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## CONNOISSEUR'S COLLECTION

### SIX PREMIUM CHARDONNAYS

FOR \$99.00



Chardonnay is arguably the noblest and most celebrated white wine in the world. With a vast range of styles, results vary mainly dependent on the particular region's terroir expression and method of winemaking. Chardonnay's history dates back over numerous centuries. The most noted place of origin comes from the esteemed French Burgundy wine region. Producers throughout the world have historically referenced and aspired to emulate these quality driven wines nearest in style to those produced from this acclaimed region. Key components that are instrumental in providing the most favorable growing conditions are sun, soil and a long cool climate.

Chardonnay aged in oak barrel, when done properly, can play an important role in the outcome of the final product. When it comes to the use of oak a winemaker has three critical decisions to make: whether to select French, American, Hungarian or other types of oak; whether to use barrels that are new, seasoned, or a combination; and if new, whether to request a light, medium or heavy toast to the inside of the barrel. Regardless of the style or type of barrel used, one of the best examples comes from the French A.O.C. of Cote de Beaune where most employ oak in moderation.

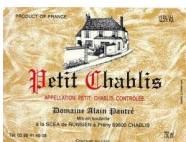
There are many other crucial decisions besides the usage of oak a winemaker makes each vintage. For example, the concept of fermenting and ageing in stainless steel tanks is another way of producing wonderfully complex Chardonnay. This puts more emphasis on preserving a fuller expression of a wine's cleaner fresh flavors and bright acidity, along with other structured nuances that reveal the natural qualities of the region. Another important event that affects the wine's outcome is the selection of ideal grapes. Malolactic fermentation, which is done by converting lactic acid into malic acid, and "sur lie" ageing are two more winemaking choices that are considered for added complexity and correct balance.

Exploring this fantastic group of American and French Chardonnays may allow you a better understanding of this fascinating grape varietal's unique and broad styles. In varying degrees, they present a rich, ripe and full-bodied structure that are held together with great acidity, balanced with freshly concentrated flavors of citrus, pear, apple, peach and mixed tropical fruits, followed with regional authenticity. Some of these Chardonnays will offer additional primary and secondary characteristics including subtle notes of smoky toasted bread, vanilla, nuts and almond, butterscotch, honey, spice and minerality.

**2008 Olivier Leflaive Bourgogne Les Setilles** – This Bourgogne Blanc is in a classic style made entirely of declassified Chardonnay from younger, low lying eastern vineyards from the prestigious Meursault and Puligny Montrachet A.O.C.s. This wine shares some of the best qualities of these appellations, and at roughly two thirds less in price. Once blended after being vinified and aged separately in French oak and stainless steel tanks, the wine offers layers of ripe apple and citrus flavors, balanced with a nice mineral edge on the mid palate. Noticeably similar to a well made Pouilly Fuisse, Les Setilles puts forth a full-bodied richness, underlined with a compelling acidic structure that carries through onto the persistent finish. \$19.99



**2010 Domaine Alain Pautre Petit Chablis** - The Petit Chablis sub-region is situated just outside the main Chablis A.O.C., which is part of the larger Burgundy appellation. Alain Pautre is considered an exceptional winemaker that many feel can rival the top producers of Premier Cru Chablis. This superb Petit Chablis, made entirely of Chardonnay, was fermented and aged exclusively in stainless steel tank. As mentioned in the top of the article, this process allows the wine to put forth a pure terroir expression of the region by revealing all of the classic characteristics of French Chablis with its distinct citrus aroma and flinty notes. The wine possesses full structured fruit flavors of lemon, peach, apple and tropical notes, along with wet stony mineral, balanced acidity and a long ripe finish. \$17.99



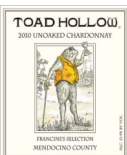
**Cameron Hughes Los Carneros Lot #222 Chardonnay** - This impressionable white represents a compilation of meticulously selected grapes. Sourced from the cool wine growing region of Los Carneros, which is situated in the southern portions of Napa and Sonoma Valleys, this rich, ripe and full-bodied white gives exceptional balance and complexity that is somewhat reminiscent to that of a French Meursault, yet is classic Californian in style. It starts with a hint of toasty fruits. The flavors then move into rich, apple, citrus and tropical fruits that balance with subtle oak and a terrific acidic structure. Compares well to Chardonnays double in price. \$15.99



