

LIST WINES BY THE GLASS**4. 2010 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio Valdadige DOC (Valdadige) 11.5 Glass**

Pretty dry & balanced wine from Alto Adige / Valdadige. Flowery, with Golden Delicious Apple. Some light melon notes.

6. 2009 Dog Point Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand) 10.50 Glass

Fresh & bright, with ripe citrus & lemon grass. Bright acids, mineral, and tropical fruit on the palate. Crisp finish. Seafood!

50. 2008 Pellegrini Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay (Russian River, Sonoma, CA) 11 Glass

French oak. Golden apple fruit & pear, with full body, mineral, and a toasty, crusty bread finish – great length, creamy.

1. 2009 Argyle Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (Dundee, Oregon) 10.50 Glass

Ripe black fruit notes from a hot year – spicy, with rich mouthfeel and black cherry, earthy mid-palate leading to ripe plum finish.

14. 2006 DeLoach Russian River Valley Merlot (Russian River Valley, CA) 10.75 Glass

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

38. 2008 Easton Zinfandel Amador County (Sierra Foothills, CA) 10 Glass

Clean & balanced – tannic, rich with blueberry, spice, sweet French oak. Granite soils, big enough for big food without heat.

3. 2008 Franciscan Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, CA) 12.50 Glass

Dark fruit, currant & blackberry. Baking spices, vanilla, rich, with cherry & plum, cocoa powder. Smooth, lingering finish.

Fortified Wines: (3 oz. glass)

Warre's Warrior Special Reserve Porto, 750 ml, (Portugal) 4.50 Glass, 35 Bottle

Aged in oak for 4-5 years, with dark & intense red fruit & spice. Full-bodied, long & complex, great with chocolate.

44. Fonseca Tawny 20 yrs in barrel Port, 750 ml, (Portugal) 13.25 Glass, 106 Bottle

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

Fortified Wines: (3 oz. glass)

NV Lustau Rare Cream Superior Sherry, 750 ml, (Spain) 5 Glass, 39 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, (Spain) 8.75 Glass, 46 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 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

NEW WORLD HOUSE WINES BY THE GLASS

Fox Hollow Chardonnay (California)

Smooth & creamy – acidity balances citrus & ripe pear, fat oak nowhere. Floral finish. Great with grilled scallops.

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.

Stonewood Cellars Pinot Noir

Raspberry, cherry. Blended from three CA regions, with a touch of Syrah – medium bodied for Pinot, tasty.

Fox Hollow Merlot (California)

Smooth & juicy, with ripe black cherry & mocha on the nose, round mid-palate, toasty herb finish. Great with grilled red meats.

Fox Hollow Cabernet Sauvignon (California)

Rich & ripe cab with supple tannins – medium acidity, plum, blackberry, chocolate. Rich. Great with beef or duck, & cheeses.

OLD WORLD HOUSE WINES BY THE GLASS

Giorgio & Gianni Pinot Grigio (Delle Venezie, Italy)

Fruit driven with great citrus & rich body. Pretty tasty white tree fruit, flowers, mineral back-bone.

Montepulciano D' Abruzzo Podere Umani Ronchi (Abruzzo, Marche, Italy)

Young but drinking well – plum and cherry nose & flavors... more robust & fruit forward, rich tannins carry dry finish. Lamb.

Riva Rey Tempanillo Rioja (Rioja, Spain)

Berry fruit with raspberry and light toasty oak note, round tannins & spice, & some ripe warmth lead into a pretty lengthy finish.

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 (Trepas, 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.

Louis Perdrier Brut Excellence Blanc de Blancs (Ugni Blanc, Colombard, Chenin, Folle Blanche, Menu Pineau)

Fresh nose. Bright apple & citrus fruit on the front, very clean with bright acidity. Well balanced wine. A crowd pleaser.

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

\$7 a glass & \$28 a bottle for sparkling wines,

but availability for individual House Wines may change.

NEW WORLD WHITE WINES, BY THE BOTTLE, Sparkling

18. NV Gruet Winery Brut Blanc de Noirs - Méthode Champenoise (Albuquerque, NM) 32

Toast & berry nose. Yeast character is fine & brought a vigorous mousse, with juicy acid & raspberry fruit. Complex & rich.

45. NV Gruet Winery Rosé Méthode Champenoise (Albuquerque, NM) 33

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

24. NV Domaine Chandon, Brut Classic Méthode Champenoise (Carneros, CA) 43

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

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

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

Chenin Blanc

2010* (3) Fall Creek Chenin Blanc (Tow, Texas) 25

“Well-balanced pear and peach flavors generously complement the underlying firm acidity.”

