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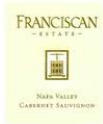
THE TAIL END OF A GREAT VINTAGE

The quality level produced from California's 2007 vintage measures up as being the highest in a decade. The state's North Coast region, where our two featured wines come from, experienced a mild winter, which led to a dry spring that promoted an unusual early bud break. The growing season was moderately cool. Rainfall was quite low, followed by hot sun soaked temperatures in the latter part of August that eventually broke into a long cooling period. This allowed for a most favorable grape sugar and acid ratio. In result, the 2007 vintage yielded a smaller, yet vigorous, higher quality crop that unleashed Cabernet Sauvignons of endowed depth and structure, combined with a remarkable balance of acidity and firm tannins, making these wines worthy of cellaring over the next several years. If you are planning to enjoy these wines this year, extended aeration (decanting) is recommended for wines of this caliber to reveal their optimal complexities and qualities. While supplies last from these two well known and reliable producers, Franciscan of Napa Valley and Benziger of Sonoma Valley, this concise offering gives you an excellent opportunity to grab onto some of the last affordable 2007 Cabernet Sauvignons still available in the market.

2007 Benziger Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon - Benziger is a proud family owned and operated winery that is certified in the practice of sustainable grape farming. This savory Sonoma Cab is produced in a rich and tightly packaged, full bodied style that exhibits fresh aromas and flavors of blackberry and wild cherry, balanced with fine nuances of dark chocolate, cedar and young spicy tannins. Benziger Cab was recently cited a 90 point score by Wine Enthusiast. Enjoy drinking now or cellar over the next 6-8 years. **\$16.99**



2007 Franciscan Napa Cabernet Sauvignon - Under the full direction of winemaker Janet Myers, Franciscan's superb and complex style was created from a particular collection of vineyard blocks that reflect the many subtleties and unique characteristics of Napa Valley. This concept is known as small lot blending. What you will find in this remarkable Cab are profound and expressive aromas of ripe black fruits, combined with lovely accents of chocolate and mocha. On the palate, the wine puts out a smooth yet supple structure with its rich, full bodied flavors of ripe plum, cassis, hints of earthy spice and toasted oak tannins. This delicious Napa red was awarded a 94 point score by Wine Enthusiast and would also continue to age gracefully over the next 6- 8 years. **\$19.99**



A PAIR OF FRENCH CLASSICS

This exciting value oriented addition to our French selection represents two straightforward and delicious cooperative appellation wines from the superb 2009 vintage. This includes a refreshing Macon Chardonnay, combined with a smooth and stylish Cotes Du Rhone rouge. Both wines were fermented and aged entirely in steel tanks, thus revealing a more focused expression of fruit and regional character. The word VRAC, boldly inscribed on the front label, defines a deeply rooted European tradition. Villagers would purchase their wine in bulk, "en VRAC" from the local winery directly from barrel, typically insuring both regional validity and affordability.



The **2009 VRAC Macon Chardonnay** presents a youthful fresh character, having wonderful aromas and flavors of apple and citrus. On the mid palate, this medium bodied Chard possesses a smooth creamy texture, balanced with vivid acidity, noted spices and subtle minerality. **\$10.99**



The **2009 VRAC Cotes du Rhone** rouge displays an elegant infusion of Grenache and Syrah. It is a medium bodied Rhone that delivers a nice length of ripe black and red fruits that are mildly spiced and smoky, having a supple texture layered with smooth tannin. **\$10.99**

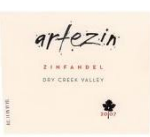
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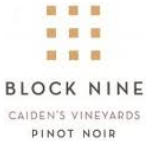
CALIFORNIA SAMPLER

California wines have a reputation for being big, fruit driven and powerful. This generalization holds true in many cases, but not all. This sample pack was put together to demonstrate opposite styles of wines from two different west coast offerings.

Zinfandel has long been known as California's varietal. It was thought to be indigenous to the state. But in fact, DNA testing proved it is the same grape as Primitivo widely grown in southern Italy. Zinfandel's popularity has been gained almost exclusively through domestic producers. Wineries like Ridge, Ravenswood and Rosenblum have been promoting this full-bodied red for more than three decades now. We thought it would be fitting to choose a Zinfandel to represent the big fruit driven style that California is known for.



