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## Thanksgiving '99

Thanksgiving is more or less the official beginning of the Holiday season. The day after is the biggest shopping day of the year. This holiday season will certainly be one to remember, with all the hype concerning the Millenium. Threats of computer breakdowns, the end of the world and all sorts of calamities are certain to make this holiday season one of the most chaotic. Why not start off this season with as little chaos as possible. Let us suggest your wines for this Thanksgiving season. This promotion has been one of our best received each year we've done it, and this year's lineup is probably our best yet. Of course, all choices are American.

**1997 Bearboat Chardonnay** - This label is the product of the sparkling wine producer Piper Sonoma. This Chardonnay is made from all Sonoma fruit, mainly from the Russian River. This offering from Bearboat exhibits great balance, apple and pear fruit, with just a touch of oak. A lovely Chardonnay combining richness and style at a great price. A sure crowd pleaser. **\$13.99.**

**1997 Willamette Valley Gewurztraminer** - This white grape of Alsatian origin can range from sweet to off-dry. In the Pacific Northwestern cooler climate, it tends to run toward the dry end of the spectrum. This is the style we were looking for that we found with Willamette Valley. Very floral, spicy flavors, creamy peach fruit with a crisp finish. Perfect lighter styled white for your meal. **\$9.99.**

**1997 Blackstone Merlot** - This winery first appeared in Connecticut about three years ago. This varietal is what first caught our eye. Unlike some other wineries who put out a good value Merlot some years, Blackstones has been excellent every year. This is what made Merlot so popular. Soft textured, velvety, smooth mouthful, but plenty of rich berry fruit. A versatile red for your bird. **\$9.99.**

**1997 Cline Zinfandel** - This remains possibly the finest red wine value from California. Cline's California Zinfandel remains ridiculously underpriced. Full of spicy raspberry fruit. This wine packs a ton of intensity for the money. Zinfandel is a great choice for turkey as its robust jammy style cuts through all the complex flavors of the meal. **\$7.99.**

### Thanksgiving Pack

1-btl. 1997 Bearboat Chardonnay	13.99
1-btl. 1997 Willamette Valley Gewurztraminer	9.99
1-btl. 1997 Blackstone Merlot	9.99
1-btl. 1997 Cline Zinfandel	7.99

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If your gathering is a bit more quaint and demanding, we have a premium trio that will impress the most discerning of palates.

**1998 Niebaum Coppola Chardonnay** - This winery has transformed itself into one of Napa's hottest properties from a one wine curiosity. Rubicon was Francis Ford-Coppola's only wine for years. After buying additional quality Napa land, Coppola has added a number of other products. His Diamond label Chardonnay is the latest. Coppola's Chardonnay is intensely flavored with hints of butterscotch, vanilla, pear and oak. An opulent, full-bodied Chardonnay to stand up to your meal. **\$16.99.**

**1997 Canoe Ridge Merlot** - This vineyard is owned by the Chalone Wine Group. It is separated by a road from Chateau Ste. Michelle's Canoe Ridge Vineyard. This tiny vineyard on the Columbia River has been turning out stellar wines in the last two or three years. Stylistically, they produced pure fruit flavors with balance and style. This Merlot is not

a blockbuster, but glides across your palate while showing plenty of cassis fruit. A beautifully crafted Merlot. **\$22.99.**

**1997 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir** - Joseph Drouhin, the famous French Burgundy producer, set up shop in Oregon about ten years ago. This was one of the first signs that Oregon could really have world class potential for Pinot Noir. Drouhin felt that this Pacific Northwest climate could ultimately make Pinot that rivaled that of Burgundy. So far, the results have been nothing less than stunning. This '97 Pinot has silky, velvety plum and cherry fruit, framed by spicy vanilla oak, with hints of cinnamon on the finish. A delicious, seamless wine for your Thanksgiving bird. **\$37.99.**

#### **Thanksgiving Premium Pack**

1-btl. 1998 Niebaum Coppola Chardonnay	16.99
1-btl. 1997 Canoe Ridge Merlot	22.99
1-btl. 1997 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir	37.99

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Why not follow your meal with a delicious dessert wine made in California. On its own or to go with your pie, cake or other desserts, try any of these selections we stock.

