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OREGON'S A TO Z WINERY

ROSE'S FOR THE SUMMER

A to Z Wine Works is Oregon's fastest growing winery. This fairly new label was founded in only 2001 and has reached a current production level of 40,000 cases. Owned and operated by two couples that offers a unique group of very talented winemakers. All of the grapes used to produce their wine come from carefully selected, high quality growers throughout Oregon's main wine appellations. This winery is spear headed by William Hatcher, who developed and managed Domaine Drouhin Oregon from its conception in 1987 until 2001. Along side him, is his wife Debra, who brings added experience in having worked for one of Oregon's true pioneers, David Lett of Eyrie Vineyards. The other partners are also husband and wife, the Tannahills. Sam worked for Archery Summit Vineyards for seven years and wife, Cheryl was the winemaker for Chehalem for roughly the same time period. All four have spent time abroad in Burgundy and New Zealand. With all of that behind this label and with a little help from mother nature, nothing will get in the way of this winery's continued path in producing some of Oregon's most exciting wine values. For this feature, we chose their Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir simply because they are two very important grape varieties that play right into Oregon's viticultural strength.

A nice cold glass of a dry, crisp and refreshing Rose can offer ideal versatility to many foods such as cold salads, picnic sandwiches, shellfish, grilled chicken, tuna steak and spicy Asian or even served as an aperitif. In the past, there was the false impression of Rose as being an equal to White Zinfandel. Many however, have come to appreciate the difference. Rose's crisp, dry and well-balanced flavor continues to gain in popularity, by providing a lighter wine alternative, with its deliciously seductive and clean style. For this feature, we put together a fine selection of affordable Rose's that offer diverse flavors showing a crisp and refreshing assortment of mouth-watering fruits, such as wild strawberry, sweet cherry, raspberry, plum, cassis and watermelon flavors that compliment the long and pleasant acidity.

2005 A to Z Pinot Gris - has an aroma that shows bright and fresh citrus with layers of nectarine and honeysuckle. On the palate, it offers a nice rich mouthfeel that fans out with green apple, pear, citrus and tropical fruits, carrying undertones of peach and creamy vanilla. The slight effervescence is coupled with racy acidity, which gives balance to the rich, ripe fruits that holds on to the lingering finish. **Special Offer**

\$12.99

2004 A to Z Pinot Noir - This stylish Pinot offers a nice smoky, black cherry and spice aroma, reminiscent of French Burgundy, though unmistakably Oregonian in taste. The flavors are balanced and straightforward, having an opulent fruit character by showing copious black cherry and earthy, ripe plum. Smooth textured, laced with oaky tannin and herbal spices working in harmony with the sweet fruits and supple finish.

Special Offer

\$16.99

2005 Marques de Caceres Rioja - Spain produces enormous amounts of well-made Rose. This delicious and quaffable Rose shows a nice floral aroma. The flavors are wrapped in sweet cherry and watermelon that round out with a long clean, crisp finish.

Special Offer

\$7.99

2005 Cetamura Rosato - is made with the noble Sangiovese grape from the heart of Tuscany. It has a sweet floral aroma, which gives way to the fresh, mouth watering flavors of wild strawberries and raspberry infused with sweet subtle spice and a crisp underline of acidity.

Special Offer

\$8.99

2005 Chateau St. Martin de la Garrigue Languedoc - This small, top quality producer lays it all out with Syrah, Grenache and Cinsault, capturing the full essence of black and red cherries, coupled with notes of sweet spice and a very long dry finish. **Special Offer**

\$11.99

2005 A to Z Oregon - Whoever thought you would see Oregon presented within the world of Rose. This surprisingly full-style Rose presents a flowery aroma with notable hints of nutmeg and cinnamon, showing fruit bowl flavors of candied cherry, raspberry and strawberry that is persistent and round on the finish. **Special Offer**

\$12.99

2005 Toad Hollow Eye of the Toad - This delicious California Pinot Noir Rose shares some stylistic similarity to French Rose. Fashioned bone dry, it is crisp and refreshing, showing firm acidity bursting with bright cherry and wild strawberry fruit flavors. **Special Offer**