**2009 MacRostie Sonoma Coast Chardonnay**—Steve MacRostie founded this Sonoma winery in 1987. His style has always been of balance and moderation. Some of the fruit comes from his own Wildcat Mountain Vineyards, while the rest are from select growers in the Sonoma Coast region. The wine is aged on the lees for six months in a combination of French and American oak, which only 20% is new. This 2009 shows pear and green apple fruit, good crisp structure and a long persistent finish. \$21.99



**2010 Toad Hollow Mendocino Chardonnay** - This very well received Toad Hollow is a wonderful “un-oaked” Chardonnay that was held for nine months in stainless steel tanks. Stylistically, the wine is reminiscent of French white Cote de Beaune. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and the fruit was left on its lees (natural deposits) for an eight month ageing period. This process ensures good acidity and natural expression of the fruit. The fresh pear, apple, citrus and tropical fruit flavors provide further complexity, with a crisp mid-palate and a layer of cream on the long rich finish. \$13.99



**2009 Ken Wright Cellars Chardonnay** - Produced from one of Oregon’s top winemakers, Ken Wright has done a spectacular job by capturing the essence of two unique vineyard sites, the Celilo Vineyard from White Salmon, Washington and the Del Rio Vineyard from Golden Hill, Oregon. These vineyard sites experience a long cool growing period which give the grapes extended hang time on the vine coupled with fine sun exposure for proper grape sugar and acid balance. This delicious wine serves up vividly fresh spices along with lovely apple aroma, which lead you into a clean, crisp and acidic style offering complex flavors with ripe, rich, full-bodied creamy fruit structure of citrus, pear, apple and tropical hints that carry through onto the alluring finish. \$25.99



**CALIFORNIA’S PURPLE WINE COMPANY**

Please join us on **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m., at the Adams Mill Waverly Room**, as we present a savory selection of wines led by *National Wine Director of the Purple Wine Company, Dale Randall*. This tasting will include a fantastic line up from California’s Avalon vineyards of Napa Valley, Mark West of Sonoma and Central Coast, along with a couple of the most sought after robust styled Zinfandels in the market today under the Four Vines label. Created only ten years ago, the Purple Wine Company is a progressive wine operation built on a select group of very talented and established people deep in California viticulture that are dedicated advocates of producing wines of value and quality that are consistent in style every vintage.

Tasting list is as follows:

2010 Avalon Napa Sauvignon Blanc .....	\$10.99
2009 Avalon Napa Cabernet Sauvignon .....	\$14.99
2009 Mark West Santa Lucia Highland Pinot Noir .....	\$14.99
2009 Mark West Russian River Valley Pinot Noir .....	\$16.99
2010 Four Vines Naked Chardonnay Paso Robles .....	\$9.99
2009 Four Vines Old Vine Zinfandel Paso Robles Cuvee .....	\$9.99
2009 Four Vines The Sophisticate Zinfandel Sonoma .....	\$24.99
2009 Four Vines Biker Zinfandel Paso Robles .....	\$24.99



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.**



## **MONTHLY SPECIALS**

**2009 Inkberry Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon** – This estate bottled Australian is one of our top recommendations for Thanksgiving. With several unique qualities about this product, Inkberry is not your typical Aussie blend. It comes from New South Wales in the far southeastern corner of Australia, one of the country's lesser known wine regions. This is the only wine that is made from this producer. Grapes for this delicious red are sourced from some of Australia's highest altitude vineyards reaching as much as 1,900 feet above sea level. This high elevation leads to full ripening, but also great balance and structure from the cool evening temperatures in these vineyards. This 2009 shows ripe blackberry and raspberry fruit, with anise and spice notes on the finish. Even though it sees 18 months in French and American oak, it shows no overtly oaky character. At only 13.5% alcohol, Inkberry offers concentrated flavors without being heavy or alcoholic. Juicy and jammy reds like this work well with the many flavors of the Thanksgiving meal. Enjoy with other hearty dishes as well for the next 2-3 years. **\$15.99**



Save 15% off by the bottle,  
**\$13.59**  
or  
25% off by the case,  
**\$11.99/\$143.88**  
net.

