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# TOP RATED WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

(THE TEMPERATURE IS OVER 90 AND SO ARE THESE WINES!)

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#### RATINGS KEY:

WS = WINE SPECTATOR RP = ROBERT PARKER W&S = WINE & SPIRITS WE = WINE ENTHUSIAST ST = STEPHEN TANZER**CG** = Connoisseur's Guide to CALIFORNIA WINE

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= Organic Producer / Wine



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# HALF-BOTTLES

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE THREE-MARTINI POWER HOUR AND THE LOW-CARB ENERGY BAR ON THE STAIRMASTER LIES THE CIVILIZED LUNCH, A PERFECT TIME FOR THE HALF-BOTTLE. RETURNS YOU TO THE OFFICE IN THE ULTIMATE PRODUCTIVE STATE; MELLOW BUT NOT SLOSHED.

HALF-BOTTLES ARE GREAT FOR THE BUSINESS TRAVELER DINING ALONE OR FOR THOSE MIXED MARRIAGES BETWEEN A WINE-LOVER AND SOMEONE WITH MORE RATIONAL USES FOR EXCESS MONEY.

ANYWAY, WINE IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE...

	Case	Bottle	Page
2005 Baker Lane Pinot Noir, Hurst Vineyard, Sonoma Coast	\$203.33	\$17.50	4
2003 Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volante, <i>California</i>	\$153.55	\$13.36	5
2004 Bonny Doon Le Cigare Blanc, California	\$105.73	\$ 9.37	5
2004 Bonny Doon Syrah, 'Le Pousseur', California	\$ 81.57	\$ 7.36	5
2005 Dashe Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley	\$125.25	\$11.00	7
2005 Dashe Zinfandel 'Late Harvest', Dry Creek Valley	\$242.37	\$20.67	7
2005 Elyse 'Nero Misto' Red Wine, Napa Valley	\$138.67	\$12.12	7
2005 Elyse 'Couzins' Red Wine, Napa Valley	\$158.19	\$13.74	7
2005 Elyse Petite Sirah, Rutherford	\$182.59	\$15.78	7
2005 Elyse Zinfadel, Korte Ranch, Napa Valley	\$167.95	\$14.56	7
2005 Martin Ray Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara	\$109.37	\$ 9.67	9
2004 Revana Family Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	\$473.76	\$40.04	10
2003 York Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 'Estate', Spring Mountain	\$217.97	\$18.72	11
2003 York Creek Port, Spring Mountain (Napa/Sonoma)	\$244.40	\$20.05	11
2003 York Creek 'MXB', Spring Mountain	\$124.23	\$10.91	11

*Availability on Half-Bottles is lower – because they make fewer of them!* 

# LARGE FORMATS

'CAUSE SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED TWICE AS MUCH...

"THE BEST WINE YOU'LL EVER TASTE WILL BE POURED FROM A MAGNUM."
-Ray Coursen, Elyse Winery

	Size	Bottle	Page
2003 Elyse Cabernet Sauvignon, Morisoli Vineyard, Napa Valley	1.5 liter	\$103.92	6
2005 Joel Gott Cabernet Sauvignon "815", California	3 liter	\$104.40	10
2003 Pepper Bridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley	1.5 liter	\$ 82.65	14
2001 Woodhouse Family Cellars 'Darighe' Red Wine, Columbia Valley	1.5 liter	\$ 92.20	14

#### CALIFORNIA

#### ANGELINE (RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

#### www.martinraywinery.com

COURTNEY BENHAM, OWNER / BRYAN DAVISON, WINEMAKER

TOP 11 VALUE WINERIES OF THE YEAR: 2006 & 2007 — WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE TOP FIVE HOTTEST SMALL BRANDS OF 2004 — WINE BUSINESS MONTHLY

Angeline was founded in 2000 by Courtney Benham of *Martin Ray Winery* to provide quality varietal wines at an affordable price. Winemaker Bryan Davison embraces the same fundamental winemaking techniques that made Martin Ray wines so successful. He blends only the most reliable components to achieve a truly pleasing outcome. Angeline wines are sourced from the same quality vineyards as the Martin Ray wines and are comparable to wines twice their prices. The two main focuses of Angeline are Chardonnay and Pinot Noir sourced solely from the cool climate regions of Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Angeline:				
2005 Chardonnay, Russian River	12/750	\$113.10	\$ 9.98 * [ 86 WE ]	
* "If you can find better value Russian River Vall	ey Chardonnay	then Buy It!!" -Al	lex Kroblin	
2005 Riesling, Mendocino	12/750	\$125.31	<b>\$11.00</b> *	
*89 Points: "Best Buy" – Wine Enthusiast				
2005 Gewurztraminer, Mendocino	12/750	<b>\$113.10</b>	\$ 9.98 [89 WE]	
2005 Merlot, Sonoma County	12/750	<b>\$125.31</b>	\$11.00	
2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County	12/750	<b>\$127.28</b>	<b>\$11.17</b> *	
2004 Syrah, Dry Creek Valley	12/750	<b>\$127.28</b>	<b>\$11.17</b>	
2005 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley	12/750	<b>\$144.83</b>	<b>\$12.63</b>	
*"Top Value" – Wine Spectator				
2006 Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley	12/750	<b>\$125.31</b>	<b>\$11.00</b> *	
* 88 Points "Top Value" – Wine Spectator; 88 Poir	nts "Best Buy"	–Wine & Spirits		
2004 Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley	12/750	<b>\$137.04</b>	\$11.98*	

<sup>\*</sup>Only 3000 cases were made of this "extreme value." If you haven't joined the Angeline bandwagon yet, now is the time!!

# BAKER LANE VINEYARDS (SONOMA COAST)

#### www.bakerlanevineyards.com

STEPHEN AND MICHEL SINGER, OWNERS / STEVEN CANTER, WINEMAKER

Baker Lane Vineyards is a winery that is about place. The wines are produced from vineyards situated on opposing slopes of a small north/south valley that is part of the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed in the Sonoma Coast appellation, just outside Sebastopol, California. In 2002, pursuing a lifelong dream, *native Oklahoman Stephen Singer* bought a beautiful hillside property in Sebastopol for the purposes of creating a vineyard, olive orchard and homestead. RoadsEnd Farm, which he operates with his wife, Michel, represents the culmination of all of his interests—aesthetic, viticultural, gustatory and environmental. The 2004 Pinot Noir is the winery's inaugural release. It is drawn from three clonal selections (Pommard, 777, and 115) that are planted on the largely east-facing slopes of the neighboring Hurst Vineyard. The wines are produced under the watchful eye of winemaker Steven Canter (of Torbreck fame). Stephen Singer is the former husband of *Alice Waters*, owner of *Chez Panisse* and influential chef. In addition he imports a range of boutique olive oils and rare balsamic vinegars under the moniker Stephen Singer Olio.

Pk/Sz Case Bottle
Baker Lane:
2004 Pinot Noir, Hurst Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 12/750 [Sold Out] \*

\*89+ Points – Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar "Good dark red. Aromas of currant, blackberry, mocha, cocoa powder and chocolately oak. Tangy dark berries, bitter chocolate and minerals nicely framed by firm acidity. Slightly elevated acids give the youthfully fruity finish a faint tart edge." 700 cases made.

2005 Pinot Noir, Hurst Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 12/750 [Sold Out] \*

\* 92 Points—Wine Spectator; 89 Points—Stephen Tanzer: "Aromas of plum, redcurrant, strawberry and earth. Sappy and nicely concentrated, with a chewy texture and tangy, spicy plum and bitter cherry flavors complemented by earthy low tones. Finishes with even tannins. This reminded me of a very good pinot from Oregon. 400 cases made.

2005 Syrah, RoadsEnd Estate, Sonoma Coast 6/750 [Sold Out]

#### BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS (OAK KNOLL DISTRICT ~ NAPA VALLEY)

#### www.blackbirdvineyards.com

MICHAEL POLENSKE, OWNER / SARAH GOTT, WINEMAKER / OSCAR RENTERIA, VINEYARD MANAGER

Perched to seize the day as Oak Knoll's foremost Merlot is Blackbird Vineyards, located in the heart of the district. Since 1999, this former walnut orchard, first planted with 5717 vines two years earlier, has quietly provided fruit to many of Napa's finest winemakers, for whom it has yielded astonishing reviews and stellar scorings. Purchased by entrepreneur Michael Polenske in 2003, Blackbird Vineyards is now an ultra premium label in its own right. (Fittingly, 'Merlot' is French patois for 'Little Blackbird.') Polenske likens the Oak Knoll District in general, and Blackbird Vineyards in particular to France's Pomerol region, know for its stellar Merlots. "The terroir of the Oak Knoll District appellation is strikingly similar to the Pomerol," says Polenske. "The soil and the climates are similar, and like the Oak Knoll District, it's more rustic and rural than other regions." Blackbird continues to provide fruit to such winemakers as Bob Foley and Romel Rivera (Pride Mountain Vineyards and Robert Foley Vineyards). This speaks volumes about Blackbird's terroir and is validation of the fruit quality. Blackbird's barrel lot at the 2007 Auction Napa Valley placed 5th overall (behind Shafer, Pride, Phelps, & D.R. Stephens). Not too shabby!

**Bottle** Pk/Sz Case

**Blackbird Vineyards:** 

2004 Proprietary Red Wine, Oak Knoll District 12/750 [ Sold Out ]

\*95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. 19 months in French Oak barrels. Bottled Unfiltered and Unfined. 1100 sixpacks made.

#### BONNY DOON VINEYARD (SANTA CRUZ)

#### www.bonnydoonvineyard.com

RANDALL GRAHM, THE ORIGINAL RHONE DERANGER | JILLIAN JOHNSON, WINEMAKER

Greetings, Earthlings. Welcome to the new and improved Bonny Doon Vineyard! In 1980, Randall Grahm planted vines in the Santa Cruz Mountains intent on producing The Great American Pinot Noir. This goal proved elusive, but his experiments with Rhone varietals had been surprisingly successful. So the late Bonny Doon Estate Vineyard was eventually planted to Syrah, Roussanne, Marsanne, and Viognier and the rest, as they say, is history. A lot has happened in between, but in 2007 Randall went back to the egg, as it were, and returned his focus to producing estate grown, Biodynamically farmed, Organically produced wines from his Ca' del Solo Vineyard in Monterey. Along with fruit purchased from neighboring vineyards (also of the Organic/Biodynamic slant), the shift in winemaking philosophy is away from quantity and back toward quality. You have probably tried many a Bonny Doon wine over the years, but you have never been to this part of the Dooniverse. Prepare to go where no man has gone before. Resistance is futile.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Bonny Doon:		[ All So	rewcap!]
2003 Le Cigare Volant, California	12/750	\$280.25	\$23.91 [ 90 WE ]
2003 Le Cigare Volant, California	12/375	\$153.55	<b>\$13.36</b> *

\*The Flagship wine: 35% Mourvedre (100-year-old, dry-farmed vines), 32% Syrah (Bien Nacido Vineyard), 26% Grenache (Santa Ynez), 7% Cinsault. Still the best Chateauneuf-du-Pape outside of France.

2004 Le Cigare Blanc, California

\$194.38

\$16.76 \* [92 WE]

\*73% Roussanne, 27% Grenache Blanc from the Beeswax Vineyard in Arroyo Seco. A bit of stainless steel, a dash of oak, a smidge of malolactic fermentation, and a pinch of whole clusters make this wine complex and extremely balanced.

2006 Vin Gris de Cigare, California

\*A rose' just in time for summer! 20% of the Le Cigare Volant is bled off the musts (saigne) for this wine. Then, a bit of Grenache Blanc (18%), Roussanne (15%) and Viognier (3%) is blended in to add complexity. Drink the Pink!

2004 Syrah, "Le Pousseur", California

12/750

\$147.27

\$12.83 \* [90 ST/88 WE/88 RP]

2004 Syrah, "Le Pousseur", California

12/375

\$ 81.57

\$ 7.36

\$11.82 \*

\*From the Bien Nacido (Sta. Rita Hills) & Chequera (Paso Robles) vineyards. "The Pusher" is rocking!

