
LATTITUDE

MY FATHER HAS A COPPER PLAQUE IN HIS KITCHEN WHICH READS:

"SI LE VIN TE GENE DANS TON TRAVAIL, SUPPRIMES LE TRAVAIL"

WHICH TRANSLATES TO:

"IF WINE IS GETTING IN THE WAY OF YOUR WORK,
GET RID OF THE WORK."

IN ANGER, IN WINE, AND IN A CHILD THERE IS TRUTH. ENJOY!

JEFFREY DAIGNEAU, CHEF/OWNER

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ONE BOTTLE SPECIALS

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AYALA, BRUT, BRUT MATEUR, FRANCE, NV

\$54-

PALE GOLD IN COLOR WITH A FINE MOUSSE. THIS WINE IS RICH AND AROMATIC ON THE NOSE. ON THE PALATE, IT IS WELL BALANCED AND SHOWS GREAT FINESSE AND COMPLEXITY.

JERMANN, PINOT GRIS, FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA, ITALY, 2007

\$54-

INTENSE STRAW YELLOW COLOR WITH A DELICATE SHADE OF ROSE. THE BOUQUET IS AMPLE, FRUITY AND INTENSE, WITH EXCELLENT PERSISTENCE. FULL BODIED, MELLOW AND ESPECIALLY WELL BALANCED.

LINE 39, SAUVIGNON BLANC, LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2008

\$31-

THE 2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC OPENS WITH VIBRANT AROMAS OF GRAPEFRUIT AND LEMON CITRUS, WITH SUBTLE GRASSY CHARACTERS. ON THE PALATE, THIS WINE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT WITH REFRESHING FLAVORS OF GRAPEFRUIT, LIME AND LEMON, BALANCED BY BRIGHT, CRISP ACIDITY ON THE FINISH. THIS EASY SIPPING WINE MAKES A PERFECT APERITIF.

CLOUDY BAY, SAUVIGNON BLANC, MALBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND, 2008

\$44-

FRESH PASSION FRUIT AND JUICY PINEAPPLES WITH GARDEN-FRESH BASIL AND THE SPICINESS OF CRUSHED TOMATO LEAVES. THE PALATE IS LONG AND SUCCULENT, COMBINING EXOTIC FRUITS WITH RIPE, RED CAPSICUM AND A TWIST OF RICH LEMONY CITRUS

HOOKE AND LADDER, CHARDONNAY, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2008

\$37-

RIPE GREEN APPLE AND CITRUS IN THE AROMAS NOTES CINNAMON AND MELON ROUND IT OUT. JUICY APPLE RETURNS IN THE FLAVORS PAIRED WITH HINTS OF LIME AND VANILLA.

GRGICH HILLS, CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006

\$55-

CERTIFIED ORGANIC AND BIO-DYNAMIC. BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED BETWEEN ACID, FLAVORS AND BODY, THIS CHARDONNAY DISPLAYS NOTES OF LEMON ZEST, FLOWERS AND HONEY WITH A HINT OF CRUSHED STONES.

BURGAN'S, ALBARIÑO, RÍAS BAIXAS, SPAIN, 2008

\$30-

A FRUITY AROMA WITH A UNIQUE COMPLEXITY HIGHLIGHTING SLIGHT NUANCES OF RIPE APPLE. A DISTINCT SYRUP-LIKE TASTE AND SWEET CHARACTER GIVING AN INTENSE, PLEASURABLE SENSATION. A BALANCED, ROUNDED STRUCTURE FINISH MAKING IT PARTICULARLY SWEET.

STAG'S LEAP "FAY", CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005

\$99-

GENEROUS AROMAS OF VIOLETS, BLACKBERRY, NUTMEG, AND BLACK LICORICE REMINISCENT OF "GOOD 'N PLENTY" CANDY. THE AROMAS ARE FOLLOWED BY AN ALLURING MIX OF DARK FRUIT FLAVORS THAT ENVELOP THE PALATE WITH ACCENT NOTES OF CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA.

CAYMUS, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006

\$174-

DARK AND INTENSE WITH DEEP, RICH FLAVORS OF BLACK CURRANT, CHERRY, MOCHA AND SPICE. COMPLEX, RIVETING AROMAS OF SPICE, COLA AND SASSAFRAS JOIN WILD BERRY, SPICE, BLACK CHERRY AND SAGE NOTES IN THIS FULL-BODIED, INTENSELY FLAVORED, TIGHTLY FOCUSED AND VERY PERSISTENT DISPLAY OF FRUIT THAT'S LONG AND LINGERING.

HEITZ CELLAR "MARTHA'S VINEYARD", CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CALIFORNIA, 2004

\$190-

REFRESHING, RIPE AND COMPLEX, WITH VIVID RED CURRANT, BLACK CHERRY AND PLUM NOTES SHADED BY LIGHT MINT, TEA AND CEDARY OAK. THIS WINE FINISHES CLEAN AND FOCUSED.

JOSEPH PHELPS, "INSIGNIA", CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005

\$202-

A SLEEK WINE, WITH BLACK CURRANT FLAVORS EQUAL TO A SUBSTANTIAL PRESENCE OF OAK. THE TANNINS ARE SUPER RIPE AND LUXURIOUS; THEY GAIN DETAIL WITH AIR, BECOMING MORE MINERAL WHILE ALLOWING A FRESH SCENT OF ROSES TO COME FORWARD.

HILL & DALE, PINOTAGE, STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA, 2007

\$29-

A MEDIUM TO FULL-BODIED WINE WITH A CONCENTRATION OF RASPBERRY FRUITINESS AND SLIGHTLY AUSTERE ON THE FINISH. SOFT, RIPE TANNINS ADD TO A VERY PLEASANT FINISH THAT LINGERS.

SHAFER, MERLOT, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005

\$56-

THIS WINE OFFERS BIG SCOOPS OF RED AND BLACK FRUIT AROMAS AND FLAVORS, FRESH PLUMS, SWEET BLACK CHERRIES, CURRANTS, RED LICORICE, A LITTLE PEPPER. THE WINE MAINTAINS PLEASING DOSES OF FRAGRANT EARTH, SMOKE, AND MINERALITY.

K VINTNERS "PHIL LANE", SYRAH, WAHLUKE SLOPE, WASHINGTON, 2006

\$77-

A FRUIT-FORWARD WINE WITH A SPICY AND APPEALING PALATE THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS POPULAR WINE. TIGHT BLACKBERRY CORE, WRAPPED IN LEAF AND SHOWING A LOT OF EARTHY FLAVORS. THE OAK IS FOLDED INTO THE WINE, NOT DOMINANT, AND IT FINISHES WITH GOOD FOCUS, PURITY, AND BALANCE.

MCMANIS, PETITE SYRAH, RIVER VALLEY JUNCTION, CALIFORNIA, 2008

\$31-

DARK PURPLE IN COLOR. A DENSE AND JAMMY BOYSENBERRY AROMA WHICH IS ACCOMPANIED BY A CREAMY VANILLA AND SLIGHTLY SMOKY CHARACTER. THE WINE IS SOFT, ROUND AND BALANCED ON THE PALETTE.

