, smoke, blueberry, and blackberry. On the palate it is tightly wound but oozing with fruit. It demands a decade of cellaring and should drink well through 2035. Congratulation to young Mr. Tscharke for an impressive collection of wines! Drink: 2017-2035. Score: 97 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, Oct. 2007)

218230 [XD] 750 mL \$99

#### PIRRAMIMMA ACJ 2004

McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: Ripe, round and supple. A plump mouthful of blueberry, cherry and sweet spices, lingering on the silky finish for quite a while. Not a big wine, but has flesh and a wonderful texture. Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2014. Score: 91 (Harvey Steiman, www.winespectator.com, July 31, 2008)

#### **AUSTRALIA**

#### WHITE WINE

### LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY 2007

Margaret River, Western Australia TASTING NOTE: Polished, focused, fresh and vibrant, with a subtle interplay of pear, hazelnut, tropical fruit and tobacco aromas and flavors mingling effectively and gaining in intensity as the finish persists. Seamless and inviting, this should age beautifully. Drink now through 2020. Score: **94** (Harvey Steiman, www.winespectator.com, July 31, 2010)

619437 [XD] 750 mL \$89

#### **NEW ZEALAND**

#### RED WINE

#### PARITUA VINEYARDS 21.12 2007

Hawkes Bay, North Island TASTING NOTE: The flagship 2007 "2112" Bordeaux Blend (simply named after the estate's address) has simply a gorgeous nose: pure blackberry, cassis and crushed violets with superb definition and lift. This is one very classy bouquet. The palate is beautifully balanced with immense purity and poise. Quite modern in style, a veneer of new oak that is completely subsumed into its lascivious fruit. The finish is imbued with very fine tannins, with sweet ripe cassis and dark cherries lingering. Very impressive, but it deserves time in bottle. Drink over the next 5-6 years, possible more. Drink: 2009-2015. Score: 93 (Neal Martin, www.erobertparker.com, Sept. 2009)

203760 [XD] 750 mL \$46

#### WHITE WINE

#### SACRED HILL RIFLEMANS CHARDONNAY 2007

Hawkes Bay, North Island TASTING NOTE: The 2007 Rifleman's Chardonnay is a hand-picked selection from 17-18 year old vines on ungrafted roots matured in French barriques for one year on their lees. This has a sophisticated nose: dried peach, a touch of pineapple and apple-blossom all beautifully defined. The palate is well balanced, good acidity, tropical fruits but so subtle- mango, paw paw and a touch of guava. Very well poised at the finish. Gorgeous! Drink over the next 3 years. Drink: 2009-2012. Score: 93 (Neal Martin, www.erobertparker.com, Sept. 2009)

39503 [XD] 750 mL \$39

#### SOUTH AFRICA

#### RED WINE

#### SADIE FAMILY COLUMELLA 2007

WO Swartland

TASTING NOTE: Captivating, with a stunning array of loganberry, raspberry, blackberry and boysenberry fruit, all kept racy and invigorating thanks to well-embedded acidity and a bright minerality. Long, velvety and pure, with the iron spine buried deep on the finish. Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2015. Score: **95** (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, March 31, 2010)

166785 [XD] 750 mL \$95

#### **DE TOREN FUSION V 2005**

WO Stellenbosch

TASTING NOTE: The assertive elegance of a French Bordeaux is present here, but the Fusion also has a South African edge to it that gives it extra appeal. The nose, a subtle layering of luscious berry, minerality and spice, rolls into a clean, taut but flirty combination of plum and pepper, edged very quietly by tobacco smoke. Serious but with a feminine touch, this wine is made for food pairing. Score: **91** (Susan Kostrzewa, *Wine Enthusiast*, June 1, 2008)

220335 [XD] 750 mL \$49



#### WHITE WINE

### KEN FORRESTER THE FMC CHENIN BLANC 2008

WO Stellenbosch

TASTING NOTE: A very ripe, exotic style, with a toasted hazelnut aroma leading the way for almond tuile, fig and glazed pear notes. The lush finish lets additional papaya and creamed peach notes chime in. This has an offdry hint, but stays balanced. A flashy style for sure, but pulls it off. Drink now through 2011. Score: **92** (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, April 30, 2010)

#### **ARGENTINA**

#### RED WINE

#### **CHEVAL DES ANDES 2006**

Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Cheval des Andes was bottled in early 2008 but has not yet been released. The 2006 vintage is superb throughout Mendoza and this wine, as in many other bodegas I visited in April 2008, shows off the extra dimension of complexity made possible in an exceptional year. The wine is composed entirely of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a bit more saturated than the 2005 with a splendid perfume of pain grille, mineral, espresso, black cherry, and black raspberry that leaps from the glass. More opulent and layered than the 2005, it also conceals a bit more structure. The finish seems to go on and on. Drink it from 2015 to 2035. Score: 96 (Jav Miller. www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2008)

78675 [XD] 750 mL \$89



#### CHILE

#### RED WINE

#### **MONTES ALPHA M 2007**

Apalta Single Estate, Santa Cruz, Colchagua Valley, Rapel Valley
Aurelio Montes' Bordeaux blend, the
Alpha M, is always a superior wine. Built
around a backbone of Cabernet
Sauvignon, it is a serious endeavour
with a history of fetching scores in
the 90+ range. Complexity, finesse,
concentration, and layers of plush,
textured fruit are all mainstays of the
Alpha M. Given that the 2007 vintage
in Colchagua is yielding such high
quality to date, expect nothing less than
sensational results from this effort.

