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“HOLIDAY FINE WINE SPECIAL”



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This exciting offering runs from December 1st through the 20th on single bottle purchases or more. Visit our fine wine room where you will find a wide assortment of collectables from the world's most famous wine regions of France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, United States, South America and Australia. Our staff will be more than happy to assist you with special orders and great gift ideas. Many items are of limited supply.

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To help make the holiday shopping experience a little easier, take a look at this wide variety of 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, 6 bottle and 12 bottle boxes with bows are available. Note: A slight upcharge does apply.

BECKMAN VINEYARDS

The Beckmans are a father and son team who take great pride in their extensive Rhone varietal program. **Beckman Cuvee Le Bec** - This red is made entirely from estate grown grapes from their Purisima Mountain hillside vineyard that overlooks the Santa Ynez Valley. This blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre and Counoise offers a stunning rendition of a French Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape styled red. It possesses nice medium to full-bodied flavors of blackberry, with an abundance of spices that compliments the rich texture and smooth tannins. Steve Beckman breaks it down like this: “The Grenache portion provides the intense aromatics, the



Syrah and Mourvedre give the wine depth and rich, black fruit structure, and the Counoise follows up with a soft supple finish.” **Beckman Cabernet Sauvignon** - This Cab was bottled unfiltered to allow full expression of dense black cherry and currant flavors enveloped in a fruit forward and full-bodied style. The well-integrated oak and chewy tannins are balanced with nuances of spice, dusty earth, dark chocolate, and a finish that is long and rich. Beckman Cab will continue to improve over the next 5-7 years.



HOB NOB WINES OF FRANCE



Hob Nob Pinot Noir and Chardonnay - French wine has been taking it on the chin over the last decade. Labeling confusion, stylistic differences and even political reasons have all contributed to the decline of French wine in the U.S. market. Here are two wines from a producer trying to reverse that trend. Utilizing a change in French winemaking laws recently, Hob Nob uses oak chips in ageing their wines. This practice, widely used in California and Australia, adds richness and a creamy smooth quality to the palate. These two wines show bright fruit, round textures, no hard edges and surprising depth of flavor for the price point. A gift that will please the connoisseur, as well as the novice.



FRENCH COMBO



Joseph Drouhin Saint Veran - This classic style Saint Veran is a model of what you can find from the Macon region of Burgundy, especially from a reliable negociant like Joseph Drouhin. This crisp Saint Veran was hand picked and gently pressed to bring out the true essence of the Chardonnay fruit. Green apple and pear dominate the palate. It has embracing, clean acidity that is perfectly balanced with just the right touch of oak to compliment the wine's weight and complexity. The intense fruit character and mineral component rounds out

the long and refreshing finish. **Chateau Saint Martin De La Garrigue "Bronzinelle"** - One would be hard pressed to find a red of this superior quality from the sun drenched coastal wine region of the French Coteaux du Languedoc. A huge statement, seeing is that this area's viticultural reputation was built on being one of the world's reference points as having a treasure trove of great value. De La Garrigue Bronzinelle Rouge represents Chateau Saint Martin's greatest cuvee. It is produced by what many consider one of Languedoc's most talented winemakers, Jean Claude Zabalia. The strictest selection of low yielding Syrah, Mourvedre, Grenache and Carignan grapes are used to make up this magnificent red. Garrigue Bronzinelle was barrel aged and bottled unfiltered to capture the wines natural qualities. This opaque red provides nice aromatics of dark berries, a lovely assortment of spices and accents of smoky cedar. On the palate, Bronzinelle exhibits reflective Chateauneuf-du-Pape-like characteristics by displaying a rich, bold structure, nice concentration of blackberry, plum and cherry fruits. The wine is balanced with a smooth texture, soft tannins and well-integrated spices on the finish.



