

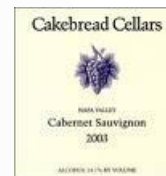


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HOB NOB WINES OF FRANCE

Hob Nob Pinot Noir and Chardonnay - French wine has been taking it on the chin over the last decade. Labeling confusion, stylistic differences and even political reasons have all contributed to the decline of French wine in the U.S. market. Here are two wines from a producer trying to reverse that trend. Utilizing a change in French winemaking laws recently, Hob Nob uses oak chips in ageing their wines. This practice, widely used in California and Australia, adds richness and a creamy smooth quality to the palate. These two wines show bright fruit, round textures, no hard edges and surprising depth of flavor for the price point. A gift that will please the connoisseur, as well as the novice.



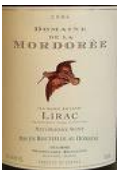
BORDEAUX & BURGUNDY

Chateau Rocher Figec Saint Emilion – This Merlot dominant Bordeaux unveils a wonderful wild berry and oaky scent. On the palate, the wine shows youth and concentration, yet it possesses age worthy character. Rocher Figec has a smooth tannic structure and subtle spices, followed up with an opulent core of mixed berries and ripe plum flavors that showcases the essence of St. Emilion. **Domaine Jean Chauvenet Bourgogne Rouge**- We were very delighted when we discovered this elegantly structured Pinot Noir by Jean Chauvenet. This producer specializes in making Premier and Grand Cru reds of the Nuits St. Georges A.O.C. It would not be far off by suggesting that some declassified grapes found its way into this Bourgogne Rouge. The wine's lush texture is comprised of concentrated flavors marked with black and red fruits, combined with lovely spice accents, sleek tannins, earthy hints and a long complex finish.



RHONE & BURGUNDY

Domaine De La Mordoree Lirac - The only thing that divides the town of Lirac from the famous region of Chateaufort du Pape is the Rhone River. Mordoree's Lirac character is more reminiscent of a Chateaufort du Pape and at half the price. This food-friendly wine is made of 50/50 Grenache and Syrah. The smoky, gamey, sweet fruit aromas reveal that this is not your ordinary southern Rhone. What you will find in this deep colored red are lush black raspberry, plum and cassis berry fruits. Mordoree is a full-bodied wine that displays an array of spices rolled into a rich texture, showing hints of mocha, licorice, with a touch of oak and mineral on the finish. **Olivier Leflaive Bourgogne Blanc "Les Setilles"**- This wine is made entirely of declassified Chardonnay from younger, low lying eastern vineyards of the prestigious Meursault and Puligny Montrachet A.O.C.s. While sharing some of the best qualities of these appellations, and at roughly two thirds less in price, it makes this classic style Bourgogne Blanc from the great 2007 vintage an outstanding buy. Once blended after being vinified, it was aged separately in French oak barrels 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 forward a full-bodied richness, underlined with a compelling acidic structure that carries through onto the long finish.



STYLISH RED BLENDS

Marietta Old Vine Red Lot 49 - This longtime favorite is comprised mainly of Zinfandel, with a range of other varietals blended in. Lot 49 is full-bodied and juicy, showing blackberry jam, raspberry fruit, vanilla and licorice notes, with a long spicy finish. **Penfolds Shiraz/Cabernet** - The Koonunga Hill series of wines from Penfolds has always been very reliable. In recent vintages the quality has gone from reliable to excellent. Several vintages have received 90 point reviews from Robert Parker. This popular Aussie blend combines the spice and pepper of Shiraz with the structure and power of Cabernet. This legendary producer from down under clearly commits as much to their everyday releases as to their collectibles.



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&
Happy Hannukah**



***PREMIUM WINES
OF CALIFORNIA***

Ferrari-Carano Chardonnay - This Sonoma winery has been among California's finest Chardonnay producers for two decades. In addition, they were one of the first prominent wineries to react to the economic conditions by lowering prices earlier this year. This full-bodied, rich and concentrated classic is sure to please even the pickiest Chardonnay drinker. **Ghost Pines Cabernet Sauvignon** - Produced by Louis Martini, the grapes for this second label Cab are sourced from both Napa and Sonoma counties. It presents profuse aromas of black currants and cassis. The rich, full-bodied flavors show nice depth and concentration, balanced with a smooth velvety texture. Shades of mint, chocolate, vanilla and spices integrate well with the sweet oaky tannins.