914580 [XD] 750 mL \$79

#### **MONTES FOLLY SYRAH 2006**

Apalta Vineyard, Colchagua Valley, Rapel Valley

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Folly is a world class Syrah (not only because of the superb Ralph Steadman label). It is sourced from a ridiculously steep vineyard in Apalta and aged for 18 months in new French oak. Inky black in color, it reveals a superexpressive nose of toasty new oak, pepper, lavender, game, incense, and blueberry. Voluptuous on the palate but not heavy, it has gobs of sweet fruit, layers of flavor, a firm structure, and 5-7 years of aging potential. Drink this impeccably balanced, lengthy effort from 2015 to 2026. Score: 94 (Jay Miller, www.erobertparker.com, June 2009)

62356 [XD] 750 mL \$79

#### QUEBRADA DE MACUL DOMUS AUREA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006

Maipo Valley

TASTING NOTE: Lilting, inviting aromas of mulled mint and warm espresso lead the way for a rich but supple palate of warm fig, currant preserve and bittersweet licorice. The long, suave finish lets a loamy edge play out. Old-school and lovely. Drink now through 2013. Score: **92** (James Molesworth, www.winespectator.com, Dec. 31, 2009)

906123 [XD] 750 mL \$47

**USA** – CALIFORNIA

#### **RED WINE**

### SEA SMOKE SOUTHING PINOT NOIR 2008

Santa Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County

Sea Smoke was awarded 'Best New Winery' at the 2006 American Wine Awards. Richard Nalley of Food & Wine magazine had this to say about the winery: "Since its first vintage in 2001, this Santa Barbara winery has been producing some of California's most exciting Pinot Noirs. Sea Smoke, in the coastal Santa Rita Hills area of Santa Barbara County, began like so many wine ventures – with a dream, stubborn persistence and plenty of money ... Sea Smoke currently produces less than 15,000 cases of three critically acclaimed Pinot Noirs: the fruity, approachable Botella, the elegant Southing and the more monumentally scaled Ten ... all are remarkable for their liveliness and purity of fruit." (Sept. 2006)

#### **USA** - CALIFORNIA

RED WINE

### SEA SMOKE TEN PINOT NOIR 2008

Santa Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County

This relatively new winery has been consistently garnering high praise for its wines. "Sea Smoke, a spectacular vineyard in the heart of Santa Rita Hills where Pinot Noir thrives, is owned by Bob David. He produces three separate Sea Smoke bottlings: Botella, Southing and Ten. All of the Sea Smoke Pinots I've reviewed to date since the debut 2001 vintage have earned outstanding marks." (James Laube, www.winespectator.com, Jan. 18, 2008)

59014 [XD] 750 mL \$97



### CHAPPELLET PRITCHARD HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007

Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE: Sleek, rich and intense, this beautifully balanced red offers a complex mix of black currant and black cherry, red and black licorice. Firm, focused, expansive and layered, ending with classic Bordeaux-like cedar, tobacco and cigar box notes. Drink now through 2020. Score: **96** (James Laube, www.winespectator.com, Aug. 31, 2010)

210070 [XD] 750 mL \$159

#### SINATRA FAMILY ESTATES COME FLY WITH ME CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007

Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE: I was blown away by the gorgeous Sinatra Family Estates 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon. "Celebrity" cuvees are often huge disappointments, but that's not the case with this wine. This Calistogabased, dense purple-colored effort offers beautiful notes of scorched earth, blueberries, blackberries, plums, and licorice. Full-bodied, opulent, and seriously-endowed with sweet tannins as well as a stunning finish, this is a delicious blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. I enjoyed it despite the rather cloying "Come Fly With Me" on the front label. It should drink well for 15-20 years. Drink: 2009-2029. Score: 93 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

215301 [XD] 750 mL \$159



#### STEWART PINOT NOIR 2007

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

TASTING NOTE: Stewart's 2007 Pinot Noir, which comes from the Gibson Vineyard in Russian River, exhibits a deep ruby/plum color as well as sweet aromas of cola, root vegetables, black cherries, and currants, supple tannins, and a velvety, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel with a hint of forest floor. This complex Pinot is best consumed over the next 3-4 years. Drink: 2008-2012. Score: 91 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2008)

218198 [D] 750 mL \$65



### TRINCHERO HAYSTACK VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007

Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE: The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Haystack Vineyard from Atlas Peak gets my top points. Made of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot, this is a dense purplecolored wine with a serious aromatic expression filled with espresso roast, black chocolate, creme de cassis, and rose petals. Full-bodied, with beautiful texture, sweet tannin, and stunning concentration, this is a dense, opulent, blockbuster style of Cabernet Sauvignon that will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring and last for 20-25 years. Drink: 2011-2036. Score: 93 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

#### VINEYARD 29 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007

Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE: The flagship wine, the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyard 29 Estate, is an extraordinary effort. Performing even better than it did last vear from barrel, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon spent 20 months in French oak barrels (90% new). The nose reveals notes of graphite, ink, cassis, and flowers. Superbly concentrated with impeccable purity and balance, this full-bodied wine is one of both power and elegance. If I didn't know better, I would guess it was from Stags Leap rather than the west side north of St. Helena ... it's that refined and gracious. The stunning length and suppleness of the tannin suggest this 2007 should easily last for 20-25 years. Drink: 2009-2034. Score: 98 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

212258 [XD] 750 mL \$229

#### VINEYARD 29 AIDA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007 Napa Valley

"The impressive talents of viticulturist David Abreu and winemaker-consultant Philippe Melka have turned Vineyard 29, owned by Chuck and Anne McMinn, into a bright new star of Napa." (*Robert Parker's Wine Buyer's Guide*, 2008)

TASTING NOTE: The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Aida Vineyard (90% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot aged 20 months in 100% French oak) is a La Mission Haut-Brion look-alike. Burning ember, scorched earth, blackberry, smoked herb, and sweet cassis fruit characteristics are all present in this full-bodied, dense, concentrated offering. With a whopping finish as well as great balance and purity, it should drink well for 20+ years. Drink: 2009-2029. Score: **97** (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

212274 [XD] 750 mL \$179

#### JONATA EL ALMA DE JONATA 2006 Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County

"This remarkable Santa Ynez estate is under the same ownership as Napa Valley's Screaming Eagle winery ... The 2006s and a handful of 2007 barrel samples I tasted suggest this is one of California's most exciting new wineries. What they are accomplishing with Bordeaux varietals is mindboggling." (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, June 2008)

TASTING NOTE: Perhaps the greatest Cabernet Franc being made in California is Jonata's El Alma de Jonata. The amazing 2006, a blend of 95% Cabernet Franc and the balance Cabernet Sauvignon and a dollop of Merlot, tastes like a liquid version of haute couture from Chanel. It possesses nobility, grace, and remarkable complexity. An inky/blue/purple color is accompanied by an extraordinary bouquet of blueberries, black raspberries, and graphite. In the mouth, it reveals wonderful elegance, precision, and laser-like focus along with noteworthy density and intensity for a wine dominated by Cabernet Franc. The varietal character is obvious, and the wine's superb balance, purity, and well-integrated oak, acidity, and tannin are admirable. This beauty should hit its prime in 2-4 years, and last for 15-20. Drink: 2010-2030. Score: 95 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, June 2008)