Artezin is a **Zinfandel** producer owned by the Hess Winery that we are quite fond of. After having spent twenty years at the Hess Collection Winery on Mt. Veeder, Randle Johnson is now the winemaker at Artezin. He sources grapes from half a dozen growers in Mendocino that all have low yielding, old vine Zinfandel. The region experiences cooler nights that lead to a more balanced style of Zinfandel, offering red fruits and good acidity. Enjoy pairing this delicious red with a variety of foods including grilled poultry, pork tenderloin or beef. **\$14.99**



On the other end of the spectrum is Pinot Noir. In its purest form, it is a delicate, stylish, elegant red, complex aromatically and on the palate. Representing this style is **Block Nine**, a new project started by Grayson Cellars in Paso Robles. Their objective with this label is to produce authentic, reasonably priced **Pinot Noir**. This wine shows a more refined character of strawberry and plum fruit, light to medium-bodied and subtle earthy tones that come into play on the finish. Unlike some other versions from California, this release is not over-extracted. A great choice to pair with rich seafood dishes or a grilled chicken breast. Drink over the next year or two. **\$12.99**

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Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc/Viognier
Casal García Vinho Verde
Piazzo Piemonte Chardonnay
Columbia Crest Two Vines Pinot Grigio
Tierruca Sauvignon Blanc
Dr. Loosen Riesling
Pietra Porzia Regillo Frascati Superiore
Marqués de Cáceres Blanco Rioja
Marqués de Cáceres Rioja Rose
Glass Mountain Chardonnay



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CLASSIC WORLDLY REDS

VOLUME II

Los Vascos Cabernet Sauvignon
Apothic Red
Flaviu Crianza
Venta Morales Tempranillo
Colosi Sicilia Rosso
Heron Pinot Noir
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz/Cab
Primaterra Primitivo
Vrac Cotes du Rhone
Red Diamond Cabernet Sauvignon
Arido Mendoza Malbec
Glass Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

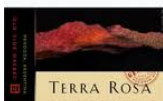


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MONTHLY SPECIALS

2008 Terra Rosa Malbec – In 1977, Patrick Campbell purchased 35 acres of prime vineyard land in Sonoma. After supplying other producers with grapes for four years, he started Laurel Glen Vineyard in 1981. In a few short years, Laurel Glen was considered one of the finest Cabernet producers in all of Sonoma. In the early '90s, Campbell started producing a bottling called “Terra Rosa” that was made from purchased Cabernet juice and sold for around \$10. Towards the end of the decade, sources for this Californian Cab became scarce in the market. Looking for alternatives, Campbell began sourcing fruit for his Terra Rosa from both Chile and Argentina. After a few years of regular visits to these South American countries, Campbell fell in love with the old vine Malbec in Argentina. He made the decision in 2002 to transition Terra Rosa from a Cab bottling to Malbec. Today, he sources fruit from several areas within Argentina. After fermentation, he ships the wine to his Sonoma winery where it spends 15 months in oak. The 2008 is quite impressive with inky purple color, dark black fruits on the palate, followed by a lingering finish. Beware, this is a teeth staining red, perfect for strong cheeses, grilled meats or pizza. **\$13.99**



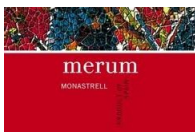
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2009 Jean Mark Bernhard Pinot Blanc - This Domaine is brand new to Connecticut and offers wonderful wines at very reasonable prices. Located in Katzenthal, a village in central Alsace of about 500 people, this small operation produces Pinot Blanc in a crisp, clean and fragrant style with bright lively fruit. Although the alcohol is slightly lower here than from some of their southerly neighbors, the wine remains very well balanced. Fermented in stainless steel, this '09 Pinot Blanc shows unmistakable apple, pear and melon fruit, subtle mineral notes and a long, crisp finish. If this month's weather is kind to us, this would be a great choice to quaff on the back deck while enjoying the warmer days to come. A great choice to pair with shellfish or any type of Asian cuisine. **\$12.99**