Pinot Grigio

25. NV Black Ridge Pinot Grigio (CA) 25

Clean and pure. Pretty and light, with more fruit – like white peach and some orange blossom. Great with appetizers & salads.

37. 2010* (3) Acrobat King Estate Pinot Gris (Western Oregon) 30

Versatile & approachable from great 2010 – fresh pear, honey, Mandarin orange, spice – balanced acid & RS – clean, refreshing.

20. 2009 Flat Creek Estate Pinot Grigio (Marble Falls, TX) 41

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

Sauvignon Blanc

NV* (1) Fall Creek Sauvignon Blanc (Tow, Texas) 28

Rich nose with a hint of grassiness. Mineral backbone. A bit sweeter, acid is juicier. Melon & honeysuckle.

36. 2009* (1) Clos La Chance Hummingbird Sauvignon Blanc (Central Coast, CA) 29

Bright citrus, light grassiness. Juicy acid with a palate of grapefruit & lime. Refreshing, with the acid to pair well. Clean & herby.

28. 2006* (1) Robledo Family Winery “Seven Brothers” Sauvignon Blanc (Lake County, Sonoma, CA) 42

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

6. 2009 Dog Point Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand) 42

Fresh & bright, with ripe citrus & lemon grass. Bright acids, mineral, and tropical fruit on the palate. Crisp finish. Seafood!

41. 2009* (2) Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc (Napa, CA) 54

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NEW WORLD WHITE WINES - Chardonnay

2010 Fleur du Cap Chardonnay – Bergkelder Selection (Stellenbosch, South Africa) 25

Citrus & apple compote with vanilla nose, stone fruit. Pear & fig palate, toasty oak finish. Dry & balanced, pretty full & long.

7. 2010 Becker Chardonnay (Fredricksburg, Texas) 27

Clean & fresh version, with some orange blossom and a nice tropical citrus finish. Pairs as its sister above, this is a pretty wine.

17. 2008* (1) 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.

2008* (2) De Tierra Tin Man Coast View Vineyard Chardonnay (Monterey County, CA) 40

Clean tropical ripeness w/ nuts & toast on nose, extracted fruit & mineral palate. Balanced acidity & richness. Not over-oaked.

2. 2009 Sonoma Cutrer Russian River Ranches Chardonnay (Sonoma, CA) 42

Floral with tree fruit & a little oaky coconut. Creamy & rich with oak. Some lemon-lime, butter. Fruit forward with light minerals.

2008 Pellegrini Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay (Russian River, Sonoma, CA) 44

French oak. Golden apple fruit & pear, with full body, mineral, and a toasty, crusty bread finish – great length, creamy.

2008 Lambert Bridge Chardonnay (Sonoma County, CA) 46

For big Chardonnay fans, but with more elegant French oak – apples and butter and vanilla, baking spices, ripe pear. Great deal.

2007* (1) 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.

19. 2008 Trefethen Oak Knoll District Chardonnay (Napa Valley, CA) 52

Great concentration from a tough vintage – golden apple & pear, lemongrass, creaminess from sur-lie aging in French oak. Juicy..

11. 2008 Jordan Chardonnay (Russian River Valley, CA) 52

Nose of ripe tree fruit & peach, some tropical fruit. Fruit is lively on palate, with bright acid & limestone. Sur lie for creaminess.

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Fresh green apples and honeysuckle, citrus. Apple on the palate, with bright acid and some vanilla from oak (5 mo. French)

2008 Ancien Carneros Chardonnay (Carneros, Napa, CA) 67

Exciting nose. Beautifully complex and balanced, with spice and citrus, followed by a progression of tree & stone fruit. Food wine.

2009 Chalk Hill Chardonnay (Russian River Valley, CA) 78

Rich & peachy, with Golden delicious apples. Vanilla bean, tropical fruit. Natural, juicy acidity, buttery toast & oak. Long finish.

2006* (2) Newton Unfiltered Chardonnay (Napa Valley, CA) 107

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

Viognier

48. 2007* (3) 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 Crémant 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.

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

NV Comte Audoin Dampierre Cuvée de Ambassadeurs (Champagne) 70

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

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, France, Still

2005* (3) 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.

33. 2009 Louis Latour Pouilly-Fuisse (Chardonnay) (Pouilly-Fuisse, Mâcon, S. Burgundy) 52

White fruit evoking Chardonnay grown from limestone & clay – light butter, herb – Stainless steel with 100% malo. Delicate.

2007 Albert Grivault Meursault (Chardonnay) (Beaune, Burgundy) 98

White orchard fruits & character. Outstanding, focused acidity- layered with nuts, light butter, stones. Coming out of its shell.