#### **USA** – CALIFORNIA

#### RED WINE

#### JONATA EL DESAFIO DE JONATA 2006

Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County TASTING NOTE: The 2006 El Desafio de Jonata, a blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot, and 1% Merlot, may be even better (it was scheduled to be bottled right after my visit). A beautiful black/purple color is accompanied by stunning aromas of creme de cassis, graphite, camphor, and incense. It exhibits tremendous intensity, beautiful sweet fruit, full-bodied power as well as purity, and a finish that lasts 45+ seconds. This amazing effort is the greatest Cabernet Sauvignonbased wine ever made in the Santa Ynez appellation. Score: 94-96 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, June 2008)

218933 [XD] 750 mL \$145

#### PAUL HOBBS BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006

St. Helena, Napa Valley
TASTING NOTE: Gorgeous blackberry
and cassis fruit notes intermixed with
notions of crushed, scorched rocks,
graphite, licorice, and pain grille
result in a prodigious aromatic display
offered by the 2006 Cabernet
Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane
Vineyard. Soft, fleshy, and opulent
(it recalls the 2004 version), this stunner
will be drinkable upon release, and
should last for two decades. Drink:
2007-2027. Score: 93-95 (Robert
Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com,
Dec. 2007)

118810 [D] 750 mL \$184

### SILVERADO VINEYARDS SOLO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006

Stags Leap District, Napa Valley TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Solo has a dense purple color, a big, sweet nose of lead pencil shavings intermixed with creme de cassis, new saddle leather, charcoal, and spice box. Its brilliant delineation and full-bodied texture, with nothing out of place in a seamless integration of all its building blocks make for a stylistic, flavorful, elegant, yet powerful wine to drink over the next 20-25 years. Drink: 2009-2034. Score: 94 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2009)

89482 [D] 750 mL \$99

### STAGLIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006

Rutherford, Napa Valley
TASTING NOTE: Rich, focused, supple, plush and layered, showing amazing purity of flavor, with tiers of black currant, black cherry, mineral, sage, anise and cedar. Yet for all its flavor, it's the seductive textural fleshiness that's perhaps most striking. Best from 2010 through 2019. Score: 96 (James Laube, www.winespectator.com, Oct. 15, 2009)

716258 [XD] 750 mL \$209



#### FREEMARK ABBEY CABERNET BOSCHÉ CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2004

Rutherford, Napa Valley TASTING NOTE: From the highpedigree of the Bosche Vineyard, the 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Bosche, a blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12% Merlot aged in French oak for 24 months, exhibits an opaque ruby/ purple color and a wonderfully sweet nose of camphor, underbrush, black currants, and spice. The wine is deep, full-bodied, with superb richness, depth, and intensity. This is a beauty with silky tannins and low acidity. It should drink beautifully for 15-20+ years. Score: 92 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Dec. 2007)

578971 [D] 750 mL \$85

WHITE WINE

#### PETER MICHAEL L'APRÈS-MIDI SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009

Knights Valley, Sonoma County "One of the best Sauvignon Blancs that has been made in California is the l'Apres Midi." (Robert Parker Jr, www.erobertparker.com, December 2008). This wine is nothing if not consistent, with each vintage from 2002 to 2008 receiving scores of 90 or more from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate; the most recently reviewed version, the 2008 vintage, was awarded 94 points. In order to preserve the pure fruit character and refreshing tanginess of this Sauvignon Blanc, it is bottled without any acid-softening malolatic fermentation. A touch of Sémillon is added to the wine to round out the texture. Expect this supremely crafted, very finessed wine to show at its best over the next 5 years.

#### MORLET FAMILY VINEYARDS LA PROPORTION DORÉE 2008

Sonoma County

TASTING NOTE: Readers should not miss the 2008 La Proportion Doree, a 660-case blend of 68% Semillon, 30% Sauvignon Blanc, and 2% Muscadelle. It is a superb example of what can be done with French savoir-faire and California grapes. Glorious aromas of honeyed caramelized figs, honeysuckle, melons, and orange blossoms are followed by a medium to fullbodied white with beautiful acidity, length, and richness. A tour de force in dry white winemaking, it should drink nicely for 3-4 years. Drink: 2010-2014. Score: 93 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2010)

210732 [XD] 750 mL \$83

### PETER MICHAEL MA BELLE-FILLE CHARDONNAY 2008

Knights Valley, Sonoma County *Wine Spectator* awarded this Chardonnay **97** points, and ranked it no.3 on its Top 100 list of 2010.

TASTING NOTE: Scents of unbuttered popcorn, crushed rocks, quince, and white currants soar from the glass of the light straw/green-hued 2008 Chardonnay Ma Belle Fille (Peter Michael's highest elevation vineyard). Powerful in the mouth with full-bodied fruit, spectacular concentration, remarkable length, good minerality, tremendous intensity, and a monster finish, it should drink well for a decade. Drink: 2010-2020. Score: **94-96** (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2010)

154716 [D] 750 mL \$132

### PETER MICHAEL MON PLAISIR CHARDONNAY 2008

Sonoma County

TASTING NOTE: There are slightly more than 1,000 cases of the 2008 Chardonnay Mon Plaisir. Dense and concentrated with lots of honeyed peach, marmalade, citrus oil, and apricot notes with underlying spice and subtle wood in the background, this wine possesses outstanding acidity, freshness, and depth. It should drink nicely for 7-8 years. Drink: 2010-2018. Score: 93-95 (Robert Parker Jr., www.erobertparker.com, Feb. 2010)

154690 [D] 750 mL \$124

### SEA SMOKE ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2008

Santa Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County

Sea Smoke is a legend for their Pinot Noirs, but for their valued customers they create a one-of-a-kind Chardonnay that is highly coveted and never reviewed by the critics. They produce a very limited number of magnums that they sell, and we were able to convince Sea Smoke to part with 30 bottles. Needless to say, this is the debut for this rare wine in our market.