# CA' DEL SOLO (MONTEREY COUNTY)

#### www.bonnydoonvineyard.com

RANDALL GRAHM, THE ORIGINAL RHONE DERANGER | JILLIAN JOHNSON, WINEMAKER

Randall Grahm's ode to "ugly duckling" Mediterranean varieties, the 135-acre Ca' del Solo Vineyard is located in Soledad (yes, within view of the prison). Bonny Doon began farming the Ca'del Solo Vineyard biodynamically in early 2004 and it received Bio-D certification by Demeter in March 2007. Why, you ask? We suggest an experiment: 1. Open a bottle of wine from biodynamically farmed grapes and another from conventionally farmed grapes. 2. Taste. 3. Leave the bottle open and return to it two days later. You will likely find the Bio-D bottle fresh and expansive, with far more detail and flavor than it originally revealed. The other one will make a fine salad dressing.

[Ca' del Solo cont'd:] [ All Screwcap! ] \$13.61 \* 2005 Sangiovese, San Benito County \$156.56 12/750 \*From the Gimelli Vineyard in San Benito's Cienega Valley, just over the valley from Ca' del Solo Vineyard. Gimelli has been Bio-D since 2005 and produces a far more serious style of Sangiovese than we've ever seen from these guys. Intense! 2006 Muscat, Ca' del Solo Vineyard, Monterey \$13.44 \* 12/750 \$154.59 \*At 1% residual sugar, this Moscato Giallo is slightly off-dry, but has bracing acidity and finishes clean! 900 cases made. \$183.87 2006 Albariño, Ca' del Solo Vinevard, Monterey \$15.88 \* 12/750  $^*$ This one gets 17% Loureiro (for its acidity) and 3% Treixadura (for its citrus and floral notes) blended in. And in case you were wondering, I had to look up those grapes, too. Whole-cluster pressed, stainless steel aged. 900 cases made. Œ COPAIN WINES (SANTA ROSA) www.copainwines.com WELLS GUTHRIE & KEVIN MCOUOWN, OWNERS J. WELLS GUTHRIE, WINEMAKER "Boasting a remarkable résumé, having worked for the Wine Spectator and having done apprenticeships in the cellars of Michel Chapoutier and Gerard Chave, it's not surprising that Wells Guthrie has been able to find remarkable vineyards for Syrah and occasionally Pinot Noir from which he turns out wines of extraordinary personality and singular characteristics. He's a natural, as they say, and his wines are some of the most exciting to emerge from California." -Robert Parker's Wine Personalities of the Year (2005) Copain is dedicated to producing top-quality vineyard designated wines which will be complex, varietally correct and food friendly without being heavy handed. Copain practices *Organic & Biodynamic* wine production. Pk/Sz Case Copain: [Very Limited Availability] 2004 'Les Copains', James Berry Vineyard, Paso Robles 12/750 \$394.46 \$33.43 \* [ Last Call ] \* Robert Parker: "Perhaps my favorite **grand cru** site for Central Coast Syrah is the James Berry Vineyard, which is planted in pure limestone soil on the west side of Paso Robles." 90% Grenache, 10% Syrah. 350 cases made. 2005 Syrah, EaglePoint Ranch, Mendocino \$351.76 \$29.87 \* 12/750 \*93 Points – Robert Parker. 100% Syrah, 70% whole cluster-pressed. 310 cases made. 2005 Syrah, Harrison Clarke, Santa Ynez Valley \*91 Points—Robert Parker/90 Points—Stephen Tanzer. 100% Syrah, 80% whole cluster-pressed. 380 cases made. 2005 Roussanne, James Berry Vineyard, Paso Robles 12/750 \$351.76 \$29.87 \* \*342 cases made of this fleshy, slightly waxy, full-bodied wine. This is Treana White on steroids! 2005 Syrah, Thompson, Santa Barbara \$49.70 \* \$589.66 \* 93 Points – Robert Parker: "One of my favorite Central Coast sites is the Santa Barbara vineyard in the Alisos Canyon known as the Thompson Vineyard and made famous by Ojai's Adam Tolmach. A blockbuster, but not as inky, rich, and powerful as the 2004, is the 2005 Syrah Thompson Vineyard. More structured, acidic, and tannic than its older sibling, it is a top-notch effort that will benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age, and should last for 10-15 years." 2005 Syrah, Hawks Butte, Yorkville Highlands \*From a high elevation site (1,400 feet) in Mendocino, Hawke's Butte is planted in pure schist. Seventy-five percent whole clusters were used, and the wine was aged 16 months in French oak, 30% new. The '05 was not reviewed, but here are some quotes from Parker on the '02, '03 & '04 Hawks Butte (rated **96,95 & 92 Points,** respectively): "A dead-ringer for a great Hermitage", "profound", "an awesome Syrah", "sensational", "a blockbuster." Get it? It's really good!! 2005 Syrah, Garys' Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 12/750 \*95 Points – Robert Parker: "Wells Guthrie appears to have hit a home run with the 2005 Syrah Garys' Vineyard, a seriously packed and stacked, black/purple-colored Syrah boasting notions of camphor, blackberries, and acacia flowers in an opulent, full-bodied, dense, intense style. Remarkably for a wine this powerful, Guthrie told me the alcohol is under 14%." 2005 Saisons Syrah "L'hiver", Mendocino \$183.86 \$15.88 \* \*90 Points – Robert Parker: "One of Copain's best values every year is the Saisons des Vins Syrah l'Hiver, Guthrie's interpretation of a St.-Joseph or Crozes-Hermitage. The 2005 reveals hints of tapenade, pepper, red cherries, and cassis along with zesty acidity and a fruit-driven style. About 15% whole clusters were used in this fun, delicious Syrah." 2006 Saisons Rosé "Le Printemps", Mendocino \$139.95 \$12.12 \* \*80% Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley) & 20% Grenache. Unoaked. Wow. This is the official wine of summer '07!! 2006 Saisons Pinot Noir "L'automne", Mendocino 12/750 \$203.29 \$17.51 \* \*Crafted from Wells' top single vineyard sites in Anderson Valley. A great value for quality Pinot. 2006 Saisons Viognier "L'ete", Mendocino \$156.56 \$13.61 \* 12/750

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\*Apricot & orange rind are balanced by minerality & acidity. This is a beautiful wine.

#### D.R. STEPHENS ESTATE (NAPA VALLEY)

#### www.drstephenswines.com

Don & Trish Stephens, Owners / Celia Welch Masyczek, Winemaker / Jim Barbour, Vineyard Manager

Don Stephens is the Founder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of San Francisco and Managing Partner of D.R. Stephens & Company – a firm he founded in 1973 and still manages today in the real estate and private equity investment business. He was also a partner in a San Francisco a steak house named "The Cooperage." The attraction of good red wine, and particularly Cabernet Sauvignon, combined with a steak, gave him the long-term goal of becoming a vintner and making great wines. In 1996 Don and Trish found Oz II, their 35-acre property on Howell Mountain and planted the nine-acre Moose Valley Vineyard. 2002 saw their first release, the 1999 D.R. Stephens Estate Moose Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. High scores soon followed. We are happy to introduce you to these wines.

D.R. Stephens' barrel lot at the 2007 Auction Napa Valley placed 4th overall (behind Shafer, Pride, & Phelps). Not too shabby!

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

D.R. Stephens Estate:

2004 Chardonnay, Hudson Vineyard, *Carneros* 12/750 \$431.06 \$36.48 \*

\*This is serious Chardonnay from Lee Hudson's highly acclaimed vineyard. Only 848 cases made.

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Moose Valley Vineyard, Napa 12/750

\* "Stephens is one of the hottest new wineries in Napa Valley. Both its Cabernet, from Moose Valley, and Chardonnay are brilliant wines." -James Laube, reporting on 2006 Auction Napa Valley. 1100 cases made.

#### DASHE CELLARS (SONOMA)

#### www.dashecellars.com

MICHAEL & ANNE DASHE, OWNERS & WINEMAKERS

In 1996, the husband and wife winemaking team of Michael and Anne Dashe founded Dashe Cellars. Focused on crafting exceptional single vineyard wines, Dashe Cellars blends Anne's classic French winemaking training at Chateau Lafite-Rothschild with the experience Michael has gained at such noted American wineries as *Ridge Vineyards* and *Far Niente*. Together, the Dashe's strive to create authentic, vineyard-focused wines that capture the charm and personality of top, independent vineyards throughout Sonoma County and beyond. With current production at roughly 8,500 cases, Dashe Cellars remains committed to a hands-on, artisan's approach to winemaking.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Dashe:				
2005 Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley	12/750	\$224.88	\$19.30	[91 CG/90 W&S]
2005 Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley	12/375	\$125.25	\$11.00	
2004 Zinfandel, Todd Brothers Ranch, Alexando	er Valley 12/750	[ Sold	Out ]	[ 94 W&S ] *

\*94 Points – Wine & Spirits: "This wine grows just north of Geyserville, on 48-year-old vines planted on a steep, rocky slope. It maintains a core of freshness so that the ripeness of the old-vine fruit goes to velvet rather than jam. It's zesty, sappy and tense, the power of the woodland blackberry fruit making a lasting impression." Only 466 cases made.

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

2/750

\$381.04

\$32.31 \*

\*90% Cab, 5% Merlot & 5% Petite Verdot from the Todd Brothers Ranch – on a red rock slope above the town of Geyserville – which Mike discovered while sourcing grapes at Ridge. Only 253 cases were produced.

2005 Zinfandel Late Harvest, Dry Creek Valley

12/375

\$242.37

\$20.67 \*

# ELYSE WINERY (NAPA VALLEY)

www.elysewinery.com

RAY COURSEN. OWNER & WINEMAKER

#### 2005 ARTISAN WINERY OF THE YEAR — WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

In 1983, Ray and Nancy Coursen were both working in Cape Cod restaurants. One day Ray casually asked Nancy when she'd be ready to move to California to start making wine. "Tomorrow," she said. The rest, as they say, is history. Ray worked for several California wineries, starting at the bottom picking grapes, digging ditches, and tending the gardens. He eventually ended up at Whitehall Lane, first working in the tasting room and the cellar before being promoted to winemaker. In 1987, Ray & Nancy started Elyse Wines with 286 cases of Zinfandel from the Morisoli Vineyard, which is still one of their primary fruit sources. Ray makes wines that you want to sit down and enjoy – juicy, rich, voluptuous wines with a little oak, but not overpowering to the point that you can't taste the fruit. Ray loves wines that pair well with food. He says, "A meal without wine is eating; a meal with wine is dining – it's a conversation, an event. It's what wine is about." We agree.

<sup>\* 9%</sup> residual sugar, 14.1 % alcohol, 950 cases made. Delicious!

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

#### [ Elyse cont'd: ]

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Morisoli Vineyard, Napa 12/750 \$559.16 \$47.16

\*96% Cab Sauv, 4% Petite Verdot. 22 months in 60% new French oak. 883 cases made. Power meets elegance in a heavy-ass bottle! Available in Magnums (only 40 cases bottled!).

2005 'Nero Misto' Red Wine, California

.2/750 \$244.40 \$2

\*Petite Sirah, Zin, and Carignane dominate the blend in '05, with the rest being made up of Primitivo, Barbera, Mourvedre, Alicante Bouchet, Gamay, Grande Noir, the Kitchen Sink...This '05 is already drinking better than the 2004. Nice! Available in Half-Bottles.

2005 'Couzins' Red Wine, Napa Valley

12/750 \$283.44 \$24.18

\*Finally, a wine for people from Arkansas! The newest wine in the Elyse lineup is a blend of Zin and Primitivo (thus, "Couzins;" get it?) with a splash of Petite Sirah to give it some extra oomph.

2005 Petite Sirah, Rutherford

12/750 \$309.06 \$26.32

\*90% Petite Sirah, 10% Zin from two vineyards. As always, it's stunning. Available in Half-Bottles.