2004* (1) 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.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, France, Dessert

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

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

Italy, Sparkling

NV Adami Prosecco Garbel 13 (Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy) 35

Crisp acidity and dry on the palate, though with plenty of fruit. Ripe peach & melon, between brut & extra dry, very versatile.

Italy, Sparkling, Dessert

NV 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* (1) 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.

2009* (3) Zenato Lugana San Benedetto DOC (Trebiano) (Lugana, Veneto) 34

Rich peach & lemon peel citrus, with a light orange blossom floral & mint & sage herb component. Crisp acid, mineral. Balance.

4. 2010 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio Valdadige DOC (Valdadige) 46

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NEW WORLD RED WINES, Pinot Noir

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.

NEW WORLD RED WINES, Pinot Noir, continued...

5. 2009 Rowland Cellars Ramspeck Napa Valley Pinot Noir (Napa, CA) 40

Bright complex fruit, with bing cherry, raspberry, some cola & tea. Sweet spice, with silky tannins. Mineral & earth are there.

15. 2009 Saintsbury Garnet Pinot Noir (Carneros, CA) 42

Lighter style, with earthy bramble berries & black cherry. Light sweet smoke. Great balance. Loves gamy foods or salmon.

1. 2009 Argyle Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (Dundee, Oregon) 42

Ripe black fruit notes from a hot year – spicy, with rich mouthfeel and black cherry, earthy mid-palate leading to ripe plum finish.

47. 2009 Laetitia Estate Pinot Noir (Arroyo Grande Canyon, CA) 46

Great stuff, having dropped their purchased fruit restaurant bottling. Very berry and balanced. Strawberry, raspberry, spice.

Merlot

43. 2008* (1) 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.

DeLoach Merlot 09 – Heritage reserve - 25

Plump plum, dark cherry, cigar box nose. Fruit forward with raspberry & strawberry jam, dark floral, leathery finish. Soft tannins.

29. 2008 Casa Lapostolle Merlot (Rapel Valley, Chile) 29

Red fruit & spice, white pepper – black plum, cherry - ripe leathery tannins, good acidity & length. Great with grilled red meats.

Fall Creek Merlot (Tow, Texas) 30

“Soft, smooth, and easy-drinking wine with a nice balance of bright, cherry fruit and oak. The finish is smooth and supple.”

26. 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.

2007 Donati Family Vineyards Claret (Paicines, CA) 39

A great recent early drinking find – blackberry, cherry, medium body, smooth tannins. Black pepper. Dry, lingering finish.

14. 2006 DeLoach Merlot – Russian River Valley (Russian River Valley, CA) 43

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

22. 2003* (2) Three Rivers Winery Merlot (Columbia Valley, WA) 43

Big & ripe and holding up well, with black cherry & mocha. Great example of WA. Merlot. Soft tannins make for a velvety finish.

22. 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.

2006 Shug Merlot (Sonoma Valley, CA) 51

Long, cool ripening gets the tannins softer and makes for very flavorful Merlot. Cherry, bramble, spice. Wants lamb or steak.

2003 Shafer Merlot (Napa Valley, CA) 89

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

Malbec

21. 2010* (1) Del Fin del Mundo Postales Malbec (Patagonia, Argentina) 25

Ripe black plum fruit & violet with tobacco & spice. Short oak aging gives some vanilla. Very fruity, with soft tannins. tasty.

NEW WORLD RED WINES, Malbec, continued...

2010 Tilia Malbec (Mendoza, Argentina) 25

Black cherry & flowers, mint & toast. Big ripe fruit with cassis & blackberry, chocolate & sweet, dry spice. Silky tannins.

Zinfandel

12. NV Marietta Old Vine Red Lot Number 54 (Healdsburg, CA) 28

Spicy nose leads to rich blackberry, more pepper, balance. French & American oak. Rustic & ripe, dried cherry, herbs.

2008 Steele 'Shooting Star' Zinfandel (Mendocino County, CA) 35

Raspberry, ripe black fruit, some spice – Soft acids & tannins, still there. Cigar box & plum on the finish at a great price.

2008 Joel Gott Wines California Zinfandel (Oakville, CA) 37

Red fruit & cocoa on the nose, leading to a palate jammed with black cherry & Chinese 5-spice, peppery, oak hint – elegant.

38. 2008 Easton Zinfandel Amador County (Sierra Foothills, CA) 40

Clean & balanced – tannic, rich with blueberry, spice, sweet French oak. Granite soils, big enough for big food without heat.

