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A GREAT GIFT IDEA

If you are searching for that special gift for the wine connoisseur in your life, you won't have to look far. We required a "very limited" amount of this unique and exciting Australian red that can make for the perfect selection.

2002 Yalumba The Signature is a rich and full-bodied red comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. This iconic style blend comes from some of the best vineyard sources within the Barrosa Valley. Signature Red possesses "baby-like" similarities to the noble Penfolds Grange, arguably the best wine of Australia. The latest accolade for "The Signature" came from Robert Parker, who awarded a "96+ point score". It offers a nice smoky blackberry and spice filled aroma. The deep concentration and structure combines a pure blackberry fruit richness that integrates well with the twenty-two months of ageing in French, American and Hungarian oak. Signature's opulent qualities offer immediate drinking pleasure, but will age gracefully over the next 10 to 15 years. **Price**

\$49.00 per bottle net

Limited two bottle purchase while supplies last

BUBBLY ANYONE??

If you are interested in trying a real value in sparkling wine, then you may want to pop open a bottle of **Lucien Albrecht Cremant D'Alsace Brut Rose**. "Cremant" is the Appellation d'Origine Controlee designation that refers to sparkling wine made outside the region of Champagne. Lucien Albrecht's sparkling wine is produced in the French Alsace and is labeled "Methode-Traditionelle". The A.O.C. regulations are equally strict in Alsace as they are in Champagne. Cremants offer tremendous and affordable sparkling wines of extraordinary quality. Albrecht's deliciously crisp and refreshing Brut Rose is made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes. The light pink salmon color enhances the alluring stream of tiny bubbles that rise to the top of the glass. The flavors display nice strawberry and wild cherry fruit, with a touch of richness on the mid palate. It is balanced with dry, crisp acidity and complimented with a creamy texture and long finish. Albrecht Brut Rose can be served as an aperitif or with a wide assortment of hors d'oeuvres and grilled tuna.

Special Offering only **\$13.99**

DESSERT WINE VALUE ALERT

PORT

Whether you're a novice or a connoisseur of Port Wine, **Graham's Six Grapes** is an approachable, yet complex style that can satisfy any palate. This fruity and robust non-vintage Ruby Port was blended to resemble a young Vintage Port, but priced for much less. Made from indigenous grapes of the Douro region, Graham's Six Grapes was aged up to five years in small oak casks. It was then lightly filtered and bottled, therefore decanting is not required. The fruity aromas lead into opulent flavors of raisin, plum and black cherry. The warm and complex finish makes this delicious Port ideal for the cold winter season. Six Grapes pairs well with rich chocolates and blue cheeses, once opened, refrigerate and enjoy it for up to 7-10 days. Available in two sizes.

\$12.99
375ml

\$19.99
750ml

ICEWINE

Finally, there is a much more affordable way to enjoy the essence of a true Icewine. The **Canadian Winery, Jackson-Triggs Vintners** has just released a limited amount of Icewine bottled in the 187ml size (roughly 6 ounces). Icewine's unique character and flavor is derived from the method in which it is made. It starts with the grapes having reached full ripeness in October. The grapes are left on the vines untouched and under a cloak of protective netting, waiting for the first deep freeze of the Canadian winter to drop below 10 degrees Celsius. During this time, the grapes are naturally dehydrated by the elements, adding to the concentration of flavors, aromas, sugars and acids in the juice. As the grapes hang on the vine well into the winter months, they become frozen. The Icewine harvest then begins with the fruit picked entirely by hand. When the frozen grapes are pressed, the natural water portion of the juice remains within the grape skins in the form of ice crystals, which is where all of the flavor intensity comes from. Jackson-Triggs Icewine displays nice apricot and orange peel aromas. The flavors show an enormous concentration of apricot, citrus and apple, with a creamy almond sweetness on the mid-palate. Followed by its fresh acidity that enhances the sweet fruit, yet clean finish. Best served well chilled.

Special price only

\$19.99
187ml

TWO BOTTLE GIFT PACKS

*To help make the holiday shopping experience a little easier, take a look at these pre-selected, pre-wrapped and affordable two bottle wine packs. Special quantities or personal selections may require one full business day to process. In addition to that, **pre-wrapped 6 bottle and 12 bottle boxes with bows** will be available with a slight upcharge.*



FRANCE - \$25.00

Domaine Solitude Cotes Du Rhone - Solitude is a blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and the remaining Mourvedre and Cinsault to complete the rest. On the palate, the wine shows rich raspberry fruit with earthy notes and firm tannins. The flavor profile and structure resembles a smaller scale Chateaufort-du-Pape. **Chateau Cazenove Bordeaux Rouge** - This Bordeaux Superior is the epitome of the enormous value coming from the exciting 2003 vintage. Cazenove is a blend of Merlot and Cabernet that shows wonderful cassis fruit, with nice tannin structure and a great sense of balance and elegance.