HEY MAMBO, "SULTRY RED", BLENDED RED, CALIFORNIA, 2007

\$31-

NOSTALGIC AROMAS OF BLACK CHERRY JAM, TOBACCO BURNS, AND SWEET LEATHER. AN INTENSE PALATE OF DENSE BERRIES, LIKE BOYSENBERRY AND CASSIS THAT DELIVERS FLAVORS OF MULLING SPICES AND CRACKED BLACK PEPPER WITH FIRM TANNINS AND A SUPPLE, SILKY FINISH.

SPARKLING

GL BTL

MIONETTO PROSECCO BRUT, VENETO, ITALY, NV		\$9-
INTENSE FRUITY BOUQUET WITH A HINT OF GOLDEN APPLE. FRESH, WELL BALANCED, LIGHT IN BODY AND EASY TO DRINK.		
MOSCATO D'ASTI, S.S. CASTIGLIONE, LANZE, ITALY, 2009	(HALF BOTTLE)	\$11-
THE WINE IS SWEET AND LOW IN ALCOHOL AND OFTEN ENJOYED WITH DESSERT.		
DOMAINE STE MICHELLE, BRUT, COLUMBIA VALLEY, PATTERSON, WASHINGTON NV		\$27-
HANDCRAFTED IN TRADITIONAL STYLE OFFERING RICH FRUIT AND SLIGHT NUTTY AROMA AND FLAVOR		
VEUVE CLICQUOT BRUT YELLOW LABEL, REIMS, FRANCE, NV	(HALF BOTTLE) (FULL BOTTLE)	\$38- \$59-
FULL OF FLAVOR, THIS CLASSICAL DRY CHAMPAGNE IS BALANCED WITH ELEGANCE AND A FINE PERSISTENT SPARKLE AND GOLDEN CHAMPAGNE COLOR.		
BANFI ROSA REGALE, PIEDMONT, ITALY, 2008 / 2009 SWEET SPARKLING		\$39-
SWEET AND APPEALING WHILE AROMATIC WITH RASPBERRIES. IT IS A DELIGHTFUL, VIVACIOUS AND AROMATIC AND MARRIES WELL WITH CHOCOLATE, ESPECIALLY DARK OR BITTERSWEET.		
MOET & CHANDON, IMPERIAL, EPERNAY, FRANCE, NV		\$53-
SOFT AND MATURE AROMA OF WHITE FRUITS LIKE PEACHES, PEARS AND HINTS OF NUTS. IT'S BALANCED WITH MODEST LENGTH AND RICHNESS		
SCHRAMSBERG, BRUT, BLANC DE BLANC, NORTH COAST, CALIFORNIA, 2005		\$58-
JUST DELICIOUS, A WINE TO HAVE BY ITSELF, WITH SAVORIES, SUSHI OR THE MOST ELEGANT MEALS. CRISP AND BALANCED, IT HAS RICH FLAVORS OF PINEAPPLES, PEACH JAM, BRIOCHE AND VANILLA, WITH A SMOKY EDGE.		
DOM PERIGNON, MOET & CHANDON, EPERNAY, FRANCE, 2000		\$189-
AROMAS OF TROPICAL FRUITS, DRIED FLOWERS, COCOA, TOBACCO, CINNAMON AND HONEY. THE PALATE IS FULL, EARTHY, SMOKY AND COMPLEX WITH WARM SPICY NOTES.		

PINOT GRIGIO / PINOT GRIS

GL BTL

MEZZACORONA, TRENTO, ITALY, 2008		\$7-	\$27-
CRISP AND LIGHT WITH PLENTY OF FRUIT AROMAS AND FLAVORS TO GO WITH A SMOOTH AND LASTING FINISH.			
ERATH, "PINOT GRIS", WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON, 2008		\$8-	\$31-
TOASTY AROMAS OF BANANA CREAM PIE, LEMON AND FRESH APPLES. JUICY FLAVORS OF HONEYDEW MELON AND STONE FRUITS ARE ACCENTED BY INTRIGUING FLORAL NOTES WITH PALATE CLEANSING ACIDITY.			
MASI, MASIANCO DELLE VENEZIE, CASTIONS DI STRADA, ITALY, 2007		\$33-	
REFRESHING HINTS OF CITRUS AND APRICOTS. FLAVORS INCLUDE RIPE APPLES AND A SLIGHT TOUCH OF HONEY. DRY AND LONG ON THE FINISH. AN IDEAL APERITIF THAT'S PERFECT WITH HORS D'OEUVRES, FISH AND WHITE MEATS.			
ATTEMS, CUPRA RAMATO "COPPER", VENEZIA GIULIA, ITALY, 2008		\$36-	
RICH, LONG-LINGERING AROMAS OF TROPICAL FRUIT WITH IMPRESSIONS OF VANILLA. SMOOTH IN THE MOUTH WITH EXCEPTIONAL BALANCE AND A FIRM STRUCTURE.			
SANTA MARGHERITA, TRENTO-ALTO ADIGE, ITALY, 2008		\$42-	
THE CLEAN, INTENSE AROMA AND DRY FLAVOR WITH PLEASANT GOLDEN APPLE AFTERTASTE MAKE SANTA MARGHERITA PINOT GRIGIO A WINE OF GREAT CHARACTER AND VERSATILITY.			
CHALK HILL, "NORTH SLOPE", RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006		\$14-	\$59-
A BOUQUET OF WHITE PEACH, APRICOT, MARMALADE AND A SLIGHT HINT OF ROASTED HAZELNUT PRECEDE A ROUND PALATE OF ORANGE SPICE, NECTARINE AND CREAM. FINISH IS LONG WITH VANILLA, STONE FRUIT AND ALMONDS,			

SPECIAL WHITES

GL BTL

BERINGER, WHITE ZINFANDEL, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2008

~~\$6-~~ ~~\$19-~~

WINEMAKERS USE SLOW, COOL FERMENTATIONS TO PRESERVE THE VIBRANT, FRESH STRAWBERRY, HONEYDEW, AND CITRUS AROMAS AND FLAVORS.

SI SOAVE, SOAVE, ITALY, 2008

~~\$7-~~ ~~\$27-~~

SIMILAR IN STYLE TO A PINOT GRIGIO, WINES FROM SOAVE HAVE LESS OF AN ACIDIC KICK AND COME OFF SMOOTHER WITH FLAVORS OF APPLE, CITRUS AND TROPICAL FRUIT.

VIOGNIER, CHENIN BLANC, PINE RIDGE, OAKVILLE, CALIFORNIA, 2008

~~\$27-~~

LUSH AROMAS OF RUBY GRAPEFRUIT, PEAR, LYCHEE AND MELON, WITH A DELICATE TOUCH OF SPICY, WHITE FLORALS. LIVELY CITRUS AND BRIGHT TROPICAL FRUIT FLAVORS ARE OFFERED UP ALONGSIDE A SUPPLE TEXTURE.

VIOGNIER, CONO SUR, COLCHAGUA VALLEY, CHILE, 2008

~~\$29-~~

SWEET NOTES OF APRICOTS, CITRUS AND PEACHES ANTICIPATE FINAL HINTS OF AZAHAR FLOWERS. FRESH AND LIVELY IN MOUTH, THIS VIOGNIER IS CONCENTRATED, TASTY, FULL AND SAVORY.

