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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 now 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. (See Page 3 for two opportunities to taste.)

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 in 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 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**

MONTHLY SPECIALS

2004 Cantina Tramin Pinot Bianco - For the last few years, we have repeatedly seen price increases from Italy due to small vintages or a strong Euro. This choice bucks that trend, as the regular price represents a \$4 price decrease from the 2003. Cantina Tramin is a cooperative in the town of Termeno, the place of origin for the Gewürtraminer varietal. This co-op dates back to 1898, today they have close to 300 members and almost 500 acres of vineyards. Winemaker Willy Stürtz makes wines of precision and clarity, with pure expressions of fruit and terroir. His skill was recognized last year as he was named "Winemaker of the Year" by the Italian wine publication Gambero Rosso. This Pinot Bianco shows green apple and orange peel notes, great focus, structure and a crisp, refreshing finish. A great white for shellfish, sea bass or halibut. *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.*

2003 Terra Rosa Malbec - Patrick Campbell has been producing stylish Cabernets from Sonoma County for over 25 years now. More recently, he has become very involved in Chile and Argentina. For quite a few years, he has made a great value Cabernet under the Terra Rosa label sourced from both countries. This however, is his first release of a Malbec under the Terra Rosa name from Argentina. Campbell travels down to Argentina five times a year to oversee various stages of the growing season. When the wine is fermented, it is shipped up to California, where it then sees 15 months in oak. Dark purple in color, at first glance this Malbec looks to be super rich, in fact it has quite a bit of balance and style, with subtle mineral notes. Campbell attributes its complexity and drinkability to the age (60+ years) of the vines, the fruit

is sourced from. Enjoy this raspberry flavored Malbec with meat sauce dishes, marinated grilled chicken or pork. *Regular price \$13.99. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, **\$11.89** or 25% off by the case **\$10.49** or **\$125.88** by the case net.*

2003 Dr. Konstantin Frank Dry Riesling - Never in the eighteen year history of our newsletter have we ever re-introduced the same vintage from a previous feature. Last year, we were pleased to have been offered Dr. Konstantin Frank Riesling, because wine of this quality from New York's Finger Lakes region had never been available in Connecticut. Unfortunately, Konstantin Frank's wines will not be available for at least the next two years due to a string of smaller vintages. Our supplier was kind enough to give us an opportunity to take all of what they had. New York State's Finger Lakes wine region is home to some very stylish Rieslings. There was a time when many believed that the grapes from the Vinifera family could not thrive in this region's cool and fickle climate. Though in the early sixties, Russian viticulturist Dr. Konstantin Frank began to prove that theory wrong. In fact, several other noble grapes like Chardonnay, Gewürtraminer and even Pinot Noir soon followed. This extraordinary, semi-dry Riesling emulates the classic flavors of a German estate Riesling. Refreshing, well balanced and surprisingly complex. The crisp fruity green apple, citrus, apricots and peach flavors are accented with mineral and nice underlying acidity. Serves well as an aperitif and can accompany many spicy Asian foods. *Regular price 15.99/btl. This month, get 15% off by the bottle, **\$13.59** and 25% off by the case, **\$11.99** or **\$143.88** by the case net.*

2004 Bodegas Tintoralba 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 Tintoralba 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.*

*All four Club Specials are available for tasting.
Our staff would be delighted to assist you.*

**MIXED CASES DO APPLY
TOWARDS 25% SAVINGS**

THE TAIL END OF A GREAT VINTAGE

TWO PACK

California’s 2001 vintage experienced a near perfect growing condition. The summer and fall was dry and warm. The harvest occurred early to mid October, which in result, yielded superb fruit quality, concentrated flavor with excellent acidity and balance. All of these attributes caught the attention of many wine critics and collectors early on release. This pack represents one of the last good opportunities to enjoy the great 2001 vintage through two exceptional producers.

2001 Villa MT Eden Zinfandel - This Napa Valley producer, led by winemaker Mike McGrath, sources this rich, full-bodied Zinfandel out of Sonoma’s renowned Monte Rosso Vineyard location. Some of California’s oldest vines are located at this site, many of which are more than a century old. Spicy blackberry and toasty oak scented, the rich, full concentrated black fruit flavors display plenty of spice, alcohol and sweet supple tannin.

Price  **\$13.99**

2001 Pedroncelli Cabernet Sauvignon - The Pedroncelli families history in Sonoma’s Dry Creek Valley goes back to 1927. For over forty years, they mastered this appellations vineyard sites by producing some of the area’s best Cabernets and Zinfandels. This Cab is comprised from three specific vineyards and is made in a softer, more elegant style. The medium to full-bodied flavors of blackberry and cherry are layered in sweet tannins, with a touch of oak and vanilla spice that rounds out a soft, yet long finish. Enjoy now and over the next 3-5 years.

Price  **\$14.99**

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

 **\$22.98**

Save an additional \$6.00 or 20%

OCTOBER WINE TASTING

GEMS OF ITALY

On **Monday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. in our back stockroom**, we will be featuring the Italian wines of West Park Imports. On hand to lead the tasting will be *Luca Mazzotti*. Luca founded his importing company based on the principal that the wines must be authentic, high in quality and made from smaller, more passionate and talented producers. Many of these fine producers in his selection were simply overlooked by the larger importers, mostly due in part to their limited production. This tasting will start off with a delicious Pinot Grigio from the Friuli, along with two delightfully well made wines out of Tuscany. Then, we go to three super premium, single vineyard reds, that cover the Piedmont region’s most important grape varietals. **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:

- 2003 Cantarutti Pinot Grigio ----- **\$17.99**
- 2002 Torracchia di Presura Chianti “Sefiro” ---- **\$11.99**
- 2002 Casali di Bibbiano Casalone Rosso ----- **\$17.99**
- 2003 Bricco Maiolica Dolcetto D’Alba
 “Diano” ----- **\$27.99**
- 2001 Bricco Maiolica Nebbiolo “Cumot” ----- **\$38.99**
- 2001 Bricco Maiolica Barbera D’Alba
 “Vigia” ----- **\$38.99**



SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE TASTING

On **Saturday, October 15th from 1:00-5:00 p.m.**, we will sample all six Trinitas wines. Please refer to lead article.

