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RIESLING'S FROM AROUND THE WORLD

It 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 the '70's, Chardonnay started its emergence 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 move into late spring and early 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 month, we bring you six different Rieslings from around the world showcasing all the different styles Riesling can offer. We hope you stock up on these tasty whites to enjoy over the upcoming summer months.

2003 S.A. Prum Blue Slate Riesling Kabinett - This estate bottled Riesling is named for its blue slate that make up 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. Regular Price \$19.99. **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. This characteristic is evident in this Riesling, as its balance and flavors are precise. Regular Price \$14.99. **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*. Regular Price \$16.99. **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 the 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. Regular Price \$16.99. **Special Price**

\$12.99

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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" varietal 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

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. west coast. They share the acid structure and dry fruit profile of Burgundy, but lean towards cleaner, brighter flavors of the new world. This month, we bring you six New Zealand Pinots for under twenty dollars to try. 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

2004 Tohu Pinot Noir - The Tohu Winery is owned by three tribal groups, which make them the only indigenously produced New Zealand wines being exported into the U.S. The bright flavors show explosive sweet cherry and plum, with hints of earth and spice. On the mid-palate, it has firm underlined acidity, that lead into a long persistent finish. Regular Price \$24.99. **Special Offer**

\$19.99

2004 Kim Crawford Pinot Noir - This label was one of New Zealand's first virtual wineries. All of the grapes were sourced from growers and the wines were made at other wineries. In 1998, they began exporting small amounts of wine into North America. By 2000, they opened up their own state of the art winery in Marlborough and bought some vineyard land. What is amazing, is that all of this was accomplished in just four years. This Pinot Noir has a nice smoky black cherry aroma. The medium-bodied flavors display a smooth silky texture, showing sweet red and black fruits, balanced with subtle oak and spice. Regular Price \$21.99. **Special Offer**

\$15.99

2004 Babich Pinot Noir - Strong export marketing, propelled by a consistent reputation of quality, has made Babich one of the most recognized New Zealand wineries today. This wine exhibits mixed aromas and flavors of plum, strawberry and black cherry. On the mid-palate, it shows a soft balance of rich, spicy fruit with a touch of earth and sweet oak tannins. Regular Price \$17.99. **Special Offer**

\$13.99

MONTHLY SPECIALS

2004 Bodegas Castel de Medina “Verdejo” - Spain’s northwest appellation of Rueda is established for its many amazingly fresh and affordable white wines, made in a style that delivers plenty of bright aromatics and intense flavors made from the Verdejo, Viura and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. The warm and dry climate of the Rueda has not inhibited its success. Most of the producers have employed modern methods by putting the unfermented grape juice through cold stabilization to prevent oxidation. In result, allowing the grapes to express their true character. Stainless steel fermentation is mainly used to help develop the wine’s clean and distinct flavors; therefore, the use of oak is rarely used. Castel de Medina “Verdejo” immediately draws you into its seductive aromas of green apple, grapefruit and fresh melon. On the palate, it shows nice crisp acidity with a touch of mineral that lead into a burst of fresh pear and grapefruit, backed with a subtle richness on the mid-palate that unfolds on the long finish. This delicious little Verdejo is ideal as an aperitif or pairs well with cold salads, shellfish, chicken and mild cheeses. **Price only \$8.99/btl. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$7.65 and 25% off by the case, \$6.74 or \$80.88 by the case net.**

2003 Caparzo Rosso Di Montalcino - From the beautiful town of Tuscany’s Montalcino, this lighter, more supple offspring of Brunello, known as Rosso Di Montalcino, can offer stunning value. Besides the price difference, what sets these wines apart from the Brunello wines, are the Brunello grapes (clone of Sangiovese) used in the Rosso’s, that come off of younger vines and are not aged long enough to qualify as Brunello. Hence, the words “Baby Brunello”. Aged in Slavonian oak for one year and six months in bottle prior to release has allowed this young, fresh Rosso to exhibit a lovely bright black cherry color, with scents of violet, spice and cedar. The full-bodied flavors are sweet and round, showing lush red and black fruits with elegant structure. Its smooth silky tannins compliment the long, warm and youthful finish. Ideal to serve with grilled red and white meats. **Regular price \$17.99. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$15.29 or 25% off by the case \$13.49 or \$161.88 by the case net.**

