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A FINAL LOOK AT 2000 BORDEAUX

The 2000 Bordeaux vintage was among the finest in recent history. As is always the case with Bordeaux, the collectibles attract the most attention. However, in a top vintage like 2000, some amazing values exist. By now, most of the classified growths have disappeared or are selling for stratospheric prices, but recently we happened to come upon a number of very affordable 2000's that are all still available. Make no mistake about it, these wines are not only great values for Bordeaux, they are among the best Merlot/Cabernet values from anywhere. With five years of age, these Bordeaux's are all drinking beautifully right now, and will hold for the next 2-3 years.

Chateau Riviere La Biche - This property is from the Cotes De Bourg appellation, which is northwest of Pomerol and St. Emilion. Like its two Right Bank big brothers, wines from this region are primarily Merlot. Riviere La Biche is a nine acre estate that is planted to 65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet and 10% Malbec, the vines are up to 40 years old. This 2000 Bordeaux has a stylish, elegant personality, very well balanced with silky smooth fruit.

\$9.99

Chateau Cazenove - A fantastic Bordeaux Superior. This great little Bordeaux achieved an extra level of ripeness in 2000, allowing it to carry a Bordeaux Superior designation. Nice ripe Cabernet and Merlot mixed in with some subtle oak. Cazenove can be enjoyed tonight with a filet, or will continue to improve over the next year or two. A lot of Bordeaux for the money.

\$11.99

Vieux Chateau Valentin - This property dates back over 250 years in the Cote De Blaye, located right next to the

Cotes De Bourg, on one of the highest points in the appellation. The grapes here achieve an extra degree of ripeness. This 2000 consists of 80% Merlot and 20% Cab Franc. It is silky smooth, elegant in style, yet has excellent fruit intensity. Vieux Valentin shows delicious currant and cassis fruit, a touch of tobacco and a long, persistent finish. Drink now to 2007.

\$9.99

Chateau Mondotte Bellisle - One of the best bargains of the vintage. This St. Emilion property is located next to Tertre Roteboeuf and La Mondotte, two properties that consistently score in the mid 90's and sell for \$200 a bottle. Deep purple in color, this Merlot based St. Emilion shows cassis fruit, mocha and coffee tones, followed by a long, lingering finish. Parker's Wine Advocate calls it a "sleeper of the vintage", rating it **90** points. We're amazed this fantastic Bordeaux buy is still around. Even better, Parker lists up to \$45 as the expected price, we have it for only

\$19.99 net

Drink now to 2015.

SPECIAL RESERVE OFFERING!

2001 Saintsbury Reserve Pinot Noir - Was one of the first wineries to specialize in Pinot Noir over two decades ago. Owner Dick Ward also identified Carneros, in southern Napa, as prime growing area for this fickle varietal. Saintsbury produced several bottlings of Pinot Noir, as of the 2002 vintage, they will no longer make this Reserve bottling. Produced from very low yielding vines, this 2001 Reserve shows deep, concentrated plum, spice and earthy flavors, followed by a long, complex finish. A tremendous Pinot that used to sell for \$50, now only

\$29.99

AN EXCITING NEW RELEASE
FROM CHALONE

2004 Chalone Monterey Chardonnay - Going back to the '80's, Chalone has enjoyed a reputation for being one of California's premier Chardonnay producers. This is a more affordable version of Chalone's expertise with this varietal. Macon-like in style, this '04 Chard is sleek, crisp, with a touch of minerals mixed in with pear fruit. A great value at this price.



MONTHLY SPECIALS

2004 Schloss Schonborn Estate Riesling - This Riesling in the '03 vintage was a huge hit with everyone when we profiled it. The '04 marks the 4th consecutive outstanding vintage for Germany. In style, this vintage seems a bit more classic, wines built to age and a bit sleeker in structure. From a quality standpoint, this vintage is being compared to the legendary 2001 vintage. This estate has been in the same family for over 650 years, one of the longest winemaking histories in the world. Today, they own over 125 acres of vineyards throughout the Rheingau. This estate Riesling would qualify as Kabinett level wine for most producers, but Schonborn routinely declassifies wines down to a lower classification. The '04 shows medium-bodied peach flavors, a hint of slate, followed by crisp, cleansing acidity. This off-dry white would also be an excellent option for Thanksgiving. *Regular price \$13.99. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, **\$11.89** and 25% off by the case, **\$10.49** or **\$125.88** by the case net.*

2004 Domaine Pichot Vouvray - Located in the heart of the Loire Valley, this stylish white was made from top quality Chenin Blanc, hand harvested from low yields, in the prime Coteaux Vineyards of the Vouvray. This family owned Domaine has shown to be in a class of its own. Some of you may recall back in September at our Open House Tasting, how much of an impression this wine made. Pichot Vouvray was aged in older French oak for six months, so that the neutral wood age would allow the fruits vibrancy and natural acidity to remain balanced with its crisp refreshing aroma and flavors.

