

LIST WINES BY THE GLASS**1. 2008 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio Valdadige DOC (Valdadige) 11.50 Glass**

Clean, crisp fragrance of quince. Fresh fruit set off by slight sweetness with a long finish full of delicate, tangy flavor.

7. 2008 Dog Point Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand) 10.75

Honeysuckle & citrus nose. Light on the palate with full flavors- tart lime & tangerine. Passion fruit. Juicy acidity.

5. 2007 Sonoma Cutrer Russian River Ranches Chardonnay (Sonoma, CA) 10.75 Glass

Jasmine & rose petals. Great value – fresh lemon custard & brioche, acidity & minerality to back it up. Tropical fruits. Seabass!

3. 2008 Argyle Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (Dundee, Oregon) 10.75 Glass

Lone Star vineyard fruit, Knudsen, Stoller. Bright raspberry nose, sour cherry & loamy earth on the palate. Velvety tannic grip.

15. 2006 DeLoach Merlot (Russian River Valley, CA) 10.25 Glass

Blackberries & milk chocolate. Ripe flavors of chocolate covered cherry, with well integrated oak. Getting even better with age.

2. 2006 Franciscan (Napa, CA) 12.50

Black currant nose, with more dark fruit, vanilla, & mocha. Concentrated flavors echo the nose, full body, plus toasty plum finish.

NEW WORLD HOUSE WINES BY THE GLASS**Telteca Uma Torrontes (Mendoza, Argentina)**

Very aromatic, with a lot of white peach and floral honeysuckle. Light body and nice acidity. Line named after earth goddess.

Langtry Estate Guenoc Culinary Reserve Chardonnay (Lake County, CA)

High altitude vineyards. Stone fruit & baking spices. Quite clean & fruit forward. Pretty rich & pleasant at the price.

Los Vascos Rosé Cabernet Sauvignon (Colchagua, Chile) (Regularly \$40)

From the Lafite Rothschild team – great berry & cherry flavors, orange zest- pairs well with cold meat appetizers & chicken.

Bodegas Trapiche Pinot Noir Cuyo Mendoza (Mendoza, Argentina)

Fruity nose of red fruit. Hand-harvested, sorted & vinified. Light with smooth, velvety tannins. Sweet red cherries.

Telteca Uma Shiraz (Mendoza, Argentina)

Strong red plum & morello cherry on the nose, with light vanilla. Sweet fruit with ripe tannins. Named for tree of Mendoza.

Canyon Road Merlot (Sonoma, CA)

Black cherry fruit, pretty soft, rich tannins. Slight oak from barrel aging. Good deals sourced from all over = Sideways.

OLD WORLD HOUSE WINES BY THE GLASS**La Vieille Ferme Blanc (Grenache Blanc, Bourbelenc, Ugni Blanc, Roussanne) (Côtes du Luberon, France)**

From Perrin. Granny Smith apple on the nose, pears, nutty. Light and lemony on the palate. Tasty goodness.

Long Duck Viognier Vin de Pays d'Oc (Languedoc Roussillon, France)

White peach, tropical fruits, & honeysuckle on the nose. Fruity. Floral without being overly perfumed. Some spice.

Long Duck Chardonnay Vin de Pays d'Oc (Languedoc Roussillon, France)

Clean light citrus nose with tree fruit, which continue as apples & pears on the palate. More tropical towards the finish.

OLD WORLD HOUSE WINES BY THE GLASS, continued...

Jean León Terrasola Chardonnay – Xarello (Catalonia, Spain)

Very pleasant. Nice lemony chardonnay with lemon, Xarello brings mineral & light almond. Light French Oak regimen.

Long Duck Cabernet Sauvignon Vin de Pays d'Oc (Languedoc Roussillon, France)

Temperature controlled fermentation brings up concentrated black currant & cherry, dark fruits. Lengthy but light finish. Tasty.

La Vieille Ferme Rouge (Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Cinsault) (Côtes du Ventoux, France)

Ripe Rhone grapes in a classic style. Berry fruit, juicy acids, and light tannins. Peppery quaffer that pairs nicely with lots of foods.

Jean León Terrasola Syrah / Garnacha Crianza DO Catalunya (Spain)

Light mint. Rhone varietals bring juicy berry nose, more jam on the palate. Pretty full bodied & warm, with medium length. Steak!

OLD WORLD SPARKLING HOUSE WINES BY THE GLASS – (All at 7 a Glass)

Segura Viudas Brut Reserva (Macabeo / Parellada / Xarel-lo) (Alt Penedès, Spain)

Fresh fruit & light floral notes, with light buttery toast. Dry apple flavors. This is great wine, delicate while rich.

Segura Viudas Rosé Brut Cava (Trepát, Monastrell, Garnacha) (Alt Penedès, Spain)

Great raspberry fruit & light pomegranate on the nose. Cherry on the palate that carries through on the finish. Really enjoyable.