#### **DESSERT SELECTIONS**

375 Heritage Trail Sweet Reserve (Connecticut)	9.99
375 Robert Mondavi Moscato D'oro	12.99
375 Rosenblum Black Muscat	11.99
750 Quady Essensia Orange Muscat	17.99
375 Elysium Black Muscat	10.99
750 Elysium Black Muscat	17.99
375 Electra Quady Orange Muscat	6.99
750 Electra Quady Orange Muscat	9.99

#### **MONTHLY SPECIALS**

**1998 Anselmi Soave**- Soave has long been associated with mediocre, bulk wine, with little or no character. This has unfortunately tarnished the image associated with Soave. This zone within the Veneto is actually very capable of producing delicious dry white wine. Nobody has demonstrated this clearer than Anselmi. Blending in a small percentage of Chardonnay gives this Soave added richness and weight, while still maintaining its crisp underlying structure. A great Chardonnay alternative for Thanksgiving that will make you think twice about Soave. **Regular price \$10.99/btl. This month get 15% off by the bottle and 25% off by the case.**

**1997 Allegrini Valpolicella**- No producer can be credited with uplifting the quality of their own region more than Allegrini.

Much like Soave, Valpolicella was mostly associated with unexciting, inexpensive bulk wine. The Allegrini family, however, led the way to breaking this perception. This '97 Valpolicella Classico is an ideal turkey wine. Wild strawberry and jammy raspberry fruit highlight this bright, upfront wine. Good balance and soft tannins make this a perfect choice for all the likely suspects in your Thanksgiving meal. Rated 87 points by Robert Parker and listed as one of the world's greatest red wine values, another example of how exciting this '97 vintage is for Italy. Incidentally, ask us about some of Allegrini's limited Cru Valpolicellas as well. **Regular price \$11.99/btl. This month get 15% off by the bottle and 25% off by the case.**

**1996 Beringer North Coast Pinot Noir**- The ideal turkey red. Pinot Noir is probably one of the most versatile food friendly red wines because it holds a medium bodied structure, with proper acid, fruit and tannin balance, and a little spice. Back in 1984, Beringer stopped producing Pinot Noir. Their grape source quality was simply not up to par. This '96 vintage is their newest bottling. Winemaker Ed Sbragia, was able to produce quality grapes out of three distinct areas of California's North Coast - Carneras, Russian River and the San Pablo Bay end of Napa. A solid effort on Sbragia's part, producing a medium ruby color Pinot with enticing aromas of black fruits with a slight hint of earth that truly defines the Pinot Noir nose. Medium bodied, low acidity and tannin, soft velvety textures, generous mouthful of black cherry, plum and raspberry, subtle herb and cedar compliments the oaky overtones. Pairs well to game meats, grilled tuna or sword and many poultry preparations. **Regular price only \$15.99/btl. This month 15% off by the bottle and 25% off by the case.**

**1997 Delas Crozes - Hermitage (Les launes)**- Delas is a negotiant firm that is known for producing fine French Rhone wine at a marginal price less than their competition. But much of that may eventually change. With the hiring of Jacques Grange, a 34-year-old brilliant winemaker who came over from the famous Chapoutier firm where he helped resurrect them back in 1989, price increases did follow, but so did the quality. The 1997 is a wonderful vintage. This soft yet fleshy style red is his very first bottling. From the hillside vineyard of Northern Rhone's Crozes-Hermitage appellation. Made up of 100% Syrah, which is the main red grape varietal of the Northern Valley. One of the nice things about this wine is that it is very approachable upon release. Medium bodied, soft tannins, elegant structures with soft subtle sweet currant and blackberry fruit flavors that roll over gently, yet holding a firm edge. A touch of spice helps round out the long, lush finish. A great crowd pleaser for your Thanksgiving feast because it offers great balance of structure and depth that can match well to the many different flavors that come off the dinner table. **Regular price \$14.99/btl. This month get 15% off by the bottle and 25% off by the case.**