2005 Zinfadel, Korte Ranch, Napa Valley

12/750 \$320.96 \$25.81

\*The '03 scored 93 points from Parker, the '04 scored 94. This one has yet to be rated, but I think you see where I'm going with this. While supplies last. Available in Half-Bottles.

2006 Rosé, California

12/750 \$125.31 \$11.00 \*

\*A blend of Pinot Noir, Grenache, Zinfandel, Mouvedre, Gamay, Cinsault, Counoise made in the style of the wonderful rosés of Tavel and Lirac. 662 cases made. Get it while it's hot!

# JACOB FRANKLIN (NAPA VALLEY)

#### www.elysewinery.com

RAY COURSEN, OWNER & WINEMAKER

As many of you know, when **Ray and Nancy Coursen** started making their own wines in 1987, they named the tiny, 200 case operation after their daughter, **Elyse**. Not wanting to leave their son, Jake, out of loop, they eventually named a Rhone blend after him. It wasn't enough. Jake soon asked, "When do I get my own label without her name on it?" In 1998, they began a new label named after Jake: Jacob Franklin. These wines are made in extremely small quantities, so we were happy when Ray said we could get our hands on a few cases of each. *Very Limited Availability*.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Jacob Franklin:			
2002 #60 Mon Chou, Napa Valley	12/750	\$694.58	\$58.44 *
*60% Cab Franc, with Cab Sauv, Merlot & Petite V	erdot rounding	out the blend. 19	3 cases made.
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Hoffman Lane, Napa Valle	y 12/750	\$559.16	<b>\$47.16</b> *
*From Ray's Estate Vineyard, located at the winery.	185 cases mad	e.	
2004 Barbera, Sierra Foothills	12/750	\$321.26	\$27.33 *
*Single-vineyard Barbera with chutzpah! The oak-a	iging makes it m	uch more substar	ıtial. 162 cases made.
2005 Petite Sirah, Hayne Vineyard, Napa Valley	12/750	\$599.42	\$50.51
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\*Hayne Vineyard fruit is used exclusively by Turley, Joseph Phelps, and Ray Coursen. 310 cases made.

# JOEL GOTT WINES (NAPA VALLEY)

www.gottwines.com

JOEL & SARAH GOTT, OWNERS & WINEMAKERS

#### 2005 WINNER - BEST WINES UNDER \$20 - FOOD & WINE MAGAZINE

Joel Gott is a fifth-generation of winemaker (His grandfather was winemaker and president of Inglenook in the 1960s and 1970s while his father, Cary Gott, is the founder of Montevina), and Sarah was the winemaker at *Joseph Phelps* (she made the '02 Insignia which topped *Wine Spectator's* Top 100) and *Quintessa* and is currently creating wines at *Blackbird*. Joel is also the proud proprietor of Taylor's Refresher, Napa Valley's red hot retro-chic "hamburger joint" on Highway 29.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Joel Gott:				
2006 Sauvignon Blanc, California	12/750	\$107.00	\$ 9.48	* [ Screwcap ]
* <b>"Great Bargain" –</b> San Francisco Chronicle				
2006 Chardonnay, Monterey County	12/750	<b>\$156.56</b>	\$13.61	
*No oak, no ML. First vintage of Monterey Chard	d and it's awe	esome.		
2005 Zinfandel, California	12/750	<b>\$157.78</b>	\$13.70	*
*87 Points "Top Value" – Wine Spectator; 87 Points	<b>nts</b> "Best Bu <u>ı</u>	y" – Connoisseur's Gu	ide	
2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Blend No. 815, California	12/750	\$168.00	\$14.56	

 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Blend No. 815, California
 1/3L
 N/A
 \$104.40

 2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Three Ranches, Napa Valley
 12/750
 \$164.35
 \$14.26 \*

\*87 Points – Connoisseur's Guide: "Kudos to winemaker Gott for capturing a lighter, more minerally style of Sauvignon."

**1** 2005 Zinfandel, Mohr-Fry Vineyard, *Lodi* 

12/750

\$205.36 \$17.67 \*

\*Sourced from 50-80 year old head pruned vines in Lodi, this wine is a classic Zinfandel with aromas of black cherry, blueberries, clove, and cola.

2004 GOTT Cabernet Sauvignon "Sarah's Metier", Napa 12/750

\$386.39

\$32.76 \* [Limited]

\*100% Cab Sauv from St. Helena, Rutherford, Oakville and Howell Mountain. 80% new French oak.

#### LORING WINE CO. (SANTA BARBARA)

www.loringwinecompany.com

BRIAN LORING AND KIMBERLY LORING, OWNERS & WINEMAKERS

"My name is Brian Loring, and my obsession is Pinot Noir. I'm also pretty crazy about Champagne, but that's another story. I first was introduced to Pinot Noir while in college during the early 1980s. I worked at a wine shop in Hollywood, where the owners were Burgundy fanatics. The first Pinots I ever tasted were from producers like Domaine Dujac, Henri Jayer and DRC. It wasn't until I tasted some Calera wines that I found a California Pinot Noir I could love. But it would be quite a while before I found other wineries that lived up to the standard set by Josh Jensen. My sister, Kimberly, has come on as an equal partner, and we share all the day-to-day business and winemaking duties. We've grown to 6,000 cases of Pinot Noir sourced from 13 different vineyards." This is the Ken Wright of California: all single-vineyards, all Pinot Noir, all screw cap, all good.

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

#### **Loring Wine Co.:**

2005 Pinot Noir Brosseau, Chalone AVA

12/750 **\$460.81** 

\$38.96 [90 WS / 90 CG / 89 ST]

\*Brousseau shows more minerality on the palate than any of our other wines. It has a nice blend of soft tannins and floral nose that makes it one of our more interesting wines. 600 cases made. Featured in "Star Selections" – Food & Wine Magazine [2 cases left!]

2005 Pinot Noir Naylor Dry Hole, Chalone AVA

12/750

\$460.81

\$38.96 [ 90 WS ] [ 4 cases left ]

\*Similar to Brousseau, without quite the mineral edge and touch more tannin. Also a candidate for longer aging among our wines. 125 cases made.

2005 Pinot Noir Cargasacchi, Santa Rita Hills

12/750

\$460.81 \$38.96 [91 WS][1 case left]

\* Wine Spectator: "Smoky, toasty oak that's fresh and alluring is evident in the aroma and shows up on the palate, joining loam, fresh earth and blueberry flavors that are rich and intense. Drink now through 2011. 400 cases made."

2005 Pinot Noir Russell Family, Paso Robles

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\$460.81

\$38.96 [ 92 WS ] [ 1 case left ]

\*Wine Spectator: "The initial aromas of ripe wild berry, pomegranate and huckleberry are joined by oaky scents of hazelnut and nutmeg. On the palate it's intense, focused, deep and persistent, ending with a nice baseline of tannins. Drink now through 2011." 175 cases produced.

# MARTIN RAY WINERY (RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY)

www.martinray-winery.com

COURTNEY BENHAM, OWNER | BRYAN DAVISON, WINEMAKER

#### 2007 WINERY OF THE YEAR — WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

Martin Ray, an iconoclast and innovator, was one of the first to use grapes from the Santa Cruz Mountains to create premium wines. In 1943 he established his own winery and began to develop vineyards on nearby Mt. Eden, where he produced wines under the Martin Ray name from 1946 until 1972. He died in 1976, and the brand disappeared from the marketplace --- until Courtney Benham revived it in 1990. In July 2003 Benham acquired the historic Martini & Prati winery in Russian River and made it the home of Martin Ray Winery. Originally established in 1881 as the Twin Fir Winery, the historic site is distinguished as the oldest winery in continuous operation in Sonoma County and one of the oldest wineries in California. The winery was run by five generations of the Martini family and associated with the local Italian-American community that still includes the Sebastianis, the Foppianos, the Pedroncellis and the Seghesios. Thirty 11,000 gallon old-growth redwood tanks dating back to 1904 are still used at the winery and can be viewed during the winery tour.

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

Martin Ray:

2005 Chardonnay, Russian River

12/750

\$173.64

\$15.03 \* [87 WS]

\*87 Points – Wine Spectator; "One of the Top Five Value Chardonnays in America" – Wine & Spirits (Sept. '06).

[ Martin Ray Winery cont'd: ]		
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	12/750	<b>\$182.18</b>
*100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 22 months in	French oak.	z. It's just starting to unwind, but it's beautiful.
2006 Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara	12/750	<b>\$205.36 \$17.67</b>
2005 Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara	12/375	<b>\$109.37 \$ 9.67</b>
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Diamond Mountain, Napa	6/750	\$252.19         \$42.59   *
* <b>90 Points</b> – Wine & Spirits. 1000 cases made fror	n Constant	t Diamond Mountain Vineyard fruit.
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Mountain	6/750	\$185.03         \$31.40   *
* <b>94 Points</b> – Wine & Spirits (Feb. '07); 600 cases n	nade.	
2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District	6/750	\$185.03        \$31.40  *
* <b>92 Points</b> – Wine & Spirits Magazine. <b>93 Points</b>	<b>–</b> Wine En	nthusiast. 99% Cab Sauv, 1% Merlot from the renowned
vineyards of the Stags Leap District in Napa Valley	. 22 month	hs in French oak. 1550 cases made.
2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Cruz Mountains	6/750	\$185.03 \$31.40 * [ Coming Soon ]
2003 Merlot, Napa Valley	12/750	\$182.18           \$15.74   *
*This is serious Merlot, blended with 11% Cab Sau	v & 10% C	Cab Franc. 30 months in French oak.
2003 "Red", California	9/1 L	\$ 75.33
* "Best in the World of Wine:" Best Red Jug Wine -	-Wine & S	Spirits (Sept. '06). 7700 cases made.

# REVANA FAMILY VINEYARD (ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY)

#### www.revanawine.com

Dr. Revana is a practicing heart surgeon in Houston, Texas. He fell in love with wine for the same intangible reasons as most of us, but as a cardiologist, he soon began to appreciate wine for its many health benefits. His passion for wine eventually led him to the conclusion that he wanted to start his own winery. He looked into many outstanding vineyard sites before finally settling on Napa Valley's St. Helena (not a bad neighborhood: his two closest neighbors are *Grace Family* and *Vineyard 29*!). During his research Dr. Revana was impressed by the European tradition of the vintner who brings talented people and exceptional land and vines together to create great wines. As a cardiologist, he understands the specialist's need for a balance of autonomy and collaboration. In bringing vineyard manager <u>Jim Barbour</u> (*Screaming Eagle, Grace Family, Cakebread, D.R. Stephens*, etc.) and winemaker <u>Heidi Peterson Barrett</u> (*Screaming Eagle, Dalla Valle, Grace Family, Barbour*, etc.) to Revana Family Vineyard and supporting them in their work he is acting in the classic tradition of the managing vintner. His role is to provide the guiding philosophy of quality above all else.

	<b>P</b> 1	k/Sz	Case	Bottle
Revana:				
2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Va	alley 12	/750	[ Sold Out	*
*93 Points – Wine Spectator				
2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Št. Helena, Napa Va	alley 12	/375	\$473.76	\$40.04 *
*91.8% Cab Sauv, 3.5% Petit verdot, 4.6	.6% Cab Franc.	18 months in F	French oak (40% n	ew). 2000 cases produced.

# SCOTT HARVEY WINES (NAPA VALLEY & AMADOR COUNTY)

#### www.scottharveywines.com

SCOTT & JANA HARVEY, OWNERS / SCOTT HARVEY, WINEMAKER

Wine industry veteran Scott Harvey began his practical Enology training at Montevina Winery in Amador County. In 1978, at the age of twenty-three, Scott joined Story Winery, also in Amador County. Later, as Winemaker and General Manager of Santino and Winemaker for Renwood, Scott was credited with placing Amador County firmly on the California wine map. Becoming one of the leading winemakers in Amador County, and garnering critical acclaim, the wine world was paying attention and Amador County was now recognized as a world-class wine-growing appellation. In 1996, Scott was recruited as Partner, Winemaker & President for Folie a Deux Winery in Napa Valley, where he pursued his commitment to award-winning Cabernets from Napa Valley while continuing his passion for Amador County Zinfandel. While there, he created the 'Menage a Trois' line of wines, which was an instant commercial success. Scott Harvey Wines was created out of market demand for Scott's wines — "niche wines that over deliver." The Scott Harvey line focuses on Scott's roots: Zinfandel, Syrah, and Barbera from the Sierras. With more great wines to come, Thirst invites you to dip your proverbial toe in the Scott Harvey water and see for yourself what his wines are all about. Enjoy!