Other House Wines: NEW WORLD WINES

Ste. Chapelle Dry Riesling (Caldwell, ID)

Nieto Reserva Chardonnay Senetiner (Mendoza, Argentina)

Dolium Malbec Rosé (Mendoza, Argentina)

La Flor de Pulenta Wines Malbec Rosé (Mendoza Argentina)

Other House Wines: OLD WORLD WINES

Navarra Vega Sindoa Viura – Chardonnay (Navarra, Spain)

Fâmega White Vinho Verde DOC (Avesso, Azal, & Pedernã) (Amarante, Portugal)

Dario d'Angelo Montepulciano d'Abruzzo (Montepulciano) (Giulianova, Teramo, Abruzzo, Italy)

San Silvestro Langhe DOC Finalmente (Barbera, Nebbiolo) (Piedmont, Italy)

Atteca Garnacha de Fuego Old Vines (Calatayud, Spain)

Protocolo Castilla Tempranillo (Castilla, Spain)

Famega Red Wine (Touriga Nacional) (Portugal)

We guarantee House Wine pricing at \$6 a glass & \$24 a bottle for still wines,

\$7 a glass & \$26 a bottle for sparkling wines,

but availability for individual House Wines may change.

Fortified Wines: Portugal - Port (3 oz. glass)

33. Fonseca Tawny* (1) 20 yrs in barrel Port, 750 ml, 11.75 Glass, 94 Bottle

Almond nuttiness & raspberry. Acidity balanced sweetness with citrus & maraschino cherry.

Fortified Wines: Spain - Sherry (3 oz. Glass)

NV* (2) Lustau Rare Cream Superior Sherry, 750 ml, 5 Glass, 38 Bottle

Mahogany, aromas of smoky, dried fruits. Luscious & smooth, rich, complex, & very long on the palate, clean acid finish.

Sandeman "Royal Corregidor" Oloroso Sherry, 500 ml, 4.25 Glass, 24 Bottle

Mahogany, deep complex aroma of raisin from PX with smoothness. Velvety. Lots of nut & almond on the palate.

Non-alcoholic Beverages & Dealcoholized Wines

NV Welch's Sparkling White Grape Juice Cocktail (Concord, MA)

NV S. Martinelli & Company Gold Medal Sparkling Cider (Pajaro Valley, CA)

NV J. Lohr Winery Corporation Ariel Blanc Premium Dealcoholized Wine (San Jose, CA) 21

07 J. Lohr Winery Corporation Ariel Chardonnay Premium Dealcoholized Wine (San Jose, CA) 31

NV J. Lohr Winery Corporation Ariel Rouge Premium Dealcoholized Wine (San Jose, CA) 21

2006 J. Lohr Winery Corporation Ariel Merlot Premium Dealcoholized Wine (San Jose, CA) 31

Our new and massive wines by the glass selection, with 35 wines available by the glass, gives lots of options for working interesting new wines into your cocktail hour or dinner. We have things for every occasion and everything on the menu. We hope you find something that you have not tried before, and can test it out with a smaller portion.

Who Chose These Wines, Anyway?

I still have a great time tending this wine list, dealing with about 40 local wine representatives & suppliers, and maintaining the wine cellars for the club. I look forward to many more great dinners and tastings. While sommelier at the Headliners Club over the past decade, I have also worked at Sardine Rouge, Demi-Epicurious, The Lakeway Inn and Conference Resort, and Mars Restaurant and Bar. I also act as a consultant or wine buyer for many other restaurants and retail shops.

I am also now the Wine Buyer at East End Wines, and continue to consult and operate special private events, working with a variety of catering companies. When possible, I play in the snow with my son Hopper at my farm in upstate New York.

I graduated from the International Sommelier Guild Sommelier Certification Program in 2005. The International Sommelier Guild is one of the few institutions with a diploma program specific to sommeliers. The extremely broad ranging curriculum covers viticulture, vinification, tasting techniques, cellaring, investment strategy, menu design, and regional analysis of wines, spirits, and beer. Tasting is comprehensive and in-depth with regard to wine components and regional wines. In the six months of the final course, participants taste over 400 wines, beer & spirits. To achieve certification, candidates must successfully pass all parts of a five-part, two-day examination that covers wine knowledge, restaurant wine management, wine service, and blind tasting.

Over the ten years that I have been buying wines for the Headliners Club, we have greatly increased both the cellar's depth and its flexibility. I hope the tasting notes help. The top fifty most popular wines over the last year have a number before their vintage designating their rank based on sales over the past year.

- Sam Hovland, Chooser of Wines

NEW WORLD WHITE WINES, BY THE BOTTLE, Sparkling

NV Gruet Winery Rosé Methode Champenoise (Albuquerque, NM) 35

100% Pinot Noir saignée. Very dry with cranberry notes. Strawberry, citrus & earth. Refreshing. Very slight dosage.

6. NV Domaine Chandon, Brut Classic Methode Champenoise (Carneros, CA) 44

Citrus & tree fruit nose with spice, bread, & wood, with apple, pear, lemon & cream on palate- complex & lengthy finish.

1999 Roederer Estate L'Ermitage Brut Methode Champenoise (Anderson Valley, CA) 81

Golden hue & tiny bubbles. Quince jam & honey on nose, white flowers. Creamy palate follows nose. Elegant & excellent.