**Try a mixed case of monthly club specials:**

- 3-btls. 1998 Anselmi Soave
- 3-btls. 1997 Allegrini Valpolicella
- 3-btls. 1996 Beringer North Coast Pinot Noir
- 3 btls. 1997 Delas Crozes - Hermitage (Les launes)

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**MONTHLY TWO BOTTLE SAMPLER PACK**

It is always a pleasure to feature the wines of Robert Kacher Selections. Kacher is one of the hottest importers of French wines in the United States. He is deeply involved with a wide range of small producers in Burgundy, Rhone, Bordeaux, Alsace, Languedoc-Roussillon and the Provence. He works right alongside his producers emphasizing low grape yields for pure grape quality that express the true character from each particular region, and has certain controls through the vinification process. Robert Parker of the Wine Advocate states his opinion as Kachers name on a bottle of wine is as close to an endorsement of quality as one is likely to find.

We start out with the delicious **1997 Domaine de Gournier Merlot** showing sweet ripe black fruit aromas. Vinified in stainless steel, therefore, creating a very flavorful ripe blackcherry fruit driven style. The hints of liquorice, mint and spice lends itself to the ripe tannins in the finish; price only **\$7.99**. Next we offer a terrific medium bodied White Burgundy from the Maconnais, **1997 Domaine Des Roches Macon Ige**, a non-oaked Chardonnay offering a clean refreshing style. If you enjoy flavors of fresh green apple and citrus, there is sure to be plenty. The embracing acidity and mineral tones holds well to a long defined finish. Price **\$10.99**.

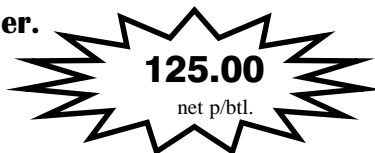
- 1-btl. 1997 Domaine De Gournier Merlot 7.99
- 1-btl. 1997 Domaine Des Roches Macon Ige 10.99
- 18.98

**Buy One of Each for Only**



a savings of an additional 4.00 or 21%

**1996 Opus One is now available. We have a very limited supply, only two bottles can be allocated per customer.**



If you noticed, Opus is really getting up there in price. Here is a wine we can offer to you at a fraction of the price. Grown, produced and bottled by the Franciscan Group of Napa Valley. This '96 vintage is only their second release made of the same concept of Opus. Under the name **Quintessa**, it is a Meritage blend primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. The blends will change vintage to vintage according to each years' grape characteristics. An elegant, yet deep concentration of currant and blackberry and cherry fruits. Very complex, rich with well integrated oak. This vineyard property was one of the most sought after pieces of real estate in Napa Valley. All of the top Napa producers that showed interest, were out-bid by Franciscan, Robert Mondavi of Opus being one of them. Drink in the near future or cellar up to 2006-2010.



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**MONTHLY STORE TASTING**

This month's backroom tasting, we would like to invite you down to tour through the fascinating wines of Italy. On hand to lead the tasting will be **Mr. George Schwartz of Vias Imports**. Importers like Vias, Neil Empson and Winebow are a select group that set themselves apart from the rest. They are specialists in discovering smaller producers that offer top quality. Some from very obscure areas that most larger importers tend to overlook. They hold a solid portfolio ranging from the lower to higher price levels, and can be found throughout our store's selection.

We will start the evening off by showcasing a beautiful white from the region of Campania. Followed by a delicious red out of Sicily, Abruzzi, Tuscany and two more from the Northwest corner of Piedmont. Each wine expressing the distinct qualities from their regions. As you can see from the list below with one exception, we will be focusing on the great '97 vintage and all represented by Vias Imports. So we hope to see you on **Monday, November 15th at 6:30p.m.** for a very informative and fun evening.

**Tasting List is as Follows:**

- 1997 Fiano Di Avellino (Campania) White 18.99
- 1998 Barbera Piemonte (Piedmont) 6.99
- 1997 Colosi Rosso (Sicily) 7.99
- 1997 Cataldi Montepulciano (Abruzzi) 11.99
- 1997 Rocca Di Castagnoli (Tuscany) 15.99
- 1997 Produttori Nebbiolo Delle Langhe (Piedmont) 20.99