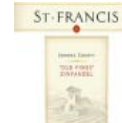
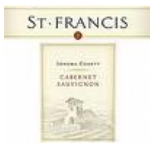
TANGLEY OAKS REDS

Tangley Oaks Merlot - Tangley Oaks is a second label for the Rutherford Hill Winery of Napa Valley. This producer is one of many that have always held to higher standards in making world class wines. Their Napa Valley Merlot was aged for 20 months in French oak, and held for an additional time prior to release. This allows the wine's complex characteristics to show. Tangley Oaks displays a very noticeable sweet plum aroma that comes together nicely with spice and cedar. The generous blackberries, cassis and dry cherry flavors are accented with coffee, vanilla and mint. It has a soft tannin sensation that frames out the ripe fruits and deep plush texture, balanced with a smooth long finish. **Tangley Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon** reflects the many complexities of its counterpart. It also puts forward a richer, more full-bodied structure with notes of cassis, blackberry, chocolate and oaky tannins.



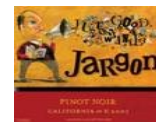
ST. FRANCIS REDS

St. Francis Cabernet Sauvignon - The grapes selected for this Cabernet Sauvignon comes from five key Sonoma County appellations. This has resulted in putting forward a deliciously elegant styled Cab with full bodied flavors lavished with blackberry, cassis and ripe plum. In addition, the wine shows nice spicy richness, along with smooth oaky tannins and a well rounded finish. **St. Francis Old Vine Zinfandel** - We have always felt that Zinfandel is St. Francis' most best kept secret. St. Francis produces several single vineyard Zin bottlings. Some of the grapes from these vineyards do manage to find its way into this wine. A minimum of fifty to one hundred year old bush vines are the primary source for this deep, rich and succulent flavored Zin. It has a nice concentration of black cherry and sweet plum, with notes of licorice, spice and sweet oaky tannins.



***GREAT VALUES
OF CALIFORNIA***

Morro Bay Chardonnay - This California Chard has been one of our favorites for over the past 20 years. It is made in the classic, labor intensive, Burgundian method called "Sur-Lie". As the wine is stored in both French and American barrels it produces natural deposits known as "lees". These deposits settle to the bottom of the barrel, and are then lifted and stirred into the wine on a biweekly basis. This technique can take up to six months to achieve the desired effect on the wine. The results though are often well worth it. Morro Bay is a traditionally barrel aged Chardonnay that reveals a spicy vanilla scent. The wine's rich, full-body flavors show nice toasty apple and a long creamy tropical fruit finish. **Jargon Pinot Noir** - Produced by the Trincherro family of California, this fairly new Pinot Noir release reflects tremendous value and style. What is becoming even more common these days are the many well- made, quality driven, secondary labels coming into the market by the larger producers. Jargon's label depicts a character shouting the words "just good wine" through a megaphone. This makes for a fun and interesting conversation. Jargon delivers the many important features of good Pinot Noir at this price level. The wine is bundled with smooth, medium to full-bodied red and black fruits, subtle earth, spicy tones, nice acidic structure and a long fruity finish.



ITALIAN RED & WHITE

Bortoluzzi Pinot Grigio - Clearly one of the most highly regarded, top quality Pinot Grigios in the store. Bortoluzzi is a stylish Pinot Grigio that exhibits a nice roasted almond and intense citrus aroma. On the palate, it offers rich creamy fruits, along with an integrated acidic structure and tremendous length of flavor on the finish. **Zaccagnini Montepulciano d'Abruzzo** - This strikingly deep, rich estate bottled Montepulciano Riserva comes from the Abruzzo region in the Bolognana province of Pescara. The 222-acre Zaccagnini estate vineyard lies in a particular Cru section called Colle Morte Di Bolognana. This area benefits from the ideal growing conditions by being situated between the Adriatic coastline and the picturesque mountains of Abruzzo.



Zaccagnini's Montepulciano starts with copious mouth-filling flavors of blackberry and spicy plum fruits. It is made in a supple, full-bodied style showing wonderful complexity. The wine has a smooth and elegant texture on the mid-palate, combined with leather and earth, multiple spices, hints of vanilla and espresso. The wine was aged in stainless steel tanks for pure fruit balance, then eight months in French oak for added nuance and tannin structure.

ITALIAN REDS

Caldora Montepulciano - Produced in correlation with winemaker Alberto Antonini, along with one of Abruzzo's largest cooperative wineries, Caldora is made entirely from Montepulciano, the region's noble red grape. The wine displays a deep glass staining purple color, with flavors of lush blackberry, ripe plum and red cherry.