Riesling

2007 Beaulieu Vineyard BV Coastal Estates Riesling (Riesling, Viognier, Gewurztraminer) (California) 25

Ripe pear & orange blossom nose, with juicy peach on the palate. Round with a touch of sweetness, bright acids.

Pinot Grigio

14. 2007 Flat Creek Estate Pinot Grigio (Marble Falls, TX) 42

Ripe Texas fruit goes past tree fruits (apple & pear) & citrus (lemon) into honeydew melon. Great with seafood.

Sauvignon Blanc

19. 2006 Robledo Family Winery "Seven Brothers" Sauvignon Blanc (Lake County, Sonoma, CA) 41

Light tropical pineapple & mango, pear & apple. Floral. Simple & clean. Drink a couple of bottles of this with your fish. Oysters.

7. 2008 Dog Point Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand) 43

Honeysuckle & citrus nose. Light on the palate with full flavors- tart lime & tangerine. Passion fruit. Juicy acidity.

12. 2008 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc (Stellenbosch, South Africa) 43

Tropical nose with guava & lychee. Bright lime & grapefruit acidity. Ripe fruit, fresh cut grass. Mineral on finish. Grilled fish.

24. 2008 Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc (Napa, CA) 54

Lemon & lime. Lush & ripe, with zesty acids, tree fruit, dried stone fruit, some tropical notes. Semillon brings some richness.

Chardonnay

2009 Becker Chardonnay (Fredricksburg, Texas) 27

Light citrus & tree fruits, lightly oaked. Try it with the pasta, our fish dishes, or the Italian Chicken.

40. 2007* (1) Lockwood Vineyard Chardonnay (San Lucas, Monterey, CA) 30

A fine aperitif wine. Straight forward with peach, apricot & vanilla. Medium body that will pair nicely with fish or fowl.

48. 2008 Lange Twins Family Winery & Vineyards Chardonnay – Estate (Clarksburg, Lodi, CA) 31

Tropical fruit & light oak. Zippy acids with pineapple and baked apple, lemon zest. Pretty big, with French & American oak.

2008 Lorca Fantasia Chardonnay (Mendoza, Argentina) 32

Fresh. This is a huge amount of fruit. Apples, pears, lemons. White flowers on the nose. Citrus & ripe tropical fruit. Long finish.

46. 2007 Glen Carlou Vineyards Chardonnay (Paarl, South Africa) 33

Green fruit & oak aromas. Ripe apple, caramel, juicy. Full style, fruit & oak in balance, nice bottle age. Light melon & spice.

NEW WORLD WHITE WINES, BY THE BOTTLE, Chardonnay, continued...

9. 2008 Trevor Jones Virgin Chardonnay (South Australia) 34

White peaches & pears. Dry in a fruity style, bright acidity & medium body for ripe chardonnay. Free-run juice, lightly herby.

5. 2007 Sonoma Cutrer Russian River Ranches Chardonnay (Sonoma, CA) 43

Jasmine & rose petals. Great value – fresh lemon custard & brioche, acidity & minerality to back it up. Tropical fruits. Seabass!

49. 2007 Mer Soleil Unoaked Chardonnay (Santa Lucia Highlands, Central Coast, CA) 47

Complex. Green apple & honeydew & tropical notes. Fat fruit, but precise & bright. Dry finish but with a rich honey note.

10. 2007 Jordan Chardonnay (Russian River Valley, CA) 60

Retained Russian River acidity with Fuji apples & spice, light toasted oak. Pears, key lime. Almond. Rich with lengthy finish.

31. 2006 Chalk Hill Estate Bottled Chardonnay (Sonoma County, CA) 81

Barrel fermented. Ginger & peach, with a palate combining pear & jasmine with citrus & minerality. Toasty new French oak.

Viognier

47. 2007 Fall Creek Vineyards Viognier (Tow, Texas) 31

Pear on the nose... Ripe & peachy fruit without the more perfumy style of some viogniers. Likes seafood and other white meats.

37. 2007 McPherson Cellars Viognier (Lubbock, Texas) 32

Dry & soft with rich aromas of tree fruit & citrus, heading towards tropical fruit, with light oak. My favorite from them yet.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, France, Sparkling

NV Simonnet-Febvre Cremant de Bourgogne Brut Rosé (Burgundy) 40

This is great, with bright red fruit on the nose & palate with a fine mousse. Great with desserts with chocolate or red fruit.

NV Comte Audoin Dampierre Cuvée de Ambassadeurs (Champagne) 70

Fine mousse. Grapefruit & fresh cashew/almond bread. Textbook, drier than many Brut. Good composition & integration.

42. NV* (1) Moët & Chandon White Star (*The Last of the White Star*) (Épernay, Champagne) 83

Golden yellow. Flowers, hazelnuts, & biscuits. Slightly less dry. Harmonious & delicate. Soft, fruity with a peach & pear finish.