210088 [D] 1500 mL \$145



#### **USA** - OREGON

#### **RED WINE**

#### LE CADEAU VINEYARD DIVERSITÉ PINOT NOIR 2007

Willamette Valley

TASTING NOTE: Light and fragrant, a delicate style that has a reserve of power behind the refined blackberry, boysenberry, mint and spice aromas and flavors, lingering easily over fine tannins. Drink now through 2014. Score: **92** (Harvey Steiman, www.winespectator.com, Dec. 31, 2009)

199752 [D] 750 mL \$60

#### FORTIFIED WINE

**PORT** 

### GOULD CAMPBELL VINTAGE PORT 1997

DOC Douro

TASTING NOTE: Rich aromas of plum and fresh stem, with a leafy undertone. Intense strawberry. Full, lightly sweet, chewy and solid. This has grip. Juicy. Lots going on. Youthful and structured. Beautiful. '77/'85/'97 blind Port retrospective. Best after 2008. Score: **91** (James Suckling, www.winespectator.com, Web Only, 2008)

706234 [S] 750 mL \$79



#### **FORTIFIED WINE**

#### **PORT**

#### QUINTA DA PRELADA VINTAGE PORT 2004

DOC Douro

TASTING NOTE: Black fruit cloaked with black pepper. Very good tannic grip, sustaining the bitter chocolate, silky cassis palate. Long, good. Drink 2015-2030. Score: \*\*\*\*
(Decanter, Jan. 2009)

208181 [MD] 750 mL \$49



#### DESSERT WINE

### DUTSCHKE 22-YEAR-OLD THE TAWNY

Barossa Valley/Langhorne Creek, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: This is true tawny, 22 years old (some more than 30 years old), amber in colour, with a spice bouquet, fruitcake and butterscotch flavours and a clean, dry finish. No stale characters whatsoever. Drink [until] 2011. Score: **94** (James Halliday, www.winecompanion.com.au, Dec. 2009)

199778 [MD] 375 mL \$53

#### **SPIRITS**

#### SCOTCH WHISKY

### GLENFIDDICH 50 YEARS OLD SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT

TASTING NOTE: Nose: We are talking 50 years, and yet we are still talking fresh barley, freshly peeled grape and honey. Not ordinary honey. Not the stuff you find in jars. But the pollen that attracts the bee to the petunia; and not any old petunia; not the white or the red or pink or yellow. But the two-toned purple ones. For on the nose at least this is perfection; this is nectar ... : Taste: A silky delivery: silky barley with silky, watered down maple syrup. The middle ground, in some previous Glenfiddich 50-year-olds a forest of pine and oak, is this time filled with soft. grassy barley and the vaguest hint of a distant smoke spice; Finish: Long, long, long, with the very faintest snatch of something most delicately smoked: a distant puff of peat reek carried off on the persistent Speyside winds, then a winding-down of vanillas, dropping through the gears of sweetness until the very last traces are chalky dry; Balance: ... This is brilliant ... Score: 97 (Jim Murray, Whisky Bible, 2010)

209973 700 mL \$26,000



#### ARMAGNAC

#### **DE MONTAL ARMAGNAC 1971**

AC, With Gift Box

Armagnac is considered to be the oldest spirit produced in France, dating back some seven hundred years. De Montal has crafted Armagnac since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and is considered a modern master. Fiery, complex and sophisticated, this is a contemplative libation for the spirit connoisseur. An ideal gift to mark a 40-year milestone.

215442 700 mL \$169



#### DE MONTAL ARMAGNAC 1961

AC, With Gift Box

Few things evolve more exquisitely over time than do the finest brandies. with Cognac and Armagnac being the most renowned of these. Over the years they take on elaborately complex layers of woodsmoke and spicy nuances, and begin to reveal a smoothness and refinement that sets them high in the firmament amongst the best spirits in the world. Armagnac's inherent fiery edginess takes on entirely new dimensions, and a seeming paradox of boisterousness and mellowness converge to miraculous effect. This unforgettable spirit is a very special way to celebrate a golden anniversary, or any momentous occasion.

215467 700 mL \$299



PRODUCT	SIZE (mL)	PRODUCT Number	PRICE (per btl.)	SCORE	OPENING INVENTORY (btls.)
FRANCE – BURGUNDY – CÔTE DE NUITS RED WINE					
DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES CLOS DES PORRETS ST-GEORGES NUITS-ST-GEORGES 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2008	750	154831	\$69	BH 89-92	300
DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES LES PRULIERS NUITS-ST-GEORGES 1er CRU 2008	750	693572	\$69	JR 17 (OUT OF	20) 312
DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES VILLAGES NUITS-ST-GEORGES 2008	750	154799	\$45	JR 16 (OUT OF	20) 264
DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME MOREY SAINT DENIS 2008	750	586800	\$55	RP 89-91	420
MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE CLOS DE LA ROCHE GRAND CRU 2008	750	206961	\$125	RP 90-91	90
MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE LES PETITS MONTS VOSNE-ROMANÉE 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2008	750	207043	\$89	RP 92-94	150
DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME LA RIOTTE MOREY SAINT DENIS 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2007	750	111377	\$85	BH 90	120
MAISON NICOLAS POTEL LATRICIÈRES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU 2007	750	206060	\$199	BH 91-93	96
DOMAINE JEAN TARDY ET FILS GRAND MAUPERTUIS CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU 2006	750	211508	\$175	BH 90-92	96
FRANCE – BURGUNDY – CÔTE DE BEAUNE RED WINE					
DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS RUGIENS POMMARD 1er CRU 2008	750	206177	\$74	BH 91-93	144
MAISON AMBROISE LE ROGNET CORTON GRAND CRU 2008	750	209486	\$89	BH 91-94	144
ANTONIN GUYON CORTON CLOS DU ROY GRAND CRU 2007	750	715342	\$89	BH 91-93	180
DOMAINE JEAN-MARC PAVELOT LES BRESSANDES BEAUNE 1er CRU 2007	750	206219	\$45	BH 91	480
DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL CHAMPIMONTS BEAUNE 1er CRU 2007	750	208686	\$55	WS 92	360
P. DUBREUIL-FONTAINE PÈRE & FILS CORTON CLOS DU ROI GRAND CRU 2007	750	110494	\$69	BH 90-92	180
FRANCE – BURGUNDY – CÔTE DE BEAUNE WHITE WINE					
DOMAINE BOUCHARD PÈRE & FILS LES GENEVRIÈRES MEURSAULT 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2008	750	46532	\$69	IWC 92	180
DOMAINE FONTAINE-GAGNARD VERGERS CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2008	750	211516	\$89	BH 92	96
DOMAINE JOSEPH MATROT LES CHALUMEAUX PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2008	750	959437	\$89	BH 93	180
DOMAINE LEFLAIVE CLAVOILLON PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2008	750	86942	\$109	IWC 90-91	168
DOMAINE LEFLAIVE LES FOLATIÈRES PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2008	750	12393	\$154	BH 90-93	132
JOSEPH DROUHIN CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2008	750	211540	\$135	BH 91-94	96
DOMAINE COLIN-DELÉGER EN REMILLY CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2007	750	110536	\$79	BH 91	120
DOMAINE HENRI BOILLOT CLOS DE LA MOUCHÈRE PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2007	750	48330	\$115	BH 94	120
DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR MONTRACHET GRAND CRU 2007	750	209643	\$595	RP 93-94	60
DOMAINE JEAN-MARC MOREY LES CAILLERETS CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2007	750	205955	\$75	BH 92	180
DOMAINE JEAN-MARC MOREY LES CHENEVOTTES CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1er CRU 2007	750	205963	\$69	BH 91	180
DOMAINE MARTELET DE CHERISEY HAMEAU DE BLAGNY PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1 <sup>er</sup> CRU 2007	750	206904	\$75	RP 92	240
BONNEAU DU MARTRAY CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2006	750	118646	\$159	WS 94	150
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AG	Anthony Gismondi & Stuart Tobe,	RP	Wine Advocate, www.erobertparker.com
	www.gismondionwine.com	TL	David Lawrason, Toronto Life
AWC	www.winecompanion.com.au	WB	Whisky Bible
ВН	www.burghound.com	WE	Wine Enthusiast
DEC	www.decanter.com	WN	Rick VanSickle, www.winesinniagara.com
IWC	International Wine Cellar	WS	www.winespectator.com
JR	www.jancisrobinson.com	W&S	www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com