**2010 Domaine Daniel Pollier Saint Veran En Messie** – The En Messie single vineyard is situated with three acres of rigorous Chardonnay plantings where vines range between 20 to 25 years of age that thrive in the heart of the Saint Veran A.O.C. This part of the French Maconnais borders the more renowned Pouilly Fuisse A.O.C. Both appellations do share many stylistic similarities, however, in most cases the wines of Saint Veran tend to come out ahead as the more affordable option. This recent discovery was blended in 10% new oak and the rest in more neutrally seasoned oak barrel. This is classic white Burgundy that puts forth pure full-bodied flavors of citrus and apple, balanced on the mid palate with a smooth buttery richness, combined with nuances of earthy mineral, fine acid structure, followed by a supple and lingering fruit filled off dry finish. Enjoy this wonderful French Burgundy with hors d'oeuvres, crab cake, pork, grilled salmon and rich cream sauced dishes. **\$14.99**



Save 15% off by the bottle,  
**\$12.74**  
or  
25% off by the case,  
**\$11.24/\$134.88**  
net.

**2008 Senorio De Convey Priorat** - It has been some time since we were able to find an attractively priced Spanish Priorat that gives you such depth and richness as the Senerio De Convey possesses. The Priorat D.O.C. is located in the country's southern portion of Catalonia, not far from Barcelona. It represents one of Spain's most modern wine producing regions. The appellation's topography is quite diverse with its soils and vineyard plantings ranging from high mountainous elevations with steep terraces to lower isolated valleys. It wasn't until the late 1980's to early 90's that many had come to realize that the appellation had such great potential. Much of what is brought into the winery offers intense grape concentration due to the region's climate that is conducive to creating lower crop yields. Senorio De Convoy is a blend of 50% old vine Grenache, 30% Mazuelo (Carignan) and 20% Syrah. The wine presents a full-bodied mixture of ripe red fruits, layers of spices, subtle damp earth, balanced with shades of vanilla and smooth tannins followed by a sweet oaked finish. Great with lamb stew, roasted pork and hearty paella. **\$14.99**



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net.

**2009 Damilano Barbera D'Asti**- Damilano is one of our favorite Italian Piedmont producers for the simple fact that they take equal pride in producing their top end Barolo as they do with their more affordable wines, which includes this magnificent Barbera D'Asti. In Piedmont, Barbera is known as the people's wine due to its versatile style and plentiful yield. One of the most common questions asked when it comes to comparing the styles produced from the D'Asti D.O.C. versus the D'Alba D.O.C. can be summed up in a simple way. D'Astis tend to possess a more youthfully fresh style, while retaining a regional terroir balance. D'Albas tend to be a bit more rustic and fuller structured in style. What you will find in Damilano's Barbera D'Asti is a medium to full-bodied red that exhibits predominant red cherry with some dark fruits mixed in. Add in the wine's subtle spice and embracing acidic structure, along with its light dusty tannins and a persistent tart like finish, and you will find what makes this Barbera an excellent choice for the Thanksgiving turkey, lamb and pork dishes. **\$13.99**



Save 15% off by the bottle,  
**\$11.89**  
or  
25% off by the case,  
**\$10.49/\$125.88**  
net.

## **“BARGAIN BUSTER”**

Instead of choosing a bargain selection (under \$10) each month, we will instead feature one when it really catches our eye. The **2009 Protocolo Tinto** without question falls into this category. We had featured a previous vintage a number of years ago and sold well over 100 cases of it. From our recent sampling of this wine we would not be surprised to see similar results with the '09. Coming from vineyards at elevations up to 2,700 feet with clay and limestone soil, this 100% Tempranillo is truly an amazing bargain. On the palate it offers medium-bodied cherry and plum fruit, with a velvety smooth texture and a touch of spice on the finish. The Wine Enthusiast listed this release as the #2 Wine Bargain of the Year with an 89 point review. Perfect to buy by the case and please the masses for your holiday entertaining.



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VOLUME 5

Con Sur Viognier  
Muga Rioja Blanco  
Cooper Hill Pinot Gris  
Sangre de Toro Blanco  
La Vieille Ferme Blanc  
Morro Bay Chardonnay  
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde  
Lobster Reef Sauvignon Blanc  
Chateau Ste Michelle Gewurztraminer  
Bodegas Carrau Chardonnay De Reserva  
Wolftrap Viognier/Chenin Blanc/Grenache Blanc  
Domaine de Pouy Vin de Pays Des Cotes de Gascogne



**\$99.00** NET

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#### **CLASSIC WORLDLY REDS**

VOLUME 5

Apothic Red  
Dão Grão Vasco  
Goats do Roam Red  
Los Ailos Syrah/Malbec  
La Vieille Ferme Rouge  
Maison Magrez Bordeaux  
Sterling Vintner's Meritage  
Columbia Crest Estate Amitage  
Chateau Tour de Gilet Bordeaux Superieur  
Oxford Landing Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvedre  
Vistalba Corte C Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon  
Banfi Col Di Sasso Cabernet Sauvignon/Sangiovese