#### Pk/Sz Case Bottle

#### [ Scott Harvey cont'd ]:

2004 Zinfandel "Mountain Selection", Amador County 12/750 \$143.14 \$12.49 \*

\*With 5% Syrah, aged 19 months in French oak. 2423 cases made. A great value!

# TALLULAH WINES (SONOMA)

#### www.tallulahwines.com

DIANA & BEN DAVIS, OWNERS | BEN DAVIS, WINEMAKER | FACILITY: COPAIN CUSTOM CRUSH

Ben Davis moved to Northern California after working for years in the retail wine business as the manager, wine buyer, and later owner of a wine shop and wine bar in his hometown of Jacksonville, FL. Always intrigued by the craft of winemaking and the "sense of place" that wines possess, Ben packed up shop (literally) and worked harvest as a cellar rat at Laird Family Estates for the 2002 harvest. In 2003, Ben's dream of making wine became a reality with the first vintage of Tallulah. Ben decided to name his wines after his late mother, Mary Tallulah Davis, and to focus on Rhone Varieties, primarily Syrah and Grenache. Driven by his commitment to quality and his fascination with the expressions of "terroir," Ben continues to seek out new vineyards and new experiments for Tallulah, even while he stays focused on his vision of small-lot production and maintaining the intimacy of a family-owned, boutique winery.

Tallulah "seems to have one foot in the New World with their ripeness and flavor dimension, and one foot in Europe with their elegance and stylishness." — Robert Parker

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

Tallulah:

2004 Syrah, Sonoma Coast 12/750 \$283.44 \$24.18 \*

\*90 Points – Robert Parker. A blend of fruit from two kick-ass vineyards: Leveroni & Sangiacomo. Aged in 35% new Burgundy barrels and bottled unfined & unfiltered. 620 cases made.

2004 Syrah, Del Rio Vineyard, *Rogue Valley (OR)* 12/750 \$302.96 \$25.81 \*

\*90-92 Points – Robert Parker. 15% whole-cluster fruit aged in 40% new Burgundy barrels. Unfined & unfiltered. 398 cases made.

2004 Syrah, Bald Mountain Ranch, Mount Veeder (Napa) 12/750 \$400.56 \$33.94 \*

\*91 Points – Robert Parker. Aged 16 months in 42% new Burgundy barrels. Unfined & unfiltered. 175 cases made.

# THE OTHER GUYS (SONOMA)

#### www.donandsons.com

Don, August, & Donnie Sebastiani, Owners | Richard Bruno, Winamaker

The Sebastiani family has been in the wine business in the United States since 1904, when Samuele Sebastiani first planted vines in Sonoma. The ensuing years saw multiple generations of his family guide his tiny creation to huge growth, corporate acquisitions, many good wines, and more than their share of bad ones. In 2005, however, the story came full circle when Don Sebastiani and his two sons August and Donnie established The Other Guys. With a more direct, personal approach to bringing wines to the people, TOG features unique brands of limited availability and packaging advances ahead of other portfolios in the industry. Thirst is approached quite often to pick up new wines from various parts of the world, and we routinely turn down wines that we can't imagine drinking, let alone selling. These TOG wines honestly impressed us with their quality, value, and fresh approach to marketing. We hope you enjoy them.

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

The Other Guys:

2005 Hey Mambo Sultry Red, *California* 12/750 \$109.45 \$ 9.68 \* [ Zork ]

\*A blend of Syrah, Barbera, Malbec, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. The nose is amazing – root beer, cherry cola, caramel & vanilla – and it tastes great, too! For the money, this wine is exactly what it should be – and maybe even more!

2006 Hey Mambo Swanky White, *California* 12/750 \$109.45 \$ 9.68 \* [ Zork ]

\*This blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Muscat Canelli and Chenin Blanc is the perfect picnic basket wine. Together with the Red, these wines are also great for parties. Nice labels, really, really good wines.

2005 Plungerhead 'Old Vine' Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley 12/750 \$183.87 \$15.88 \* [ Zork ]

\* '04 vintage: 89 Points – Robert Parker, 5 Stars – Restaurant Wine, Gold Medal – San Francisco Chronicle

2006 White Knight Sauvignon Blanc, Lodi

12750 \$109.45 \$ 9.68 \* [Screwcap]

\*Aromas of Meyer lemons, sweet custard, and crushed vanilla wafers. The flavors evolve from key lime pie and tangerine to crème brulee and lemon drops. Well balanced, between the rich, fruity body and the racy acid.

2006 White Knight Viognier, *Clarksburg* 12750 \$109.45 \$ 9.68 \* [ Screwcap ]

\*This San Francisco Bay-area appellation is starting to make a name for itself on the strength of its killer Viogniers.

# THOMAS HALBY WINERY (SONOMA)

www.halbymarketing.com

Tom Halby, Owner | Winemaker: N/A (NEGOÇIANT WINERY)

Oklahoma has many friends in the wine business, but none may be as loyal as Tom Halby. For more than 30 years Tom has provided great wines and much needed support to our state. So much so, that he has been given honorary "Okie" status. That's why we were thrilled when, a couple of years ago, he told us that he was launching his own wine brand. We had no idea where he as going to source his wine, but we knew at least two things for sure: 1) they would be really affordable, and 2) they would be delicious! Before we even tasted the wines we had 200 cases in stock (thank God the wines were good!) and we haven't looked back since. We feel grateful to represent these wines in Oklahoma, continuing Tom Halby's long relationship with our state. By the way, Halby can produce private label wines for your restaurant or wine store: you select the blend, pick the appellation, and choose the label—no minimum order required! Ask us about it.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Thomas Halby Winery:				
2005 Chardonnay, Napa Valley	12/750	\$128.97	\$11.31	
2003/2004 Merlot, Napa Valley	12/750	\$154.59	\$13.44 *	
*Merlot lovers: Don't let "Sideways" get you down.	This Merlo	ot is delicious, and a grea	t value, too!	
2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	12/750	\$154.59	\$13.44 *	
*This has quietly become the second-best selling wind	e in our boo	k, right behind Angeline	Pinot Noir.	Try it again!
2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley	12/750	\$116.77	\$10.29 *	
*You have to try this wine! Tom hit the bullseye wit	h his Napa	Sauv Blanc. Killer value	e!	
2005 Pinot Noir, Central Coast	12/750	\$199.73	\$17.20 *	
*Bright, ripe fruit, soft texture: no mushroom or bari	nuard here.	This is Monterey Pinot.	Only 1.500	) cases produced.

# YORK CREEK VINEYARDS (SPRING MOUNTAIN)

www.yorkcreek.com

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FRITZ MAYTAG, OWNER | FRITZ MAYTAG & TOM HOLMES, WINEMAKERS

York Creek Vineyards runs up and over the crest of the mountains to the west of the town of St. Helena, in a lush and beautiful area long known as Spring Mountain. Wine grapes have been grown there for more than one hundred years, and YCV has vines in both Napa and Sonoma counties. Owner Fritz Maytag (think Washing Machines, Blue Cheese and Anchor Steam Beer) bottles only 20% of his estate grapes, selling the rest to wineries such as Ridge, Cain, Barnett, Delectus, Pride, and Behrens & Hitchcock. All of their wines are 100% Estate Grown, 100% Single Vineyard, 100% Spring Mountain.

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THIRSTY?

Anchor Distillery from grapes grown at York Creek Vineyard. Almost 20% alcohol – be careful with this one.

#### OREGON

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#### www.bergstromwines.com

BERGSTRÖM FAMILY, OWNERS | JOSH BERGSTRÖM, WINEMAKER

"Josh Bergström makes Pinot Noirs of impressive depth and elegance at his hilltop winery in the Chehalem Mountains of Oregon's Willamette Valley. His wines showcase the open textures and pure flavors of the vintage. [His] wines are among the best of the vintage, so far." Wine Spectator, June 2006. Bergström is the first Oregon winery to have its wines certified as <u>Biodynamic</u> by the Demeter organization. Yields are kept to an insanely low level (as low as 3/4 of a tone per acre from Bergstrom Vineyard), 100% new oak is employed, and the winemaking is meticulous. The key thing to remember with Biodynamics is that the wines get better and better with each vintage. *Josh's wines are mindblowers!* 

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

Bergstrom:

2006 Pinot Noir, Cumberland Reserve, Willamette Valley 12/750 \$447.39 \$37.84

\*The '06 vintage in Oregon had it all: Quality and Quantity. This is a blend of 14 or Willamette's best vineyards.

2006 Riesling, "Dr. Bergstrom", Willamette Valley 12/750 \$225.85 \$21.88

\*Harvested over six days in mid October of 2006 from four different vineyards. This wine was slowly and carefully fermented entirely in small stainless steel tanks and barrels at cool temperatures over a six month period. Malolactic fermentation was blocked. Dr. Bergstrom Riesling has an explosive aromatic profile. It almost smells more like a German Scheurebe. The mouthfeel is rich and ripe with a full-bodied character for a Riesling. This wine still contains 1.7 grams of sugar per liter and is balanced by a nice ripe acidity which should make it very versatile in the kitchen. 900 cases made.

# C RAPTOR RIDGE WINERY (WILLAMETTE VALLEY)

#### www.raptoridge.com

SCOTT & ANNIE SHULL, OWNERS | SCOTT SHULL, WINEMAKER

#### TOP TEN PINOT NOIR PRODUCER OF 2005 — WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

At Raptor Ridge, the winemaking goal is to capture the fresh fruit flavors and delicate aromas offered by Oregon's Willamette Valley winegrowing region. Scott & Annie's winemaking philosophy has three tenets: 1) Personal involvement with the vines, 2) A working knowledge of every barrel of wine, 3) Maintaining a balance of science and tradition. Their approach to winemaking focuses as much on the vineyard as the cellar. Scott intervenes as little as possible in the miracle of wine, employing a full knowledge of fermentation science only to enhance quality.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Raptor Ridge:			
2006 Pinot Gris. Willamette Valley	12/750	\$175.33	\$15.17 *

\*Fruit from three vineyards was combined with less than 5% of vintage 2004 wine held over in puncheons in order to add flesh and maturity to the blend. This wine is citrus & honeysuckle with a fleshy mid-palate. 867 cases made.

2005 Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley	12/750	[ Sold Out ]
2005 Pinot Noir, Reserve, Willamette Valley	12/750	[ Sold Out ]
2005 Pinot Noir, Shea Vineyard, Willamette Valley	12/750	[ Sold Out ]

# R. STUART & CO. (WILLAMETTE VALLEY)

#### www.rstuartandco.com

ROB & MARIA STUART, OWNERS | ROB STUART, WINEMAKER

The R. Stuart & Co. wines are Pinots and sparkling wine made in that classic Rob Stuart style - true to the fruit each vineyard offers, graceful, honest and warm. You might call them "Reserve" wines. Wines you save for a special occasion, or at least Friday night. Wines which will kindle your flame, if you're in to that sort of thing. But what about tonight, you ask? You want something that's perfect for everyday imbibing. Wines that are fresh, lively and so friendly you'll invite them to dinner? Hence the Big Fire wines - Pinot gris and Pinot noir. Everyday? Absolutely. Ordinary? Never.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
R. Stuart & Co.:			
2006 "Big Fire" Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley	12/750	\$148.49	\$12.93 [ New Price!! ]

2006 "Big Fire" Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 12/750 \$197.29 \$17.00 [Screwcap] [R. Stuart & Co. cont'd:]
2005 "Autograph" Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 12/750 \$302.20 \$25.74 \*

\*10 months in French oak. Unfiltered. 812 cases made.