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FRANCE – BURGUNDY – CHABLIS WHITE WINE					
DOMAINE PINSON FRÉRES LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008	750	209049	\$64	IWC 92	180
DOMAINE WILLIAM FÈVRE LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008	750	641381	\$85	BH 96	120
DROUHIN VAUDON LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008	750	222133	\$75	WS 93	180
DROUHIN VAUDON VAUDÉSIR CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008	750	211557	\$65	WS 92	240
JEAN-MARC BROCARD VALMUR CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2008	750	206151	\$69	IWC 92-94	240
DOMAINE JEAN-MARC BROCARD LES CLOS CHABLIS GRAND CRU 2007	750	579078	\$79	WS 95	120
FRANCE - BORDEAUX RED WINE					
CHÂTEAU CLERC-MILON 2006	750	564476	\$62	RP 91+	129
CHÂTEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2006	750	565580	\$199	RP 94	715
CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE-POYFERRÉ 2006	750	565044	\$99	RP 91	102
CHÂTEAU MONBOUSQUET 2006	750	564773	\$72	RP 92	139
CHÂTEAU BOYD-CANTENAC 2005	750	502898	\$89	RP 92	120
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BATAILLEY 2005	750	211565	\$85	WS 93	120
CHÂTEAU LA POINTE 2005	750	205997	\$65	WS 91	180
CHÂTEAU LARRIVET HAUT-BRION 2005	750	206029	\$65	RP 90	180
CHÂTEAU LA GAFFELIÈRE 2004	750	206037	\$99	RP 92	120
CHÂTEAU QUINAULT L'ENCLOS 2004	750	211532	\$49	RP 91	240
CHÂTEAU PRIEURÉ-LICHINE 2003	750	211573	\$85	RP 90	120
FRANCE – BORDEAUX WHITE WINE					
CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM 2006	750	567370	\$849	RP (96-98+)	64
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FRANCE — RHÔNE — NORTHERN RHÔNE RED WINE					
FERRATON PÈRE & FILS L'EGLANTINE CÔTE RÔTIE 2007	750	206144	\$74	WS 92	180
VIDAL-FLEURY SAINT-JOSEPH 2007	750	209114	\$29	WS 90	240
FERRATON PÈRE & FILS LES DIONNIÈRES HERMITAGE 2006	750	578781	\$95	RP 93	120
FRANCE – RHÔNE – NORTHERN RHÔNE WHITE WINE					
FRANÇOIS VILLARD LES TERRASSES DU PALAT CONDRIEU 2008	750	209254	\$64	WS 92	180
FRANCE – RHÔNE – SOUTHERN RHÔNE RED WINE					
CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE DES PAPES LES CHOREGIES CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007	750	995365	\$79	RP 93	180
DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD BOISRENARD CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007	750	964585	\$79 \$79	WS 95	240
DOMAINE DE LA CHARBONNIÈRE CUVÉE VIEILLES VIGNES	750	904060	\$79	W3 95	240
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007	1500	205948	\$125	RP 94	120
DOMAINE DE LA CHARBONNIÈRE LES HAUTES BRUSQUIÈRES					
CUVÉE SPÉCIALE CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007	750	579581	\$54	RP 95+	600
DOMAINE DE LA SOLITUDE CUVÉE BARBERINI CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2007	750	83527	\$65	WS 92	300
DOMAINE DU PEGAU CUVÉE RESERVÉE CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE 2007	750	196121	\$89	RP 95	600
DOMAINE DE LA SOLITUDE CORNELIA CONSTANZA CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2006	750	206078	\$99	RP 96	240
PATRICK LESEC CUVÉE BARGETON CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2005	750	154476	\$75	RP 94+	240
FRANCE – ALSACE WHITE WINE					
	750	161025	¢ባባ	WC 01	200
DOMAINE BARMÈS BUECHER ROSENBERG GEWURZTRAMINER 2007	750	161935	\$29	WS 91	300
DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER SAERING RIESLING 2007	750	627950	\$32	DEC ***	300