What you get is a seductive fresh floral scent. It is slightly dry, yet offers a delicious mouthful of citrus, accented with peaches, pears, apples and fresh melon. On the mid palate, the subtle cream is balanced with remarkable underlying acidity. The finish is clean, crisp and long lasting. Ideal as an aperitif to serve with both warm and cold hors d'oeuvres, spicy Asian and of course, the turkey meal. *Price \$12.99. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, **\$11.05** or 25% off by the case **\$9.74** or **\$116.88** by the case net.*

2003 Clos La Coutale Cahors - This long time favorite comes out of France's southwest region of Cahors. It is a blend of 70% Malbec with equal parts Tannat and Merlot. The fruit comes off Clos La Coutales' 86 acre stretch of southerly exposed hillside vineyards, soaking up as much sunshine, for optimal fruit concentration. Before it was awarded appellation Controllee status, the Cahors mainly produced Malbec grapes to blend into the lighter wines of Bordeaux for more depth. This cherry rimmed red offers enticing aromas of spicy cherry, black raspberry and a hint of oak. The rich, full-bodied flavors show some resemblance to a good Bordeaux Superiore. It possesses a mix of sweet, ripe, lush cherry, berry and cassis fruits, crisp acidity, coupled with soft, oaky tannins and earth adding to the wines supple character. Enjoy over the next 5-7 years. Beef, duck and aged cheese works well with this superb and stylish Cahors. *Price 13.99/btl. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, **\$11.89** and 25% off by the case, **\$10.49** or **\$125.88** by the case net.*

2004 Higuera Almansa Tinto - This fantastic Spanish value comes from a little known appellation called Almansa, located just above Jumilla. It is made entirely from old vine Grenache and was tank fermented and aged to create a pure expression of fruit and supple spice. The style is somewhat reminiscent of a French Chateauf du Pape, with its medium to full-bodied, blackberry, dry currant and cherry fruit flavors. The smooth velvety tannins and sweet anise finish, suggests consuming best over the next three plus years. The latest edition of the Wine Advocate gave this wine a much deserved 90 points score. Pairs well with most red and white meats and aged cheese. *Regular price \$12.99/btl. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, **\$11.04** and 25% off by the case, **\$9.74** or **\$116.88** by the case net.*

TWO PACK SAMPLER
ITALIAN REDS OF THE NORTH

This feature is comprised of two fabulous reds produced from highly distinctive Northern Italian wine regions known for their enormous production and are among Italy's best.

The Veneto Region is home to the world renowned Amarone Wines. It also offers more affordable and delicious wines like the **2003 Brigaldara Valpolicella**. This Valpolicella Classico is complex and balanced, showing excellent depth and concentration of fruit. It is made with a variety of Veneto grapes such as Corvina, Molinara, Rodinella, Terodola and Sangiovese from within the Classico Zone. It displays an opaque color, traditional Valpolicella aromas of cedar and black fruits. The smooth velvety tannins layer the copious black plum, raisin and berry fruit flavors. Sausage, hearty meat sauces, roasts and aged cheeses would welcome this Valpolicella

Price  **\$12.99**

The **2003 Icardi Barbera D'asti** comes out of the northwest region of Piedmonte, in the province of Asti. The Piedmonte is known for its legendary Barolo's and Barbaresco's. Though the natives consider the Barbera grape the people's wine, simply because it totals nearly half of the grapes grown in this region and offers great versatility. Icardi is a medium to full-bodied Barbera that shows pure supple flavors of sweet black and red fruits, smooth oaky tannins, a touch of earth, nice acidity and nuances of spice on the finish. Pairs well with grilled fish and warm hors d'oeuvres.

Price  **\$13.99**

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

 **\$20.98**

Save an additional \$6.00 or 22.3%

NOVEMBER WINE TASTING

SUGGESTIONS FOR THANKSGIVING

With so many delicious flavors presented around the dinner table on this great American holiday, makes this an ideal time to focus on a more diverse selection of fine wines. So, on **Monday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. in our back stockroom**, we would like to invite you to take pleasure in tasting through this interesting group of some of California's most reliable producers. Guest speaker, *Matt Wimberger of Worldwide Wines*, will be on hand to lead us through the wonderful array of flavors and styles that is sure to compliment the holiday meal. **NOTE: 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.**

Tasting list is as follows:

- Roederer Anderson Valley Estate Brut ----- **\$17.99**
- 2004 Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier ----- **\$12.99**
- N/V Lolonis Lady Bug Old Vine Red ----- **\$12.99**
- 2002 Trinitas Old Vine Zinfandel ----- **\$15.99**
- 2003 Qupe Central Coast Syrah ----- **\$17.99**
- 2004 Laetitia Vineyards Pinot Noir ----- **\$19.99**

SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE TASTING

If we had to recommend only one wine for Thanksgiving, it would have to be Pinot Noir. So on **Saturday, November 12th between 1:00-5:00 p.m. in our back stockroom**, we are presenting a fun opportunity to "BLIND TASTE" a selection of California Pinot Noirs. We will explore four important appellations where this fickle grape grows best. Over the past few years, most who participated in this sensory evaluation format, expressed how unintimidating and educational this type of tasting is. Pinot Noir is one of the most versatile red wines that works well with a wide variety of meat dishes, grilled fish and much more. Best example of a well made Pinot Noir is its stylish nature. The velvety smooth texture, typically shows blackcherry, raspberry and plum fruits, subtle earthy tannin, crisp acidity and copious spice. Come see for yourself!

