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A ROSE WITH PEDIGREE

We are very encouraged by the surge in the popularity of dry Rose wines over the past five years or so. The majority of these wines are simple, straightforward quaffers, ideal for consumption on their own or with appetizers. This is not the case for all Rose though, as some can be quite complex. French Rose from Bandol in the southern region of Provence, and in Tavel from the southern Rhone Valley are good examples as being among the most ageworthy and sophisticated produced. We happened to come upon this Bordeaux Rose recently and would include it in this category. When you consider the source, it shouldn't be that surprising. The estate is Chateau Pichon Longueville Baron, a second growth Pauillac whose primary label sells for well over \$100 per bottle. Only in certain vintages, when conditions are right, this Rose is made by taking a small amount of juice after only hours of skin contact. In 2007 the estate bottled **Rose de Tourelles** was made with equal parts of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. In style, it has more in common with a red wine. Aromas of berry, plum and cedar lead to a full palate of red fruits. Serve it slightly chilled to preserve the aromatics and recommend pairing with medium to full-bodied seafood or grilled marinated chicken. Enjoy over the next year.



\$19.99 net

A LITTLE KNOWN OREGON PINOT NOIR

North Valley Pinot Noir has become a welcomed addition to our wide selection of Pinot Noirs. As soon as we tasted North Valley, there was something special about this one. In fact, it has shown the potential of standing above many Pinot Noirs that are \$10-\$20 higher. It begins by revealing a lavish, elegant style, and follows with its youthful, yet mature flavor profile, that's conducive for early drinking. This is a common trait of the 2007 Willamette Valley vintage. This well-balanced wine exhibits an expressive floral berry aroma. The wine has a smooth velvety texture, complex flavors of blackberry, cherry and ripe plum fruits, with shades of cocoa, earthy mineral, spice, cola, oak tannin and an embracing acidic structure that holds up the long sweet finish. Tony Soter is behind North Valley Pinot Noir. An established winemaker that has been involved for more than twenty five years consulting for an impressive list of blue chip California wineries. But what Soter is most noted for, are the wines produced from his Etude Winery. Soter is now venturing into Oregon's Willamette Valley. He works with a handful of well managed growers and with his own 22 acres of vineyard land dedicated to premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, located on the North Fork of Chehalem Valley. This arrangement provides a flexible advantage of blending from a range of the region's multiple terroirs.



\$29.99 net

A REFRESHING APPROACH

As we expected, the economic turmoil we are going through is leaving an impact on our business as well, though not all of it is negative. Many items are being reduced in price to us. Much to our surprise, quite a few of these items are top selling items, as well as leaders within their respective categories. It appears that many producers are not necessarily running behind in sales, but want to take more proactive steps to avoid backing up later this year. Leading the way are California wineries, which is great to see, since it has not always been that way in the past. This month we continue with two California white wines from prominent producers that have discounted their pricing allowing us to pass it along to you.



2007 Edna Valley Chardonnay - Located only five miles from the Pacific Ocean, Edna Valley Vineyards has some of the coolest microclimates in all of California. This winery has become synonymous with top notch Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for close to 20 years now. For most of the last 8 years it has been selling in the mid-teens extremely well. Regular Special Price \$13.99 **Now Only**

\$9.99 net



2007 Caymus Conundrum - This interesting field blend of five white varietals includes Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier and Muscat created a category 20 years ago with their first release in 1989. Ever since there have been many copycats, but this bottling is still the leader. Each grape variety is grown and vinified separately and blended before bottling. Regular Special Price \$24.99 **Now Only**

\$19.99 net

GREAT VALUES OF SOUTH AFRICA

Man Vintners offers an exciting group of value driven wines created by three distinct South African winemakers. To begin, Charles Back is arguably one of South Africa's most highly accomplished winemakers that produces the wines of Spice Root and Fairview in the wine district of Paarl. Jose Conde of the Stark-Conde Winery in the district of Stellenbosch, continues to be a rising star. Then you have the youngest one of the group, fifth generation farmer from Paarl, Tyrrell Myburgh. The Man label has very little to do with gender. In fact, the name was originally derived from the first letter in each of their wife's names: Marie, Anette and Nicky. But from that point on, the name has taken on a much broader meaning.

All three wines presented here are produced from grape selections sourced from various locations throughout the country's coastal and interior Western Cape areas. The Man Vintners wines are fashioned in a modern style that holds up to each grape varieties unique character and are made with full consideration of being food friendly.