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FRANCE – CHAMPAGNE CHAMPAGNE					
VILMART & CIE GRAND CELLIER PREMIER CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE	750	65110	\$59	IWC 92	150
VILMART & CIE COEUR DE CUVÉE PREMIER CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE 2001	750	65128	\$99	RP 93	150
FRANCE - MIDI RED WINE					
MAS DU SOLEILLA CLÔT DE L'AMANDIER 2007	750	206110	\$59	WS 94	150
CLOS DEL REY 2004	750	154385	\$49	RP 94	180
FRANCE - SOUTHWEST RED WINE					
CHÂTEAU DU CÈDRE LE CÈDRE CAHORS 2006	750	71183	\$54	WE 95	180
AUSTRIA WHITE WINE					
LOIMER TERRASSEN KAMPTAL RESERVE GRÜNER VELTLINER 2008	750	149674	\$35	WS 91	120
GERMANY – PFALZ WHITE WINE					
FRIEDRICH BECKER 69 RIESLING SPÄTLESE 2007	750	208611	\$35	WS 92	144
HUNGARY WHITE WINE					
ROYAL TOKAJI WINE CO. 5 PUTTONYOS RED LABEL TOKAJI ASZÚ 2006	500	959031	\$39	WS 94	240
KIRÁLYUDVAR CUVÉE ILLONA TOKAJI 2003	500	206201	\$59	WS 92	150
ITALY — ABRUZZO RED WINE			· · ·		
LA VALENTINA BELLOVEDERE MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2005	750	167445	\$64	RP 94	120
ITALY DIFDMONT					
ITALY — PIEDMONT RED WINE ELIO GRASSO GAVARINI VIGNA CHINIERA BAROLO 2006	750	700272	<b></b>	DD OF	100
ELIO GRASSO GIVESTRA CASA MATÉ BAROLO 2006	750 750	702373 81794	\$85 \$85	RP 95 RP 96	120
SOTTIMANO FAUSONI BARBARESCO 2006	750	115865	\$75	RP 96	96
ALBINO ROCCA VIGNETO BRICH RONCHI BARBARESCO 2005	750	207431	\$64	RP 92	180
ANDREA OBERTO VIGNETO ROCCHE BAROLO 2005			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	750	115618	\$75	RP 93	210
BROVIA CA' MIA BAROLO 2005	750	641027	\$75	IWC 94(+?)	300
BROVIA GARBLÈT SUE BAROLO 2005	750	105569	\$69	RP 93	240
CANTINA DEL PINO OVELLO BARBARESCO 2005	750	206938	\$59	RP 95	360
CONTERNO FANTINO VIGNA DEL GRIS BAROLO 2005	750	194696	\$95	WS 94	90
G.D. VAJRA BRICCO DELLE VIOLE BAROLO 2005	750	206128	\$85	RP 95	360
MARCHESI DI GRÉSY CAMP GROS MARTINENGA BARBARESCO 2005	750	46029	\$99	IWC 95(+?)	120
MARCHESI DI GRÉSY GAIUN MARTINENGA BARBARESCO 2005	750	206193	\$99	RP 94	120
ODDERO VILLERO BAROLO 2005	750	206169	\$59	WS 92	240
MASCARELLO MONPRIVATO BAROLO 2004	750	106617	\$139	RP 96	120
SCHIAVENZA BRICCO CERRETTA BAROLO 2004	750	209437	\$49	RP 92	480
PAOLO CONTERNO GINESTRA BAROLO RISERVA 2003	750	954677	\$75	RP 93	360
ITALY - TUSCANY RED WINE					
BRANCAIA IL BLU 2007	750	31559	\$79	WS 94	300
DIADEMA 2007	750	207464	\$79	WS 95	270
CASTELVECCHIO IL BRECCIOLINO 2006	750	205922	\$49	WS 94	600
DIEVOLE NOVOCENTO CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA 2006	750	213926	\$39	WS 92	360
I SODI CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA 2006	750	213074	\$29	DEC ***	<b>★</b> 480
PETRA QUERCEGOBBE 2006	750	123190	\$59	RP 94	300

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ITALY — TUSCANY RED WINE					
PODERE FORTE GUARDIAVIGNA 2006	750	192484	\$05	RP 96	210
POGGIOPIANO ROSSO DI SERA 2006		115840	\$95	RP 96	
POGGIO MANDORLO 2005	750 750	206433	\$59 \$89	WS 94	360 228
ALTESINO MONTOSOLI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004	750	92247	\$99	WS 94 WS 95	150
ANGELINI VIGNA SPUNTALI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004	750	588624	\$85	RP 93	210
ANTINORI PIAN DELLE VIGNE VIGNAFERROVIA	750	J000Z4	φου	NF 95	210
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	750	206227	\$95	RP 92	180
ANTINORI PIAN DELLE VIGNE VIGNAFERROVIA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	1500	206235	\$245	RP 92	25
ANTINORI PIAN DELLE VIGNE VIGNAFERROVIA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	3000	206243	\$525	RP 92	10
CAPANNA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	750	210765	\$69	RP 93	300
CASTELGIOCONDO RIPE AL CONVENTO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	750	724252	\$119	WS 95	180
FANTI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004	750	112607	\$75	WE 92	180
FULIGNI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	750	952325	\$99	RP 96	180
LA COLOMBINA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	750	206417	\$79	WS 93	240
LE GODE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004	750	209122	\$49	RP 92	480
MASTROJANNI SCHIENA D'ASINO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004	750	46920	\$85	RP 94	180
PALAZZO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	750	206375	\$89	WS 94	210
POGGIO ANTICO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA 2004	750	700443	\$119	WS 96	600
STELLA DI CAMPALTO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004	750	156893	\$115	RP 95+	90
CASISANO-COLOMBAIO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2003	750	122242	\$65	WS 92	300
UNDIGHTIVO GOLOWIDATIO BINOTVIALEDO DI MIGINIALEZINO 2003	730	122272	ΨΟΟ	WO 32	
ITALY — UMBRIA RED WINE					
LUNGAROTTI RUBESCO MONTICCHIO 2004	750	51771	\$39	RP 90	180
ITALY - VENETO RED WINE					
LE RAGOSE AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2004	750	700872	\$59	RP 92	360
TRABUCCHI AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2004	750	214643	\$59	RP 90	360
PORTUGAL RED WINE					
QUINTA DO PORTAL GRANDE RESERVA 2006	750	74666	\$45	W&S 94	180
SPAIN RED WINE					
	750	720104	ф <b>7</b> О	DD 02	100
ÁLVARO PALACIOS FINCA DOFÍ 2007	750	730184	\$79	RP 93	180
DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS VILLA DE CORULLÓN 2007	750	154435	\$45	RP 92	240
FINCA TERRERAZO 2007	750	206425	\$29	RP 92	210
TARDENCUBA AUTOR 2007	750	105619	\$35	RP 93	360
FINCA TORREMILANOS CYCLO 2006	750	209452	\$39	RP 92	300
PUJANZA NORTE 2006	750	207456	\$69	RP 92	150
SENTIUS 2006	750	35477	\$32	RP 92	300
TORRE ALBÉNIZ RESERVA 2006	750	209445	\$39	RP 92+	240
CONVENTO SAN FRANCISCO 2005	750	206409	\$29	RP 93	400
MATARREDONDA LIBRANZA 2005	750	104562	\$39	RP 92	240
SEÑORÍO DE CUZCURRITA 2005	750	208165	\$35	RP 92	360
CLOSA BATLLET 2004	750	156398	\$39	RP 93	210
BALBAS GRAN RESERVA 1996	750	85373	\$89	WS 94	120