50. 1997* (3) Eric Rodez Brut Cuvee Millesime (Ambonnay, Champagne) 93

This is a great wine. Cool site with great acidity. Intense Chardonnay in 50/50 blend w/ Pinot Noir. Pear & brioche.

France, Still

2005 Frey – Sohler Muscat (Muscat d'Alsace / Muscat ottonel) (Alsace) 27

A great aperitif. Very aromatic, without the sweetness of other Muscats. Pairs well with grilled fish & scallops.

2007 Joseph Drouhin Saint-Véran (Chardonnay) (Saint-Veran, Mâcon, S. Burgundy) 32

Super-clean with light lemon, green apple & flowers. Mineral. Great with a little age on it, pairs with our appetizers & shellfish..

2005* (1) Maison F.E. Trimbach Riesling (Ribeauvillé, Alsace) 41

Bright straw, clean. Complex nose with minerals & stone fruit. Dry, peach & quince with lemon finish. Intense & lingering finish.

21. 2008 Louis Latour Pouilly-Fuisse (Chardonnay) (Pouilly-Fuisse, Mâcon, S. Burgundy) 52

Gold with green notes. Stone fruit & grapes on nose. Round & fruity. Crisp acidity. Subtle herbiness, lengthy on palate.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, France, Still, continued...

2004 Ramonet Chassagne-Montrachet (Chardonnay) (Beaune, Burgundy) 98

Minty-herby nose. Juicy acidity, with white flowers. Fresh village wine. Laser-beam acidity. Spicy & mineral. Good persistence.

2001* (2) Château Guiraud, 1^{er} Cru 375 ml bottle (1/2) (Sauvignon Blanc / Semillon) (Sauternes) 87

96 WS. Golden with butterscotch nose, golden apples. Concentration. Spicy apricot honey finish. Super rich botrytis finish.

Italy, Sparkling

NV Adami Prosecco di Valdobbiadene “Garbèl” (Veneto) 35

Quinine & apple & pears on the nose, along with flowers, white peach & tangerine on the palate. Apple & melon. Light & nutty.

Castello del Poggio Moscato Asti (Asti, Piedmont) 36

Delicate mousse with inviting peach nose, sweet & balanced with fruit, low alcohol. Great as dessert, or with sorbet.

Italy, Still

2008 Zenato Lugana San Benedetto DOC (Trebiano) (Lugana, Veneto) 32

Peach & citrus with light tropical note. Balanced acidity, lightly bitter mineral finish. Great with appetizers & fish.

1. 2008 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio Valdadige DOC (Valdadige) 46

Clean, crisp fragrance of quince. Fresh fruit set off by slight sweetness with a long finish full of delicate, tangy flavor.

Spain, Sparkling

NV Segura Viudas Aria Brut Cava (Macabeo, Parellada, Xarel-lo) (Penedes) 29

Floral note on the nose. Persistent mousse. Dry methode Champenoise. Tropical citrus. Crisp acids. Light fresh fruit palate.

NEW WORLD RED WINES, Pinot Noir

44. 2007 Baqueano Pinot Noir Reserva (Neuquén, Patagonia, Argentina) 31

An intense ruby pinot with berry aromas, fruit forward with cocoa, lengthy & velvety finish. An over-performer at the price.

25. 2006 Elizabeth Rose Pinot Noir (Yountville, Napa Valley, CA) 31

Earthy & smoky nose leads to much fruitier palate, with both black plum & red raspberry fruit, then some pepper, light anise.

13. 2008 Devil’s Corner Pinot Noir (Tamar Valley, Kayena, Northern Tasmania) 33

Spicy plum & black cherry & strawberry. Savory & complex. Fine tannins. Warm, dry, sunny vintage. Risotto, grilled salmon.

4. 2008 Rowland Cellars Ramspeck Napa Valley Pinot Noir (Napa, CA) 37

Bright & fresh with umami! Lots of red cherry, with an herbal note. A bit atypical in nature, a dense, luscious, concentrated wine.

3. 2008 Argyle Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (Dundee, Oregon) 43

Lone Star vineyard fruit, Knudsen, Stoller. Bright raspberry nose, sour cherry & loamy earth on the palate. Velvety tannic grip.

Merlot

2008 Estacion Merlot (Colchagua Valley, Chile) 25

Cherry nose & palate with sweet & spicy notes on the nose. Pretty delicate and smooth, with fruit compote on the palate. Lush.

NEW WORLD RED WINES, Merlot, continued...

20. 2007 Casa Lapostolle Merlot (Rapel Valley, Chile) 28

A lot of bang for the buck. Clean & ripe with Provencal herbiness & freshness. Medium body is under control, tannins in balance.

38. 2006* (2) Doña Paula Estate Merlot (Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina) 32

Cherry & vanilla from oak on the nose, black cherry & pepper on palate, with medium tannins, lengthy herb & mint finish.

29. 2006 Gundlach-Bundschu Merlot Rhinefarm Vineyard (93%, 5% Malbec, 2% Syrah) (Sonoma Valley) 37

Red cherry. A little more blueberry than the '05 – juicy acids and even more dense palate has finer tannins supporting long finish.