\$9.99

MONTHLY SPECIALS

2005 Luzon Jumilla - Bodegas Luzon is a winery that has graced our pages many times over the years. In the past, we have featured a Merlot bottling and Altos De Luzon, their top of the line bottling. You may remember that wine, when we featured the 2003 last December and sold out our entire allocation in about two weeks. This wine, simply titled "Luzon", is a blend of 65% Mourvedre and 35% Syrah. This is a shocking value that would give many Chateauf-de-Papes, at four times the price, a scare. Deep purple in color, on the palate Luzon is packed with raspberry and blackberry fruit, mixed with black pepper notes, followed by a long warming finish. This release is a prime example of why Spain cannot be matched today for red wine values. This full-bodied red can be enjoyed now with grilled meats, and other full-flavored foods, or laid down for 3-4 years. **Regular price \$8.99/btl. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$7.64 and 25% off by the case, \$6.74 or \$80.88 by the case net.**

2004 Sebastiani Barbera - From much success with the previous vintage, we decided to catch onto the new release while it is available. In the early years of California viticulture, many of the Italian wine growers planted Italian grapes, mainly because it was what they knew. Today, these wines are categorized as Cal-Italia varietals. The Sebastiani family continues to carry through this tradition by honoring the late August Sebastiani. Inspired by the Barbera grape that is widely planted throughout the northern Italian region of Piedmont, August was the first to plant Barbera in Sonoma. Over the years though, plantings of California Barbera have dropped sharply to only 500 acres. Sebastiani controls a good portion by producing roughly 1,900 cases per year. The first thing you notice with this bottling is its intense opaque black/purple color. The sweet, oaky, raspberry aroma gives a 'quiet before the storm' impression. The black raspberry flavors

just explode in your mouth with intense spice and deep rich fruit concentration. The well integrated oak and firm tannin suggests some cellar time will only enhance the development of this full, fruit forward style Barbera, though it is quite approachable now. Enjoy with shortribs, Osso Bucco and aged cheeses. **Regular price \$19.99. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$16.99 or 25% off by the case \$14.99 or \$179.88 by the case net.**

Owner and winemaker Kent Rosenblum's latest Rhone inspired offering was created as a tribute to his 40 years of dedicated veterinarian service. Under the name Chateau La Paws, this cute and impressionable label depicts a dog bone with the words, Cote Du "Bone" Roan. This special bottling displays skillful blending of both Rhone and California varieties, resulting in two magnificent wines made with a stylish and distinctive flavor.

2004 Rosenblum Cellars Chateau La Paws White - is a blend of Chenin Blanc, Viognier, Roussanne and a little known grape called Symphony. All four grapes were fermented separately then blended to allow each grape to contribute their full expression. This wine gives off plenty of spice and floral aromatics. On the palate, it has a rich round texture with intense mouth-filling flavors of fresh citrus, crisp apple, tropical fruits and lemon-lime wrapped in a creamy texture, braced with crisp acidity and mineral stone that compliments the intense fruit on the finish. Seafood, chicken and antipasti's make an ideal pairing. **Price this month, 14.99/btl. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$12.74 and 25% off by the case, \$11.24 or \$134.88 by the case net.**

2004 Rosenblum Cellars Chateau La Paws Red - This deep and luscious red is made with Syrah, Carignane, Mourvedre and Zinfandel from low yielding vineyards out of the San Francisco Bay appellation. Its smoky, spice filled aroma of violets and pepper with ripe cherry, lead into a complex, yet easy drinking style. The flavors display a soft and succulent texture, possessing layers of black currants, plum and cherry fruits with shades of oaky tannin adding to the wine's supple character and sweet finish, balanced with dry herb. This medium to full-bodied red would pair nicely with barbecued pork, sausage, chicken and grilled tuna. **Price this month \$14.99. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, \$12.74 and 25% off by the case, \$11.24 or \$134.88 by the case net.**

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GRILLING WITH GRAND CRU BEAUJOLAIS SAMPLER

There may not be another wine region that suffers from misconceptions associated with its name than Beaujolais. Most think of the super fruity, bubblegum flavored Nouveau that arrives every year at Thanksgiving. In reality, Beaujolais can range from simple, light, fruity quaffing wine, to the more serious varieties from the ten top villages classified as Grand Cru. This pack will focus on two of the latter category from George DuBoeuf. DuBoeuf dominates this region and appropriately, he has been called the King of Beaujolais. The two wines we will showcase come from the ten villages that have been recognized as producing superior wine in the Beaujolais region. These Grand Cru villages make wine that more closely resemble Pinot Noir, or even Rhone wine. They are far from the simple, fruity, straightforward Beaujolais we think of. Both offerings are from the 2003 vintage, one of the finest from Beaujolais in recent memory.