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CANADA — ONTARIO RED WINE					
RAVINE VINEYARD RESERVE RED 2007	750	204966	\$55	TL 91	168
CANADA ONTADIO					
CANADA — ONTARIO WHITE WINE STONEY RIDGE EXCELLENCE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009	750	212779	\$25	WN ★★★★	120
PAUL ROSS RIESLING 2007	750 750	206813	\$35	WINXXXX	± 120 240
	750	200013	ΨΟΟ		
CANADA – BRITISH COLUMBIA RED WINE					
MISSION HILL FAMILY ESTATE OCULUS 2005	750	9316	\$70	AG 91	720
AUSTRALIA RED WINE					
CLARENDON HILLS ASTRALIS 2007	750	64378	\$399	RP 97	120
CLARENDON HILLS MORITZ SYRAH 2007	750	15685	\$89	RP 94+	360
CLARENDON HILLS HICKINBOTHAM CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006	750	143958	\$99	RP 96	60
DUTSCHKE OSCAR SEMMLER SHIRAZ 2006	750	199760	\$65	RP 93	240
OLIVER'S TARANGA VINEYARDS HJ RESERVE SHIRAZ 2006	750	76661	\$69	RP 93	180
RUSDEN BLACK GUTS SHIRAZ 2006	750	218255	\$99	RP 97	240
GLAYMOND DISTINCTION SHIRAZ 2005	750	218230	\$99	RP 97	240
PIRRAMIMMA ACJ 2004	750	72694	\$49	WS 91	720
AUSTRALIA WHITE WINE					
LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY 2007	750	619437	\$89	WS 94	120
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NEW ZEALAND RED WINE					
PARITUA VINEYARDS 21.12 2007	750	203760	\$46	RP 93	480
NEW ZEALAND WHITE WINE					
SACRED HILL RIFLEMANS CHARDONNAY 2007	750	39503	\$39	RP 93	150
COLITIL AFRICA					
SOUTH AFRICA RED WINE	750	166705	<b>*</b> 05	WO 05	100
SADIE FAMILY COLUMELLA 2007	750	166785	\$95	WS 95	120
DE TOREN FUSION V 2005	750	220335	\$49	WE 91	360
SOUTH AFRICA WHITE WINE					
KEN FORRESTER THE FMC CHENIN BLANC 2008	750	37291	\$59	WS 92	150
ADCENTINA					
ARGENTINA RED WINE	750	70075	400	DD 06	100
CHEVAL DES ANDES 2006	750	78675	\$89	RP 96	120
CHILE RED WINE					
MONTES ALPHA M 2007	750	914580	\$79		300
MONTES FOLLY SYRAH 2006	750	62356	\$79	RP 94	300
QUEBRADA DE MACUL DOMUS AUREA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006	750	906123	\$47	WS 92	300
USA – CALIFORNIA RED WINE					
SEA SMOKE SOUTHING PINOT NOIR 2008	750	9795	\$70		60
SEA SMOKE TEN PINOT NOIR 2008	750	59014	\$97		30
CHAPPELLET PRITCHARD HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007	750	210070	\$159	WS 96	90
SINATRA FAMILY ESTATES COME FLY WITH ME CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007	750	215301	\$159	RP 93	60
STEWART PINOT NOIR 2007	750	218198	\$65	RP 91	480
TRINCHERO HAYSTACK VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007	750	218487	\$64	RP 93	300

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USA — CALIFORNIA RED WINE					
VINEYARD 29 29 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007	750	212258	\$229	RP 98	48
VINEYARD 29 AIDA ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007	750	212274	\$179	RP 97	60
JONATA EL ALMA DE JONATA 2006	750	218925	\$145	RP 95	600
JONATA EL DESAFIO DE JONATA 2006	750	218933	\$145	RP 94-96	600
PAUL HOBBS BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006	750	118810	\$184	RP 93-95	120
SILVERADO VINEYARDS SOLO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006	750	89482	\$99	RP 94	120
STAGLIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006	750	716258	\$209	WS 96	72
FREEMARK ABBEY CABERNET BOSCHÉ CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2004	750	578971	\$85	RP 92	120
USA — CALIFORNIA WHITE WINE					
PETER MICHAEL L'APRÈS-MIDI SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009	750	154658	\$76		96
MORLET FAMILY VINEYARDS LA PROPORTION DORÉE 2008	750	210732	\$83	RP 93	120
PETER MICHAEL MA BELLE-FILLE CHARDONNAY 2008	750	154716	\$132	RP 94-96	180
PETER MICHAEL MON PLAISIR CHARDONNAY 2008	750	154690	\$124	RP 93-95	120
SEA SMOKE ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2008	1500	210088	\$145		30
USA - OREGON RED WINE					
LE CADEAU VINEYARD DIVERSITÉ PINOT NOIR 2007	750	199752	\$60	WS 92	132
FORTIFIED WINE PORT					
GOULD CAMPBELL VINTAGE PORT 1997	750	706234	\$79	WS 91	120
QUINTA DA PRELADA VINTAGE PORT 2004	750	208181	\$49	DEC ***	<b>★</b> 90
FORTIFIED WINE DESSERT WINE					
DUTSCHKE 22-YEAR-OLD THE TAWNY	375	199778	\$53	AWC 94	300
SPIRITS SCOTCH WHISKY					
GLENFIDDICH 50 YEARS OLD SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT	700	209973	\$26,000	WB 97	1
SPIRITS ARMAGNAC					
DE MONTAL ARMAGNAC 1971	700	215442	\$169		60
DE MONTAL ARMAGNAC 1961	700	215467	\$299		60

