

A note on our wines

The expression of a wine is the convergence of two influences:
Terroir & the Winemaker

Think of terroir as time & place. Time is the vintage year and place is the region where the grapes lived, not only as a geographical place on a map but also how the hills slope, the climate, the rainfall, the make-up of the soil, the little invisible things in the air that seep into the vines and into the grapes.

The Winemaker manipulates the juice, coaxes it, nurtures it, ages it, gives it identity, raises it like children. Often, the winemaker's influence is so distinct that, like a personal stamp, his or her wines are easily identifiable by its personality.

Some wines are more influenced by terroir, some by the winemaker's hand.

Both are important and so for our list, like most others, we list the pertinent information. But sometimes just "listing" the information is not enough. Sometimes, a wine cries out for a little more. For those wines, we give a little more back story. We hope you enjoy it. We don't mean to offend the wines that don't have a back story. It doesn't mean they don't deserve one.

And for those who like to drink at home as much as in a restaurant, we offer a limited line of our wines at retail prices to take home with you. Many of these wines are exclusive to us. All of them need a home like yours. Please ask us if you'd like some to go.

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"The discovery of a good wine is increasingly better for mankind than the discovery of a new star."
Leonardo Da Vinci

Champagne & Sparkling

Saracco Moscato d'Asti, 2005		32
Eric Bordelet Sidre Doux Apple Cider		30
Too good to really be called cider – this remarkable tribute to apples is vinified from a wine based approach: old trees, low yields and terroir. A perfect aperitif.		
Gosset-Brabant Brut Tradition, NV		88
*Champagne, for the purists, can only be made from grapes grown in the Champagne region of France. All else is sparkling wine. It is rare to find a champagne that uses only Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes from premier & grand cru vineyards. Rarer still is to find one at down-to-earth price points. The triple threat is one that balances floral and toasty notes as skillfully as Paul Goerg Champagnes. We are proud to offer their entire portfolio exclusively in Louisville.		
Also available in retail.		
Paul Goerg Brut Tradition, NV		65
Paul Goerg Blanc de Blanc NV	375 ml	35
Paul Goerg Blanc de Blanc NV		70
Paul Goerg Vintage 2000		125
Paul Goerg Vintage 2002		85
Paul Goerg Millésmée Lady Cuvée, 1998		125
Paul Goerg Millésmée Lady Cuvée, 1999		145
Paul Goerg Brut Rosé NV		75
Gruet Rose Brut Methode Champenoise		40
Krug, Grand Cuvee, NV		260
Pol Roger Winston Churchill Cuvée, 1990		275
This is the epitome of balanced richness & elegance in a banner year for champagne. This cuvee was originally created in 1975 in honor of Churchill on the 10 th anniversary of his death.		
Salon, "Le Mesnil", 1976	Magnum	600
Napa, Schramsberg, 40 th Anniversary, Reserve Late Disgorged, 1994	Magnum	260
To celebrated their 40 th Anniversary, the Davies disgorged (or removed the yeasts) after ten years, rather than the usual three. Made in very limited production. We were fortunate to get a few bottles.		

Rose

Australia, Margan Shiraz Saignée Rose, 2006		36
Napa Valley, Robert Sinskey Vin Gris Rose, 2006		50
In the generally fruity world of roses, this is in a category by itself. Vinified from Pinot Noir grapes, it is a pale salmon color. Angle a glass towards the light and it almost disappears. It is crisp, mineral and grapefruit zest with a finish goes on for about an hour.		

California and New World White

Russian River Valley, Paul Hobbs Chardonnay 2005	375ml	42
Washington State, Poet's Leap Riesling, 2005		44
Paso Robles, Garretson Roussanne, 2004		42
Napa Valley, Havens Albarino, 2005		52
Sonoma, Peter Michael L'Après-Midi Sauvignon Blanc, 2004		145
Napa Valley, Araujo, Eisele Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc	2005 2006	90 85
Santa Barbara, Au Bon Climat Pinot Gris/Pinot Blanc, 2005		32
Santa Barbara, Au Bon Climat Chardonnay, 2005		40
Jim Clendenen is a rock star. When he walks into a room, he makes a lasting impression. His wines are no less impressive. They command the table and will sometimes talk back to you.		
Carneros, De La Guerra Chardonnay, 2006		65
Carneros, Acacia Chardonnay, 2005		38
Carneros, Truchard Chardonnay, 2004		60
Santa Cruz, Mt. Eden Chardonnay, 2002		110
Napa Valley, Kongsgaard "The Judge" Chardonnay, 2004		355
Is there such a thing as a "perfect" chardonnay? Many seem to think this is it. One of the most celebrated chardonnays of the decade, and one of the highest ranked at 98 points, this is probably as close to perfection in a bottle for years to come.		
New Zealand, Kumeu River Sauvignon Blanc, 2004		37
New Zealand, Seifried Nelson Riesling, 2006		40
Yarra Valley, Green Point Chardonnay, 2003		47
South Eastern Australia, Barn Buster Semillon Verdelho, 2004		30
Sonoma, Jacquelynn Cuvee Blanc, 2006		60
An homage to the wine style of Graves, this 50% Sauvignon Blanc - 50% Semillon made by Drew Neiman at Chateau Boswell is so robust and confident but surprisingly balanced as well. Not an easy feat for these grapes.		
Available in retail.		