2008 Man Vintners Chenin Blanc - Also known locally as "Steen", its refreshingly crisp and vibrant flavors make this Chenin Blanc ideal for summer time occasions. The wine shows a touch of minerality, balanced with racy acidity, profound, rich creamy flavors of citrus and expressive tropical fruits. Accompanies well with white meats off the grill, cold salads or as an aperitif. **\$8.99**

2007 Man Vintners Shiraz - It seems that every wine producing country in the world is in the business of supplying the market with well made Syrah/Shiraz. This rich, spicy and fruit forward style is a good example of this by bringing out some of the best qualities of what South Africa has to offer, especially in this price level. Man Vintners Shiraz possesses a copious amount of rich, ripe red and black fruits, layered with soft tannin, a hint of vanilla oak and a multitude of spices. A versatile red for the barbecue. **\$8.99**

2007 Man Vintners Pinotage - This indigenous grape of South Africa is a hybrid of Cinsault and Pinot Noir. Some say that Pinotage is slightly rustic in character. This unique trait however is what sets Pinotage apart from all of the other reds. Underneath the dusty earthy qualities of this Pinotage, are the bright red and blackcherry flavors that comes with a nice medium-bodied texture, having a touch of sweet oak and long spice on the finish. **\$8.99**

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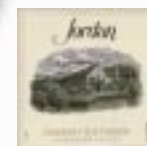
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MONTHLY SPECIALS

2007 Vidal Fleury Cotes Du Rhone “Pigeonnier”



operating winery in the region dating back to 1787. In 1985 legendary Rhone producer Etienne Guigal bought a controlling interest in Fleury, yet the winery continued to operate independently. Quality at Fleury was lifted, but not to the level of the parent company. Recently, Guigal has invested large amounts of capital and built a new winery for Fleury. The results so far are encouraging.

This '07 Domaine bottled Cotes Du Rhone is as fine an effort we have seen from Fleury to date. A blend of 55% Grenache and 45% Syrah, this purple colored offering shows the promise this vintage seems to hold. Very fine concentrated flavors of blackberry, cassis and raspberry are mixed with licorice and earthy notes on the finish. This scaled down Chateaneuf-like red is perfect for grilled meats or strong cheeses. **\$12.99**

Save 15% off by the bottle,
\$11.04
or
25% off by the case,
~~\$9.74~~ \$116.88
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2007 Coffele Soave Classico



white wine in jugs from Italy. Over time, a number of quality producers have come to the forefront raising the image of this D.O.C. from the Veneto region. Garganega is the primary varietal that must make up 70% of any wine carrying the Soave name. It makes for a delicious white that is a great alternative to Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Grigio. Widely recognized as one of the top half dozen producers in the zone, the Coffele Estate dates back to 1854. It is a medium-size family run operation that

makes estate bottled wine. This '07 Classico is 100% Garganega fermented and aged entirely in stainless steel. There are two distinct soil types in Soave, white chalky and darker clay. Coffele's estate is on the former, which produces wines with a distinctly mineral, flinty quality which comes through very clearly with this bottling. On the palate this wine shows melon and citrus, crisp acidity, nutty tones followed by the aforementioned mineral finish. A delicious spring/summer white for shellfish, pasta salad or on its own. **\$13.99**

Save 15% off by the bottle,
\$11.89
or
25% off by the case,
~~\$10.49~~ \$125.88
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2007 Caldora Montepulciano d'Abruzzo



Italy was recently struck by a devastating earthquake. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to the people of this great region. Caldora Montepulciano is a remarkable value produced in correlation with winemaker Alberto Antonini along with one of Abruzzo's largest cooperative wineries. Situated between the Adriatic coastline and the picturesque mountain range, the grapes are sourced from three specific vineyard sites within this vast region. Made entirely from Montepulciano, Abruzzo's noble red grape, the wine

displays a deep purple color, showing saturated glass staining flavors of lush blackberry, ripe plum and red cherry. Notes of dried herbs, smoked meat, licorice, vanilla and a sweet tannin mouthfeel rounds out the wines many delightful characteristics. Caldora Montepulciano can serve well with grilled red and whites meats, hearty red sauced pasta and pizza with all of your favorite toppings. **\$9.99.**

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or
25% off by the case,
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2004 Byington “Alliage” Cabernet Sauvignon