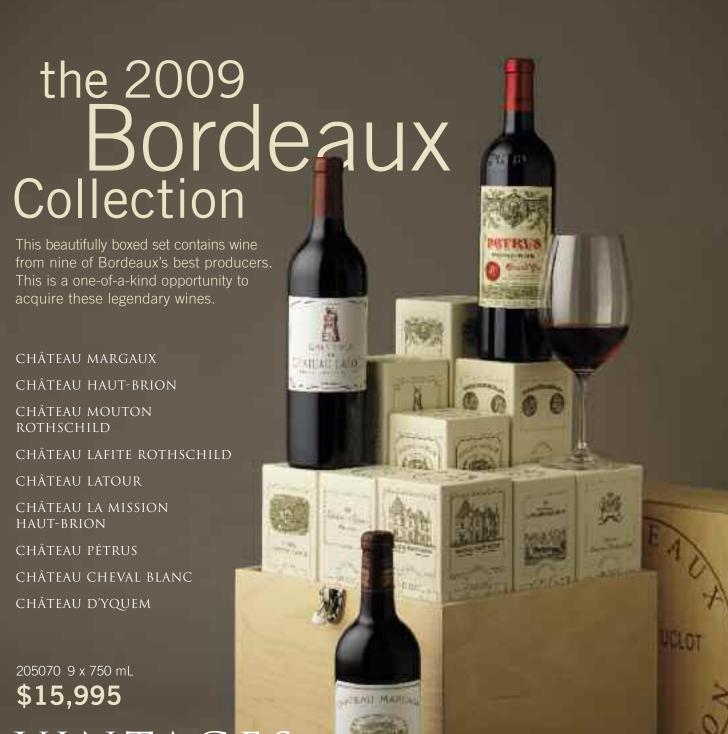
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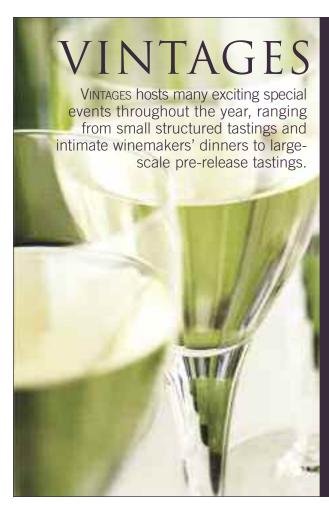
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## ONLINE FORM, FAX AND MAIL ORDERING DEADLINE 6:00 pm, Tuesday, February 8, 2011

#### **ORDERING DETAILS**

Orders received any time before Tuesday, February 8, 6:00 pm EST will be processed by random selection before telephone ordering begins on Friday, February 18.

VINTAGES will continue to accept orders after 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 8, however, priority will be given to those orders received by the deadline.

We will confirm your order by phone or e-mail.

#### **DIRECT SALES ONLINE FORM**

Avoid busy fax lines, change or add to your order right up to the deadline, receive your order confirmation by e-mail, convenient 24/7 online payment.

Submit your order and make payments online using VINTAGES new Direct Sales Online form. Sign up for your Online Direct Sales account at *vintagesshoponline.com*. You will need to provide your customer number (printed on the back cover of your mailed Classics Collection catalogue or by calling 416-365-5767, or toll-free 1-800-266-4764).

#### **FAX**

Complete the order form opposite and fax it to 416-365-5777 or toll-free 1-800-282-2197.

Tip: if sending your order by fax, always retain your successful fax transmission report.

#### MAIL

Complete the order form opposite and mail or courier it to: VINTAGES CLASSICS COLLECTION 11th Floor, Suite 1100, 1 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M5E 1E5

#### TELEPHONE ORDERING Starting 9:00 am, Friday, February 18, 2011

After initial processing of fax and mail orders, telephone ordering begins at 9:00 am, Friday, February 18, 2011.

Remember, not all products will be available by the time telephone ordering begins. Phone orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call VINTAGES at 416-365-5767 or toll-free at 1-800-266-4764 Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PER-CUSTOMER LIMITS

We strive to secure enough stock to satisfy all customer orders, but regret that sometimes customer demand may exceed supply. In order to distribute products equitably among customer orders, any over-sold products in this offer are subject to per-customer limits.

#### **PAYMENT NOTE**

To ensure adherence to per-customer limits and maximize distribution of limited products to our customers, individual credit cards may only be applied to one order.

Prices are subject to change without notice.

#### **DELIVERY**

Upon confirmation and payment of your order, please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery to the LCBO store of your choice. A store representative will contact you when your order is ready for pick-up. Please provide your final receipt as proof of purchase at pick-up. Orders must be picked up within 30 days of notification.

#### POUR RECEVOIR CE CATALOGUE EN FRANÇAIS

Tél.: 416-365-5767 Sans frais: 1-800-266-4764

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

### VINTAGES CLASSICS ORDER FORM FEBRUARY 2011

FAX: 416-365-5777 OR TOLL-FREE 1-800-282-2197 ORDERING DEADLINE: 6 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Company Name (if applicable)		Licensee Number (if app	Licensee Number (if applicable)			
Name		Daytime Phone Number	Daytime Phone Number			
Address		Evening Phone Number	Evening Phone Number			
Suite	City	Province Postal Code				
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	ontacted by e-mail to confirm the s provide your e-mail address here:					

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Liquor Control Act, Sec. 3(N), R.S.O. 1990 Cl.18 for the purpose of processing your order and providing future CLASSICS mailings. Should you have any questions regarding the collection and/or use of this information, please visit www.vintages.com/service.

#### A VINTAGES REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONTACT YOU TO OBTAIN PAYMENT INFORMATION.

**Store Number:** 

#### PRODUCT # PRODUCT NAME **PRICE** QTY PAGE # **AMOUNT** \$

Visit vintages.com/classics for more ordering options.

Ship to Store Location:

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**TOTAL** 

\$

VINTAGES reserves the right to limit quantities on any products in the interest of overall customer demand. To ensure adherence to per-customer limits and maximize distribution of limited products to our customers, individual credit cards may only be applied to one order.





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