HEY MAMBO, SWANKY WHITE, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$31-~~

FRAGRANT FLORAL BLOSSOMS, ROSE PETALS, RIPE APRICOTS AND A HINT OF CLOVES OVER A BACKDROP OF LEMON-LIME FROM THE MUSCAT GRAPE. THE PALATE IS VERY JUICY, HONEYED WITH GOOSEBERRIES FROM THE PRESENCE OF VIOGNIER AND GRASSY TONES FROM THE SAUVIGNON BLANC.

ROERO ARNEIS, VIETTI, CASTIGLIONE FALLETTO, ITALY, 2008

~~\$34-~~

PALE SUNSHINE YELLOW COLOR WITH FRESH FLORAL, CITRUS AND MELON AROMAS WITH HINTS OF ALMONDS. AN UN-OAKED, DRY, MEDIUM BODIED WHITE WINE WITH CRISP ACIDITY, THE ARNEIS IS WELL-BALANCED, ELEGANT WINE WITH GOOD COMPLEXITY AND A LINGERING FINISH.

CAMPO AL MARE, VERMENTINO DI TOSCANA, ITALY, 2006

~~\$37-~~

THE WINE IS PALE STRAW COLORED WITH GREEN HIGHLIGHTS. A NOSE DOMINATED BY WHITE AND DELICATE TROPICAL FRUITS COMPLEMENTED BY NOTES OF HERB AND SAGE. CRISP, CLEAN AND WELL-BALANCED WINE.

CONUNDRUM, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2008

~~\$43-~~

POWERFUL AROMAS OF GREEN APPLE, TANGERINE ZEST AND HONEYSUCKLE. CORE FLAVORS OF APRICOT, MELON, PEAR AND LIGHT VANILLA. THE LUSH, CREAMY, MOUTH FILLING TEXTURE IS HEIGHTENED BY POWERFUL FLORAL AND BRIGHT TROPICAL FRUIT NOTES AND LEADS TO A FULL, POWERFUL FINISH.

FUMÉ BLANC "RESERVE", ROBERT MONDAVI, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006

~~\$56-~~

MULTI-LAYERED AND COMPLEX, WITH AROMAS OF ZESTY LEMON, WHITE FLOWERS AND A SUBTLE HINT OF TARRAGON. AN ARRAY OF FRESH FRUIT FLAVORS BLOSSOMS IN THE MOUTH, WITH LAYERS OF LEMON CUSTARD AND TOASTY OAK ENDING IN AN EXCEPTIONALLY LONG FINISH.

- SILVER OAK, ALEXANDER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005** **\$84-**
 THIS WINE DISPLAYS AROMAS OF FRESH BLACKBERRIES, VIOLETS, COLA, NUTMEG AND LICORICE. IN THE MOUTH, THE WINE HAS A JUICY ATTACK AND OFFERS GREAT EXPRESSION OF FRUIT AND SPICE ON THE MID-PALATE. ITS FRUIT-DRIVEN FINISH IS LONG AND ELEGANT
- PAUL HOBBS, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007** **\$87-**
 THE NOSE IS PERFUMED WITH BLACK CHERRY, DUSTY ROSE AND TEA. THE PALATE IS FULL-THROTTLE IN FLAVOR AND SILKY IN TEXTURE, WITH CASSIS, MOCHA AND CIGAR BOX THAT CARRY THROUGH THE MID-PALATE AND LEAD TO A SPICY FINISH AND FINE, CHEWY TANNINS.
- ÉTUDE, NAPA VALLEY, NAPA, CALIFORNIA, 2005** **\$93-**
 INVITING AROMAS OF BLACK PLUM, BLUEBERRY AND LICORICE LEAP FROM THE GLASS OF THIS WINE AND LEAD TO LAYERS OF GINGERBREAD SPICE AND MINT. THIS WINE HAS THE SIGNATURE DEPTH AND RICHNESS OF FRUIT AND VELVETY TEXTURE. THE PALATE IS FULL OF DARK FRUIT SUPPORTED BY SUPPLE TANNINS THAT ARE LONG AND FINE.
- DARIOUSH, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006** **\$100-**
 ENTICING AROMAS OF VANILLA BEAN, BLACKBERRY AND CRÈME DE CASSIS INTRODUCE THIS BOLD YET HARMONIOUS WINE. A RICH AND WELL-FOCUSED PALATE IS ENDOWED WITH LAYERED FLAVORS OF WILD BLACK CHERRY, PLUM AND ESPRESSO. AN ELEGANT AND GENEROUS FINISH IS ACCENTED BY DELICATE HINTS OF CINNAMON, NUTMEG AND SPICE.
- NICKEL & NICKEL “SULLENGER”, OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006** **\$102-**
 PERFUMED WITH AROMAS OF DARK FRUITS. CHERRY AND BLACK CHERRY FRUITS ARE LAYERED WITH SWEET HERB, SPICE AND CEDAR FROM THE OAK. FLAVORS EXPAND ON THE MIDDLE PALATE WITH SWEET, CHEWY TANNINS, RESULTING IN A LONG, DELICIOUS FINISH.
- NICKEL & NICKEL “VOGT”, HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006** **\$102-**
 THE AROMAS OF JAMMY FRUIT AND FLORAL NOTES ARE DARK AND INTENSE. THE PALATE OFFERS SWEET, RICH FLAVORS OF BLACKBERRY AND CASSIS MIXED WITH FLORAL AND SPICE. INCREDIBLY CONCENTRATED, THIS WINE IS POWERFUL, YET SOFT, WITH FIRM, POLISHED TANNINS.
- NICKEL & NICKEL “CC RANCH”, RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005** **\$102-**
 OAKVILLE SPECIALIST FAR NIENTE TURNS TO RUTHERFORD FOR THIS SINGLE-VINEYARD, 100% CAB. THE WINE IS SOFT AND EXCEPTIONALLY RIPE IN BLACKBERRY AND CHERRY FRUIT FLAVORS, WHILE LOTS OF TOASTY OAK ADDS VANILLA ACCENTS THAT MAKE THE WINE JAMMY.
- PALMAZ VINEYARDS, “ESTATE BOTTLES”, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005** **\$125-**
 COOLER CLIMATE ENSURED THIS WINE HAS GREAT DEPTH AND STRUCTURE. THE PALATE IS GENEROUS AND SILKY WITH FLAVORS RANGING FROM DARK FRUITS AND CASSIS TO EARTH AND SPICE. THIS IS A COMPLETE WINE THAT DRINKS WELL IN ITS YOUTH.
- FAR NIENTE, “ESTATE BOTTLED”, OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006** **\$142-**
 BRIGHT WITH RIPE, PURPLE FRUITS, THIS WINE WILL IMPRESS WITH COMPLEX, LAYERED AROMAS OF BLACK LICORICE AND BRIAR PATCH. THE SILKY ENTRY PROGRESSES ALONG THE PALATE AND GIVES WAY TO DENSE, VELVETY CHOCOLATE AND TOAST. FULL-BODIED AND CONCENTRATED THROUGHOUT, THE WINE LINGERS ON WITH A LONG, LAYERED FINISH.
- STAGLIN, “ESTATE BOTTLED”, RUTHERFORD, CALIFORNIA, 2005** **\$195-**
 MASSIVE, DEEP AND TREMENDOUS IN STYLE, THIS WINE EXPLODES IN BLACK CURRANTS, CHOCOLATE AND NEW OAK, ALMOST OVERRIPE, WITH SUGGESTIONS OF RAISINS. THE CEDARY NOSE IS INTERMIXED WITH BLACK CURRANTS, CRUSHED ROCKS, SMOKE, AND EARTH. THE WINE HAS BEAUTIFUL TEXTURE, LOTS OF LAYERS, DEPTH, RICHNESS, AND A LONG FINISH.
- STAG’S LEAP “CASK 23”, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005** **\$205-**
 CLASSIC CASSIS AND BLACKBERRY AROMAS WRAPPED IN TOFFEE AND VANILLA PLAY OFF OF THE SAVORY AROMAS OF ROSEMARY, TRUFFLES AND COCOA POWDER ON THE WINE’S EXUBERANT BOUQUET. ON THE PALATE, THE WINE SHOWS A CORE OF DARK BERRY, CASSIS AND CHERRY FRUIT, HIGHLIGHTED BY FLAVORS OF DARK CHOCOLATE, ESPRESSO AND VANILLA. SILKY TANNINS CARRY THROUGH TO THE WINES GRATIFYING, FRUIT-FULL FINISH.