**BLEND  
COLLECTION**

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#### **CLASSIC WORLDLY REDS**

VOLUME 5

Hess Syrah  
El Coto Rioja  
Arido Malbec  
Paul Mas Carignan  
Santa Rita 120 Carmenere  
Domaine André Brunel Grenache  
Bodegas Carrau Tannat de Reserva  
Calina Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva  
Porta Sole Montepulciano D'Abruzzo  
Block Nine Caiden's Vineyard Pinot Noir  
Fattoria Le Pupille Morellino Di Scansano  
Beaulieu Vineyard Coastal Estates Cabernet Sauvignon

**VARIETAL  
COLLECTION**

**\$99.00** NET

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Putting forth some of the world's finest wine values has always been our most important objective in serving the needs of our customers. This new and exciting feature explores a terrific selection of premium wines for only **\$99.00**. Each pack is assembled in a convenient and informative six bottle offering, which is composed of distinctive and high quality reds from one of the world's major regions. We have pre-assembled two exciting packages with selections from the most important wine producing regions, Italy and France. These superb collections offer great savings as well as a great gift idea that would be pleasing to even the most discriminating wine connoisseur.



**SIX FRENCH WINES**

**for \$99.00**

**2008 Chateau Rocher Figeac** - Situated on the right bank of Bordeaux, in the Merlot dominant A.O.C. region of Saint Emilion, Rocher Figeac unveils a wonderful wild berry and oaky scent. On the palate, the wine shows youth and concentration, yet possesses some age worthy character with its smooth tannin structure and subtle spices, followed with an opulent core of mixed berries and ripe plum flavors that showcases the true essence of Saint Emilion. Enjoy this classic styled right bank rouge over the next 4-6 years. \$19.99

**2006 Chateau Malmaison** - Over to the left bank of Bordeaux, in the Moulis-Haut Medoc A.O.C., this mature styled offering is both Merlot and Cabernet based. The wine is lavishly structured with deep concentrated dark berry flavors, accented with earthy spice tones, dusty tannins followed by a long, rich, sweet oaked finish. Enjoy this Wine Spectator Top 100 Bordeaux rouge over the next 3-5 years. \$19.99

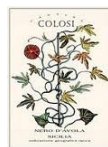
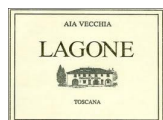
**2009 Domaine Chofflet Valdenaire Givry** - The Givry A.O.C. is located within Burgundy's Cote Chalonnaise, which is just south of the Cote de Beaune. Chofflet is a well-structured Pinot Noir that offers full terroir qualities and a stylishly youthful expression of the great 2009 vintage. The wine serves up a wonderfully spice texture with mixed fruit flavors layered in blackberry and cherry, balanced with acidity, subtle forest floor and smooth tannins. Enjoy this 90 point rated red Burgundy over the next 4-6 years. \$21.99

**2007 Domaine de la Voute de Crozes** - Produced from the artful hands of Nichole Chanrion, this Cru Beaujolais of the Cotes de Brouilly is as beautifully well-made Gamay as you will find from this region. Voute de Crozes is a small four hectare site where the yields are kept low to maintain the highest quality. The Cotes de Brouilly region is known for producing ripe concentrated reds that are expressive and distinctively terroir driven. The lovely floral aroma leads into well-balanced flavors of wild cherry, red raspberry and ripe strawberry. The tannin sensation gives a silky textured expression, while the acidic structure lends itself to the supple spices. Enjoy this 90 point rated Cru Beaujolais over the next 2-3 years. \$19.99

**2009 Domaine de la Renjarde Cotes du Rhone Villages** - The Domaine's property is comprised of vines averaging more than 40 years old that yield grapes of remarkable quality. This family operation is also tied into the renowned Chateau La Nerthe, which is one of the top properties in the Chateauneuf du Pape A.O.C. It is of no surprise that this Cotes du Rhone Villages exhibits such endowed quality. Renjarde is a traditional blend of southern Rhone grape varieties consisting of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, Mourvedre and Carignan. The wine shows incredible youth and structure with its inviting sweet spice, dark fruits and smoked meat aroma. The robust and rich flavors give way to the ripe layers of red and black cherry, balanced with shades of earthy spice, roasted coffee and cocoa, gripped with fine young tannins. Enjoy this magnificently well-made 89 point Rhone over the next 5-7 years. \$17.99