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2008 Merum Monastrell - Merum is made mostly of Monastrell, aka Mourvedre, the second most widely grown red grape variety of Spain. Monastrell has been known to be an over-producing grape often resulting in mixed quality. However, in the more torrid areas of Spain for example, the south eastern region of Jumilla where Merum comes from, the conditions for vine stress is quite common. The plant's root system works harder in search of water and nutrients, which helps to keep grape yields much lower, thus equating to more superior grape quality. Small amounts of Syrah and Tempranillo were blended into Merum for added complexity. This deep, full-bodied red exhibits many of the fine points of Monastrell with its rich black and red fruits, peppery spice, subtle earth, rustic quality and good tannin structure. Merum was aged in oak for a short period with minimal intervention of fining and filtration. An attribute to this wine is its name “Merum”, which in Latin means “pure wine”. Enjoy this fantastic Tinto with hearty paella, chourico and lamb stew. **\$11.99**



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2003 Chateau Lescalle Bordeaux Rouge – Due to popular demand, and recent unexpected availability, we reintroduce this popular Bordeaux Superieur. This wine puts forward a mature, classic style by showing some of the finest qualities of the superb 2003 vintage. The wine is blended with 65% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest equal portions of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Established in 1875, Chateau Lescalle is situated on the outer edge of the Margaux A.O.C. Appellation. The estate is actually divided into two pieces of land, with part of the vineyard in Les Paruades, while the other is in the village of Lescalles itself. Chateau Lescalle shows a dusty berry oaked bouquet with notes of cinnamon and licorice spice, which leads you into the wine's ripe core of black currant and plum fruit flavors. The wine has a nice full-bodied structure that levels out on the mid-palate with a smooth supple texture, showing hints of earth and mineral, dried dark berry, oak tannin and a long fruity finish. This classic Bordeaux value can be enjoyed with red meats, roasted duck and aged cheese. **\$14.99**



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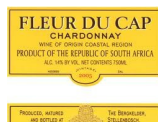
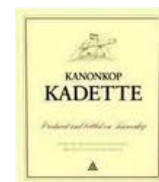
[A VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA](#)

Make your reservation for **Monday, May 16th at 6:30 P.M. at the Adams Mill Waverly Room** as we taste through a fabulous selection of South African wines, along with guest speaker *Geoff Mansfield, President of World Wide Wine Importers and Distributors*. Even though South Africa's wine history dates back to 1655, it wasn't until the emergence of the new democracy in 1992 that the regulations imposed by the country's former KWV cooperative, which had controlling interest of over 95% of the wine production exclusive to local consumption, were abandoned and the old estates were then able to develop and new ones founded. South Africa is currently ranked 9th in the world in total production. Today, it is regarded as one of the most improved of the new world's wine producing countries with roughly 500 independent estate producers, over 60 quality oriented cooperatives and nearly 20 independent negociants. The diversity of South African viticulture reflects on their diverse terroir expressive wine regions that put forth high quality reds consisting of Pinotage, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, along with vibrant and refreshing whites made with Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.



Tasting list is as follows:

Ken Forrester Petit Chenin	\$8.99
Fleur de Cap Chardonnay	\$8.99
Brampton Sauvignon Blanc	\$10.99
Indaba Shiraz	\$7.99
Neil Ellis Left Bank Red	\$10.99
Kanonkop Kadette Red	\$13.99
Wilderkrans Pinotage	\$14.99
Fleur de Cap Cabernet Sauvignon Unfiltered	\$21.99



An admission fee of

\$6.00

per person is required to attend.

Cash or check can be presented at the door. Please reserve your seat early by **emailing us at mwl@snet.net** or calling 860-649-4750. Only Wine Club Members listed in our database are eligible to attend, however members are able to reserve a spot for **one guest** (name of guest is needed at time of reservation).

NOTE: All profits collected from orders taken that evening will be donated to Medical Missions for Children located in Woburn, MA whose 501C-3 number is 04-3519422.



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