ITALY - \$26.00

Dama Montepulciano D'Abruzzo - Central Italy's Abruzzo region consists mostly of breathtaking mountainous terrain. It is most favorable for producing enormous amounts of easy drinking, to more robust and stylish Montepulciano's. Dama offers a touch of smoky, earth and blackberry aromas. The rich flavors of raspberry and black cherry are accented with licorice and spice. **Brigaldara Valpolicella** - This Valpolicella Classico is a complex and balanced red that shows excellent depth and concentration. The wine's unique style is made from a variety of grapes from Veneto. It displays an opaque red color, distinct Valpolicella aromas of cedar and black fruits. The smooth velvety tannins are layered within the rich plum, raisin and blackberry flavors.

SPAIN - \$24.00

Finca Luzon Jumilla Tinto - Bodegas Luzon is a winery that has graced our pages many times over the years. This wine is simply titled Luzon and is a blend of 65% Mourvedre and 35% Syrah. Luzon is a prime example of why Spain cannot be matched today for red wine values. Deep purple in color, Luzon is packed with raspberry and blackberry fruit, mixed with black pepper notes, followed by a long warm finish. **Valserranno Rioja Crianza Tinto** - This Tempranillo based wine was produced from a combination of 60 to 100 year old vines. The wine was aged in both American and French oak for a little over 12 months and 12 more in the bottle prior to release. The initial aromas show dusty cedar, followed by dark berry and sweet vanilla. Valserranno has a full-bodied structure, firm tannins and plenty of ripe plum and berry flavors, that round out with supple berry spice on the finish.

GERMANY - \$26.00

S.A. Prum Essence Riesling - This family owned winery estate has recently created a more affordable Riesling under the name "Essence" that captures the true Germanic style of the Mosel. The fresh flavors of green apple, along with hints of pear and citrus will have you coming back for more. Essence is crafted in an off-dry style, with crisp minerality, complimenting the harmonious balance of fruit and acidity. **S.A. Prum Blue Slate Riesling** - Produced in the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, one of the world's most northern points for wine growing. This cool region experiences long days, with plenty of sunshine that reflects off the vineyard floor's blue slate, which allows the grapes to retain the heat for optimal ripeness. This delicious off-dry Riesling is classified "Kabinett", which defines the level of ripeness at the time of harvest. The crisp acidity and fresh flavors of apricot, apple and citrus intermingle with hints of mineral stone on the long, clean finish.

CALIFORNIA - \$25.00

Toad Hollow Chardonnay - Made from sourced fruit out of Sonoma and Mendocino vineyards, this wonderful unoaked Chard was held for nine months in stainless steel tanks. Stylistically, Toad Hollow Chard is reminiscent of French White Burgundy. 100% malolactic fermentation was applied and the fruit was left on its lees (natural deposits) for an eight month ageing period. Those processes ensure good acidity and natural expression of the fruit. The fresh pear, apple, mango and citrus flavors provide further complexity, with a crisp mid-palate and a layer of cream on the long, rich finish. **Angeline Martin Ray Pinot Noir** - This second label of the Martin Ray Winery offers a medium-priced Pinot Noir, sourced from select vineyards in California's Santa Barbara. Angeline reflects the purest expression of this area by offering wonderful mouth-filling black raspberry and cherry flavors. The hints of oaky vanilla and earthy spice compliment the velvety texture and long, sweet finish. Angeline represents one of the best values for Pinot Noir in the store.

AUSTRALIA / ARGENTINA - \$28.00

Wynns Coonawarra Shiraz - Over the years, we have enjoyed seeing this Australian producer build up a loyal fan base, perhaps because of its classic ripe and explosive style. As the largest landowner in the Coonawarra wine region, having just over 2,000 acres under vine, they have a good portion of the best fruit in the area. This Shiraz is "unapologetically" loaded with briery raspberry and blackberry jam fruits. **Dona Paula Malbec** - This wine was very well received in September's Monthly Club tasting. Dona Paula's Malbec benefits a great deal from the high altitude vineyards of Argentina's Mendoza wine region. The ripe plum, blueberry and blackberry aromas offer nuances of toasty oak, mint, licorice and black pepper. Bottled un-fined and un-filtered to capture the essence of the terrior and its rich full-bodied fruit concentration. The French and new American oak ageing add to the wine's tannin structure and long, supple finish.