France White

Epire Savennieres "Cuvee Speciale", Chenin Blanc, 2000	47
Alsace, Josmeyer Pinot Blanc, 2004	32
Alsace, Trimbach Riesling Cuvee Frederic Emile, 2001 Prized by connoisseurs, hoarded by restaurateurs and adored by enthusiasts. This 94 point nectar is hands down the greatest expression of the Riesling grape. Available in retail.	78
Chablis, Domaine William Fevre, 2001	40
Beaune, Joseph Drouhin "Clos De Mouches", 2002	118
Mersault, Patrick Javillier Les Tillets, 2002	110
Mersault, Moillard Clos du Cromin, 2003	85
Chassagne-Montrachet, Pilot Les Chaumes, 2003	117
Chassagne-Montrachet, Colin Deleger "La Maltroie", 2001	159
Puligny-Montrachet, Montille "Cailleret", 1999	225
Batard-Montrachet, Colin Deleger, 2000	350
Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Bonneau du Martray, 2003	165

Italy White

Veneto, Vigneti del Sole Pinot Grigio, 2004	26
Piedmont, Martinetti Gavi di Gavi, Cortese, 2006	375 ml 22
Piedmont, Martinetti Gavi di Gavi, Cortese, 2006 Franco Martinetti of Torino perfects terroir driven wines. This 100% cortese is mineral, lush and no-nonsense. We offer his wines exclusively in Kentucky. Available in retail.	40

Germany White

Mosel, Selbach-Oster Riesling Kabinett, 2006	38
Mosel, Selbach-Oster Riesling Spätlese, 2006	48
Pfalz, Valckenberg Gewurztraminer, 2005	46

California and New World Red

Longshadows:

Allen Shoup, of Chateau Ste. Michelle fame, spearheaded this global joint venture with the most highly acclaimed winemakers from around the world – challenging them to create their version of world renowned wines from Columbia Valley grapes. The result is Longshadows: an ambitious project that was voted by Food & Wine as 2007 Winery of the Year. We offer a sampling of their portfolio below:

Poet's Leap Riesling by Armin Diel, 2005 Available in retail.		44
Chester-Kidder Cabernet Sauvignon & Syrah by Gilles Nicault, 2004		85
Sequel Shiraz by John Duval, 2004		115
Pedestal Merlot by Michel Rolland, 2004		125
Sonoma, Green River Valley, Orogeny Pinot Noir, 2005 The name derives from its geological history, not a sexy reference. But it may as well be. So pleasurable, it is banned in several states. (kidding) Available in retail		60
New Zealand, Wairau River Pinot Noir, 2004		46
Oregon, Willamette Valley Penner Ash Pinot Noir, 2006 We beg, kick and scream to get our yearly allocation of this wine. Pure Oregon Pinot by Lynn Penner-Ash, this is as thoughtful as wine gets.		120
Washington, Columbia Valley Sagelands Merlot, 2002 Merlot gets a bad rap these days because of insipid overproduction in years past. But don't forget why it became so popular in the first place – it is handsome, likable and always agrees with you. It's like a best friend in a glass. This cold climate Merlot will never let you down. Available in retail.		32
Carneros, Cuvaision Pinot Noir 2004	375ml	24
Carneros, Ceja Pinot Noir, 2002		57
Carneros, Beaulieu Vineyards Reserve Pinot Noir, 2003		58
Australia, Bleasdale Langhorne Creek Shiraz, 2002	375ml	24
Australia, Balmoral Syrah, 2001		51
Napa Valley, Lang & Reed Premier Etage Cabernet Franc, 2001 Warning: for avid foodies and wine geeks only. A true-to-type wine, not to be mistaken for Cabernet Sauvignon, this is heady, musky, violet and cherry.		55
Napa Valley, Kongsgaard Syrah, 2004		210
Napa Valley, Havens Black & Blue Syrah, 2003		57
Napa Valley, Paradigm Merlot, 2003		78
Napa Valley, "Michael Black Vineyard", Paul Hobbs Merlot, 2002		165
Napa Valley, Swanson Merlot 2003	375ml	25