2005* (2) Wildhurst Vineyards Merlot Reserve (Lake County, CA) 38

Plummy merlot notes, with cola – toasty American oak. Undergrowth. Complex resolution with depth and integrated tannins.

15. 2006 DeLoach Merlot (Russian River Valley, CA) 42

Blackberries & milk chocolate. Ripe flavors of chocolate covered cherry, with well integrated oak. Getting even better with age.

2004 Three Rivers Winery Merlot (Columbia Valley, WA) 43

Cigar box on the nose. Fully mature moderate tannins and medium acidity with rich black cherry flavors.

Malbec

17. 2008 Postales Del Fin del Mundo Malbec (Neuquén, Patagonia, Argentina) 26

This is an extracted, rich Malbec with plum fruit & vanilla from the oak. Soft tannins & a long finish. Great with chicken & pork.

Zinfandel

2007 Artein Wines Zinfandel (91% Zin, 9% Petite Syrah) (Ukiah Valley, Mendocino County, CA) 31

Ripe berry fruit on the nose with spices. Bramble berries & red cherry palate with baking spices & rosemary. Soft tannins.

2008 Four Vines “The Biker” (Sonoma County, CA) 53

Big & bold. Dusi & Preston vineyards=intense concentration. Blackberry, anise, vanilla. Dry, with a bunch of oak. Fruity.

2005 Ridge Geyserville 40th Vintage (375 ml bottle) (Alexander Valley, Sonoma, CA) 44

77% Zinfandel, 17% Carignane, 6% Petite Sirah. Full-bodied & rich. Velvety, dark fruit & blueberry. Not overly ripe or alcoholic.

Cabernet Sauvignon & Meritage Wines

2008 Estacion Cabernet Sauvignon (Colchagua Valley, Chile) 25

Red fruits & fresh ground black pepper. Rich palate backed up by tannic structure – balanced, with enough acidity for ripe fruit.

11. 2005 Bass Creek Cabernet Sauvignon (CA) 25

Warm & pretty round on the nose with cherry pie flavors, juicy acids, & ripe tannins. Clean & pure with medium finish.

2008 Becker Iconoclast Cabernet Sauvignon (Fredricksburg, Texas) 27

Darker fruit with a little baking spices. Black grape in a dark wine, brambly.

2006 Haras de Pirque S.A. Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Pirque, Maipo Valley, Chile) 28

Pretty dense cassis & black fruit. Dark chocolate, cigar box, bay leaf, some mint. Firm tannins, stays fresh through finish.

2007 Viña Los Vascos Cabernet Sauvignon (Cañeten Valley, Colchagua, Chile) 28

Big & ripe cherry & plum. Red fruit preserves, black pepper, & mint. Sweet with fully ripe tannins, acidity is just right.

NEW WORLD RED WINES, Cabernet Sauvignon, continued...

16. 2006 McPherson Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon (100% Cabernet) (Lubbock, Texas) 38

One of my favorite TX wines. Dry. Soft tannins & high acid cherry & berry with smooth & plummy finish. Nice oak. Drinking.

30. 2007 B. R. Cohn North Coast Silver Label Cabernet Sauvignon (100% Cabernet) (Sonoma) 42

A blend of Olive Hill Estate fruit and sourced North Coast. Classic cassis & kirsch & berry, fresh black cherry & French Oak.

2007* (3) Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon Knights Valley (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) (Sonoma, CA) 45

Plum on the nose, with anise. Secondary leather note. Juicy, spiced fruit with blackberry & blueberry & dusty tannins.

32. 2007 Mount Lawson Bunnamagoo Estate (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) (Mudgee, NSW, AU) 47

Cool high altitude vineyards. Light floral. Black fruit & mint & cigar box. Sweet fruit at front & drying tannins on finish.

2. 2006 Franciscan (86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 2 % Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot and Malbec) (Napa, CA) 50

Black currant nose, with more dark fruit, vanilla, & mocha. Concentrated flavors echo the nose, full body, plus toasty plum finish.

2006 Thelema Cabernet Sauvignon (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) (Stellenbosch, South Africa) 78

Smoky cherry. Lean. Tannic but opens into herby, high acid wine with great finish. Beat out Napa competitors to win its spot.

Shiraz & Syrah

2004 Aussie Vineyards Shiraz (Barossa Valley, QLD, Australia) 25

Dark berry fruit aroma. Licorice bouquet. Black currant and cassis with pepper. Rich, with ripe tannins. Red meats, please.

OLD WORLD RED WINES, Bordeaux : Left Bank : Médoc

2005 Château Tour St. Bonnet Médoc AOC (Cru Bourgeois) (Saint-Christoly, Gironde) 32

Cherry picking from 2005 – a bit austere for the warm year, nose is the star. Cherry & blue fruit on the palate. Leather.

2005 Château Greysac Médoc AOC (Cru Bourgeois) (Saint-Christoly, Gironde) 34

Cherry & red currant fruit, earth & leather. Pleasant acids & tannins, and a good value at the price, drinking now. Great w/lamb.