CALIFORNIA PINOT GRIGIO



Morgan Pinot Gris - Domestic Pinot Gris has been getting a lot more attention lately. Maybe it's because Pinot Gris presents a nice alternative from Sauvignon Blanc or Chardonnay. But more than likely, this current upswing has much to do with Pinot Gris' rich fruit character, medium-bodied structure, clean balance, focused acidity and long finish. Morgan Pinot Gris evokes all these qualities. But what sets this California wine apart from other domestic Pinot Gris is its similarity to the French Alsatian style. The crisp, chalky-like minerality, along with its firm acidic structure, sets the stage for the intense citrus and tropical fruit flavors that show a background of richness and spice. In contrast, **Ferrari Carano** possesses a richer, rounder style that is more reminiscent of northern Italian Pinot Grigio. Ferrari Carano selects their Pinot Grigio grapes from the cool growing area of Sonoma's Russian River Valley. The resulting wine shows crisp acidity, a rich creamy mouthfeel on the mid-palate, with notes of citrus, fresh peach and green apple.



**On behalf of the staff at Manchester Wine & Liquors,
we would like to extend our wishes to
you and your families for a
Merry Christmas
&
Happy Hannukah**



CALIFORNIA CABERNET



Byington “Alliage” Cabernet Sauvignon - The Byington family winery and vineyard operation is situated in California’s Central Coast region of Santa Cruz, not far from the Silicon Valley. This small production Cabernet Sauvignon of only 950 cases adds a tiny portion of Merlot in the blend. The grapes are selected from well-managed vineyard sources just south in the semiarid wine region of Paso Robles. Byington Cab

exhibits a soft, yet rich, full-bodied style with flavors that bring out a ripe, fruity character of blackberries, currants and plum. The eighteen months of ageing in both new and seasoned French and American oak provides a smooth tannin sensation with complex aromas of licorice, spice and cedar. **Ghost Pines Cabernet Sauvignon** - Produced by Louis Martini, the grapes for this second label Cab are sourced from both Napa and Sonoma counties. It presents profuse aromas of black currants and cassis. The rich, full-bodied flavors show nice depth and concentration, balanced with a smooth velvety texture. Shades of mint, chocolate, vanilla and spices integrate well with the sweet oaky tannins.



CALIFORNIA ORGANIC



The Lolonis Vineyards are located in the Redwood Valley of Mendocino County. This area is where many of California’s major organic grape growers began. For over a half of century, the Lolonis family has not used pesticides or herbicides in their vineyards. This organic wine pack goes under the name “Ladybug”. The ladybug represents one of the grower’s natural methods of pest control. These wines are sourced from old vines and are skillfully blended to express their unique characteristics that provide a flavor profile that is easy drinking and delicious.

Ladybug White Cuvee offers a delightful aroma of fresh peaches and green apples. The Colombard portion contributes the sweet hints from beginning to end, while the Chardonnay provides the full-bodied structure, with the Chenin Blanc and Semillon bringing out the crisp acidity and spicy nuances. **Ladybug Red Cuvee** is an interesting blend of Zinfandel, Carignan, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. This unique wine displays a deep rich color, with aromas of blackberry, plum and hints of oak. The tannins are nicely balanced with rich flavors of dark succulent fruit.



RED WINES OF PORTUGAL



Over the past twenty years, Portugal has made huge advances in their style of wines produced. With the exception of the country’s thriving port wine industry, many other areas of Portugal have changed by redeveloping their viticulture that balances between modern winemaking methods, combined with traditional practices that keep with regional expression. These reds are made from indigenous grapes in the north central region of “Beiras”. **Vista TR Tinta Roriz**, also known as Tempranillo, shows a nice deep color and spiced berry aroma. On the palate, it offers an easy drinking style by having full-bodied flavors of lush black cherry, plum fruit and soft tannins. **Vista TN Touriga Nacional Reserva** offers more structure and depth. It possesses a full aroma of ripe plum and black cherry. The twelve months ageing in French oak is quite obvious, yet integrates well with the wine’s rich, full texture and copious assortment of black fruits, subtle spice and good tannins.



TORRES WINES OF SPAIN



The Torres winery and vineyards are located in the Penedes D.O., up in the northeast corner of Spain’s Catalonia region, which is just outside the city of Barcelona. The region provides a unique terrior composition, made up of a multitude of tiny microclimates, soils and topography that is most beneficial for grape growing. Under the direction of Miguel Torres, the Torres Winery is established as one of the most modern in the world. His family-owned vineyard land covers over 2,500 acres under vine. Their additional grape sources come from long-standing relationships with numerous quality driven growers throughout the Catalonia region. Miguel’s innovative spirit, along with a diverse array of wine styles, has provided a major contributing force behind the region’s transformation into the modern age of Spanish viticulture. **Torres Sangre De Toro White** is light, crisp and refreshing made from 100% Parellada grapes. The wine offers intense green apple and tropical fruit flavors with a persistent finish and profound acidity. **Torres Sangre De Toro Tinto** is a medium-bodied red made of Garnacha and Carinena grapes. This delicious red has profuse, complex flavors of dark fruits, supple oak, hints of spice and a velvety structure.