2003 Moulin A Vent “Elevee En Fute Chene” - Moulin A Vent is among the richest, fullest, most powerful version of the ten Grand Crus Beaujolais. This bottling reveals deep, dark fruits, raspberry and plum flavors. In top years like 2003, they release this special bottling which sees six months in oak barrels, lending hints of vanilla and licorice. Robert Parker wrote that when he inserted this wine in a blind tasting group, everyone guessed a top flight Burgundy or Rhone wine. Nobody mentioned Beaujolais, **91** points. Enjoy with grilled fish, pork, lamb or beef. **Price \$13.99.**

2003 Regnie Domaine Buyats - Regnie is a Cru known for making stylish, elegant Beaujolais. If Moulin A Vent is comparable to a Rhone, Regnie would be reminiscent of a Burgundy. Located next to the more well known village of Brouilly, the wines are similar in style. This single domaine bottled Regnie shows bright strawberry and cherry fruit, a soft supple texture, good structure and acidity. This is a perfect red for summertime consumption, especially with chicken, pork or fish. Try it served with a slight chill, rated **89** by Robert Parker. **Price \$10.99.**

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of the Two
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NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR

This southern hemisphere island has long been known for its Sauvignon Blanc, but it also excels with Pinot Noir. It is the widest planted red varietal on the island. When we first sampled New Zealand Pinots in the late '90's, we could see the potential. But at that time, most of the wines were in such small production, they carried a hefty price tag. As production increased, so has the number of affordable Pinot releases. The cool maritime influence on this wine-producing island creates an ideal climate for quality Pinot Noir. Stylistically, the wines fall somewhere between French Burgundy and the U.S. They share the acid structure and dry fruit profile of Burgundy, but lean towards cleaner, brighter flavors of the new world. We urge you to turn to these wines for your drinking pleasure, instead of following the masses after labels you can't get, or have jumped 20-30% in price.

2004 Dashwood Pinot Noir - A delicious, easy drinking Pinot that reminds us of a Mercurey or Santenay from Burgundy. Soft, velvety strawberry and cherry fruit with a seamless mouthfeel. Dashwood is a second label from the Vavasour Winery in Marlborough. These wines are meant for early consumption, focusing on bright, pure fruit expressions. 60% of the fruit comes from the Wairau Valley and 40% from Awatere Valley. The wine is fermented in stainless steel to preserve its freshness and then aged in a combination of small and large French oak.

Regular Price \$15.99. **Special Offer**

\$12.99

2004 Crossings Pinot Noir - Crossings is a Marlborough winery located entirely in the Awatere Valley. They make their wines from three ideally located vineyards throughout the valley. The higher altitude vineyards here and the minuscule yields employed by winemaker George Elworthy, result in a bigger, more concentrated version of Pinot. Full of berry and plum flavor, with subtle notes of earth and spice mixed in. Regular Price \$19.99. **Special Offer**

\$14.99

2004 Brancott Reserve Pinot Noir - Brancott is New Zealand's largest and oldest active winery in the Marlborough region. The winery also houses one of the country's largest cooperage holdings with more than 6,500 traditional oak barriques. This Pinot Noir displays a wonderful bright fruity scent, coupled with soft spice and cedar. The flavors possess intense red and black cherry, with a touch of sweet, spicy oak and smooth velvety tannins on the finish.

Regular Price \$22.99. **Special Offer**

\$16.99

RIESLING'S FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Riesling is considered one of the world's noble grape varieties. In top vintages from great vineyards, this variety can easily age ten years or more. In addition, it is considered to allow for the purest expression of terroir of any variety. We doubt many of you would guess Riesling, but this overlooked variety is capable of all of the above. Its origins go back to the 1400's in Germany's Rheingau and Mosel river regions. It has since made its way to France, North America, South Africa, Austria and Australia.

