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WELCOME TO OUR NEW LOCATION

As we begin to make our way into 2007, we would like to take this time to express our most sincere gratitude for your loyal support and remarkable patience throughout the move. Now that we are finally in the new location, our number one goal is to continue doing our very best to serve your needs for many years to come

2003 CHATEAU PIBRAN

With each outstanding Bordeaux vintage to hit the market, prices rise to astronomical heights. Today, the top rated Bordeaux in a top vintage sell for \$200 to \$800 per bottle, clearly beyond what most of us are willing to pay for a wine. If you miss the days of being able to buy a high quality Bordeaux without taking out a home equity loan, we have discovered the wine for you. Chateau Pibran is located in Pauillac situated in an ideal location next to 5th Growth Chateau Pontet Canet and 1st Growth Chateau Mouton Rothschild. The property had been under-performing for years until it was taken over by the French insurance giant AXA. Jean Michel Cazes of Chateau Lynch Bages directed the winemaking at all AXA properties and the results were seen immediately. Starting in the late '90's, Pibran began to show the capabilities of its terroir. The 2003 may be the finest Pibran yet. Dark purple in color, the wine shows concentrated, rich flavors of cassis, currants and black fruits. The long, lingering finish is marked by spicy vanillan oak. Rated an **89** and called a "sleeper of the vintage" by Robert Parker. We think he may have underestimated this wine, as it surely tastes like a **90+** point wine. Best of all, this 2003 Pauillac will age nicely for at least another dozen years and cost you less than \$50. Regular Price \$49.99

**Special Offering
While Supplies Last**



**\$39.99
net**

BECKMAN VINEYARDS

RED SAMPLER

The Beckman's are a father and son team who take great pride in their extensive Rhone varietal program. The **2004 Cuvee Le Bec** is made entirely from estate grown grapes from their Purisima Mountain hillside vineyard, overlooking the Santa Ynez Valley. This blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre and Counoise offers a stunning rendition of a French Chateaufeuf du Pape styled red. It possesses nice medium to full-bodied flavors of blackberry with an abundance of spices that compliment the rich texture and smooth tannins. To paraphrase Steve Beckman, "the Grenache portion provides the intense aromatics, while the Syrah and Mourvedre give the wine depth and rich, black fruit structure, the Counoise follows up with soft supple finish". **Price \$16.99**

Minimal intervention went into Beckman's **2004 Cabernet Sauvignon**. The wine was bottled un-fined and un-filtered, to allow the expression of dense black cherry and currant flavors 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's Cab will continue to improve over the next 5-7 years. **Price \$23.99**

Buy **One Bottle**
Each of the Two
For Only



\$33.98

a savings of 17% or \$7.00

JUSTIN VINEYARDS
WHITE SAMPLER

The Justin Vineyards is a family-owned winery that realizes the enormous potential of California's Central Coast Paso Robles appellation. The winery built its reputation on producing red Bordeaux-style blends under the name Isosceles. Their more affordable estate bottled Cabernet Sauvignon is always in high demand. Justin also produces delicious white wines that can't be overlooked. Among their vast red grape plantings, exists a substantial amount of superb quality Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

The **Justin 2005 Sauvignon Blanc** is aged five months in stainless steel to assure the purest fruit expression. It exhibits a vibrantly clean and refreshing style, with surprising acidity and crispness with a mix of lemon, lime and tropical fruit flavors. On the back, it has a creamy layer and subtle richness that rounds out with the long, mouthwatering finish. **Price \$15.99**

The **2005 Justin Chardonnay** is delightfully rich and full-bodied. On the palate, it offers the intense fruit quality of green apples, fresh pear and tropical fruits. It has the right touch of oak, with a nice layer of caramel that compliments the mineral and firm acidity. **Price \$17.99**

Buy **One Bottle**
Each of the Two
For Only



a savings of 18% or \$6.00

HOME WINE DELIVERY
SERVICE AVAILABLE

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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 \$7 a bottle. More recently, we have been impressed 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.

2002 Crianza Seleccion - A blend of various Crianzas, 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, displaying 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 Reserva blend is comprised of 55% Grenache, 30% Cab and 15% Tempranillo. It is aged in French oak for 16 months and another 20 months in the bottle 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 wine 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. Stylistically, 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. This wine could be served with grilled meats or strong cheeses. Tres Picos is the most limited of this sampler. \$13.99.