ARGENTINIAN REDS



This delicious selection of affordable Argentinian wines are primarily vinified and aged in steel tanks for immediate drinking. The grapes are sourced from the area of Tunuyan, situated in the Uco Valley under the “Tomero” label. Tomero is named after a municipal role created in 1884 by the provincial government of Mendoza. The Tomero was someone who regulated and engineered the distribution of water from the Mendoza River for irrigation of vineyards. These men were literally responsible for the support of the vineyard’s needed share and it was a profession that was passed down through generations from father to son. **Tomero Cabernet Sauvignon** displays intense Cabernet aromas of blackberry and spice. When it opens up in the glass, you’ll find nice full-bodied flavors that offer sweet, ripe cherries, plums, black currants and cassis. The well integrated tannins also contribute to the wine’s excellent structure. The **Tomero Malbec** is Argentine Malbec at its best for the price. It expresses unique, yet typical aromas of dusty earth, dried berries, with hints of chocolate and cinnamon. It has a rich core of black fruits that expand onto the palate, with a subtle tannin sensation, underlined with herb spices, balanced with sweet ripe cherries.



ITALIAN COMBO

Rocca delle Macie SaSyR - This new and exciting addition to the impressive selection of wines produced by Rocca delle Macie of Tuscany is uniquely named to suggest two noble grape varieties, Sangiovese and Syrah. The grapes selected for this wine come from Rocca delle Macie’s vineyards in the Maremma coastal area of southeastern Tuscany. The marriage of these two grape varieties works in harmony. Sangiovese, the traditional Tuscan grape, gives the wine an expressive old world rustic style by possessing lush black cherry fruit flavor with a touch of earth and fine acidity. The Syrah portion adds new world balance that puts forward a medium to full-bodied structure with a wonderful sweet plum and blackberry fruit concentration, enveloped with spicy nuances. SaSyR rounds out with subtle oak tannin and a finish that is long and sleek. **Zaccagnini Montepulciano d’Abruzzo** - This strikingly deep, rich estate bottled Montepulciano Riserva comes from the Abruzzo region in the Bolognana province of Pescara. The 222-acre Zaccagnini estate vineyard lies in a particular Cru section called Colle Morte Di Bolognana. This area benefits from the ideal growing conditions by being situated between the Adriatic coastline and the picturesque mountains of the Abruzzo. Zaccagnini Montepulciano offers copious mouth-filling flavors of blackberry and spicy plum fruits. It is made in a supple, full-bodied style showing wonderful complexity. The wine has a smooth and elegant texture on the mid-palate, combined with leather and earth, multiple earth spices, hints of vanilla and espresso. Zaccagnini was aged in stainless steel tanks for pure fruit balance, then eight months in French oak for added nuance and tannin structure.



CANTELE ITALIAN REDS

This sampler brings us to the hot and dry Mediterranean climate of the southern Italian wine region of Apulia. This part of Italy is very significant to the country’s wine production. Apulia is where old world and new viticultural practices come together to form wines of excellent quality, true distinction with appealing flavors and remarkable affordability. **Cantele** is a new and exciting addition that delivers all of this. Geographically, Apulia is the heel of the boot and the achilles of the country, where the Adriatic and Ionic Seas meet the Mediterranean. The region’s various and enriched soils lie beneath the vineyard land’s flat and gentle rolling hillsides. Apulia is consistently soaked with sunshine, making it most favorable for the grape’s sugar levels and the maritime influence contributes to the proper acid balance. The wines presented here showcases the two workhorse red grapes from Apulia’s southern tip of Salento. Both wines are interchangeable when paired with a wide range of foods such as, fish, lamb, duck, meaty red-sauced pasta and casseroles.