2008 Mettler Old Vine Zinfandel "Epicenter" (Lodi, CA) 41

Dark & inky. Dark cherry. Our big one – wild berry pie & dense tannins, intense & rich. Smoky sage. Concentrated. Old vine.

2007 Four Vines "Maverick" Zinfandel (Amador County, CA) 42

Jam bomb style. Chewy, spicy fruit from head-pruned old vines. Blackberry, blueberry, tarry with a touch of Syrah & oak.

49. 2005 Ridge Geyserville 40th Vintage (375 ml bottle) (Alexander Valley, Sonoma, CA) 44

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

30. 2008 Four Vines "Sophisticate" Zinfandel (Sonoma, CA) 51

Big also, with density, blackberry, tapenade, peppery. Huge density. French & American oak, 14 mo. A dollop of Petite Sirah.

Cabernet Sauvignon & Meritage Wines

2006 Bass Creek Cabernet Sauvignon (CA) 25

Ripe black berries, rich & pretty full of tannins. Ripe fruit is balanced by a pretty brambly berry acidity. Cherry pie.

2006* (2) Stevenot Cabernet Sauvignon (Sierra Foothills, CA) 28

Violet nose, toasty spices. Blackberry & anise, blended for lots of layers. The Merlot really helps out. Fruity & structured.

2007* (2) Baron de Rothschild 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.

2010* (2) Baron de Rothschild Viña Los Vascos Cabernet Sauvignon (Cañeten Valley, Colchagua, Chile) 27

Classic & pure cab – cherry, blueberry, plum nose, hint of bay & clove. Soft tannins, but with some weight on the palate.

16. 2008 McPherson Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon (100% Cabernet) (Lubbock, Texas) 38

Another winner – ripe with darker cherry fruit, cassis, integrated oak. Alcohol is rational, from the High Plains. Red meat.

50. 2007* (3) Pellegrini Cloverdale Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma County, CA) 39

Black cherry, ripe, minty. Classic structure, with black currant & cigar box, violets. Dusty tannins, chocolate, great depth.

2007 Marietta Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma County) 40

Big wine with cassis, graphite, complex herb component. French oak & grape tannins make for a classic, long finish.

NEW WORLD RED WINES, Cabernet Sauvignon & Meritage Wines, continued...

2006 Perata Vineyards "Frank's Blend" Cabernet Sauvignon (Yountville, Napa, CA) 45

Blueberry, blackberry & kirsch nose. Black fruit on palate, firm & smoky/cedar. Medium acid & some white pepper. Vanilla.

3. 2008 Franciscan (83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 3% Syrah, 1% Petit Verdot) (Napa, CA) 50

Dark fruit, currant & blackberry. Baking spices, vanilla, rich, with cherry & plum, cocoa powder. Smooth, lingering finish.

2008 Gramercy Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon – Lower East (Columbia Valley, WA) 69

All estate, 20% Merlot. Herby with Old World mineral, 20% new oak, excellent. A rival to the big brother at a great price.

2005* (1) B.R Cohn Olive Hill Estate Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma Valley, CA) 93

Ripe & concentrated, with plum & black Currant/cherry fruit. 24 mo. In French oak give fine oak balance to tannins, herby.

NEW WORLD RED WINES, Shiraz & Syrah

2004* (1) 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) 33

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

The Loire Valley

2005* (2) 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* (3) 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

31. 2006* (1) 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.

2007 Tenuta La Meridiana Barbera d'Asti Vitis (Piedmont) 31

! Fruity cherry-berry nose, with red fruit coming out on the palate as well. Full, but with light, integrated tannins. Grilled meats.

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.

2008 David Sterza Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso (Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella) (Veneto) 50

Compact and structured, with white & black cherry & cassis, cran-cherry tartness, quite bright. Earthy forest note. Pretty wine.

OLD WORLD RED WINES, Spain

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

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

40. 2005* (2) Lar de Barros (Tempranillo) (Ribera Guadiana, Extremadura) 31

Great mix of red fruits including cherry & plum up front, with darker boysenberry & blackberry in the back. Licorice & oak.

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 Special Vault Wine List...

SPECIAL VAULT LIST - NEW WORLD WHITE WINES

2009 Morlet Family Vineyards La Proportion Doree White Wine (Semillon-Sauv Bl) (Sonoma, CA) 140

Tropical floral beguiling nose. Rich & rare Sonoma version of Graves blanc – Oaky & deep, with amazing citrus balance. Wow.

SPECIAL VAULT LIST - OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, Sparkling

42. NV Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Brut Champagne (Reims, Champagne) 98

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

2002 Charles Gardet Rose de Saignée Champagne (Champagne) 139

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

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.

SPECIAL VAULT LIST - 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.

2003* (2) 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.