2005 "Temperance Hill" Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 12/750 \$402.25 \$34.08 \*

\*Situated atop the Eola Hills, this is one of the coolest and latest ripening vineyards in the Willamette Valley. The vineyard is managed by Dai Crisp, one of Oregon's great grapegrowers, and is farmed <u>organically</u>.

#### SINEANN (WILLAMETTE VALLEY)

www.sineann.com

PETER ROSBACK, OWNER & WINEMAKER (THE RANDALL GRAHM OF OREGON...?!)

Sineann (shin-AY-in) is a tiny producer of highly intense wines from the Pacific Northwest. They source fruit from some of the best vineyards in the region: Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris from the Willamette and Hood River Valleys; Cabernet, Merlot, and Zinfandel from the Columbia Valley; Gewurztraminer from the Willamette Valley and Columbia River Gorge. "Sineann is passionate about producing the most intense flavorful wines from a handful of great vineyards. Sineann sources Zinfandel from the only 100 year old vineyard in the Northwest, Cabernet Sauvignon from the oldest vineyard in Washington, and Pinot Noir from Yamhill County's best. Crop sizes are miniscule; the wines handcrafted. *Good luck finding any Sineann Wines!" -Wine Press Northwest* 

Pk/Sz Case Bottle
Sineann: [Very Limited Quantities!]
2005 Blend, Columbia Valley 12/750 \$250.00 \$20.83 \*

\*That's right, Blend. I don't want to say we named this wine "Blend" just to add the letter "B" to our front labels. The wine is a blend of wines made from grapes grown by Lonnie Wright in the Columbia Valley near The Dalles, OR. It is made up of Syrah, Merlot, Grenache, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Cabernet. Tastes more like a \$40 wine than a \$20 wine!

2004 Merlot, Hillside Vineyard, Columbia Gorge 12/750 \$302.96 \$25.80 \*

\*Dark and concentrated. The crop size is kept small, 2.1 tons per acre, and it pays. These wines are dark, aromatic with chocolate overtones and complex, silky tannins.

2005 Pinot Noir, Oregon 12/750 [Sold Out]

\*Sineann only makes one non-single vineyard Pinot Noir, and this is it. A blend of Able Vineyard (Organic) in Hood River Valley and three other Willamette vineyards, this wine seems to sell out in a hurry. Don't wait!

C 2005 Pinot Noir, Schindler Vineyard, Willamette 12/750 \$421.77 \$35.71 \*

\*Most of this wine goes into a special bottling called T.F.L., made especially for the French Laundry. From a steep, well draining BioDynamic vineyard that produces amazingly focused, pure wine. This wine is awesome!

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Lazare Vineyard, *Napa* 12/750 \$601.86 \$50.72 \*

\*Rosback, Rock God of Wine? Recently, Peter got whopping huge scores for both his Oregon pinot noir and his Washington cabernet. Not content to be the best winemaker in two states, he has extended his reach to Napa Valley – yes, the one in California! With the '05 vintage, he's going for the "Rosback Slam" – 90 points or better with wines from three different states. He's a shoe-in to do it with this wine.

2006 Sauvignon Blanc, Smith-Cerne Vnyd, Columbia Vly 12/750 \$207.05 \$17.81 \*

\*Does vine age matter? Try this Sauv Blanc from 30-year-old vines and see for yourself. ('05 vintage: **90 points** – WE)

2006 Chardonnay, Oregon 12/750 \$207.05 \$17.81 \*

\*From two vineyards in the Willamette and one in the Hood River Valleys, this Chard is un-oaked and super-fresh. "Who knew that oakless Chardonnay could be this good?" -Wine Enthusiast. ('05 vintage: **91 points** – WE)

2006 Gewurztraminer, Oak Ridge Vnyd, Columbia Vly 12/750 \$187.50 \$16.19 \*

\* "Sineann's Gewurztraminer's have a cult following – they come and go almost instantly each spring." -Wine Press NW ('05 vintage: **93 points** – WE)

2005 Zinfandel, "The Pines", Columbia Valley 12/750 \$277.34 \$23.67 \*

\*92 Points — Wine Enthusiast. The same vineyard that produces the winery's 'Old Vine' Zinfandel makes this thick, concentrated wine, from almost 20-year-old vines. It's packed with black raspberry and black cherry fruit, wafts of smoke and clove and meat. Young, tannic, thick and quite ripe, it's got more raw power than the O.V. but a tad less complexity.

#### WASHINGTON

# <u>Amavi Cellars (Walla Walla Valley)</u>

www.amavicellars.com

RAY GOFF, MANAGING PARTNER | JEAN - FRANÇOIS PELLET, WINEMAKER

TOP TEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON PRODUCER OF 2005 — WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

The name, Amavi, is a combination of the Latin root words "am" (love) and "vi" (life). The objective is to capture the best of love and life in every bottle of wine. Indeed, the winery's pursuits are quite simple: Love, Life and Wine... or as they say: Amor - Vita - Vinum. Amavi is a sister winery to the prestigious Pepper Bridge Winery which is also located in the Walla Walla Valley. We use the term "sister" because they share the same winemaker, Jean-François Pellet, and estate vineyards, but utilize different vineyard blocks, winemaking facilities, and winemaking styles.

Amavi:

**Bottle** Pk/Sz Case

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley

\$246.09 12/750

\$21.07 \*

\*76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 9% Syrah, 1% Malbec. ('04 vintage: **90 Points** – Wine Spectator)

2005 Syrah, Walla Walla Valley

12/750

\$246.09

\$21.07 \*

\*100% Syrah. 1600 cases made. ('04 vintage: **92 Points** – Robert Parker; **93 Points** – Wine & Spirits)

#### PEPPER BRIDGE WINERY (WALLA WALLA VALLEY)

www.pepperbridge.com

RAY GOFF, MANAGING PARTNER / JEAN - FRANÇOIS PELLET, WINEMAKER

TOP TEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON PRODUCER OF 2005 — WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

TOP NINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON PRODUCER OF 2006 — WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

The name "Pepper Bridge" refers to a military route that connected Fort Walla Walla with the Army post at The Dalles, OR. Troops forded the Walla Walla River at a shallow point just south of town, on the Pepper family's farm. At Pepper Bridge, a family owned estate winery, the goal is to produce elegant, complex Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot wines that showcase the distinctive terroir of the Walla Walla Valley AVA and the estate vineyards, Pepper Bridge Vineyard, Les Collines Vineyard, & Seven Hills Vineyard. Wine & Spirits Magazine profiled Seven Hills Vineyard in its Fall 2004 issue as one of the ten great vineyards of the world. "Pepper Bridge makes the wines that represent the region; the wines that signify Walla Walla." -Wine & Spirits. Pepper Bridge practices Sustainable viticulture & winemaking.

Pk/Sz

Case

**Bottle** 

Pepper Bridge:

2004 Merlot, Walla Walla Valley

6/750

[Sold Out]

\*92 Points – Wine Enthusiast; Top 100 Wine of 2006 – Seattle Times; 90 Points – Wine & Spirits

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley

6/750

\$241.21

\$40.76 \*

\*94 Points – Wine & Spirits: "Top Ten Cabernet Sauvignons of 2005"; 91 Points – Robert Parker

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley

6/1.5

\$492.53

\$82.65 \* [ *Very Limited* ]

\* 100 cases bottled.

# WOODHOUSE FAMILY CELLARS (WOODINVILLE)

www.woodhousefamilycellars.com

BIJAL & SINEAD SHAH, OWNERS | TOM CAMPBELL, WINEMAKER

"Talk about friendly skies. Or a heavenly romance. Born in England to an aeronautical engineer, Sinead Sands was an adventurous youngster who attended Carnegie, Nimitz and Memorial schools in Tulsa before going on to Oklahoma State University. She always had a penchant for airplanes and ultimately forged a career piloting passenger jets for United Airlines. It was on a series of West Coast flights that she became intrigued by the mysterious man who always traveled in first class, seat 1B. Bijal Shah, a Kenya native of Indian-Kenyan heritage, had lived in Seattle since he was 11 years old. Long story short: She resisted. He persisted. She relented. Sparks flew. Wedding bells rang. Children came. The happy couple launched themselves a winery. We first met the Shahs and their good friend, Steve Dussek, about a year-and-a-half ago when Dussek had just taken over as CEO of Dobson Communications in Oklahoma City." -Scott Cherry, Tulsa World. On first tasting, we immediately loved the wines and we're proud to represent them in Oklahoma.

[ Woodhouse	Family	Cellars	cont'd·1

2002 'Maghee' Merlot, Rattlesnake Hills

12/750

Pk/Sz

\$336.37

Case

\$28.59 \* [88 WS]

\*Top 100 Wines of 2006 – Seattle Times. "Pure merlot, smooth and buttery. This thick, substantial wine, aged for two years in 90 percent French and ten percent new American oak, lays on the liquorous, buttery flavors, but the fruit is up to the challenge. The words caramel and chocolate keep creeping into my notes; Like a great Pomerol." – Paul Gregutt Seattle Times. 300 cases made.

2002 'Dussek' Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla

12/750

\$390.05 \$33.06 \*

\*100% Cab Sauv aged 24 months in French oak. 500 cases made. Named for OKC resident Steve Dussek.

12/750

\$536.45

\$45.26 \*

Bottle

2001 'Darighe' Red Wine, Columbia Valley 2001 'Darighe' Red Wine, Columbia Valley

6/1.5

\$549.87

\$92.20

\*Cab Sauv, Cab Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot, & Malbec aged 36 months in French oak. 500 cases made. 2006 'Hudson Shah' Riesling, Columbia Valley

\*Alsatian style. 1500 cases made.

12/750

\$191.19

\$16.49

AUSTRALIA

# ANDREW HARRIS VINEYARDS (MUDGEE VALLEY)

www.andrewharris.com.au

Andrew Harris, Owner | Frank Newman, Winemaker | Tom Halby, Importer

When Andrew Harris set out to realize his vision of a winery in the premium region of Mudgee he knew that it was the right land and that he would have a classic environment for growing high quality wines: rich clay soils, limestone ridges, and the right vines. What he didn't know was who was going to make these great wines. As luck would have it Frank Newman, a 37-year veteran of Australian winemaking, was in between gigs at the moment. Frank's previous job was a little sixteen-year stint as Red Winemaker at Penfolds, working under the legendary Max Schubert. During his time at Penfolds, Frank helped to craft its Grange Hermitage, which never scored lower than 90 points from Robert Parker during his sixteen years. Frank has been Winemaker at Andrew Harris Vineyards since the start and the wines continue to be killer values and amazingly drinkable. We invite you to share the vision!