Then on **Thursday, October 27th** we are presenting the wines of Trinitas at our **Cavey’s wine dinner**, along with a special opportunity to meet Matt Cline. Please go to our website for dinner menu at **manchesterwineandliquors.com** or call us at 649-4750.

MAGNUM MADNE\$\$

We have all been in the situation where we've entertained large groups and offered ordinary quality wines. Quite often, we opt for economy size offerings. Well, we can say with confidence that there has never been more quality wines in 1.5 liters available. Not only are we seeing better quality, but we are also seeing more variety available in this size. So the next time you are entertaining, keep these suggestions in mind. For only a fraction more, you can significantly upgrade the quality of what you offer.

2001 Marcel Guigal Cotes du Rhone - Guigal is established as the wine master of the Rhone Valley. This gifted winemaker originates out of the northern Rhone, where he is credited for the revival of the Cote Rotie. Guigal also does quite well in Rhone's southern parts. This intense, medium to full-bodied Cotes du Rhone is a blend of Syrah and Grenache. The flavors lean towards the Syrah portion, with its intense bouquet of spicy black fruits. Very well structured with a spicy fruit concentration that is rich and supple.

Special Price  **\$21.99**

2004 Kali-Hart Chardonnay - This label is made by Robert Talbot, long known for his excellence with Chardonnay from Monterey. The Kali-Hart label is his value oriented offering. The 2002 vintage received 90 points from the Wine Spectator. The 2004 appears comparable in quality. A rich, intense style loaded with tropical fruit, a touch of oak with spicy notes on the finish.

Special Price  **\$19.99**

2004 Cortijo III Rioja - This label first appeared in the market about two years ago and has been one of the great values from the Rioja. The '04 appears to be the best Cortijo we've seen yet. Robert Parker states "I cannot think of another Rioja that offers this much character and fruit at this price level, 87 points". This Rioja is 100% Tempranillo, stainless steel fermented showing fresh cherry fruit with a lively mouthfeel.

Special Price  **\$13.99**

2004 Red Cliffe Sauvignon Blanc - As far as we know, this is the very first Sauvignon Blanc of this size offered in the U.S. from New Zealand. Red Cliffe displays all of the pure fresh fruit flavors one has come to expect out of New Zealand's Marlborough Vineyards. As the delightful aromatics draw you into the fresh melon and tropical fruit flavors, the crisp acidity and slightly rich backing, holds up through a nice long finish.

Special Price  **\$15.99**

2001 Monte Antico Rosso - Over the years, we have often turned to this great value from Tuscany, simply because of its consistent flavor, style and incredible versatility with many food flavors. It is made mostly with Sangiovese, the noble red grape

of Tuscany. The fruit is only selected from high quality, hillside vineyards. It possesses a nice soft, spicy berry nose. The flavors are warm and friendly, offering a medium to full, fruity texture of sweet red and black berries, balanced by supple acidity, smooth tannins and hints of oak.

Special Price  **\$17.99**

2003 DuBoeuf Beaujolais Villages - The 2003 vintage for Beaujolais was the best in recent memory. This basic Beaujolais Villages in 2003 has more color and depth than you typically find. Rate 87 by Robert Parker, this Beaujolais shows plum and raspberry fruit, a smooth texture with Pinot Noir-like weight.

Special Price  **\$14.99**

2003 DuBoeuf Moulin-A-Vent - With this outstanding vintage, we have seen a Cru Beaujolais in magnums for the first time. In this vintage of the century, the Cru Beaujolais more resembles Burgundy than Beaujolais. This 90 point rated Moulin-A-Vent shows complex aromas, a deep, rich palate with raspberry and cassis fruit, followed by earthy notes on the finish. A great magnum to serve with lamb.

Special Price  **\$24.99**

2003 Joseph Drouhin Laforet Chardonnay - This negociant firm produces a classic "non-oaked" White Burgundy sourced from three distinct areas of Burgundy's Chablis, Rully and Macon. It has nice aromas of lemon, lime and roasted almond. Fermented in stainless steel allows its pure apple, pears and citrus flavors to show generously. Its clean, crisp mineral tones lie on the mid-palate giving a bone dry impression, along with its firm acidity. However, the fruit is quite long on the finish. La Foret makes for an excellent food Chardonnay.

Special Price  **\$18.99**

2002 Joseph Drouhin Laforet Pinot Noir - The '02 Burgundy vintage was a very generous one for both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. In fact, these affordable Bourgogne offerings benefited a great deal with the excellent fruit it had to work with. Remember, negociants and growers need cash flow too. A classic Burgundy style, having ripe cherry and black raspberry, with hints of earth, acidity and spice.

Special Price  **\$21.99**

2002 J. Lohr Cabernet Sauvignon - Produced from some of the finest fruit out of the Paso Robles Central Coast Appellation. Lohr's Seven Oaks Cab is one of our top sellers. The scented cedar and cherry echo the rich, full-bodied flavors, copious blackcherry fruits, with well integrated sweet, oakey tannins and supple spice on the finish. A real crowd pleaser.

Special Price  **\$25.99**