MERLOT

GL BTL

THE VELVET DEVIL, CHARLES SMITH WINERY, WASHINGTON, 2008 ~~\$8-~~ ~~\$30-~~
THE LIGHT CHERRY NOSE HAS NONE OF THE HERBAL OR GREEN SMELLS THAT ALWAYS PLAGUE THE TYPICAL MERLOT. THE MOUTH IS MEDIUM WEIGHT, HAS A BRIGHT CHERRY ENTRY AND VERY MILD TANNINS.

ANNABELLA, MICHAEL POZZAN WINERY, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006 ~~\$32-~~
MEDIUM TANNINS WITH A FINE COMPLEXITY. IT HAS A TYPE OF EARTHY FRUIT IN THE MOUTH AND NOSE, WHICH GIVES THE WINE A LINGERING FINISH.

CHRISTIAN MOUEIX "ENCORE", BOREAUX, FRANCE, 2005 ~~\$34-~~
THIS WINE HAS A BALANCE TO THE ACIDITY AND TANNINS THAT CREATE A FINISHED WINE THAT IS READY TO ENJOY. RICH LAYERING OF SMOOTH, ROUND TANNINS AND SWEET, SUPPLE BERRY AND WILD CHERRY FRUIT FLAVORS.

STEELE, LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2003 ~~\$35-~~
LOTS OF FRUIT, MEDIUM TANNINS AND A LONG LINGERING FINISH. GREAT AROMAS AND FLAVORS ARE PROPERLY MELDED BY ADDING CELLARING TIME AT THE VINEYARD.

BENZIGER, MERLOT, SONOMA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006 ~~\$37-~~
MARKED BY AROMAS OF BRIGHT CHERRY, RED FRUIT AND BLACK PLUM WITH NOTES OF VANILLA SPICE WHICH ARE CONFIRMED ON THE PALATE WITH FLAVORS OF BLACKBERRY, CHOCOLATE AND DRIED HERB. BRIMMING WITH BRIGHT, WELL-DEVELOPED FRUIT, THE WINE SHOWS A RICH, FULL-BODIED MIDDLE MOUTH FEEL, FINE GRAINED, WELL-INTEGRATED TANNINS AND A LONG, SPICE AND CREAM FINISH.

FREEMARK ABBY, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005 / 2006 ~~\$39-~~
THE WINE HAS INVITING DEPTH OF AROMA AND BOUQUET, FILLED WITH BING CHERRY, DARK RED RASPBERRY COMPOTE, MILK CHOCOLATE, AROMATIC CEDAR, MUSHROOM AND VIOLETS. THE FLAVOR IS BRIGHT AND CRISP WITH SOMEWHAT DRYING TANNINS. THE FRUIT AROMA IS REMINISCENT OF DRIED CHERRIES OR CRANBERRIES.

CHALK HILL, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA, CALIFORNIA, 2006 ~~\$15-~~ ~~\$55-~~
AROMAS OF SUMMER BRUSH, HUCKLEBERRY, EUCALYPTUS AND A SLIGHT SMOKINESS ARE MATCHED ON THE PALATE WITH VIOLETS, BLUEBERRY FRUIT, MILK CHOCOLATE AND MOIST EARTH.

FROGS LEAP, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006 ~~\$58-~~
OFFERING AROMAS OF RED CURRANT, DAMP EARTH AND A TOUCH OF CEDAR. ACROSS THE PALATE THE WINE'S SOFT AND PLUSH TEXTURE IS FULL OF FRUIT FLAVORS, PLUM AND BLACK CHERRY, THAT LEAD TO A LINGERING FINISH THAT HINTS AT TOASTED ALMONDS. THIS MERLOT REVEALS SMOOTH TANNINS SUBTLE OAK AND SUPPLE MOUTH FEEL.

DUCKHORN, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$62-~~
A RICH TEXTURE, RIPE TANNINS AND SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATED INTO FRENCH OAK. THE BOUQUET DISPLAYS LUSH LAYERS OF RIPE PLUM AND BRIGHT RASPBERRY UNDERSCORED BY NOTES OF SANDALWOOD, WALNUT AND SPICE. ON THE PALATE, POLISHED FLAVORS OF RED CHERRY AND RASPBERRY ARE ACCENTED BY AN ENTICING LAYER OF GRAHAM CRACKER PIECRUST.

PETITE SIRAH

GL BTL

SPELLBOUND, LODI, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$34-~~
BRIGHT FRUIT AND ACIDITY WITH UNDERTONES OF VANILLA CRÈME BRULÉE. SOFTENING TANNINS ENHANCE THE STRUCTURE.

DAVID BRUCE, CENTRAL COAST, CALIFORNIA, 2006 ~~\$38-~~
INTENSE FRUITY AROMAS OF RASPBERRY AND BLUEBERRY EVIDENT BY THE RICH COLOR IN THE GLASS. A FULL, DENSE AND FLESHY TEXTURE WITH A LONG VELVETY FINISH.

GIRARD, YOUNTVILLE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$47-~~
BLUEBERRY AND WILD SPICY PURPLE FRUIT FLAVORS. THE FRESHNESS AND BALANCE OF THAT FRUIT, HELD BY A FIRM STRUCTURE WITH THE DETAIL ARTICULATED IN THE WINE.

SHIRAZ / SYRAH

GL BTL

THE FORMULA, ROBERT'S SHIRAZ, SMALL GULLY LOT F, AUSTRALIA, 2004 ~~\$33-~~

THE TASTE EXPLODES WITH BLACKBERRY AND CHERRY FRUIT ALONG WITH SPICE, PEPPER, AND UNDERBRUSH CHARACTERISTICS. SIMPLY PUT, IT IS A COMPLEX, NUANCED, MOUTH-FILLING, TEETH-STAINING FRUIT BOMB FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

BOOM BOOM, CHARLES SMITH WINERY, WASHINGTON, 2007 ~~\$10-~~ ~~\$38-~~

THIS WINE IS DEEP PURPLE IN COLOR WITH COMPLEX, RICH AND EXPLOSIVE BLACKBERRY AROMAS AND FLAVORS. DEEP FRUITS CARRY OVER TO THE PALATE WHERE THEY ARE ACCENTED BY VIOLETS, LAVENDER AND EARTH.