Bordeaux: Right Bank

2005 Chateau Bellisle Mondotte Saint Emilion AOC (Libournais, Grand Cru, Bordeaux) 58

Extracted. Nice & framed by dusty tannins. Blackberries & cedar. Rustic & earthy. Fruit increases as wine opens up. Decant.

2005* (1) Château de Sales Pomerol AOC (Grand Vin de Pomerol) 71

Decant...Red berries & smoke, fennel. Palate of cherry & cocoa, that opens to light peach aromas. Roasted dishes.

1978* (2) Château Troplong-Mondot Saint Emilion AOC (Grand Cru Classé) 75

Our oldest Bordeaux, from old vines. Will open for a brief time only – truffles & blackberries, light choco-cherry, complex tannins.

43. 2002* (1) Château Pavie Macquin Saint Emilion AOC (Grand Cru Classé) 82

A little shy on the nose- Soft berry fruit & graphite. Velvety cherry on palate, with smoky dark fruits. Good extraction.

Burgundy: Côte de Beaune

2002* (3) Clos des Mouches Premier Cru Drouhin - 99

Black cherry & spices, earth on the nose. Plummy & black cherry fruit. Elegance. Round & balanced with deep intensity. Toasty.

OLD WORLD RED WINES, The Loire Valley

2005* (3) Chinon Domaine de la Noblaie – "Les Chiens – Chiens" - (Cabernet Franc) (Chinon) 40

Tiny allocation for US. Bright acidity. Stone. Light bodied with allspice & cherry & black raspberries. Herbaceous. Old vines.

The Rhône Valley

2004 Domaine de la Charbonnière Mourre des Perdix Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC 79

Grenache-y. Berry, violet, incense. Coming in to balance. Dried herby garrigue. Silky, with low+ acids & ripe tannins. Lush.

2005 Domaine de Vieux Télégraphe "La Crau", Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC (375 ml ½ bottle) 80

Nose of blackberries & kirsch & pepper. Tangy acidity. Full & concentrated with length finish. Hazelnut & firm tannins.

Italy

2006 Fattoria di Bibbiani Rosso Toscano Treggiaia (Tuscany, Central Italy) 27

Ripe cherry nose. Violets & hard spices. Cherry fruit, a little Cab brings cassis, light herb & spice notes. Dried fruit. A steal.

2008 Tere di Sole Sangiovese (Daunia, Sicily) 31

Fresh & ripe & full, with bright acidity. Nose of red plum & cherry. Ripe red fruit, berry, & tobacco on the palate. Plums.

2007 "Le Crete" Borgo Pretale Chianti Classico (Tuscany, Central Italy) 45

Cherry, violet, tobacco, plum, berry, black cherry, tobacco, earth, & licorice on the nose. Add herbs, spices, earth on the palate.

2003* (2) Casaloste Chianti Classico D.O.C.G. (Panzano, Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Central Italy) 53

100% Sangiovese. Earthy, leathery, dried fruit. Spice, medium tannin. Organic. Pasta, beef, & game dishes, strong cheeses.

2001* (3) L'Arco Pario Veronese I.G.T. (Valpolicella, Veneto, N. Italy) 83

(corvina, rondinella, molinara, cabernet, nebbiolo, croatina, sangiovese- (50% Amarone, 50% Valpolicella Classico Superiore))

Nice sweet cherry, chestnut & earthy nose. Light pomegranate fruit, violet pastilles. Medium body. Smooth tannins.

Spain

2006 Finca Monte Carrascal G4 Vinos Sin – Ley (Garnacha) (Cariñena) 29

Smoky meat & ripe jammy raspberry. Pretty high alcohol. Mid-palate has some mocha & toffee notes. Lingering finish.

36. 2005 Castell del Remei –Gotim Bru (Costers del Segre D.O., Catalonia, N.E. Spain) 37

(65% Tempranillo, 20% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon) Blackcurrant. Dark cherry, lots of fruit, spicy. Great acidity & peppery finish.

Portugal

2008 Herdade do Esporão Monte Velho Red (Aragonês, Trincadeira, Castelão) (Alentejo, Portugal) 31

Ripe berries & oak on the nose. Strawberry & roses, earthy. Dry, with pretty high acidity, soft tannins. Aragonês is Tempranillo.



On the next few pages are the wines that comprise The Headliners Club Special Vault Wine List...

SPECIAL VAULT LIST**NEW WORLD WHITE WINES**

27. 2006 Newton Unfiltered Chardonnay (Napa Valley, CA) 107

Consistent stellar ratings. Rich, full bodied. Floral. Baked apple acid & creamy crème Brûlée & white peach. Balanced.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, SPARKLING

NV Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin Brut Champagne (Reims, Champagne) 112

Consistent. Light nose with some brioche & nougat. White fruit, apple. Deliciously clean. Medium, creamy, lemony acidity.

26. 2002 Charles Gardet Rose de Saignee Champagne (Champagne) 139

Pinot Noir aromas. Persistent mousse. Red berry fruit, strong, will pair with food well. Lots of structure. Lasting finish.