It may be hard to believe today, but up until the '70's, Riesling was the white variety of choice. During that decade, Chardonnay emerged as the most desired white wine. Only in the last five years or so, have consumers started to look for alternatives to Chardonnay and varieties like Riesling have experienced a revival. As we enjoy the summer, Riesling offers an appealing cocktail choice or a versatile food companion. Enjoy it with stirfry, sweet and sour dishes or rich seafood dishes. This feature brings you six different Rieslings from around the world, showcasing all the different styles Riesling can offer.

2003 S.A. Prum Blue Slate Riesling Kabinett - This estate bottled Riesling is named for the blue slate that make up a portion of the vineyards terroir. Produced in the region of the Mosel-Sar-Ruwer, one of the world's most northern points for wine growing. This cooler region experiences longer days, with plenty of sunshine that reflect off the vineyards blue slate. The blue slate retains the heat, giving the grapes the warmer temperature needed for optimal ripeness and proper acid balance. This Riesling is classified "Kabinett", which defines the level of ripeness at the time of harvest. What you will find is an off-dry style Riesling, with soft fruity aromas, showing flavors of ripe apricot, apple and citrus, combined with hints of mineral stone, balanced with crisp acidity and a clean finish. **Special Offer**

\$15.99

2004 Albrecht Schneider Niersteiner Patersberg Riesling Kabinett - The Schneider family has a small domaine in the Rheinhessen region in the village of Nierstein. This picturesque village is home to some of the Rhine valley's most prestigious vineyards. This Niersteiner Patersberg is a rich, full-bodied version of Riesling, showing apricot, peach and smoky flavors. 2004 is a more classic vintage in Germany, as the wines show good structure and acidity. Those characteristics are evident in this Riesling and its balance and flavors are precise. **Special Price**

\$11.99

2004 Peter Lehmann Eden Valley Riesling - One would think Australia would be too warm to be a top producer of Riesling, but in certain regions the climate is ideal. The Eden Valley is nestled within the Barossa Valley, a high altitude area that may be Australia's finest for Chardonnay, and especially Riesling. Peter Lehmann, Barossa's oldest winery, makes a delicious Eden Valley Riesling. This 2004 shows crisp, lively green apple, peach and honey flavors, off-dry in style, with a clean, crisp finish. This offering would serve especially well as an aperitif wine or with fresh fruit, rated an **89** by *Stephen Tanzer*.

Special Price

\$12.99

2004 Lucien Albrecht Riesling - Along with Germany, the French Alsace is also the world's reference point to classic Riesling. One of the differences between the two, is that the style of Alsace tends to be a bit drier and shows a more mineral component. This dry Riesling brings out the distinct qualities of Alsace at its best in this price level. It has a wonderful floral scent, with flavors providing plenty of rich peach, pear and apple that intermingles with the tangy acidity, steely character and refreshing finish. **Special Price**

\$12.99

Bonny Doon Pacific Rim Riesling - It is safe to say that no other winemaker, besides Randall Graham, has been trumpeting Riesling's virtues for so long. Graham introduced this bottling about a dozen years ago as many wineries were pulling out this "out of favor" variety to plant Chardonnay. This is actually a non-vintage wine because 24% of the fruit comes from Johannes Selbach in the Mosel valley in Germany. According to the BATF, a wine with fruit from two countries cannot be vintage dated, although all the wine is 2004. Doon's version is quite dry, showing lime, melon and citrus fruit, with a clean crisp texture. Enjoy with any eastern cuisine.

Special Price

\$9.99

2005 Snoqualmie Naked Riesling - Washington State's climate is ideal for growing Riesling. The warm, sunny days and cool evening temperatures encourage ideal balance of fruit and acidity. The Snoqualmie Winery takes its name from the mountain pass at the top of the Cascade Range that serves as the gateway to vineyards in the Columbia Valley. "Naked" Riesling is made with certified organically grown grapes that capture the essence of this renowned wine region. It exhibits bright acidity, having mouth-watering flavors of pear, apricot and apple, with subtle mineral and spice character that lead into a soft, off-dry finish. **Special Price**

\$9.99