K VINTNERS "MILBRANT", WALLA WALLA VALLEY, WASHINGTON, 2006 ~~\$12-~~ ~~\$47-~~

THIS WINE SMELLS OF VIOLETS AND LAVENDER. IN THE MOUTH IT IS SO OPULENT, BUT SO FEMININE. HINTS OF ROASTED MEAT, GAME, AND COOL STONE ON THE PALATE.

PENFOLDS "BIN 128" SHIRAZ, COONAWARRA, AUSTRALIA, 2006 ~~\$49-~~

SPICY AND SLIGHTLY SPIRITY WITH HERBAL AROMAS OF CASSIS, BLACKBERRIES AND POLISHED CEDAR CHOCOLATE OAK OVERLAY SOME LEATHERY REDUCTIVE INFLUENCES. A PALATE OF RIPE WILD FRUIT FLAVOR IS FRAMED BY A FIRM GRIP OF FIRM TANNIN.

DE TRAFFORD "BLUEPRINT" SHIRAZ, STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA, 2005 ~~\$52-~~

AN INTENSE BERRY, SPICE, LIQUORICE AND WILD HERB NOSE. FULL PALATE PACKED WITH COMPLEX FRUIT AND SOFT, RIPE TANNINS. FINELY TEXTURED WITH A LONG WARM FINISH. GORGEOUS AROMAS OF STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING, FIG AND BLACK CURRANT PRESERVE FOLLOWED BY RIPE BUT STREAMLINED FLAVORS OF BLACK FRUITS, TAR, TRUFFLES AND INCENSE. FINE ACIDITY CARRIES THE FINISH.

FESS PARKER SYRAH, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$58-~~

STARTS WITH A BOUQUET OF LAYER UPON LAYER OF EARTHEN BLUEBERRY AND BLACKBERRY AND FINISHES WITH A SMOKY PLUM, DRIED MEATS, VANILLA CUSTARD, SUBTLE BACON AND MILD PEPPERY SPICE TASTE.

SPANISH RED

GL BTL

CAMPO VIEJO RIOJA, TEMPRANILLO, CRIANZA, SPAIN, 2006 ~~\$27-~~

CLEAR, BRIGHT CHERRY RED, WITH GOOD DEPTH AND GOLDEN GLINTS. A POWERFUL, UPFRONT RED BERRY NOSE. SWEET VANILLA AND COCONUT AROMAS ARE BALANCED BY TOASTED OAK. AROMATIC AND SMOOTH WITH A PERSISTENT, FRESH AND ELEGANT FINISH.

MARQUÉS DE CÁCERES, CRIANZA, RIOJA, SPAIN, 2005 ~~\$32-~~

BRIGHT RUBY RED COLOR. LIVELY BOUQUET WITH NOTES OF RED FRUIT THAT ADD A PLEASANT FRESHNESS SOFTENED BY A DISCREET TOUCH OF VANILLA. DELICIOUSLY FULL IN THE MOUTH WHERE SILKY, WELL-INTEGRATED TANNINS HIGHLIGHTS THE WINE'S FRUIT.

DARIEN RIOJA, CRIANZA, SPAIN, 2004 / 2005 ~~\$35-~~

BRIGHT RED COLOR. THE NOSE SHOWS A COMBINATION OF LOVELY RED FRUIT FLAVORS AND COMPLEX TOASTY AROMAS WITH A HINT OF SMOKE. IT HAS MEDIUM WEIGHT ON THE PALATE WITH CHERRY FLAVORS FOLLOWED BY SPICY, SMOKY NOTES. THE FINISH IS SUPPORTED BY MODERATE TANNINS AND BRIGHT ACIDITY, PROVIDING GREAT STRUCTURE TO THE INTENSE FRUIT.

LA PLANTA, BODEGAS ARZUAGA NAVARRO, RIBERA DEL DUERO, SPAIN, 2007 ~~\$36-~~

SMOKY CHERRY QUALITY, WITH HINTS OF MOCHA AND VANILLA FROM A BRIEF FOUR MONTH STINT IN OAK ADDING COMPLEXITY TO THE FRUIT.

LA MONTESA, PALACIOS REMONDO, RIOJA, SPAIN, 2005 ~~\$38-~~

COLA, NUTMEG AND TOBACCO NOTES FRAME PLUM, EARTH AND COFFEE FLAVORS IN THIS BROODING RED, WHICH HAS GOOD GRIP AND STAYS FRESH THROUGH THE SMOKY FINISH.

PRIORAT, FERRER / BOBET, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 2005 ~~\$55-~~

VIVID RED COLOR. SPICY RED BERRIES AND CHERRY ON THE NOSE, WITH SUAVE NUTMEG AND CINNAMON ADDING COMPLEXITY. LIGHT-BODIED, FRESH RED FRUIT FLAVORS REMINDED ME OF PINOT NOIR, AS DID THE SILKY TEXTURE AND FINE-GRAINED TANNINS. CLEAN AND UNDERSTATED, WITH GOOD FINISHING SWEETNESS AND NO ROUGH EDGES.

PINOT NOIR

GL BTL

HANGTIME CELLARS, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$8-~~ ~~\$30-~~

PRODUCED TO BE LOVELY AND DELICATE WITH INTRIGUING FRUIT CHARACTER. VIVID RED FRUIT WITH HINTS OF SPICE. A TIGHT TEXTURE AND GRACEFUL LENGTH ON THE PALATE.

ANGELINE, SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$32-~~

VIBRANT CHERRY AND SWEET SPICE AROMAS WITH SUMMER RASPBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES PUSH THE BURST OF FRUIT STRAIGHT THROUGH TO THE SURPRISINGLY LONG FINISH.

ERATH, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON, 2008

~~\$34-~~

BLACK CHERRY AROMAS, UNDERScoreD BY SWEET MANDARIN ORANGE, GREET THE NOSE AS WARM, CLOVE-LACED VANILLA WAFTS GENTLY AMONG SUBTLE HINTS OF ANISE AND CARAMEL. THE WINE OPENS ON THE PALATE WITH MORE HINTS OF SWEET BLACK CHERRY, WHICH FLOWS SEAMLESSLY INTO A SUPPLE SILKINESS.

LA CREMA, SONOMA COAST, CALIFORNIA, 2008

~~\$10-~~ ~~\$38-~~

ENGAGING AROMAS OF RIPE, ROUND CHERRY. FLORAL NOTES OF SPICY CLOVE, LICORICE AND CHERRY CONTINUE IN THE MOUTH, MELDING WITH RICH PLUM, ORANGE PEEL AND TEA LEAVES OVER A MOUTH-WATERING JAMMINES. BALANCED ACIDITY AND FIRM TANNINS ROUND OUT A LONG, LINGERING FINISH.