Cantele Salice Salentino Riserva - Negroamaro is the main red grape grown in the Salice Salento D.O.C. “Black Bitter” as it is locally named, this Negroamaro offers a medium to full-bodied structure. The wine was aged in stainless steel for three years and blended with selected lots in small oak casks. The aromas suggest a wine of indigenous character. This Salice Salentino Riserva shows flavors of red and black cherry fruits, which combine the impressionable terroir elements of mineral and earth.

Its herb spices along with mint, licorice and cedar notes add to the wines multiple nuances. The sweet fruits and tannin structure is underlined with profound acidity. Negroamaro can work as a nice alternative from full-bodied Pinot Noir. **Cantele Primitivo** - This robust Primitivo is scented with clove, berry and cedar. It has lush black and red cherry, with ripe plum flavors. The wine possesses rich varietal spice, accented with vanilla, sweet oak and smooth tannin structure from six months of barrique ageing. The rustic finish is rounded out with a long sweet cherry concentration. Primitivo is also the same grape as the American Zinfandel grape. Our recent in-store blind tasting had revealed how the same grape varietal produced from two different parts of the world can be so different. The results were 50/50 matched with California’s Bogle Zinfandel.



WORLDLY SAUVIGNON BLANCS



Petit Bourgeois Sauvignon Blanc - This long-time favorite of ours hails from vineyards outside the village of Sancerre. Typical of Loire Sauvignon Blanc, Petit Bourgeois shows lemon zest, citrus and mineral tones, with good crisp acidity, leading to a long, lingering finish. As many Sancerres are now priced at \$25 to \$30 a bottle, this wine gives you the next best thing for half the price. Our other selection brings us to New Zealand. **Rain Sauvignon Blanc** - A stunning value that provides the purist expression of what is coming out of the region of Marlborough. It offers an abundance of fresh tropical

fruits and citrus flavors with just the right touch of grassy, richness, balanced with mineral and mouth watering acidity.



PETER LEHMANN AUSTRALIAN REDS



Like a reliable old friend, the wines of Peter Lehmann continue to delivery year in and year out. Lehmann wines show good fruit intensity, with more sense of balance and elegance compared to many others of the Barossa. **Peter Lehmann Clancy's Red** - This vintage is a blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot. On four different occasions since 1997, this wine has

been in the Wine Spectator's Top 100. Last year it was named one of the top 100 wine values in the world. Clancy's is somewhat like a blend of Bordeaux and Aussie Shiraz. This medium-bodied red shows black fruits, a touch of cedar with spice and vanilla notes mixed in. We expect the '05 to be scored comparable to the '04 and other vintages that have landed in Spectator's top 100. **Peter Lehmann Barossa Shiraz** - This Shiraz shows a similar texture with more spicy raspberry fruit and comes from ungrafted vines that can be 80 years of age and older. Australia has never been hit by phylloxera and is home to some of the oldest vines in the world. These low-yielding senior citizen vines add to the depth of flavor and complexity in a wine. Rated 91 by the Wine Spectator.



AUSTRALIAN WINE COMBO



Tir Na Nog Old Vine Grenache -The name Tir Na Nog is gaelic for "land of the youth". This red was produced out of Australia's McLaren Vale wine region, which is where you will find very old vine plantings of highly concentrated dry farmed Grenache. Tir Na Nog is a perpetual high scoring wine that was first introduced to us nearly two years ago. John Larchet, owner and founder of the Australian Premium Wine

Collection, brings this wine into the U.S. with great pride. The '04 vintage of Tir Na Nog displays a mature and complex style, showing well-composed aromatics of licorice, pepper and sweet berry, with subtle smoky oak. On the palate, it opens up with a generous variety of sweet red cherry and blackberry fruits, combined with raspberry and ripe plum. Tir Na Nog's rich and spicy components are framed in a smooth and elegant, yet full-bodied structure, marked with a slight hint of earthy mineral. It is balanced with just the right touch of oaky tannin and a finish that is long and layered.

Thorn Clarke Shotfire Ridge Shiraz - With so much delicious Australian Shiraz on the market these days, wine producers are constantly working on ways to make their wine stand out from the rest, yet staying true to the grape variety and regional expression. Thorn Clarke's Shotfire Ridge continues to accomplish just that, by producing their estate grown Barossa Valley Shiraz with a more distinct flavor and character. This rich and full-bodied Shiraz shows wonderful concentration of ripe plum and black currant fruits. It has nice complexity and elegant structure, with layers of sweet oak, spice and shades of chocolate and vanilla flavors.