2004 Berger Gruner Veltliner - This wine is a first for us in a couple of ways. It is the first Austrian Gruner we have featured, it is also the first liter size bottle we have featured, a rarity these days. As more white alternatives to Chardonnay emerge, wines like this Gruner will continue to win fans. Gruner is the most widely planted varietal in Austria. It is Riesling-like in style, a bit drier and cleaner. As in Germany, 2004 was a stellar vintage in Austria. The wines are more classic in style, showing good balance and acidity. Berger’s 2004 shows lemony, citrus fruit, mineral tones, followed by a clean crisp finish. Enjoy with shellfish, sushi or filet of sole. Make sure you enjoy the extra 8 ounces too. **Regular Price only 13.99/btl. Get 15% off by the bottle, \$11.89 and 25% off by the case, \$10.49 or \$125.88 by the case net.**

2004 Artezin Zinfandel - We had gone through a period where Zins had been absent from our features. Recently though, we have come across some impressive ones. The Rosenblum wines a couple month’s ago, and now this release from the Hess Collection Winery. Artezin is a label they created in 2003 specifically for Zinfandel production. They source fruit from Amador, Mendocino and Napa, focusing on old, low yielding vineyards. While this wine is not for the faint of heart, it does retain a sense of balance and structure. The 2004 shows concentrated raspberry jam flavors, spice and anise notes, intense, but not overwhelming. Enjoy this delicious Zin over the next 3-4 years with highly flavored dishes or grilled meats. **Regular price \$16.99. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, \$14.49 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% SAVING

SOUTHERN RHONE TREASURES TWO BOTTLE SAMPLER

The French Southern Rhone is an area we often look to for delicious and affordable reds that offer the unique qualities of the region. These two fabulous wines were bottled unfiltered, which allows the wine’s natural terroir and spicy berry fruit flavors to be left untouched. Their food friendly styles can also accompany the many flavors off the summer grill.

Andre Brunel is the proprietor of the famous Chateauf du Pape estate “Les Cailloux”. His **2003 “Domaine De L’Enclos” Cotes Du Rhone** is the more elegant one in this feature. It is made with 80% Grenache and the rest with old vine Syrah, grown on the rocky slopes off the western bank of the Rhone River, near the famous towns of Lirac and Tavel. It displays a baby Chateauf du Pape-like style by showing spice filled aromas with a smooth, silky texture that unfolds plenty of sweet raspberry, cassis and black cherry flavors. This delicious bottling also possesses an amazing amount of complexity with nuances of earthy, spice and supple, sweet, ripe tannins. **Price \$10.99.**

2004 Grange Des Rouquette GSM Rouge is an acronym for Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre. If this name seems familiar to you, that’s because we are currently featuring this producer’s Marsanne Viognier blend. This small production red comes off prime vineyard land made from old vines, yielding high quality grapes, owned by the Boudinaud family, fifth generation wine growers. The integration of the three grapes offer nice sweet, spicy black fruit aromas, which lead into medium to full-bodied flavors of deep, rich, ripe black cherry and blackberry. On the mid-palate the texture is chewy and supple, offering plenty of peppery spice and a touch of sweet oaky tannins that compliments the long fruity finish. **Price \$11.99.**

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THE BIG MOVE IS ON!!

We can now, officially announce the big changes happening with our store over the next several months. Sometime in the middle to end of June, we will be moving into a temporary location on the property to make way for BJ's Wholesale Club. This is very exciting to us because it will finally bring life back into the plaza and will also be a huge upside for our business. It will also allow us to build a newer and larger store that will provide an even wider selection of wine, liquor and beer.

In order to help make this happen, we will have to relocate, temporarily, on the property for roughly 120 days through the construction phase as our permanent location is being built. The temporary spot will be closer to the road next door to the Gerich's Citgo gas station in the old Post Office building. This temporary location will, obviously, be much smaller, but with some creative effort and with the help of a 48 foot temperature controlled trailer and an exterior cold box attached to the backside of the building, will make things a little bit more manageable. As always, we will do our very best in making you, our customer, a number one priority by providing the best service and selection that you have grown accustomed to over the years.

If you have any questions, please feel free at any time to call Joey or Jimmy. We will be more than happy to keep you all well informed through this process. As a reminder and as a convenience to our customers, our ***HOME WINE DELIVERY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE***. Please inquire by calling 649-4750 or emailing us at manchester.discount@snet.net.