2006 (4) d’Angerville Meursault 1^{er} Cru “Santenots” (Chardonnay) (Burgundy) 123

Lemon/Lime nose. Floral & ripe, with some straw notes, going in to tropical fruit. Some buttery-hazelnut notes. 100 cases in the US.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES, Dessert

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**32. 2005 Robert Craig Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, CA) 123**

Brambly, small & intense berry fruit and pepper on the nose, lush blackberry mid-palate with focus & silky tannins. Spice.

10. 2006 Caymus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, CA) 130

Dark chocolate & cassis, full black fruit followed by graphite. Big tannins. Drinking great, peaking for another year or two.

10. 2008 Caymus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, CA) 135

Really deep & concentrated, supple in its youth. Plum & blackberries, spice. Long finish, this is going to be drinking a long time.

10. 2009 Caymus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, CA) 144

Big & oaky Napa Cab, cassis & black cherry, sweet & spicy. Lush, and drinking early. More American oak than Special Selection.

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.

2003* (2) 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.

24. 1991* (1) Jordan Sonoma Coast (81.2% Cabernet, 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. Currant jam & 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 leaner, but with cassis & black fruit concentration, juicy acids. Supple tannins.

2008* (3) Morlet Family Vineyards Mon Chevalier Cabernet Sauvignon (Sonoma Co., CA) 345

Spicy cassis, violet, fennel, white & milk chocolate, mocha, vanilla, & mint, before you taste it. Palate echoes intense aromas & bouquet, with blueberry & mineral, cigar box, and lavender note. Rich, fine, dusty tannins, great intensity. Long & elegant finish.

There was a tiny amount of this in town for 2011, & spectacular ratings meant that it could have all been sold out of the winery.

This is great right now, with buttery steak or lamb, but it will drink for the next two decades, getting more complex as it goes.

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

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.

SPECIAL VAULT LIST - OLD WORLD RED WINES

1998 Cos d’Estournel – Médoc - 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.

2003 Lynch Bages - Médoc - 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.

2006 Lynch Bages - Médoc - Pauillac AOC (Cinquième Grand Cru Classé) 199

Balanced. Full-bodied, with cassis, blackberry, pencil lead, big structure. Showing well, drinking great in three years, I bet.

2005* (2) Château Lagrange Médoc - 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* (3) Château Branaire-Ducru - Médoc - 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 - Médoc - 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. Retailing for avg. \$424, so let’s celebrate Headliners Club pricing! Massive structure & density, fruit starting to emerge. Infanticide. Check back in ten years.

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

Flowers & fruit & peat. Deep & rich, tannins are still pretty firm for Margaux. A tad austere & tight, with alcohol showing.

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* (2) 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.

1998* (3) Château Troplong-Mondot - Saint-Émilion AOC (Grand Cru Classé) 138

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

2001* (1) 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.

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.

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

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

2007 Clos des Mouches Premier Cru Drouhin (Côte de Beaune, Burgundy) 123

Floral with some forest floor. Cherry & spice, Strawberry fruit & licorice. Tart cherry, & serious mineral on the palate. Medium weight.

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

1999 Domaine Leroy - Monthl lie AOC (C te de Beaune, Burgundy) 179

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

2007 Jacques-Fr d ric Mugnier 1^{er} Cru Clos de la Mar chale Vosne-Roman e AOC (C te de Nuits) 168

Floral with black fruit & maraschino. Sappier red fruit on palate, with earthy tannins. Great balance between nose & palate.

1999* (2) Premier Cru Domaine de la Roman e-Conti “Cuv e Duvault-Bloch t” Vosne-Roman e 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-Roman e AOC (C te de Nuits) 104

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

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

(80% Garnatxa Negra / 20% Cari ena)

From the six oldest parcels (1901-20). Dense Chambord nose with flowers & rock. Pretty high tannins are starting to calm down as it edges into maturity, which will probably last for another 4 years of peak drinking. Jammy & huge for the neighborhood.

Fortified Wine – Portugal

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.

Who Chose These Wines, Anyway?

Sam Hovland, Sommelier for the Headliners Club since 2000. In 2005 I graduated from the International Sommelier Guild Sommelier Certification Program. 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. Recently I have been a consultant or wine buyer for many other restaurants and retail shops. For the majority of my day, I am the wine buyer at East End Wines. I also host private wine tastings & work as a freelance wine consultant.

Over the years that I have been buying wines for the Headliners Club, we have greatly increased both the cellar’s depth and its flexibility. 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. Thanks for taking a look at the wines that we have on offer – I think that you will be able to find something to go with the delightful setting and great offerings from the kitchen.