MONTHLY SPECIALS

2005 Grange des Rouquette Marsanne/Viognier - This delicious white was produced from a high quality estate in the South of France near the Rhone Valley. Made in the white Rhone style, it is a blend that brings out the unique character of these two grapes. The Marsanne was aged in stainless steel, which allowed a crisp mineral flavor. The Viognier portion provides the backbone with full-bodied, rich creamy fruits of apple, pear, apricot and plenty of richness that comes from the six months of oak ageing. If you are finding yourself a bit tired of Chardonnay, then give this Marsanne/Viognier blend a try. Shows best when it is paired with creamy white-sauced pasta and seafood. *Price \$11.99/btl. This month 15% off by the bottle, **\$10.19** and 25% off by the case, **\$8.99** or **\$107.88** by the case net.*

2004 Logan Pinot Noir - For years, industry analysts predicted a rise in popularity of Pinot Noir. Then, of all things, a movie catapults this varietal to all time heights. As a result of the explosion of Pinot Noir, we have seen numerous supply issues, price increases and now a flood of inferior wine. Logan is made by Talbott Vineyards, who have specialized in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in Monterey for over twenty years. Robert Talbott purchased the famous Sleepy Hollow Vineyard in 1994 and all the fruit for this bottling comes from this esteemed vineyard. Talbott's first taste of success was in the fashion industry where he developed his own line of neckties. While traveling in Europe, he discovered a passion for wines, especially those of Burgundy. Not surprisingly, this Pinot is very Burgundian in style. Made from very low yielding vines, Logan shows plum fruit, with spicy, earthy notes mixed in, medium-bodied texture and excellent length on the finish. Not only would this 2004 Logan make a nice holiday gift, but it will also enhance any lamb, pork or game dish as well. *Price \$21.99/btl. This month get 15% off by the bottle, **\$18.69** and 25% off by the case, **\$16.49** or **\$197.88** by the case net.*

2005 Chateau Mylord Bordeaux Rouge - Mylord, what a stunning value! Though the actual pronunciation is "Mee-Lor". This fantastic Petite Chateaux is undeniably one of the finest examples of what's to come from the great 2005 Bordeaux vintage. Chateau Mylord is situated in the rolling hills of the Entre-Deux-Mers area of the Bordeaux region, between the Dordogne and Garonne Rivers. It is Merlot based, combined with Cab Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Chateau Mylord shows a handsome deep purple color with black fruit aromas and nuances of licorice and spice. The wonderful full-bodied flavors show profuse ripe plum, cassis and blackberries, balanced with earth, spice, supple tannins and a tremendously long finish. Robert Parker of the Wine Advocate has noted Chateau Mylord as a "sleeper of the vintage", receiving a solid **88 points**. Enjoy over the next 5-7 years. *Price \$12.99/btl. This month get 15% off by the bottle, **\$11.04** and 25% off by the case, **\$9.74** or **\$116.88** by the case net.*

SPANISH 3 for \$33 SAMPLER

From the northern Spanish region of Campo De Borja, Bodegas Borsao has become one of our favorite Spanish producers over the years. We first came across their basic Tinto, a ridiculously good wine at \$6 a bottle. More recently, we have had good luck with their premium bottlings that sell in the \$15 range. They are usually offered at different times during the year, luckily this month, we have access to all three. This gives us the opportunity to present a very attractive three bottle pack. All three wines are fantastic bottlings that offer outstanding value, with each one being slightly different.

2002 Crianza Seleccion - A blend of various Crianza wines, this wine is 60% Grenache, 20% Merlot and 20% Tempranillo. It sees 10 months in oak and is aged an additional 14 months in the bottle before release. It is medium to full-bodied on the palate, showing cherry and plum fruit, hints of vanilla and licorice with a smooth, lingering finish. This interesting blend resembles a bigger version of Pinot Noir with some oak influence. \$13.99

2001 Reserva Seleccion - This blend of Reserva wines is comprised of 55% Grenache, 30% Cab and 15% Tempranillo. It is aged in French oak for 16 months and in bottle for another 20 months before release. An intriguing combination of black cherry and cassis from the Cabernet, raspberry from the Grenache and spicy notes from the Tempranillo. After five years of age, this wine is drinking beautifully. The Cabernet makes it the most modern and internationally styled of the three. \$13.99

2005 Tres Picos - This 100% Grenache wine comes from three hilltop vineyards (Tres Picos) that are all old vines. The wine is aged for three to four months in new oak barrels. In style, it resembles a modern, fruit driven Chateauneuf-Du-Pape. On the palate, it is loaded with jammy raspberry fruit, sweet vanilla notes and a warm, intense finish. Tres Picos should be served with grilled meats or strong cheeses. The most limited of the three, the 2004 was rated 91 by Parker and the 2003 received 90 points. \$13.99.