Buy **Any Three**
For Only



a savings of \$8.97 or 21%

MONTHLY SPECIALS

2005 Dr. Pauly Bergweiler Noble House Riesling - This was a successful feature wine with the 2003 vintage, we feel the 2005 is even more promising. This family run estate has been in operation for over 900 years. Located in the town of Bernkastel, Dr. Bergweiler selects from vineyards the family owns throughout the Mosel Valley to make his Noble House Riesling. In a top vintage like 2005, this Riesling is probably ripe enough to be classified as Kabinett level, but for business reasons, the winery will declassify a certain amount of Kabinett wine to the Noble House bottling. Utilizing low yields, strict vineyard selections and minimal intervention, Dr. Bergweiler creates wines that show textbook Riesling characteristics, but also speak of the terroir. The '05 Noble House has green apple and white peach flavors, great balance and elegance followed by a crisp, racy finish. A great choice as an aperitif or to pair with any spicy Asian dish. **Regular price 12.99/btl. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$11.04 and 25% off by the case, \$9.74 or \$116.88 by the case net.**

2001 Castello Di Bossi Chianti Classico- This estate is home of the Castle of Bossi, which dates back to the 9th Century. The Bacci family currently run the estate led by two brothers, Marco and Maurizio. The brothers have brought in famed oenologist, Alberto Antonini. Their mission is to make a modern styled Chianti that benefits from modern winemaking techniques, but is still true to it's Chianti roots. The 2001 is 100% Sangiovese fermented in stainless steel then aged in French barriques for 18 months. This vintage, along with '90 and '97, was one of the finest in the last two decades. This effort is redolent with beautiful ripe fruit, a polished texture, a hint of oak from the barriques and some earthy, spicy tobacco notes on the finish. Drinking perfectly now, it will continue to hold this level for the next 3-4 years. Enjoy Bossi with game birds, grilled pork or past with meat sauce. **Price \$17.99/btl. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$15.29 and 25% off by the case, \$13.49 or \$161.88 by the case net.**

2004 Enrique Foster Ique Malbec - What I find amazing, is for a country that ranks 5th in the world for wine production, only 20% of the wine bottled in Argentina is exported. Argentina's viticulture is the result of the higher elevation, ranging in altitudes of 3,000 to 5,000 feet around the province of Mendoza. The hot daytime temperatures offer ideal ripening and the cool nights add both complexity and balance. The snow capped Andes Mountains provide a natural irrigation source for many of the vineyards, which is needed due to the low annual rainfall that averages around 8-10 inches. This opaque red possesses a young sweet berry aroma. The juicy blackberry and cherry fruit concentration is complemented with accents of soft young tannins and smooth structure. It sees no oak, allowing the pure expression of Malbec. Ique Malbec can accompany beef, lamb, pork roast and aged cheeses. **Price \$9.99. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$8.49 or 25% off by the case \$7.49 or \$89.88 by the case net.**

2005 Rutherglen Estates Red "The Reunion" - Some of you may recall having the opportunity to meet Nicole Esdaile, the winemaker of Rutherglen Estate back in September, when we held a table tasting at Cavey's. My recollection of Nicole was her soft-spoken and humble personality. She showed such a deep passion and level of knowledge, which gave me a sense that she was a clear Australian superstar in the making. The Rutherglen Estate boasts nearly 900 acres that spread across 5 hillside vineyards dedicated to red Rhone varieties tucked in the northeast corner of Victoria. The "Reunion Red" is comprised of 60% Mourvedre, with the rest evenly blended with Shiraz and Grenache. It exhibits a rich ruby red color with an intense aroma of spice and smoky black fruits. On the palate, the Reunion displays a big, juicy Cotes Du Rhone style with a supple tannin structure, rich fruit flavors, that are beautifully balanced by sweet and spicy oak on the finish. Try this stylish red with hard cheeses, or with a variety of game meats, pork and beef. **Price \$16.99. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$14.44 and 25% off by the case, \$12.74 or \$152.88 by the case net.**