SONOMA-CUTRER, "ESTATE BOTTLED", WINDSOR, CALIFORNIA, 2006

~~\$44-~~

AROMAS OF BLACK CHERRY AND CURRANTS FOLLOWED BY NOTES OF CEDAR AND ALLSPICE. A STRONG FLORAL COMPONENT MARRIES THE FRUIT BOUQUET, WHILE LEAVING ROOM FOR THE SUBTLE INFLUENCE OF THE NEW FRENCH OAK. IN THE MOUTH THE FIRST IMPRESSION IS BERRIES...RASPBERRY, BLUEBERRY AND BLACKBERRY.

WILD HORSE, CENTRAL COAST, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$45-~~

THIS WINE SHOWCASES AROMAS AND FLAVORS OF BRIGHT RASPBERRY, RIPE STRAWBERRY, AND DUSTY SPICES LEADING TO A RICH, JUICY, WELL-BALANCED MOUTH FEEL.

STEELE, "CARNEROS", KELSEYVILLE-LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2006 /2007

~~\$48-~~

MEDIUM BODIED WITH PLENTY OF JUICY RASPBERRY FRUIT ON THE PALATE. INTERESTING DARK BERRY FRUITS ARE MELDED INTO THE PALETTE FOR A DEEP RICH AND LINGERING FINISH.

EMERITUS, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$52-~~

SPICE, FLORAL AND WILD BERRY AROMAS FOLD OVER THE PALETTE WHERE THEY ARE INTENSE, FOCUSED AND DELICATE. THE WINE FINISHES WITH A BURST OF WILD BERRY FLAVORS, CLEAN ACIDITY AND DEEP LUSH FLAVORS OF CHOCOLATE AND SPICE.

ROW ELEVEN, SANTA MARIA VALLEY, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, 2006

~~\$55-~~

A TASTE OF RED CHERRIES, LIGHTER SMOKE AND HINTS OF BACON WITH TONS OF FINESSE AND ELEGANCE. LUSCIOUS TEXTURE WITH SMOOTH BERRY FRUIT FLAVORS SUBTLY INFLUENCED BY MILD OAK.

ETUDE, CARNEROS, "ESTATE GROWN", NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$56-~~

THIS DARK RUBY/PLUM-HUED WINE OFFERS PLENTY OF SWEET CHERRY, POMEGRANATE, WOOD SPICE, AND FOREST FLOOR CHARACTERISTICS IN ITS ROUND, GRACIOUS, EXPANSIVE PERSONALITY.

DOMAINE DROUHIN, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON, 2007

~~\$59-~~

MEDIUM RUBY-COLORED WITH AN ATTRACTIVE BOUQUET OF WOOD SMOKE, SPICE BOX, CHERRY, AND RASPBERRY. THIS LEADS TO A WINE WITH AN ELEGANT PERSONALITY MARKED BY RACY, SAVORY RED FRUITS, A SILKY TEXTURE, EXCELLENT BALANCE, AND A PERSISTENT, FRUIT-FILLED FINISH.

DARIOUSH, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006

~~\$62-~~

THIS WINE IS DEFINED BY ITS STRIKING RUBY-RED CLARITY AND DELICATE FLORAL FRAGRANCE. IT OFFERS AN ENTICING PERFUME OF ORANGE PEEL, STRAWBERRY AND LAVENDER UNLOCKS INTEGRATED FLAVORS OF RIPE RASPBERRY, RED CURRANT AND EARTHY FOREST FLOOR ON THE MID-PALATE.

FESS PARKER, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$65-~~

ENTICING AROMAS OF BLACK CHERRY, FOREST FLOOR, COLA, BLACK CURRANT, RASPBERRY, SANDALWOOD AND NUTMEG. FLAVORS OF BLACK CHERRY, RED CURRANT, CRANBERRY, CHOCOLATE, SPICE AND VANILLA.

BELLE GLOS, LAS ALTURAS VINEYARD, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2007

~~\$68-~~

DARK RUBY COLOR WITH AROMATIC NOTES OF BLACKBERRY AND CURRANT. RICHLY LAYERED FLAVORS OF DARK BERRIES, BARBECUE SPICES AND TOASTED VANILLA OFFER A CONCENTRATED, SLIGHTLY EARTHY BUT ELEGANT WINE WITH A LUSH TEXTURE.

CAKEBREAD, RUTHERFORD, CALIFORNIA, 2006

~~\$73-~~

THIS WINE STARTS WITH EARTH-DUSTED BRAMBLE FRUIT AROMAS AND A HINT OF ESPRESSO TO WAKE UP YOUR SENSES. IN THE MOUTH, THE CURRANT AND BLACKBERRY FRUIT CONTINUES ON A WAVE OF PURE, DARK CHOCOLATE. A MOUTH-FILLING WINE WITH FIRM TANNINS.

ZINFANDEL

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RIDGE LYTTON SPRINGS, SONOMA, CALIFORNIA, 2007 (HALF BOTTLE) **\$30-**

DEEP RUBY IN COLOR. HEAVILY OAK-INFLUENCED AT THE OUTSET, SHOWING CANDIED DARK BERRIES, CHERRY-COLA, BOURBON AND VANILLA SCENTS WITH NOTES OF CLOVE AND INCENSE. SWEET RASPBERRY AND BLUEBERRY FRUIT EMERGE ON THE PALATE. SOFT TANNINS ADD SUPPORT BUT QUICKLY FADE INTO THE SWEET AND VELVETY FRUIT ON THE FINISH.

SEVEN DEADLY ZINS, LODI, CALIFORNIA, 2007 **\$8- \$31-**

SOFT AND SUPPLE PEPPER AND LICORICE-CLOVE NOTES MERGE INTO A SINFUL MARRIAGE OF DEEP, BRAMBLY BLACKBERRIES AND LUSTFUL CHERRIES. THE FINISH IS CLEAN ON THE PALATE WITH HINTS OF RICH VANILLA, COCOA, AND MILD TANNINS

BONTERRA, "CERTIFIED ORGANIC", ZINFANDEL, MENDOCINO, CALIFORNIA, 2007 **\$33-**

AROMAS OF RED RASPBERRY AND BRAMBLY FRUIT WITH HINTS OF MOUNTAIN BLUEBERRY AND A TOUCH OF WHITE PEPPER AND CEDAR SPICE. FLAVORS OF RICH PLUM, BLACKBERRY COMPOTE, BLACK PEPPER ACCENT A SWEET MOUTH FEEL WITH MATURE, EASY-GOING TANNINS.

PLUNGERHEAD, OLD VINE, LODI, CALIFORNIA, 2008 **\$10- \$38-**

THE CORE OF THE WINE IS VERY ROBUST WITH DARK FRUIT INCLUDING BLACK CHERRY AND CASSIS FOLLOWED BY GENEROUS AND INTEGRATED SPICE FLAVORS OF CARDAMOM, LICORICE WITH AMPLE COFFEE FLAVORS ON THE BACKSIDE WHICH FINISHES WITH THE CLASSIC OLD VINE, RESINOUS FINISH.