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Andrew Harris:				
2005 "Twin Beaks" Chardonnay, SE Australia	12/750	\$ 93.59	\$ 8.36	[ Screwcap ]
2005 "Twin Beaks" Shiraz, SE Australia	12/750	\$ 93.59	\$ 8.36	[Screwcap]
2005 "Twin Beaks" Verdelho, SE Australia	12/750	\$ 91.15	\$ 8.16	[Screwcap]
2005 'Highfields' Shiraz, Mudgee	12/750	\$125.31	\$11.00	*
*It's back! Our long national nightmare is over	.for now.			
2001 "The Vision" Shiraz/Cabernet, Mudgee	6/750	\$188.91	\$32.04	*
*This is now Frank Newman's <b>Grange</b> . Ask us f	or a sample and	you'll be convinced.		
2001 "Double Vision" Sparkling Shiraz, Mudgee	6/750	\$201.27	\$34.10	*
* "What could be more fun than putting bubbles	in Shiraz?" -Ro	obert Parker		

# BAROKES: WINE IN A CAN (VICTORIA)

www.wineinacan.com

PETER SCUDAMORE-SMITH, M.W., WINEMAKER | NICO STEYN, IMPORTER

That's right—it's wine in a can! You want to make something of it?! Barokes was established in 1996 as a partnership between Greg Stokes and Steve Barics, successfully producing and marketing a number of fine, low preservative (no sulfites added), bottled wines. The idea of producing premium quality wine that could be canned was conceived in 1996 after an incident where a glass bottle of wine accidentally fell into a hot tub, almost breaking. It's a wonder Wayne Hirst didn't invent this back in the 70s! From this incident the idea of packaging premium quality wine in a safe, convenient container was conceived and the research into the Vinsafe® system commenced. Seven wineries located throughout South Eastern Australia have joined the Vinsafe® venture supplying Barokes only premium quality wine from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. The strict specifications for the finished wines are managed by Master of Wine Peter Scudamore-Smith. Nico assures us these wines are 100% hot tub-safe! Also ideal for bars, clubs, the lake, golf courses, etc.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Can
[ Barokes cont'd: ]			
Chardonnay, South East Australia	24/250	\$ 56.29	\$ 2.35
Shiraz, South East Australia	24/250	\$ 56.29	\$ 2.35 *

<sup>\*</sup>The Chard and Shiraz are actually good! Both are light and fruity, with minimal tannin or oak influence.

#### VINE STREET IMPORTS

#### www.vsimports.com

RONNIE SANDERS, OWNER | VARIOUS WINEMAKERS

Do we really need *more* Australian wines in Oklahoma? The answer is Yes! But just these; no more after this... In 1999 Ronnie Sanders created Vine Street Imports, a company dedicated to boutique and artisan wines from Australia and New Zealand. The first person to sign on with his upstart company was Michael Twelftree of the highly acclaimed Two Hands winery, which helped to open many doors for Ronnie throughout Australia and New Zealand. Since then, Vine Street has developed one of the best and fastest growing portfolios of Australian wines available in the United States. Vine Street is unrivaled in its ability to attract Australia's hottest and most respected winemakers to produce wines for its various projects. We are excited to introduce these sometimes funky, often geeky, always delicious wines to Oklahoma.

# **G** ADELINA WINES (CLARE)

#### www.adelina.com/au

JEN GARDNER, OWNER/ COL MCBRYDE & JEN GARDNER WINEMAKERS

Adelina Wines is a boutique winery/vineyard nestled in the Springfarm Valley between Wendouree and the Aberfeldy vineyards, just south of the township of Clare. All fruit is sourced from estate grown vines, which were established around 1910. These old dry grown vines yield mainly shiraz and grenache. Strictly limited volumes of each wine are made, hereby total production is only a few hundred cases per year.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Vine St. Adelina:				
2004 Adelina Shiraz, Clare	12/750	[ Sold	Out]	* [ 92 ST ]
* Estate grown from 100-year-old-vines. 130 Ca	ises Produced. V	Now		
2006 'Passion Has Red Lips' Cabernet/Shiraz, Clare		[ Sold	Out]	* [ 90 ST ]
*Cab/Shiraz with maybe the best label we've ever	r seen. 400 cases	s made.		
2006 'Quickie!' Nebbiolo/Shiraz, Clare	12/750	\$209.02	<b>\$17.98</b>	*
*208 cases made. Maybe an even better label tha	n the 'Passion.'			
2006 'The Fire in Her Eyes' Dolcetto/Cabernet, Aus.	12/750	\$209.02	<b>\$17.98</b>	*
* <b>87 Points –</b> Stephen Tanzer. 50% Dolcetto (A	delaide Hills), 5	0% Cab Sauv (Clare).		

# BINDI WINE GROWERS (MACEDON RANGES)

#### www.vsimports.com

**Bottle** 

BILL DHILLON, OWNER | MICHAEL DHILLON, WINEMAKER

The Bindi vineyard, on the slopes of Mount Gisborne, was established by engineer Bill Dhillon in 1988. Winemaker Michael Dhillon talks about making wines that are "ethereal and seductive" rather than just "satisfying and chunky" and that Bindi's soils "have the strength of character to talk through the wine." Yields are very low. Wine making is "non-interference – but not uncontrolled". Last year, the '04 wines all scored well into the 90s with the major wine critics. Thirst is proud to represent this outstanding cult winery from Australia. Recognized as a premier example of the uniqueness of "wines of place," these terroir-driven wines are hailed by many wine critics and winemakers as coming from one of the world's most interesting vineyard sites. With total case production at less than 2000 cases, and the wines sought-after the world over, needless to say, quantities are extremely limited!

vine St. Binai:			
2005 'Composition' Chardonnay, Macedon Ranges	12/750	<b>\$462.78</b>	\$39.13 *[92 WS/91 ST]
*500 cases made. The Composition is 100% barrel	fermented in 25%	new French barriques	with ageing on lees with
frequent stirring. Partial malolactic took place and the	e wine retains tremen	idous vitality and miner	rality.
2005 'Quartz' Chardonnay, Macedon Ranges	6/750	\$214.41	\$52.96 *[95 ST/92 WS]

Superb, rich, seamless wine with plenty of nutty/lees complexity and hints of Burgundian/Meursault oatmeal characters.

Pk/Sz

Case

[ Vine St. Bindi cont'd: ]

2005 'Original Vineyard' Pinot Noir, Macedon Ranges \$298.08 \$50.24 \* [ 92 ST ] 6/750

\*300 cases made. There is a strong case to claim this is the best Original Vineyard Pinot Noir produced. The color is a deeper bright red than the previous few years, and the palate is deliciously juicy, fresh, tight and harmonious.

2005 'Block Five' Pinot Noir, Macedon Ranges

\$67.93 \*

\*150 cases made; from the Bindi Vineyard. The '05 Block Five Pinot is more than likely the most profound wine we have grown and made to date. The color is slightly deeper than the Original Vineyard as is the nose and palate.

#### BOXHEAD BY CLOS OTTO (BAROSSA)

www.vsimports.com

THE HENTSCHKE FAMILY & RONNIE SANDERS, OWNERS | REID BOSWARD, WINEMAKER

Once a boxhead, always a boxhead. Research suggests a connection between square shaped skulls and the production of the finest produce. The squarer the head the better the wine. But why so many boxhead wine makers in the wine growing regions of South Australia? Perhaps a defective gene that has mutated over the generations. Or a need to know top secret government plans for purposes of global domination. Maybe it's an unintended effect of the Yellowtail factory pumping brain altering chemicals into the air. We may never know; but we do know this: the product of the boxhead represents some strange ability to create and enjoy the finest wines. What shape is *your* head...?

Pk/Sz Bottle Case Vine St. Boxhead: 2005 Shiraz/Cabernet, Barossa \$111.42 \$ 9.85 \* [89 ST] 12/750

\*89 Points – Stephen Tanzer: "The value here is amazing." A number of Winemakers were used to make each wine parcel separately in each vineyard area. They were selected on the squareness of their heads, identifying them as the best winemakers in their respective regions. Each parcel of wine from the three separate vineyard areas was treated differently. Winemaking expert **Ried Bosward** selected the final blend.

#### FIRST DROP WINES (BAROSSA VALLEY)

www.firstdropwines.com

MATT GANT & JOHN RETSAS, OWNERS / WINEMAKERS

First Drop is about passion... for life, fun and flavor!... a lifelong commitment to making "kick arse" booze... wines with flavor and texture, and a splash of funk... eclectic varieties from unique vineyards in the great regions of the Barossa, Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale... wines to drink, not just appreciate... in short... Mother's Milk! Matt is also winemaker for the Barossa's well-regarded St. Hallett winery. In 2004 he was named "Young Winemaker of the Year" by the International Wine Society.

Pk/Sz Case Bottle Vine St. First Drop:

2005 First Love Red, Barossa

12/750 \$117.52 \$10.35 \* [4 cases left!]

\*88 Points – Stephen Tanzer: "A very tasty bargain." Shiraz (65%), Grenache (25%), Sangiovese (10%).

2004 Mother's Milk Shiraz, Barossa \$169.98 \$14.73 \*

\*89 Points – Stephen Tanzer, 87 Points – Wine Spectator. Another great label & another killer wine!

#### HENTLEY FARM (BAROSSA)

www.vsimports.com

KEITH & ALISON HENTSCHKE, OWNERS | REID BOSWARD, WINEMAKER

A boutique Barossa Valley wine company owned by Keith & Alison Hentschke that also grows grapes for some of Australia's top producers. Hentley Farm has a long history of biodynamic farming and viticulture, and all of the wines under the Hentley Farm label are 100% Estate Grown. Hentley Farm's winemaker is Reid Bosward, who has recently become famous as winemaker for Kaesler Wines. Robert Parker, in listing him in his Top Wine Personalities of 2005, said of Reid, "He's a brilliant winemaker who deserves recognition..." You better recognize!

Pk/Sz Case Bottle Vine St. Hentley Farm:

2005 Fools Bay 'Mallee Sands' Chardonnay, South Aus. 12/750 \$101.31 \$ 8.44 \*

\*88 Points – Wine Spectator. Unoaked, 1500 cases made from grapes sourced from the Coonawara region. Very tasty. 2005 Fools Bay 'Dusty's Desire Shiraz, Barossa \$205.36 \$17.67 \* [89 ST][Screwcap] 12/750

#### KILLIBINBIN (LANGHORNE CREEK)

#### www.killibinbin.com

WAYNE ANDERSON, OWNER / KIM TEUSNER, ROLF BINDER, JUSTIN LANE, WINEMAKERS

Killibinbin (an Australian Aboriginal word meaning to shine and be bright) was founded in 1997 by premium wine retailers and obsessed "wine nuts" Wayne Anderson and Liz Blanks. In the ten years that have passed, Killiblinbin has grown a bit, now producing a "nearly commercially viable" 4000 cases; however it is still a venture based more on passion for all things "vinous" rather than on good business sense. At the end of the day, low yielding premium vineyards and hands-on, small scale production are the keys to Killibinbin's success. Oh, and not taking it too seriously. Wine if for enjoyment for all! It's back! And the labels are *insane!!* But in a good way...

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Killibinbin:				
2004 'Blend', Langhorne Creek	12/750	<b>\$162.66</b>	\$14.12	* [ Screwcap ]
*90 Points – Wine Spectator. 56% Shiraz, 44%	Cab Sauv.	1900 cases made.		_
2004 Shiraz, Langhorne Creek	12/750	<b>\$224.88</b>	\$19.30	* [ Screwcap ]
*91 Points – Stephen Tanzer; 89 Points – Wine	Spectator.	100% Shiraz. 1200 cases n	nade.	_
2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek	12/750	<b>\$224.88</b>	\$19.30	* [ Sold Out ]
*89 Points – Stephen Tanzer. 100% Cab Sauv.	Only 270 c	cases made.		

#### KISS CHASEY BY SWINGS & ROUNDABOUTS (MARGARET RIVER)

www.swings.com/au

Mark Lane, Owner | Winemaker

These 'Kiss Chasey' wines from Swings & Roundabouts are for the young at heart. Winemaker Mark Lane blends quality West Australian fruit to deliver excellent flavor and structure at a value price. This is serious wine-making with fun in mind. Named for his daughter Chasey, these wines have consistently scored highly with consumers and critics alike, with Robert Parker hailing both as "Excellent Values!"

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Vine St. Kiss Chasey:				
2004 'Kiss Chasey' Cab/Shiraz/Merlot, Western Aus.	12/750	\$101.31	\$ 8.44	[ 88 RP ] [ Screwcap ]
2006 'Kiss Chasey' Premium White, Western Aus.	12/750	\$101.31	\$ 8.44	[ Screwcap ]
*Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and	d Verdelho.			