***Mondays - Saturdays
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
We will be closed on December 25th
and January 1st
for the Christmas and
New Year holidays***



MONTHLY SPECIALS



2005 Allegrini Palazzo della Torre - The selection of grapes used to produce this opulent red comes from one of Allegrini's more specific Cru vineyards on the property, called "Palazzo della Torre". Allegrini Palazzo della Torre is produced in an innovative variation of "Rippasso." This method begins by vinifying 70% of the Corvina, Rondinella and Sangiovese grapes immediately after harvesting. The remaining 30% of the grapes are raked and air dried until late December and is fermented separately in the same style of Amarone. This portion is then blended into the larger, earlier fermented portion, and as a whole, re-fermented for final process.

This dried fruit blending produces a wine of fine concentration and richness. Palazzo della Torre's style comes out as a younger, fresher and more inexpensive version of Amarone. This opaque red exhibits wonderful aromas of black currants, accented with licorice and roasted coffee. The rich core of blackberry, ripe plum and raisin are complimented with oak, sweet spices and well-integrated tannin structure. Enjoy pairing Palazzo della Torre over the next 3-5 years with full flavored cheeses, hearty stews, roasts and osso bucco. **\$19.99**

Save 15% off by the bottle,
~~\$16.99~~
or
25% off by the case,
~~\$14.99~~ ~~\$179.88~~
net.



2007 Chateau La Maroutine Bordeaux Blanc - Finding good values has been more challenging this year than ever before, even more so for white wines. Along comes this tasty little white Bordeaux and wouldn't you know, mission accomplished. Chateau La Maroutine has been around for over 200 years making both red and white Bordeaux. The stony soil gives a distinct mineral character to this white Bordeaux which is 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon. On the palate, the wine shows fresh lemon, melon and herb flavors with flinty tones and a persistent finish. This clean, crisp white is a perfect choice to begin an evening of entertaining during the holidays. It will also be a nice choice for shellfish or light seafood. **\$11.99**

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or
25% off by the case,
~~\$8.99~~ ~~\$107.88~~
net.



2006 Loma Larga Chardonnay - Twenty-two years ago, the U.S. market began to recognize the significance of Chile's position as a major viticultural country, with their unleashing of incredible amounts of value driven red wine. In the shadow of their success in red wine production, Chile also exudes an array of incredibly fresh and impressionable quality white wines with Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay in the forefront. This limited production Chardonnay comes from one of Chile's northernmost wine appellations of the Casa Blanca Valley. This valley offers a cooler maritime climate by being in proximity to the Pacific coastline.

French winemaker, Emeric Genevieve-Montignac's efforts throughout multiple regions of France has given him an expanded opportunity of applying similar practices to the Loma Larga winery estate. The wine shows a pure expression of Chardonnay flavors with crisp apple, citrus and tropical notes, a hint of honey, balanced with good acidic structure and proper toasted oak integration. The finish is long and almost French Burgundian-like. Loma Larga Chardonnay's mineral qualities would enhance shellfish and its richness welcomes creamy pasta and meat dishes. **\$14.99**

Save 15% off by the bottle,
~~\$12.74~~
or
25% off by the case,
~~\$11.24~~ ~~\$134.88~~
net.



2005 Altos de Luzon Jumilla - A decade ago when Spanish wines were starting to make major inroads in this country, every region, other than Rioja, was obscure. Today, several other regions have become prominent, Jumilla being one of them. Located in south-central Spain, this torrid area makes full-bodied reds with Monastrell (Mourvedre) being the main grape varietal used. Bodegas Luzon is one of the top estates in the D.O., with Altos de Luzon as their top wine. This blend of 50% Monastrell, 25% Cabernet and 25% Tempranillo produces a concentrated red, full of blackberry and raspberry fruit with hints of vanilla and anise. Enjoy this big red with any grilled red meat. Rated 90 points by Stepen Tanzer. **\$16.99**

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25% off by the case,
~~\$12.74~~ ~~\$152.88~~
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