RAVENSWOOD, OLD VINE, LODI CALIFORNIA, 2006 / 2007 **\$37-**

PLUM, BLUEBERRY AND CLOVES FILL THE NOSE. BERRY AND SPICE NOTES CONTINUE THROUGH THE PALATE AND FILL YOUR TASTE BUDS WITH LAYERS OF FLAVOR. CONTINUED BERRY, EMERGING EARTH, AND A WALLOP OF ADDITIONAL SPICES ARE ALL PART OF AN IMPRESSIVE FINISH.

RENWOOD, OLD VINE, AMADOR COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 2005 **\$41-**

RUBY IN COLOR. THE BOUQUET CONSISTS OF CRANBERRY, ALLSPICE, NUTMEG AND BLACKBERRY COMPOTE. THE FLAVOR HAS RIPE BERRY FRUIT ON THE ENTRY, FOLLOWING WITH THE MEDLEY OF HOLIDAY SPICES, AND FINISHING WITH CHALKY TANNINS AND THE VANILLA BEAN.

STORYBOOK VINEYARD, "ESTATE RESERVE", NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2005 **\$69-**

ELEGANT, FRAGRANT AND BALANCED WITH AROMAS OF BLUEBERRIES, BLACK CHERRIES, MINERALS AND FLOWERS. THE RICH DARK FRUIT SWIRL IN ON THE TONGUE AND ENDS WITH A SILKY, CONCENTRATED TEXTURE. IT IS A RIPE, GENEROUS, YET IMPECCABLY BALANCED WINE WHOSE KEEN BLACKBERRY FRUIT IN NOSE AND MOUTH COMES WITH A MIX OF INTENSITY AND YOUTHFUL RESTRAINT THAT PROMISES MORE AND BETTER AS THE WINE AGES.

TURLEY, PRESENTI VINEYARD, PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA, 2006 **\$67-**

A TOUCH OF WHITE PEPPER, BLACK PEPPER AND A MÉLANGE OF RED BERRY FRUIT ON THE NOSE. IN THE MOUTH THE WINE HAS A DISTINCT FLAVOR. DENSE, CHEWY, SPICY AND LOADS OF WILD RED BERRY FRUIT DOMINATE THIS WINE. A LITTLE MINTY ON THE FINISH.

MALBEC

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TRAPICHE, "OAK CASK", MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, 2007 **\$8- \$30-**

THE BOUQUET IS IMMENSELY FRUIT FORWARD WITH TONS OF RIPE BLACK BERRIES. THE PALATE IS DEEPLY INTENSE WITH TOAST AND RICH RIPE FRUIT THAT FILLS THE MOUTH.

TILIA, MALBEC, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, 2008 / 2009 **\$32-**

THE NOSE OFFERS BRIGHT BLACK CHERRY AROMAS WITH LIGHT FLORAL NOTES AND A TOUCH OF TOAST. THE MOUTH FEEL IS FULL AND RICH, WITH RIPE, CONCENTRATED CASSIS AND BLACK RASPBERRY.

NANDU, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, 2006 / 2008 **\$34-**

THIS WINE HAS AROMAS THAT ARE FULL OF STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY, RED CURRANT WITH A HINT OF BLACK FRUIT AND SPICES. THE WINE IS FULL, ROUND, FLESHY, VERY WELL BALANCED AND HAS A GOOD AND FRESH FINISH.

SALENTEIN, VALLE DE UCO, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, 2006 **\$41-**

A BRIGHT PURPLE WINE OF GREAT INTENSITY AND DEPTH. AROMAS OF MARKED PERSONALITY, IN WHICH THE MALBEC CHARACTER IS PERFECTLY RECOGNIZABLE, WITH REMINISCENCES OF FRESH AND RIPE PLUMS. A TOUCH OF CHERRY AND A TOUCH OF MINT AS SEASONING.

CATENA, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, 2007 **\$44-**

DARK FRUIT AROMAS WITH DELICATE FLORAL NOTES AND TRACES OF VANILLA AND MOCHA. THE MOUTH FEEL IS RICH AND LUSH, WITH CONCENTRATED BLACK CHERRY AND RED CURRANT FRUIT FLAVORS LAYERED WITH SWEET SPICES, TOBACCO AND A TOUCH OF LEATHER.

RED BLENDS

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THE TILLERMAN, HOOK & LADDER, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$9-~~ ~~\$34-~~
THE TILLERMAN IS COMPOSED OF 52% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 17% SANGIOVESE, 16% MERLOT, AND 15% CABERNET FRANC. DARK FRUITS ARE COMPLEMENTED BY AROMAS OF CEDAR, BLACK LICORICE, AND VERY SLIGHT GREEN VEGETABLE SCENTS. ON THE PALATE THE WINE IS DRY AND SHOWS FLAVORS OF BLACKBERRY, OAK, STEEL, CACAO, AND CHERRY.

BETTS & SCHOLL, "THE O.G. GRENACHE" BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA, 2006 ~~\$45-~~
VELVETY, ROUND AND REMARKABLY TRANSPARENT. RASPBERRY, CHERRY AND DUSKY SPICE FLAVORS COMPETE FOR ATTENTION AS THE FLAVORS SAIL THROUGH THE LONG FINISH, FRAMED WITH FINE GRAINED TANNINS. ENERGETIC RED AND DARK BERRY AROMAS EXPAND WITH AIR, PICKING UP FRESH ROSE AND INCENSE QUALITIES.

ZACA MESA 'Z' CUVEE, RHONE BLEND, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, 2004 ~~\$35-~~
EACH GRAPE ADDS ITS OWN NUANCE: GRENACHE ADDS RICH RASPBERRY FLAVORS; MOURVÈDRE BRINGS NOTES OF BLUEBERRY; SYRAH, FLAVORS OF BLACKBERRY AND RIPE TANNINS AND A TOUCH OF CINSAUT'S DUSTY BERRY NOTES.

CHOCOLATE BOX, GSM, BAROSSA VALLEY, ROCKLAND, AUSTRALIA, 2007 ~~\$40-~~
ON THE NOSE EARTHY AROMAS OF SAVORY OAK, DARK CHERRIES AND STEWED RHUBARB. SPICE AND CINNAMON OVER A ROBUST AND GENEROUS BODY. IT LEAVES A PERSISTENT LINGERING SILKY FINISH.

STELZNER, CLARET ESTATE, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$42-~~
CORE DARK FRUIT AROMAS OF PLUMS AND BLACK CHERRIES MINGLE WITH LIVELY COLA, BAKING SPICE AND CEDAR NOTES. THE FRUIT FROM THE AROMAS ARE PRESENT IN THE MOUTH AS WELL WITH RICH PLUM AND CHERRY COLA FLAVORS BEING FRAMED BY VANILLA AND LIGHT OAK. THERE ARE NICE DRY TANNINS THROUGHOUT THAT ARE WELL INTEGRATED AND PROVIDE A LONG SATISFYING FINISH.

ARTISTRY, GIRARD VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, 2006 ~~\$48-~~
THIS WINE IS DARK, RUBY RED WINE WITH AROMAS OF KIRSCH, DARK PLUM, RASPBERRY, SUGAR COOKIES AND NUTMEG. THERE ARE ALSO HINTS OF HERBAL TEA, SADDLE LEATHER AND TOASTED WALNUTS. ON THE PALATE, THIS FIRMLY-TEXTURED WINE OFFERS A FULL MOUTH FEEL WITH FLAVORS OF CHOCOLATE CHERRY TRUFFLES, BLACKBERRY TART AND CURRANTS.