***** All Four Are Available For Tasting *****

MIXED CASES DO APPLY TOWARDS 25% SAVINGS

AUSTRALIAN WINE TASTING

Join us on **Monday, February 12th at 6:30p.m.** at the **Adams Mill Banquet room** as we unveil a select group of distinct premium wines of Australia. John Larchet, owner of Australian Premium Wine Collections, will be on hand to lead the tasting. The wines presented for that evening comes from smaller, high quality, family owned winery estates. What Larchet looks for when he takes on a producer, is a particular style and expression that fits into his selection. He now works with over 20 premium producers from 13 distinct wine regions, which gives him great latitude in exposing the depth and diversity of Australia. A tasting you won't want to miss. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Only Wine Club Members listed in our database are eligible to attend. Reserve your seat by calling 649-4750, no emails please. Orders will be taken that evening.**

Tasting list:

2004 Frankland Estate Isolation Ridge Riesling	\$17.99
2005 Wishing Tree Un-Oaked Chardonnay	\$9.99
2004 Wishing Tree Barossa Shiraz	\$9.99
2005 Rutherglen The Reunion Red	\$16.99
2003 Hewitson Miss Harry Red	\$19.99
2004 Tir Na Nog Old Vine Grenache Red	\$21.99
2002 Elderton Shiraz Command	\$79.99
N/V Rutherglen Estate Muscat 375ml	\$24.99

SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE **TASTING SERIES**

ITALIAN REDS

Winebow Imports has been one of our favorite Italian wine importers over the years. Leonardo Locascio, founder of Winebow, has not only put together an all-star lineup of estates such as Giacosa, Badia Coltibuono, Altesino, Prunotto, Allegrini and Castellare. Locascio also made his mark by unearthing a wide range of great values from obscure areas of Italy, which has helped pave the way for other importers to follow. On **Saturday, January 20th between 2:00-6:00** taste through this distinct group of Italian Reds from the Leonardo Locascio Selections.

2000 Taurino Notarpanaro (Apulia) \$17.99	2004 Argiolas Costerra (Sardinia) \$14.99
2003 Di Majo Norante Aglianico (Molise) \$13.99	2004 Monti Montepulciano (Abruzzo) \$16.99

On **Saturday, January 27th between 2:00-6:00**, take advantage of another opportunity to taste through a group of delicious Italian Reds from the Leonardo Locascio Selections.

2003 Altesino Rosso di Altesino (Tuscany) \$13.99	2004 Sportoletti Assisi Rosso (Umbria) \$16.99
2003 Allegrini Palazzo della Torre (Veneto) \$19.99	2001 Cortese Barbera d'Alba (Piedmont) \$19.99

GERMAN RIESLINGS

One region that has experienced an unusually long stretch of successful vintages is Germany. 2005 marks the 5th consecutive outstanding vintage in a row. Among this stretch of great years, 2005 appears to rival 2001 as being the finest of the string. The '05 vintage was going along perfectly until the growing season experienced rainy periods in August and September. What looked to be a promising vintage was in jeopardy, but a dry, warm October allowed the grapes to ripen quickly while retaining their acidity. 2005 turned out to be a classic, one of the finest in the last 25 years. On **Saturday, February 3rd from 2:00-6:00**, we will taste a range of 2005's that have recently arrived. We hope you can join us to see the promise this vintage holds.

Schloss Schonborn Estate Riesling \$12.99	Selbock Oster Spatlese \$17.99
Kurt Darting Durkheimer Fronhof \$15.99	Von Hovel Scharshofberger \$17.99
Kabinett Trocken	Riesling Kabinett

CALIFORNIA CABERNETS

As much as California may be chastised for being lacking when it comes to value offerings, it is arguably the finest source for Cabernet based wine in the world. As many California Cab producers have continued to raise their prices over the past ten years, more than a few have held firm in pricing while raising their quality level. Although some would argue Chile, Australia and France are comparable, we feel California is the place to look. Join us on **Saturday, February 10th** to taste some of our favorite California Cabs and Cab blends.

2004 Liberty School \$14.99	2002 Martin Ray \$19.99
2004 Pavilion \$10.99	2004 Steltzner Claret \$15.99