- 2001 Saintsbury Reserve Pinot Noir ----- **\$29.99**
"Carneros"
- 2003 Bearboat Pinot Noir ----- **\$16.99**
"Russian River Valley"
- 2004 Cambria Julia's Vineyard Pinot Noir ----- **\$21.99**
"Santa Maria Valley"
- 2003 Anapamu Pinot Noir ----- **\$14.99**
"Monterey County"
- 2004 Castle Rock Pinot Noir ----- **\$11.99**
"Carneros"

EXPLORE THE WINES OF MATT CLINE

We are pleased to introduce an impressive selection of wines produced by Matt Cline, brother of California's renowned Fred Cline. Matt's history in winemaking spans over 18 years, 16 of which he was co-owner and winemaker at Cline Cellars. Together, Matt and Fred developed one of the most coveted Rhone style and Zinfandel programs in California. Matt has currently entered into a new partnership, where he continues to further his talents by creating big, bold Zinfandels and California Rhone-styled reds under the Trinitas Cellars label, which stands for sun, soil and human influence. Matt depends on meticulous hand sourced grapes selected from vineyards located in Contra Costa County, Sonoma's Russian River Valley and the Central Valley's Lodi appellation. As you will find in all of his reds, though they may be big, rich, chewy and supple, they are very stylish and not over the top. The reds do show their youth, but with some short term cellaring, will only help develop their many more characteristics.

The **2004 Trinitas Pinot Blanc** was sourced out of the cool Russian River Valley from a single vineyard owned and farmed by the Kunde family. This clean, crisp and stylish Pinot Blanc displays the versatility and adept side of Matt's winemaking. The wine was fermented in stainless steel, then held in neutral oak for three months. The result shows a bright aroma of fresh melon and apple. Rich flavors on the mid-palate, complimented by its zesty acidity and long finish. Regular price \$21.99.

Special Offer

\$17.99

2003 Trinitas Old Vine Cuvee is what you can call an old world blend, made from century old vines from Contra Costa County. It leads with Zinfandel and Carignane grapes, followed with Petite Sirah, Mataro, Black Valvoisie and Alicante Bouschet. WOW!! What you get is an intense full-bodied, fruit driven red that offers copious spicy, blackberry and blueberry flavors, with hints of dried plum and vanilla that rounds out with long, sweet oaky tannins. Regular price \$20.99.

Special Offer

\$14.99

2003 Trinitas Petite Sirah comes out of the southeast side of Central Valley's Lodi appellation. Surrounded by dead brush and weeds, it is considered their most unattractive vineyard that they make wine from. However,

the 50 plus year old vines grown there are some of the highest quality Petite Sirah in California. Deep glass staining in color, it offers an inviting sweet scent of spicy black and red berries. The flavors are loaded with an assortment of black fruits, combined with a rich, oaky mouthfeel and just the right touch of spice and alcohol on the finish. Regular price \$21.99.

Special Offer

\$17.99

2003 Trinitas Mataro is also known as Mourvedre. This deep colored red is made from top quality grapes from 120 year old vines that yield a mere 1-1.5 tons per acre out of Contra Costa County. With this amazing wine comes a tremendous herb filled aroma, with hints of cocoa and sweet cedar. It is rich and full-bodied, having well structured fruity flavors of multiple dark berries and blackcherry, combined with supple earth, firm tannins and well integrated oak with a near endless finish. Enjoy now and will cellar well for several years. Regular price \$25.99.

Special Offer

\$19.99

2002 Trinitas Old Vine Zinfandel - If you are considering buying one of the two Zinfandels in this feature, keep in mind the Cline's are one of the true masters of this grape. Blended from three vineyard blocks out of Contra Costa County, from the fabulous '02 vintage. It offers all of the complex flavors one has come to expect from a well made Zinfandel. Gobs of raspberry, cherry and plum flavors, intermingled with notes of tar, earth and long spicy tannins. New American oak was used and a light filtration was applied for added structure. Regular price \$20.99.

Special Offer

\$15.99

2002 Trinitas Bigalow Vineyard Zinfandel - The Bigalow Vineyard was named after the original family who planted the vines well over a century ago. These old vines produced very low yields ranging from 1.5 to 2.5 tons per acre of high quality grapes. Bigalow Zin does share nearly all of the same flavor characteristics as with the previous Old Vine Zin, but does clearly show a bigger, richer and more powerful style. The youthful concentration is framed out by its ripe blackberry tannins, spicy nuances and accent of vanilla oak on the finish. Regular price \$26.99.

Special Price

\$21.99