Buy **Any Three**
For Only

\$33.00

a savings of **\$8.97** or 21%

*** All Three Are Available For Tasting ***

ROEDERER CHAMPAGNES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ROEDERER ESTATE

Founded in 1981, Roederer Estate Winery is nestled in Mendocino County's cool, fog-shrouded Anderson Valley. As the California outpost of Champagne Louis Roederer, Roederer Estate Winery builds upon a centuries-old tradition of fine winemaking. Roederer Estate's sparkling wines are produced using only Estate-grown grapes from the winery's own vineyards. Carrying on the tradition of Champagne Louis Roederer in France, special oak-aged reserve wines are added to each blend. The multi-vintage Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut debuted in 1988 to great acclaim, followed by Roederer Estate's tete de cuvee, L'Ermitage.

Winemaker Notes

The *N/V Roederer Estate Brut* is crisp and elegant with complex pear, spice and hazelnut flavors. It is fresh and lightly fruity with great finesse and depth of flavor.

\$17.99

Winemaker Notes

Fine tiny bubbles and a long lasting mousse are the usual footprints of the *L'Ermitage cuvee*. This cuvee of the Millenium is fruity (apple, peach) with a delicate bread crust note. Mouth feel is well balanced with baked apple flavors and a long and round creamy finish.

ROEDERER L'ERMITAGE 2000

L'Ermitage is Roederer Estate's special Tete de Cuvee, which has consistently been rated one of California's top sparkling wines since its debut in 1989. As in Champagne, L'Ermitage is made only in exceptional years, of pre-selected grapes that come from only the very best lots.

\$34.99

CHAMPAGNE LOUIS ROEDERER Wines from Champagne, France

Since its founding in 1776, the House of Champagne Louis Roederer has been synonymous with the world's great Champagnes. Roederer distinguishes itself from other Champagne houses by using over 70% of its grapes from its own estate vineyards. Every good vintage year, some of the very best wines are set aside to age in large oak casks located in Roederer's reserve wine cellar. This extensive source of reserve wines ensures consistent quality and complex flavors each year. This combination is the essence of Roederer's philosophy for quality "without compromise". Brut Premeir, the Company's flagship multi-vintage Champagne, is a distinctive and elegant wine that epitomizes the House style of complexity, depth of flavor and long finish. Roederer is also esteemed for its Brut Vintage and Brut Rose Champagne.

ROEDERER BRUT PREMIER NON VINTAGE

Brut Premier characterizes the Louis Roederer style with the combination of fresh, youthful fruitiness and the vinous qualities of a fully matured wine. It is a structured wine with a lively attack and a smooth palate.

Winemaker Notes

The wine has a gilded color, with fine bubbles and a nose of fresh fruit and hawthorne. On the palate, it is smooth and complex with mingling fruit flavors of pear, apple, and red fruit of blackberry, raspberry and cherry with toasted almonds. The wine is enjoyable, smooth and straightforward.

\$34.99

Winemaker Notes

Lustrous amber yellow in color. Exuberant bubbles followed by an equally exuberant bouquet already showing signs of maturity. Unmistakably Pinot Noir nose, dominated by impressions of ripe fruits lightly steeped in alcohol (black currant, cherries in eau-de-vie). Airing reveals toasty, wooded notes that bring an even greater sense of complexity. The palate follows through with a classy, robust attack, and a midpoint crispness reflecting restrained dosage that lasts all the way to the finish.

ROEDERER BRUT VINTAGE 1999

The Brut Vintage comes exclusively from vintages of great years and reflects characteristics of the particular year. This full-bodied, rich and opulent wine is ideal with meals and for special occasions. The Brut Vintage can be aged for a few years in the cellar for more complexity.

\$59.99

ROEDERER VINTAGE ROSE

The *Louis Roederer Vintage Rose* is a unique type of Champagne. Roederer is one of the few houses to still use skin maceration in its winemaking. This is a delicate method that consists of letting Pinot Noirs macerate several hours on the press to extract more fruit and color. This process requires very concentrated and aromatic Pinot Noir grapes that come from the very old vines of the Cumières.

Winemaker Notes

Salmon pink appearance. Rich and lush nose. Aromas of juicy red and black berries (raspberries, strawberries), candied and crystallized fruits. Ample and creamy attack, with plenty of mouth-filling richness, with added complexity of acacia blossom and nutty hints of hazelnuts and almonds.

\$59.99

*Sourced from the Roederer website