34. 1999* (2) Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin Brut Rosé Champagne (Reims, Champagne) 156

Highly lauded pink bubbles with subtle cherry & European strawberry overtones. Toasty with good balance with the acidity.

1998* (2) Moët & Chandon Cuvee Dom Perignon Champagne (Épernay, Champagne) 314

Elegant. Fresh & vibrant. Apple at the core & lemon & toast, mineral. Marzipan note. Long, complex finish. Seafood.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, STILL

2005 Phillippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet (Chardonnay) (Beaune, Burgundy) 106

Fresh. Green tea & some floral notes on the nose. Apple & pear & ripe peach. Vibrant with excellent mineral streak at finish.

1999* (1) Bouchard Meursault 1^{er} Cru “Les Perrières” (Chardonnay) (Côte de Beaune, Burgundy) 119

Sweet cream butter on nut bread. Mineral(slate & flint) holds lemon & apple in check. Ripe acidity. Mineral & oak increase.

2003* (3) Grivault Meursault 1^{er} Cru “Les Perrieres” (Chardonnay) (Côte de Beaune, Burgundy) 119

This should be a Grand Cru. Full bodied & rich texture. Very dry. Hazelnuts & butter without overdone oak. Ripe year – drinking now.

1999* (1) Château d’Yquem, 1^{er} Cru 375 ml bottle (1/2) (Sauvignon Blanc / Semillon) (Sauternes) 187

Golden. Prominent botrytis. Spectacular balance, plush with crème brûlée & stone fruits, honey & beeswax. Long finish.

NEW WORLD RED WINES

2003 Shafer Merlot (Napa Valley, CA) 122

Ripe & fruity. Rich with currant, oak, licorice & leather. Solid & earthy. Tannins integrating – decant. Drinking now.

39. 1999* (1) Deerfield Ranch DRX (55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc) (North Coast, CA) 129

Blackberry & plum, cedar, olives, dark chocolate. Sweet merlot, lots of tannins that have settled down to add to great balance.

2008 Caymus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, CA) 135

Lots of cassis & black plum. Super-concentrated and dense, but with really ripe tannins. Coffee note. Herbs & dark chocolate.

2003 Constant Diamond Mountain Vineyard Napa Valley Estate Cabernet (Blend) (Napa, CA) 165

Generous & concentrated. Black cherry nose. Ripe & smooth blueberry. Cab franc pepper notes & oak spice. Supple tannins.

2001* (1) Dunn Vineyards Howell Mountain Cabernet (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) (Napa Valley, CA) 194

Full bodied. Massive & legendary. Flowers & dense blueberry, & bramble. Intense. Firm tannins have smoothed out. Young.

SPECIAL VAULT LIST, NEW WORLD RED WINES, continued...

2003* (3) Chateau Montelena Estate – Calistoga / Napa Cabernet (Mount St. Helena, Calistoga, CA) 198
 (100%) *Complex black fruits. Forest floor. Oak & plum. Secondary leathery notes. Purity. Lasting, grippy finish.*

1991 Jordan Sonoma Coast (81.2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 2.8% Cabernet Franc) (Sonoma, CA) 209
Black currant & cedar. Bought as a library release. Balanced ripe cherry with French oak. Baking spices. Tannins are ready, balanced.

2003 Spottswoode Winery (Organic) (96% Cabernet Sauvignon & 4% Cabernet Franc) (St. Helena, CA) 216
Brash ripe & soft fruity steak wine. Tobacco & smoky blackberry. Fleshy without tons of oak tannins. High performer from '03.

2003 Dominus Estate (88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot) (Napa Valley, CA) 225
Bordeaux stylings from Napa – wet earth, black licorice, young cherry nose. Dark cherry chocolate, balanced alcohol. Great wine.

1998* (3) Opus One Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, CA) 276

(91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot & Malbec)

Wants decanting. Dark berries & balance. Cedar & smoke. Pretty elegant – Opus waited and made more concentrated '98. Lamb.

2000 Opus One Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, CA) 258

(84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec & 2% Petit Verdot)

Still firm but drinking. Jammy currant & dill, berries leading into cedar & pencil. Rich. Strong showing for vintage.

2001 Opus One Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, CA) 275

(87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec & 2% Petit Verdot)

Opulent. Intense nose of cassis. Dark currant & cherry on palate. Great length on finish, still young. Nice tannins, decant. Balanced.

2002 Opus One Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, CA) 284

(86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec & 2% Petit Verdot)

Powerful wine from a great vintage. A bit more lean, but with cassis & black fruit concentration, juicy acids. Supple tannins.

2005 Red Car Wine Company Shake Rattle & Roll Syrah (Santa Maria Valley, N. CA) 121

“Riveting” Dense, rich complexity. Plum & currant fruit with smoke & blackberry. Plush but full-throttle. Drink through 2011.

OLD WORLD RED WINES

1998 Cos d’Estournel - Saint-Estèphe AOC (Deuxième Grand Cru Classé) 147

Peppery spice & berry on the nose. Gobs of cherry with fruit dropping towards mid-palate. Medium-Full body. Drinking well.