#### KOOYONG WINES (MORNINGTON PENNINSULA)

www.kooyong.com

CHRIS & GAIL AYLWARD OWNERS | SANDRO MOSELLE, WINEMAKER

Established in 1995, Kooyong is located on the Mornington Peninsula and focuses on producing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, both of which are suited to the Peninsula's cool maritime climate. Kooyong wines are made from 100% estate grown fruit at its own on-site winery. The estate is comprised of 52 acres of Pinot Noir and 27 acres of Chardonnay. Kooyong strives for complexity in its wines by exercising eight different clones of Pinot and ten clones of Chardonnay. Each clone has its own inherent characteristic, and when blended together they give the wine its many flavors and textures. All of Kooyongs Wines are unfined and unfiltered.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Vine St. Kooyong:		[ New Pricing ]		
2005 Chardonnay "Clonale"	6/750	\$123.05	\$21.07	*
* <b>92 Points –</b> Steven Tanzer's Int'l Wine Cellar				
2005 Pinot Noir "Massale"	6/750	<b>\$123.05</b>	\$21.07	*
*90 Points – Steven Tanzer's Int'l Wine Cellar; 8	9 Points – Win	ıe Spectator		

# **LOST HIGHWAY PROJECT**

VARIOUS WINEMAKERS

Started in 2002, The *Lost Highway Project* is Ronnie Sanders' "super-negociant" wine creation, a "moveable feast" of rotating winemakers, varietals, and artists in collaboration for a unique, tiny-production wine. Each year Ronnie personally collaborates with a different winemaker to make a one-time-only production of a highly distinctive wine. The wine is then combined with the artwork of some of the world's most talented artists, producing immediate collector's bottles.

[ Vine St. Lost Highway cont'd: ]

2003 Lost Highway "Stella's Garden" Shiraz, Barossa 6/750

Bottle [ Very Limited Availability ] \$282.63 \$47.11

WINEMAKER: MICHAEL TWELFTREE OF TWO HANDS

\*93 Points: "There are only 500 cases of this singularly-styled, inky/purple Shiraz. Its projected nose of ripe figs, blackberries, chocolate, and espresso roast is followed by a full-bodied wine with superb fruit intensity and purity as well as a long, concentrated finish with ripe tannin. Consume it over the next 12-15 years." — Robert Parker

Pk/Sz

2005 Lost Highway "Torbreck" Shiraz / Marsanne 6/750

\$469.29

\$78,77

WINEMAKER: DAVE POWELL OF TORBRECK

\*93 Points – Stephen Tanzer: "Highly impressive stuff. These wines were made at Torbreck by Dave Powell." 10% Marsanne. 200 six-packs made. Wooden box.

2005 Lost Highway "Torbreck" Shiraz / Roussanne 6/750

\$469.29

\$78.77

WINEMAKER: DAVE POWELL OF TORBRECK

\*92 Points – Stephen Tanzer. 10% Roussanne. 200 six-packs made. Wooden box.

#### RED HEADS STUDIO (McCLAREN VALE)

www.redheadswine.com

JUSTIN LANE, HEAD WINEMAKER

Revolutions start with groups of angry young people in dark bars, old sheds and damp cellars. In 2003 when Australia's 'Great Wines' got too great, grand and expensive, and the great wineries were tearing up grower contracts and turning away fabulous fruit, a group of wild winemakers and wild grape growers (wild? bloody furious!) began to plot, plan... and ferment great grapes in cheap rainwater tubs, in an old McLaren Vale bar called ... RedHeads. Eventually Red Heads Studio would draw winemakers with furious talent from far and wide who wanted to practice their craft unencumbered by large corporate structures and with their likeminded peers. Winemaker Justin Lane is 'The Force' behind RedHeads. Ever since he made wine in Italy's far south where most grape growing/wine making hasn't changed much since the Caesars, Justin has been obsessed with the old ways, the by-ways, the back roads, the roads less-traveled (translation of the label name he's adopted; Viottolo). To find his old ways 'Jut' has fought and hacked away at the invasive, lethal Aussie bush ... to uncover and rescue ancient, abandoned Shiraz vineyards.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
RedHeads Studio:				
2005 'Barrel Monkeys' Shiraz, McLaren Vale	12/750	\$209.02	\$17.98	* [ New Price ]
* <b>90 Points –</b> Robert Parker: "classic Australia	an fruit bomb." "S	ee no Evil, Hear no	Evil, Drink 1	10 Evil″
2006 'Yard Dog' White Wine, Mclaren Vale	12/750	\$106.68	\$ 9.45	[Screwcap]
2005 'Yard Dog' Red Wine, McLaren Vale	12/750	\$106.68	\$ 9.45	* [Screwcap ]
*89 Points – Stephen Tanzer; '04 Vintage: 89	Points "Best Buy"	" – Wine Spectator		
2004 Wilson Gunn Shiraz, McLaren Vale	12/750	\$355.42	\$30.18	*
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**\*92 Points** — Stephen Tanzer: "I'd love to throw this up against a bunch of \$60 California Pinots."

#### SHINAS ESTATE (VICTORIA)

www.vsimports.com

GEORGE SHINAS, OWNER AND WINEMAKER

George Shinas, a criminal judge in Victoria Australia, makes only two wines, a single vineyard Shiraz from vines that were first planted in 1898, and a single vineyard Viognier. With super cool labels reminiscent of cult winery Sine Qua Non, the wines drink like they cost twice the price. The available quantities of these wines are so small, it's a crime. Extremely limited.

Pk/Sz Case Bottle Vine St. Shinas Estate:

2005 "The Guilty" Shiraz, Victoria

\$209.02 12/750

\$17.98 \* [ New Price! ]

\*From a single vineyard that was planted in 1889. No sulfites added, minimal skin contact, all neutral oak. Unbelievable! 2007 "The Innocent" Viognier, Victoria \$207.24 \$17.83 \* [ Coming Soon! ] 12/750

\*Fermented and aged in stainless steel, the wine saw no malolactic fermentation, creating a wine with noted fruit concentration and bright acidity. This is one of the best food wines we've tried in a long time.

# SMALL GULLY WINES (BAROSSA VALLEY)

#### www.vsimports.com

STEPHEN BLACK, ROBERT BADER & DARREN ZIMMERMAN, OWNERS / STEPHEN BLACK, WINEMAKER

The people of Small Gully bring passion, experience and history to their winery. Robert started in the wine industry in 1981 whist the Zimmermann family has been growing grapes in the Barossa Valley since early last century. Darren and Robert have established superb low yielding Shiraz vineyards, producing super-premium fruit. Small parcels of Grenache, Mourvédre and Cabernet Sauvignon are also carefully selected from other local vineyards for the Small Gully wine range. Small Gully produces wines of a distinctive bold and intense style with great expression of fruit character and winemaking technique. The Small Gully wines reflect the attention to detail in the vineyard and the meticulous fruit selection.

		Pk/Sz	Case	Bottl
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Vine St. The Formula:

2003 The Formula "Helena's Blend", *Barossa* 12/750 \$137.51 \$12.02 \* [Screwcap]

\*86 **Points** – Wine Spectator: "Dark, almost gold in color, with rose-scented pear and wax flavors, finishing citrusy. Sémillon and Chardonnay. Drink now through 2009. 400 cases made." (May 15, 2007)

2003 The Formula Cabernet/Shiraz, South Australia 12/750 \$139.48 \$12.18 \* [Screwcap]

\*A 65/35 Cab/Shiraz blend. Inky & intense, but it's still complex, smoky, and very easy to drink.

Vine St. Mr. Black's Concoction:

**2003 Mr. Black's Concoction GSM,** *Barossa Valley* 12/750 \$189.50 \* "Grenache 49%, Shiraz 34% and Mourvédre 17%."

2004 Mr. Black's Concoction Shiraz, *Barossa Valley* 12/750 \$189.50 \$16.35 \*

\*100% Shiraz aged in French & American oak for 24 months. Inky & intense.

2004 Mr. Black's Concoction Shiraz/Viognier, Barossa Valley 12/750 \$189.50 \$16.35

\*The Shiraz fruit for this wine is selected quite late in the growing season to coincide with the picking of a small parcel of Viognier with which it is co-fermented. The result is a hugely rich wine with a beautifully aromatic nose and amazing lift.

#### NEW ZEALAND

# HUNTER'S (MARLBOROUGH)

#### www.sauvageselesctions.com

JANE HUNTER, OWNER | GARY DUKE, WINEMAKER | MARQUIS SAUVAGE, IMPORTER

Hunter's Wines have won more than 100 gold medals at national & international wine competitions, including the Trophy for <u>Best Sauvignon Blanc in the World</u> at the 1992 International Wine & Spirit Competition. Through Jane Hunter's strong determination, Hunter's has achieved an enviable reputation throughout the world, and Jane is now the most awarded woman in wine from New Zealand. Jane was described by the London Sunday Times as "the star of New Zealand wine." In 1993 she received an OBE (kind of like New Zealand's version of Knighthood) for service to the wine industry. Apart from all of that, these wines rock and they actually produce enough to keep us in fairly good supply.

I		Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
	Hunter's:			
	2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	12/750	\$133.84	\$11.71 [Screwcap]
	2005 Pinot Noir, Marlborough	12/750	\$203.39	\$17.51 <b>[89 WS]</b> [Screwcap]

# SACRED HILL (HAWKES BAY)

www.sacredhill.com

MASON FAMILY, OWNERS | TONY BISH, WINEMAKER | TOM HALBY, IMPORTER

Sacred Hill was established in 1986 by the Mason Family. The winery's name was derived from the translation of Puketapu (meaning sacred hill in Maori), the small village close to the Mason family property "Dartmoor". Sacred Hill has experienced enormous growth from its small beginnings. Its modern winery is dominated by the very latest in state of the art winemaking machinery and equipment, coupled with quality new French and American oak barrels. Sacred Hill's popular Whitecliff wines, named after the spectacular Whitecliff vineyards that overlook the Dartmoor River, are a range of varietal whites and reds that provide approachable, affordable every day drinking. *Sacred Hill is listed as a "Top Ten Fastest-Improving Producers" of New Zealand in Wine Report 2006.* Another great find from Tom Halby.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
[ Sacred Hill cont'd: ]				
2005 'Unoaked' Chardonnay, Hawkes Bay	12/750	\$131.41	\$11.51	[ 88 WS ][ Screwcap ]
2006 'Whitecliff' Pinot Noir, Hawkes Bay	12/750	\$148.49	\$12.93	[ Screwcap ]
2005 'Whitecliff' Riesling, Hawkes Bay	12/750	\$131.41	\$11.51	[ Screwcap ]
2006 'Whitecliff' Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	12/750	\$125.31	\$11.00	[ Screwcap ]
2005 Pinot Noir, Marlborough	12/750	\$200.95	\$17.31	[ Screwcap ]
2004 'Whitecliff' Rose', Hawkes Bay	12/750	\$125.31	\$11.00	* [ Screwcap ]

<sup>\*</sup>Mostly Merlot from their famous Brokenstone vineyard, with a touch of Pinot Noir. This wine is deeeelicious!

#### ITALY

#### IL CASTELLO (FRIULI)

#### www.halbymarketing.com

TOM HALBY, IMPORTER

Tom says this wine is about as uncomplicated as you can get. It's light, it's crisp, and it's refreshing. Plus, at 12% alcohol, your customers will drink a bottle of this and be *just* buzzed enough to want that high-end bottle of red you talked them into. Plus, they'll be *just* sober enough to need it.

	Pk/Sz		Bottle	
Il Castello:				
2005 Pinot Grigio, Friuli	12/750	\$ 96.02	\$ 8.56	

# RIPANERA (TUSCANY)

#### www.halbymarketing.com

GIACOMO TACHIS, CONSULTING WINEMAKER / TOM HALBY, IMPORTER

This small, 40 acre estate nestled in the hills above Florence is 100% <u>organic</u>, utilizing no artificial fertilizers or weed killers of any kind. Created in 1964, it was carefully designed by the famous oenologist, Dr. Giacomo Tachis. Dr. Tachis pioneered the Super Tuscan category during his 30 years as enologist for *Antinori*. Dr. Tachis developed the Tiganello and Solaia programs for Antinori and continues to consult on some of Italy's best wines, including Ripanera.