FLOWERS, PERENNIAL, SONOMA COAST, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$54-~~
IT'S FRUIT-FILLED TO THE CORE, WITH NOTES OF STRAWBERRY, PLUM, BLACKBERRY AND RASPBERRY ACCENTUATED BY MOCHA AND MINERAL NOTES. SMOOTH TANNINS AND GOOD ACIDITY MAKE THIS EASY TO DRINK NOW.

JUSTIN SAVANT, PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA, 2006 ~~\$55-~~
COMBINING SYRAH (62%), CABERNET SAUVIGNON (34%) AND MALBEC (4%). AROMAS OF DRIED FLOWERS, FRESHLY-TILLED SOIL, DARK CHOCOLATE AND SOUR CHERRY CARRY OVER TO THE PALATE, WHICH HAS BRIGHT FRUIT AND EARTH AND WELL-INTEGRATED TANNINS. IT FINISHES WITH BUTTERSCOTCH LATTE ESSENCES.

JUSTIN ISOSCELES, PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA, 2007 ~~\$84-~~
86% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 9% CABERNET FRANC AND 5% MERLOT. THE PALATE IS RICH AND LOADED WITH PLUMP, LUSH FLAVORS OF BLACKBERRY, COFFEE BEAN, PASTILLES, KIRSCH AND HARDWOOD SMOKE.

ITALIAN RED

GL BTL

- SARTORI DI VERONA VALPOLICELLA, VENETO, ITALY, 2006** **\$32-**
RUBY RED COLOR, DELICATE AND PLEASANT AROMA, DRY BUT VELVETY TASTE. THE NOSE OFFERS SMOKED CHERRIES WITH EARTHINESS LURKING AT THE BACK. CHERRIES AGAIN IN THE MOUTH, SOUR ONES SLIGHTLY ROASTED. THIS IS A MEDIUM BODIED WINE WITH A NICE ACIDITY.
- VIETTI, NEBBIOLO, PERBACCO, ITALY, 2007** **\$35-**
THIS WINE OFFERS UP GENEROUS FRUIT ALONG WITH MENTHOL, SPICES AND HARD CANDY, SHOWING NOTABLE INTENSITY WHILE RETAINING AN ESSENTIALLY MID-WEIGHT STYLE. ROUND, SUAVE TANNINS ADD TO THE LONG AND REFINED FINISH.
- BANFI CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, DOCG, MONTALCINO, ITALY, 2005** **\$43-**
AFTER AGING TWO YEARS IN SLAVONIAN OAK CASKS, THIS ELEGANT, WELL-BALANCED WINE HAS FLAVORS OF VANILLA, COCOA AND SPICE. FULL BODIED WITH GREAT ACIDITY AND A LONG LINGERING FINISH.
- LE VOLTE, TOSCANA, CASTAGNETO CARDUCCI, ITALY, 2007** **\$49-**
DARK PURPLE IN COLOR WITH A SPICY OAK AND BLACK RASPBERRY BOUQUET. ON THE PALATE, THIS MEDIUM BODIED, NICELY BALANCED SMOOTH WINE HAS TASTES OF SOUR CHERRY WITH A HINT OF OAK AND A DRY FINISH.
- VIETTI, BAROLO DI CASTIGLIONE FALLETTO, ITALY, 2005** **\$58-**
ESPECIALLY TAUT AND FOCUSED IN THIS VINTAGE, FLORAL NOTES ARE INTERMINGLED WITH DARK RED FRUIT, SPICES AND NEW LEATHER IN THIS GORGEOUS, POISED OFFERING.
- MASI AMARONE, COSTASERA, ITALY, 2005** **\$67-**
FULL BODIED ON THE NOSE WITH AROMAS OF CHERRIES AND PLUMS TOGETHER WITH HINTS OF FRUITS OF THE FOREST AND CINNAMON. GOOD STRUCTURE ON THE PALATE THAT OPENS OUT TO ATTRACTIVE AROMAS OF CHERRIES AND VANILLA.
- BANFI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO, DOCG, MONTALCINO, ITALY, 2003** **\$72-**
THIS WINE SHOWS AN INCREDIBLE CONCENTRATION OF FRUIT, WITH LOADS OF BERRIES AND SPICES ON THE NOSE. FULL-BODIED, WITH SOFT AND SILKY TANNINS AND LOTS OF SMOKY CHARACTER.

FRENCH REDS

GL BTL

- SAINT AMOUR, CUVÉE SAINT VALENTIN, GEORGES DUBŒUF, FRANCE, 2007** **\$29-**
THE LUMINOUS COLOR OF THIS SAINT-AMOUR IS HANDSOMELY RUBY RED. THE NOSE HINTS OF DELIGHTFUL RED BERRIES WITH FLORAL TONES, COMBINING FRESHNESS AND FINESSE.
- CHÂTEAU DES LUMIÈRES, LOUIS JADOT, MORGON, FRANCE, 2005** **\$39-**
A DEEP GARNET WINE OF EXTREMELY ELEGANT AROMATIC INTENSITY CHARACTERIZED BY FRAGRANT RED BERRIES AND AN AIRY MINERALITY. THE PALATE IS FIRMLY STRUCTURED YET SILKY WITH EXCELLENT ACIDIC BALANCE, ENDING ON A LONG, RIPE FINISH UNDERScoreD BY WOODSY, EARTH AND MINERAL NOTES.
- SAINT-ÉMILION, MOUEIX, BORDEAUX, GIRONDE, FRANCE, 2005** **\$44-**
DEEP RUBY IN COLOR, IT IS A ROUND, FULL-BODIED WINE OF SUPERB BALANCE WITH A FINE, AROMATIC BOUQUET AND SOFT, RESTRAINED TANNINS.
- CHÂTEAU PREUILLAC, CRU BOURGEOIS, MEDOC, FRANCE, 2005** **\$48-**
A LOVELY, DARK RUBY-RED COLOR IN APPEARANCE. WITH A NOSE OF RED FRUIT AROMAS OF PLUM AND STRAWBERRY WITH HINTS OF FLORALS, SPICES AND VANILLA. THE MOUTH IS INFUSED WITH RED CURRANT, CHERRY AND CEDAR FLAVORS.
- CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, PAUL JABOULET AINE, FRANCE, 2005** **\$56-**
TIGHTLY WOUND, WITH SPICE, RASPBERRY GANACHE, BLACK TEA AND INCENSE NOTES PUSHED BY FINE-GRAINED TANNINS THROUGH THE LONG FINISH.
- CHÂTEAU TRIMOULET, FRENCH RED, GRAND CRU, SAINT-EMILION, FRANCE, 2005** **\$64-**
BRAMBLE, WILD CHERRY AND FLORAL ELEMENTS DOMINATE THE NOSE, WITH TOFFEE AND SMOKY OAK ELEMENTS FILLING IN THE BACKGROUND. THE PALATE IS IMBUED WITH CHERRY, MINT AND COCOA FLAVORS.