35. 2003 Lynch Bages - Pauillac AOC (Cinquième Grand Cru Classé) 153

Nutty and stewed fruit on the nose from the heat. Dry with low+ acidity. Ripe & silky tannins, with darker Cabernet fruit. Lengthy.

2005 Château Lagrange Saint-Julien AOC (Troisième Grand Cru Classé) 132

Youthful. Still mainly primary fruit character – sweet, oaky dark fruit. Drying tannins for now. Balanced if still pretty dense.

2005 Château Branaire-Ducru - Saint-Julien AOC (Quatrième Grand Cru Classé) 161

A little lighter for '05. Red berry character, peppery, violets. Vibrant fruit shines through the finish. Dense structure. Tannic core.

2000 Château Leoville-Las Cases - Saint-Julien AOC (Deuxième Grand Cru Classé) 390

Very young. I bought this as a future based on weather reports and how over-performing the house is. WS 100pt. Check back in ten years.

2002 Château Palmer - Margaux AOC (Troisième Grand Cru Classé) 177

A-. Flowers & fruit & peat. Deep & rich, but tannins are still pretty firm for Margaux.

A tad austere & tight, with alcohol showing.

SPECIAL VAULT LIST, OLD WORLD RED WINES, continued...

2000* (2) Château Certan Marzelle - Pomerol AOC 131

Complex, harmonious nose. Blackberries & mineral. Full & velvety with rich berry fruit, chocolate notes. Long & refined finish.

1998 Château Troplong-Mondot - Saint Emilion AOC (Grand Cru Classé) 138

Elegant. Balanced with blueberry & blackberry & caramel, secondary leather & cedar & tobacco emerging.

2002 Château Pape-Clément (Cru Classé Pessac-Léognan) 148

Red & black currants & raspberry. Plum & cigar. Gravel & spicy fruit, mocha, nutty smoky oak. Concentrated, with ripe tannins.

1994* (3) Château Haut Brion (Premier Cru Classé des Graves) 256

Black currant & leather. Great mature Bordeaux, dense, with tar & espresso secondary bouquet. Lengthy finish & light acidity. Earthy.

2002 Château Haut Brion (Premier Cru Classé des Graves) 316

Stony minerals and black fruit. Floral & earthy. Almost ready – super complex and mouth-filling, with fine tannins building towards finish.

2004 Domaine Leroy Bourgogne Rouge – Burgundy AOC (Burgundy) 260

Plum & dark cherries. A little veg on the nose but beautiful palate helped along by declassified Grand Cru fruit. This goes forever.

1999 Domaine Leroy - Monthlélie AOC (Côte de Beaune, Burgundy) 179

Delicate & elegant fruit. Lavender & red fruits – strawberry, cherry, raspberry. Opens to forest floor & leather, with fruit to the end.

2001* (3) Premier Cru Grand Clos des Epenots - Pommard AOC, Courcel (Côte de Beaune, Burgundy) 106

Excellent. Lovely cherry & flower nose & medium cherry color. Soft start, with lots of fruit to balance high tannins & acid. Great.

2003 Premier Cru "Boudriotte" (Rouge) Ramonet - Chassagne-Montrachet AOC (Côte de Beaune) 117

Ripe & pungent from hot vintage. Exotic, rich, & earthy minerality. More robust flavors. Edgy, ripe acidity. Firm, dry finish.

1999* (2) Premier Cru Domaine de la Romanée-Conti "Cuvée Duvault-Blochet" Vosne-Romanée AOC 345

This wine retails for more than this! Red currant, spicy aromas. From declassified grand cru grapes. Seamless & silky. Pure & earthy.

2001 Premier Cru Les Beaux Monts, Grivot - Vosne-Romanée AOC (Côte de Nuits) 104

Well structured with complexity, length, & breadth. Drinking now. More firm than 2000, less sweet than 2002. Crisp acids.

2001* (2) Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC, Perrin (The Rhône Valley) 125

This wine is awesome. Intense with pure cherry fruit & dried darker berries, herbes de Provence & secondary leathery notes.

Full, starting to develop, with lots of acidity & fine grain tannins. Floral notes towards the start of the very long finish.

2001 Costers de Mas Igneus (Priorat D.O.Ca., Tarragona, Catalonia, N.E. Spain) 160

(80% Garnatxa Negra / 20% Cariñena)

This wine is only produced in the best vintages. Hand selected grapes with 45 day ferment & maceration. From the six oldest parcels (1901-1920). Dense Chambord like nose with flowers & rock to round it out. Pretty high tannins are starting to calm down as it edges into maturity, which will probably last for another five years of peak drinking. Jammy & huge for the neighborhood.

Fortified Wine – Portugal

45. 1977 Warre's Vintage Porto 242 Bottle

Cedar & tobacco on nose, with chocolate & roasted nuts. Hazelnuts & walnuts on the palate as well, and plums & cherries & raisin fruit with endless finish. Really intense, with force slowly becoming subtlety, coffee & fig & more cherry notes on finish. Smooth.