**2008 Blason d' Aussieres** - This full-bodied Languedoc rouge, located in the Corbieres A.O.C., comes under the direction of the vast wine firm Domaines Barons de Rothschild Lafite. Blason d'Aussieres is an outstanding quality red that truly represents the old world country style of the Languedoc. It is blended with the near identical grape selection as the previous wine in Domaine Renjarde, though it is quite different in its flavor profile. This wine is round, ripe and supple, having a copiously dark, rich blackberry and raspberry concentration, combined with a nice integration of spices and rusticity. Enjoy over the next 3-5 years. \$17.99

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SIX ITALIAN WINES  
for **\$99.00**



**2009 Allegrini Palazzo Della Torre** - Allegrini is one of the top estates in the Veneto for Valpolicella and Amarone. Palazzo Della Torre is a single vineyard bottling that breaks from the traditional rules by substituting Sangiovese and Syrah for the required Molinara variety to finish off the blend with Corvina and Rondinella. As a result, the wine cannot be called Valpolicella. Allegrini feels the D.O.C. rules do not allow for the highest possible quality of wine, much like the first wineries to make Super-Tuscans. Palazzo is full-bodied with layered flavors mixed with rich, ripe black cherry and currants, along with notes of licorice and vanilla. Enjoy this consistently rated 90 point Veneto red over the next 5 plus years. \$19.99

**2008 Aia Vecchia Lagone** - This Tuscan I.G.T. blend has had quite a following since we first featured it over a decade ago. Coming from two vineyard sources on the Tuscan coast, Lagone is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. Tibor Gal, former winemaker for Super-Tuscan great Ornellaia, was brought in to consult with this project. The wine possesses Bordeaux-like complexity with Italian terrior richness by showcasing an abundance of black fruits tied into earthy mineral tones, cassis and a solid structure on the finish. Enjoy this 90+ point Tuscan red over the next 3-5 years. \$15.99

**2009 Cantina Colosi Nero D'Avola** - Colosi exhibits a rich, yet more elegant style of Sicily's native Nero D'Avola grape variety. This I.G.T. starts out with a lovely floral and spiced berry scent that is a result of being vinified and aged entirely in steel tank. The wine shows a more assertive and acid structure that is enveloped in a rich flavor concentration of wild cherry, plum and bramble fruits, backed with a velvety texture, layered in young tannins. Enjoy this Sicilian favorite over the next 3-5 years. \$15.99

**2007 Viticchio Chianti Classico Riserva** - This is an important winery to watch for years to come. The Landini family has some of the finest vineyard holdings in the famed Greve district of the Chianti Classico D.O.C.G.. This is a classic Chianti Classico Riserva that stands out with tremendous balance and structure. It has a terrific aroma of sweet dark cherry and cedar highlights. On the palate, you will find some rustic earthiness, a full-bodied core of mixed fruits, marked with licorice and tobacco, along with soft tannins that adjoins the long fruity finish. Enjoy this Wine Spectator Top 100 Chianti Classico over the next 5-7 years. \$24.99

**2007 Vietti Nebbiolo Perbacco** - This Piedmont red is a very unique wine in how it is made. Of all Vietti's holdings in various Crus, they bottle four single vineyard Barolos on their own. The Nebbiolo from all the other Crus is harvested, fermented and blended together. After a period of ageing, the entire lot is tasted and separated into two parts. The first part that is bottled without further ageing goes into Nebbiolo Perbacco, while the second part undergoes additional time in barrel and is bottled as Barolo Castiglione. If aged a bit longer this wine would have been entitled to the Barolo designation. Instead it sells for half the price of many Barolos and represents a tremendous bargain. Enjoy this 92 plus declassified Barolo over the next 5-7 years. \$24.99

**2009 Terredora Dipaolo Aglianico** - Aglianico is one of the oldest red grape varieties grown in the southern Italian regions of Basilicata and Campania. This leading producer from Campania delivers an opaque I.G.T. that possesses impressionable aromas of dusty cedar, black currants, fresh leather and smoky tar. Terredora's rustic, full-bodied and tannic structure is balanced with a lengthy concentration of sweet black fruit flavors that rounds out with spice and subtle oak. Enjoy this 88+ age worthy Aglianico over the next 5-7 years. \$14.99