Since running this wine 15 months ago, the '04 has developed a huge following. So this would be the ideal opportunity to secure the remaining inventory of this vintage. The Byington family winery and vineyard operation is situated in California's Central Coast region of Santa Cruz, not far from the Silicon Valley. This small production Cabernet Sauvignon of only 950 cases adds a tiny portion of Merlot in the blend. The grapes are selected from well-

managed vineyard sources just south in the semi-arid wine region of Paso Robles. Only twenty miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, the hot daily temperatures are contrasted by cooling coastal breezes that flow off the coastal range in the evenings, leading to temperature variations of up to fifty degrees in a single day. These conditions are most favorable for proper grape ripening and acid balance. Byington's 2004 Alliage Cabernet captures the fullest expression of Paso Robles by exhibiting a soft, yet rich, full-bodied style with flavors that bring out a ripe, fruity character of blackberries, currants and plum. The eighteen months of ageing in both new and seasoned French and American oak, provides a smooth tannin sensation with a complex aroma of licorice, spice and cedar. Byington Cab can make the ideal pairing with your favorite cut of beef, pork or glazed duck. **\$19.99.**

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CALIFORNIA SAMPLER PACK

Acacia, located in Carneros, was one of the first wineries to recognize what varietals were best suited for this unique climate in the southern part of Napa. With its close proximity to the Pacific Ocean, the nights and mornings are cool, leading to a long growing season. In this environment Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah all excel. The first two varieties have been the foundation for Acacia since it started 30 years ago. The third is showcased in a new wine we introduce to you this month. Until a few years ago, all of the Acacia wines were estate bottled from their 150 acres of Carneros vineyards. A new series under the Acacia label called "A By Acacia" was launched in 2006. This new label blends fruit from Sonoma, Monterey and Carneros and sells at a more affordable price point. This month we offer you a pair of "A By Acacia" wines in a sample pack.



The Chardonnay is harvested at night to preserve its fresh crisp character. The grapes are whole clustered pressed and aged in a variety of oak barrels to add complexity. This '07 vintage shows apple, mango and banana flavors. Enjoy it with seafood. **\$11.99**

The new wine is simply called Red Blend. It combines Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre and a splash of Viognier. Since Syrah makes up 90% of it, it could be labeled as Syrah. The winery however, does not plan on it always being at least 75% Syrah, (the minimum needed to use the varietal name). The wine has juicy, meaty red fruit flavors, primarily red raspberry and plum. The finish has notes of spice and grilled meats. The many fans of Marietta Old Vine Red should certainly check out this juicy little bargain. **\$11.99**



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SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE TASTINGS

Come join us on the following Saturdays from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

- June 6th** - Sample the **four monthly specials** (refer to page #3).
- June 13th** - Sample the featured **Pinot Noir and Rose** (refer to page #1).
- June 20th** - Sample the **Man Vintners Trio** special (refer to page #2).
- June 27th** - Revisit the **four monthly specials**

A WORLD TOUR TABLE TASTING

Well it's that time again. In celebration of the start of summer, we would like to invite you for an evening of fine wines presented from around the world. On **Monday, June 15th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Adams Mill Banquet Room**, walk through and taste a selection of highly recommended and deliciously affordable wines that will include the countries of Portugal, South Africa, Argentina, Chile, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Greece and the United States. This table tasting format provides a convenient and enjoyable way to interact with our friendly and informative wine representatives, that will be more than happy to answer any questions. In addition to our customary cheese and bread station, red and white sauced pasta will be served. The evening will then conclude with a **special raffle**.



Tasting List is as follows:

<u>Portugal</u>	
Clemen Vinho Verde Reserva	\$10.99
Herdade do Pombal Tinto	\$12.99
<u>South Africa</u>	
Man Vintners Chenin Blanc	\$8.99
Man Vintners Pinotage	\$8.99
Man Vintners Shiraz	\$8.99
<u>Argentina</u>	
Clos de los Siete Red	\$15.99
<u>Chile</u>	
Veramonte Primus Red	\$16.99
<u>France</u>	
Chateau Tourelles de Longueville Rose	\$19.99
<u>Italy</u>	
Cofelle Soave Classico	\$13.99
Caparzo La Doga Morellino Di Scansano	\$12.99
<u>Germany</u>	
S.A. Prum Essence of Riesling	\$10.99
<u>Austria</u>	
Huber Gruner Veltliner Obere Steigen	\$15.99
<u>Greece</u>	
Skouras Saint George	\$13.99
<u>California</u>	
Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	\$10.99
Four Vines Zinfandel	\$11.99

A small fee of **\$5.00** per person is required to attend. For your convenience, "cash" or "check" can be presented at the door.

NOTE: All profits collected from orders taken that evening, will be donated to Bandit's Place Animal Shelter of New Hartford. A 501C-3 number is available upon request.

Please reserve your seat early by calling **649-4750**, or emailing us at **mwl@snet.net**. Only Wine Club Members listed in our database are eligible to attend, however members are able to reserve a spot for a guest (one guest per member and name for each reserved seat is needed at time of reservation). **In consideration of other members, please let us know if you need to cancel.**