#### Ripanera:

2002 Chianti Classico, Chianti Classico DOCG	12/750	\$188.87	\$16.35
1998 Terra di Ripanera, Vino da Tavola di Toscana	12/750	\$359.55	\$30.52 *

<sup>\*</sup>A "Super Tuscan" blend of Sangiovese & Cabernet. This wine is drinking great right now!

# SMALL VINEY ARDS (MULTIPLE REGIONS)\*

#### www.svimports.com

We are seekers of outstanding small vineyard wines. Most importers would never give these wines a second thought, regardless of quality, because there is not enough to make a brand. Think of Small Vineyards as your personal wine detectives in Italy. We typically taste 200 to 300 wines each month, but only fall in love with one or two. Those we bring home, so that you, too, can discover them. We are involved with the wine from the time the cork goes into the bottle until the time you pull it back out. We named our new philosophy cork to cork management. In Italian, it is called "Tappo y Tappo." When you see our Small Vineyards sticker on a bottle of wine, you will know that it is a wine that you will be proud to serve. You will know that no matter how much you may have paid for the bottle, you will always have a terrific bottle of wine. The price-to-quality ratio on these wines will blow you away and their marketing rocks!

ı		Case	Bottle	
ı	Small Vineyards:			[Region/Type]
ı	2004 Antonio Sanguineti "Nessun Dorma" Super Tuscan	\$146.05	\$12.73 [	Toscana / Red ]
ı	2002 Antonio Sanguineti Brunello di Montalcino D.O.C.G.	\$430.31	\$36.42 [	Toscana / Red ]
l	2004 Fattoria Bibbiana "Poggio Vignoso" Chianti D.O.C.G.	\$103.35	\$ 9.17 [	Toscana / Red ]

[ Small Vineyards cont'd: ]		[ Region/Type ]
2004 Guiseppe Lonardi Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore	\$188.75	\$16.29 [ Veneto / Red ]
2001 Guiseppe Lonardi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico [ 6-pack ]	\$263.35	\$44.45 [ Veneto / Red ]
2005 Le Rote Vernaccia di Dan Gimignano D.O.C.G.	\$131.41	\$11.51 [Toscana / White]
2005 Marchetti Verdicchio Classico	\$120.43	\$10.60 [ Marche / White ]
2005 Martorana "Contrada Ragabo" Nero d'Avola	\$103.35	\$ 9.17 [ Sicily / Red ]
2001 Poderi Elia "Serracapelli" Barbaresco D.O.C.G.	\$444.95	\$37.64 [ Piemonte / Red ]
2005 Riflessi Rubino Montepulciano	\$132.63	\$ 11.61 [ Abruzzo / Red ]
2005 Tenuta Setten Pinot Grigio "Single Vineyard"	\$125.75	\$11.21 [ Veneto / White ]
2004 Terra del Grico Salice Salento D.O.C.	\$197.29	\$17.00 [ Puglia / Red ]
2002 Tre Donne Barbera d'Alba D.O.C.	\$168.01	\$14.56 [ Piemonte / Red ]
2006 Tre Donne Moscato d'Asti D.O.C.G.	\$173.18	\$14.99 [Piemonte/Frizzante]
NV Trevisiol Prosecco Extra Dry, Valdobbiadene	\$143.90	\$12.55 [ Veneto / Sparkling ]

<sup>\*</sup>For detailed information on these wines, ask to see our Small Vineyards Catalog

#### FRANCE

# MARTINE'S WINES (MULTIPLE REGIONS) \*

www.mwines.com

MAR TINE SAUNIER, IMPORTER

The first woman to establish a wine importing company in the United States, Martine Saunier founded Martine's Wines Inc. in 1979. Martine is a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier and a national board member of the American Institute of Wine and Food (A.I.W.F.). She is also a Chevalier du Tastevin. In addition, she has been decorated twice by the French Government with the title of Officier du Mérite Agricole. "My life has never been dull," says Martine. "I am still discovering new wineries that will hopefully adopt my philosophy that quality is a must, at all cost! The last thirty years have been part of a grand adventure from which I garnered much experience and I consider myself very privileged."

\*For detailed information on these wines, ask to see our Martine's Wines Catalog.

#### CHAMPAGNE

#### DIEBOLT-VALLOIS (CRAMANT)

www.mwines.com

JACQUES DIEBOLT, OWNER & WINEMAKER | MARTINE SAUNIER, IMPORTER

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
NV Brut Tradition, Côte de Blancs	12/750	\$396.44	\$33.60 *
*89 Points – Stepehen Tanzer's International Wi	ine Cellar; <b>90 Po</b>	oints – Wine Spectate	or; 1500 cases made.

#### BURGUNDY

JEAN-MARC BROCARD (CHABLIS)			www.domaine-brocard.fr
JEAN-MARC BROCARD, VIGNERON			
	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Jean-Marc Brocard:			
2005 Chablis "Domaine St. Claire"	12/750	\$214.37	\$18.42
2005 Bourgogne "Chardonnay sur Kimmeridgien"	12/750	\$183.87	\$15.88
2005 Sauvignon de StBris (100% Sauvignon Blanc)	12/750	\$148.49	\$12.93 <b>[Screwcap]</b>
2004 Chablis "Vieglles Vignes"	12/750	\$304.65	\$25.95
2004 Chablis "Extrême" 1er Cru	12/750	\$314.41	\$26.76

#### BURGUNDY CONT'D

# DOMAINE MICHEL GAY & FILS (COTE-DE-BEAUNE)

www.mwines.com

MICHEL & SEBASTIEN GAY, VIGNER ONS

When you meet Sébastien Gay, you are instantly charmed. A soft spoken youth, Sébastien is forever breaking into an infectious smile. His cheeks light up and then you realize the smile stems from his embarrassment at receiving all the well-deserved praise being heaped upon him. Sébastien has ample reason to grin from ear to ear. The wines embody his humble demeanor, drawing you in and capturing your attention with their unsullied, vibrant character.

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Michel Gay:	-		
2004 Chorey-Les-Beaune, Viellies Vignes	12/750	\$252.19	\$21.58
2004 Savigny-Les-Beaune "Serpentieres" 1er Cru	12/750	\$388.83	\$32.96
2004 Beaune -Toussaints 1er Cru	12/750	\$388.83	\$32.96
2004 Aloxe Corton	12/750	\$418.11	\$35.40

	<u>JEAN THEVENET (MACON)</u> Jean Thevenet, Vigneron	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	www.bongran.com
l	Jean Thevenet:				
l	2002 Domaine Emilian Gillet	12/750	\$221.91	\$18.58	[ 90 RP ]
l	2002 Domaine de la Bongran	12/750	\$421.77	\$35.15	[ 92 RP ]

# DOMAINE DU ROBERT (BEAUJOLAIS)

PATRICK BRUNET, VIGNERON

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Domaine De Robert:			
2005 Morgon	12/750	\$200.95	\$17.31
2005 Fleurie	12/750	\$200.95	\$17.31

# RHONE VALLEY

# FERAUD-BRUNEL (CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE)

LAURENCE FERAUD & ANDRE BRUNEL, VIGNERONS

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Feraud-Brunel: 2003 Cotes-du-Rhone Villages 2003 Chateauneuf-du-Pape	12/750 12/750	\$154.49 \$297.33	\$13.44 <b>[87 WS]</b> \$25.34 <b>[89 WS]</b>

# CHATEAU DES TOURS (VACQUEYRAS)

www.chateaurayas.com

Rottle

EMANUEL REYNOUD (CHATEAU RAYAS), VIGNERON

	11902	Cube	Dottie
Chateau des Tours:			
2003 Cotes Du Rhone Reserve	12/750	\$210.71	\$18.12 * [89 RP]

\*89 Points — Robert Parker "Good fat and ripeness, as well as an opulent and sherry-like nose. Unctuous texture and powerful, highly extracted manner."

Pk/Sz

#### LOIRE VALLEY

#### LOUIS METAIREAU (LES PAYS NANTAIS)

LOUIS METAIREAU, VIGNERON

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

2005 Muscadet "Black Label"

12/750 \$163.13 \$14.14

#### SOUTHWEST FRANCE

#### CHATEAU DU CEDRE (CAHORS)

PASCAL VERHAEGHE, VIGNERON

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

2004 Cahors 'Cedre Heritage'

12/750 \$125.00

\$10.42 [88 WS]

#### SOUTH AFRICA

# KEN FORRESTER VINEYARDS (STELLENBOSCH)

#### www.kenforresterwines.com

KEN FORRESTER, OWNER & WINEMAKER

Ken Forrester was a restaurateur by trade. His 96 Winery Road Restaurant in Stellenbosch has been internationally recognized for its outstanding contribution to the world culinary scene. Forrester began making wine just over a decade ago. In ten years, production has zoomed from an initial level of 400 cases to more than 85,000; now he's known the world over as Mr. Chenin Blanc. It is his work with South Africa's oft-despised, yet most widely planted, variety that has raised his profile as a winegrower. In 1999 Forrester made the conversion to <u>Organic</u> viticulture, and he is committed to sustainable practices in his vineyards and his restaurant. The Scholtzenhof wine farm, where Ken's vines are planted and where his family resides part of the year, dates to 1689. I said 1689, people!

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle	
Ken Forrester:				
2006 Petite Chenin, Stellenbosch District	12/750	\$ 89.93	\$ 8.05 *	
*87 Points — Stephen Tanzer; 85 Points "Be	est Buy" – Wine Spect	tator. 100% Ch	enin Blanc. 100% V	ALUE!

#### SPAIN

# MELIS (Priorat)

www.melispriorat.com

VICTOR GALLEGOS, OWNER / WINEMAKER / VINEYARD MANAGER

"From the same team that brings you the Central Coast's superb <u>Sea Smoke Pinot Noirs</u> comes Melis, a splendid example of what can be achieved in Priorat." -Robert Parker

The Melis vineyard is a prime Priorat estate, ranging in elevation from 800 to 1,200 feet with steep terraces of dense volcanic schist and slate, attributes that contribute to both the signature intensity and minerality of fine Priorat wines. In 2000, the Melis team began the careful restoration of the vineyard's ancient Cariñena vines, and undertook meticulous new planting. The newer plantings in the Melis vineyard include select clones of Garnacha, Cariñena, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Melis team brought in the first harvest in October of 2004.

Pk/Sz Case Bottle

[ Melis cont'd ]:

2005 Elix Red Wine, *Priorat* 6/750 \$208.27 \$35.27 \*

\*45% Grenache, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Carignane, 6% Merlot, 3% Syrah. Aged for 16 months in 100% new Burgundian oak before being bottled without fining or filtration.

2005 Melis Red Wine, Priorat

6/750

\$409.57

\$68.82 \*

\*63% Grenache, 16% Carignan, 14% Syrah, and 7% Cabernet Sauvignon. It was aged for 15 months in several sizes of 100% new Burgundian oak before being bottled without fining or filtration. '04 vintage: **94 Points – Robert Parker**; **93 Points – Wine Spectator.** 

#### AUSTRIA

# MHUBER (TRAISENSTAL)

www.boutiquewines.info

HUBER FAMILY, OWNERS | MARKUS HUBER, WINEMAKER

At the tender age of twenty-three, Markus Huber took over the task of making wine at his family's winery in the Traisental region of Austria. The Huber family has been making wine from their land for five generations, but has owned it since 1778, which equates into nine generations. The first four generations practiced coopering. Markus and his father, Anton share the efforts of viticulture, while it is now all Markus's hand in the cellar. Markus was named the young winemaker of Austria in 2002. Also, in Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, edition 123 it is written that "25-year old Huber is one of the most promising new talents in the Austrian wine industry."

	Pk/Sz	Case	Bottle
Huber:			
2006 Grüner Veltliner "Hugo"	12/750	\$119.28	\$10.50 <b>[87 ST]</b>
2006 Grüner Veltliner "Obere Steigen"	12/750	\$182.72	\$15.79 <b>[ 90 ST ]</b>
2006 Riesling "Terrassen"	12/750	\$226.64	\$19.45 <b>[ 87 ST ]</b>

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