This fine Italian red exhibits shades of dried herbs, smoked meat, licorice, vanilla and a sweet tannin mouthfeel. **Matane Primitivo** - Primitivo is the work horse red grape variety of southern Italy. Matane comes from the sun soaked D.O.C. zone located on the



Salentine peninsula in the southeastern region of Apulia. It is a more robust red that offers plenty of lush black and red cherry, with ripe plum flavors showing similar spices and flavored nuance as the Montepulciano, yet more rustic.

WORLDLY SAUVIGNON BLANCS

Petit Bourgeois Sauvignon Blanc - This longtime favorite of ours hails from vineyards outside the village of Sancerre. Typical of Loire Sauvignon Blanc, Petit Bourgeois shows lemon zest, citrus and mineral tones, with good crisp acidity, leading to a long lingering finish. As many Sancerres are now priced at \$25 to \$30 a bottle, this wine gives you the next best thing for half the price. Our other selection brings us to New Zealand. **Rain Sauvignon Blanc** - A stunning value that provides the purist expression of what is coming out of the region of Marlborough. It offers an abundance of fresh tropical fruits and citrus flavors, with just the right touch of grassy richness that is balanced with mineral and mouth watering acidity.



WORLDLY RIESLINGS

Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling - Ste Michelle is, without a doubt, the most important Riesling producer in North America. Their Washington State Riesling program is the most advanced and largest in the world. Dr. Loosen, one of Germany's foremost wine experts, has even taken an interest. Ste Michelle makes an array of Riesling styles out of the Columbia Valley by exposing the purest characteristics that comes from within this noble grape. This drier styled Riesling slices right down the middle between its remarkable balance of acidity and residual sugar level. The bright, crisp and refreshing fruit flavors of peach, melon and citrus makes this a nice crowd pleaser. **Von Schleinitz Riesling** - Located in the German Mosel River valley, Von Schleinitz's top vineyard is the Weisenberg Vineyard in the village of Koberner. This vineyard is one of the steepest in the world. Its soil is composed of slate which radiates the sun's heat during the cool evening hours. This, combined with the steep sloped vineyard, provide the ingredients for producing perfectly ripe Riesling. This Estate VS Riesling comes predominately from the Weisenberg vineyard. It is off-dry, showing apple, white peach and hints of apricot on the palate, followed by a crisp, racy finish with spicy notes.



PETER LEHMANN
AUSTRALIAN REDS

Like a reliable old friend, the wines of Peter Lehmann continue to deliver year in and year out. Lehmann wines show good fruit intensity, with more sense of balance and elegance compared to many others of the Barossa. **Peter Lehmann Clancy's Red** - This is a blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot. On four different occasions since 1997, this wine has been in the Wine Spectator's Top 100. Last year it was named one of the Top 100 Wine Values in the world. Clancy's is somewhat like a blend of Aussie Shiraz and Bordeaux. This medium-bodied red shows black fruits, a touch of cedar with spice and vanilla notes mixed in.

Peter Lehmann Barossa Shiraz - This Shiraz shows a similar texture, but with more spicy raspberry fruit. The fact remains, Australia has never been hit by phylloxera and is home to some of the oldest vines in the world. Grapes from ungrafted vines, that can be 80 years of age and older, add to the depth of flavor and complexity in this wine.



WINES OF CHILE

Calina Carmenere - This once misidentified grape was recently thought to be Merlot. Carmenere, an obscure grape native to Bordeaux, had virtually disappeared from France during the phylloxera devastation of the 19th century. Since its arrival into Chile in the late 1800's, Carmenere was planted unknowingly in the very same vineyards with Merlot. It wasn't until 1994 when Eonologist Jean- Michel Boursiquit realized this mistaken identity. Since then, innovative producers that understood the grape's potential took on an aggressive replanting program that eventually led to Carmenere becoming Chile's fastest growing wine. The varietal characteristics of lush, blackberry and cassis fruit flavors share some common similarities to Merlot. Carmenere, however, does offer more complexity and dimension of flavor. **Tierruca Sauvignon Blanc** - The recent interest in this refreshingly well made Chilean Sauvignon Blanc has been amazing. Tierruca is produced and controlled by a family-owned operation that is rooted deep in Chile's viticultural history. This lovely Sauvignon Blanc has impressionable floral and citrus aromatics. The wine was aged in stainless steel to retain its pure and abundant tropical fruit flavors underlined with crisp acidity.



GREAT ARGENTINIAN VALUES

Cabrini Malbec - This is the third vintage of this Malbec from Mendoza that we have worked with. It has been a store favorite, as customers routinely pick it up by the case. Cabrini is a family-owned operation that has close to one hundred years of winemaking experience. This high altitude area is ideal for grape growing, with its remarkably consistent climate, warm dry days and minimal rainfall. **Cabrini Cabernet Sauvignon** - Cabrini is a medium-bodied Cab that is soft and lush on the palate, showing up front berry and cassis fruit, smooth tannins, and a pleasant lingering finish.



REDS OF SPAIN

Located in Campo De Borja, Spain, Borsao has been a constant source of tremendous values over the years. Many of their bottlings have some Garnacha blended in, but two are 100%. A familiar Borsao label that is known to many of our readers, Tres Picos is a single vineyard wine made from old vine Garnacha. This wine has been rated in the 90's on several occasions. Then you have this second release from Borsao called **Monte Oton** that is made from Grenache vineyards high up on an extinct volcano. This hot, windswept climate is ideal for this hearty varietal. The wine showcases jammy raspberry and spice flavors mixed in with peppery notes. A tremendous mouthful of wine at a price that warrants buying by the case. Another great source for value comes from Spain's southeastern region of Jumilla produced by **Luzon**. We first featured this Spanish Mourvedre/Syrah blend in May and briskly sold through our entire supply. Our second allocation came in and we were able to reload. If by chance you haven't tried this juicy, spicy red, don't miss out.



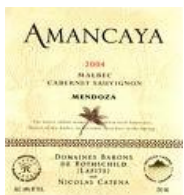
MONTHLY SPECIALS

2007 Domaine Ferraton Cotes Du Rhone - Certainly southern Rhone wines from the 2007 vintage may be the hottest category in the wine trade today. This vintage has been hailed by all as one of the finest ever from this area. This large producer has been absent from the state for about a decade. The firm dates back to the '40's when Jean Ferraton established the winery with its calling card being their Hermitage. By the '90's, the family made a decision to sell half the interest in the estate to family friend Michel Chapoutier. Chapoutier immediately implemented biodynamic farming that he follows at his own properties. The transformation took about five or six years to start showing results, but now the effects are obvious. Ferraton is producing their best wines in decades. This '07 Cotes Du Rhone is 80% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 5% Cinsault, and aged in large wood barrels. Rated 89 by Robert Parker, enjoy this fine value with red meat, pork or poultry dishes. **\$11.99**



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2007 Bodegas Caro Amancaya - Amancaya is made as an Argentine style Bordeaux. Blended with equal parts Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon, is was aged twelve months in both new and seasoned French oak. This fine effort was put forward by two very influential producers, the world renowned French firm Domaines Barons De Rothschild Lafite and Argentina's own Nicolas Catena. Amancaya takes its name from the mountain flower that grows in the Andes. Grapes are sourced from a multitude of high elevation terroirs of the Mendoza. The Malbec portion provides sweet jammy black fruits and minerals, while the Cabernet Sauvignon adds in the full-bodied cassis flavors and tannic structure. You will find a lavish, yet elegantly structured red that possesses a deep fruit concentration, balanced with a nice smooth texture, laced with vanilla, chocolate, mint, dusty cedar and earth tones that is followed by a remarkable length of fruit on the finish. Enjoy serving Amancaya with roasted pork, duck, lamb and prime rib. **\$18.99**



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2006 Merum Monastrell - This crowd favorite at our recent paella and wine event is made 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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2007 Les Charmes Macon Lugny - Cave de Lugny is one of France's largest A.O.C. cooperatives that encompasses over 250 wine growing estates totaling 1,500 hectares of vineyard land, making it one of Burgundy's largest wine producers. This estate's single vineyard white, known as "Les Charmes", is the flagship wine of the Cave de Lugny. Centered in the heart of the Maconnais, this magnificently balanced Chardonnay reveals a classic style that is quite expressive of the appellation. The wine offers lovely citrus and apple aromas, with underlined crisp flavors, well integrated spice and richness that carries through from the mid palate to the finish. Fresh fruits marked with excellent acidity and noted minerality echoes the finest qualities of the Maconnais 2007 vintage. Because it was fermented in stainless steel, Les Charmes provides a cleaner and more focused style of Chardonnay that can accompany a variety of hors d'oeuvres, seafoods and pork chops. **\$12.99**



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