Napa Valley, Swanson "Alexis" Merlot, 1999	Magnum	215
Napa Valley, Pallazo Napa Valley Merlot Blend, 2005		75
Napa Valley, Outpost Howell Mt. Zinfandel, 2004		95
<p>Visionary Zinfandel from winemaker Thomas Brown, this is all licorice, graphite & pepper. Steep slopes and hidden away from the crowds, it may be the most beautiful winery in all of Napa.</p>		
Napa Valley, Turley Zinfandel	2004	165
Paso Robles, Turley Zinfandel	2000	140
	2004	130
Lodi, Dogtown Vineyard Turley Zinfandel	2004	145
Peter Franus Zinfandel, 2005		47
<p>Black fruit, vanilla and spice harmonize in this ready-to-drink-now wine. This is not your hairy uncle's Zinfandel, you know the one that tastes like burnt rubber and tar asphalt. Mr. Franus is just too classy a guy for that. Don't miss his Cabernet too. Available in retail.</p>		
Washington, Col Solare, Bordeaux Blend, 1997		120
Austria, Sattler Zweigelt, 2005		45
<p>Confused by red wine from Austria? The secret is out - they actually make great velvety red wine but keep most of it for themselves. This is a 100% Zweigelt - pronounced tsvai-gelt - and though it may sound clumsy to your ears, it is a pure melody in your mouth. Available in retail.</p>		
Argentina, Mendoza La Posta Malbec, 2006		40
<p>The Malbec grape began as a Bordeaux blending grape, never in the spotlight, then skipped over to Argentina with the help of Michel Pouget in 1868 and found its home in the Mendoza Valley. It has never looked back and never looked better. Available in retail.</p>		
Sonoma, Contra Costa County, Cline Zinfandel 2005	375ml	14
Santa Maria Valley, Sanctuary Pinot Noir, 2003		70
<h2>California Cabernet Sauvignon</h2>		
Peter Franus, 2003		65
Russian River Valley, Martin Ray, 2001		48
Kathryn Kennedy Lateral, 2003		75
Santa Cruz, Kathryn Kennedy Small Lot Cabernet	2002	130
	2003	125
Napa Valley, Surh Luchtel, 2002		75
Rutherford, Hewitt Vineyards, 2003		85
Napa Valley, Barlow, 2002		85

Burgess Library Release, 1993		110
Spring Mountain Reserve, 1999		95
Lail Vineyards J. Daniel Cuvee, 2000		210
Rutherford, Staglin 20 th Anniversary Selection, 2002		175
Robert Pecota "Kara's Vineyard" 2001	Magnum	175

Howell Mountain, Dunn Vineyards	1984	225
	1986	225
	1987	300

Araujo, Eisele Vineyard	2002	275
	2003	285
	2004	285

Peter Michael, Knights Valley , "Le Pavots"	1991	270
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Cabernet Superstars

There are few – very very few – winemakers who hit a proverbial home run with anything they touch. To say celebrity is to diminish their accomplishments to a shallow adoration by their fans. But for the sake of ease, let's say, yes, these are the A-list celebrities of Napa. We list them with their vineyard associated Cabernet based wines below.

Heidi Barret:

Paradigm, 2002		85
Dalle Valle, 2003		285
Blankiet, Paradise Hills Vineyard, 2002		275

Pam Starr:

Garric Cellars, 2005		125
Gemstone	1998	180
	2001	275
	2002	250
	2003	270

Bob Levy & Michel Rolland:		
Harlan Estate, 2002		950
Matriarch	2000	170
	2001	175
Maiden, 2001		285
Bond Vecina, 2001		280
Bond Eden, 2001		260
Mark Herold:		
Merus	2001	175
	2004	165

French Red

Provence, Chateau de Pibarnon, 2003	375ml	32
Chinon, Les Petites Roches Joguet, 2003		45
Côtes du Ventoux, Martinelle, 2004		47
Côte Rotie, Pierre Gaillard, "Les Viallieres", Non Filtré, 2001		185
Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Clos des Brusquieres, 1998		225
Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Beaucastel, 2001		125

Burgundy

John Singer Sargent, the great American portrait artist, has a painting in the Metropolitan Museum of Art called Madame X. The woman in the portrait stands almost 7 feet tall and exemplifies the nature of a French pinot noir. She is stunning, larger-than-life, mysterious, elusive, even aloof. She refuses simple categories or easy definitions. She is misunderstood, she is difficult but you can't get her out of your head. Some fall in love with her, some are intimidated by her, some find her just scandalous. But in that quiet moment when you ponder what to drink with your dinner, you know deep down inside that there is no better company at your side than her.

Bourgogne, Michel Magnien, 2003		70
Beaune, Domaine Besson 1er Cru Les Chaps Pimont, 2005		85
Cote d'Or, Monthelie Jean Garaudet, 2005		67
Mercurey Vieilles Vignes, Francois Raquillet, 2005		64
Ladoix "La Combe", Jean Luc Dubois, 2005		58
Chambolle Musigny, Ghislaine Barthod 1er Cru "Les Cras" 2001		125
Chambolle Musigny, Groffier 1er Cru "Les Amoureuses" 2001		175
Morey St. Denis, Hubert Lignier Vieilles Vignes, 2001		168
Nuits St. Georges, Daniel Bocquenet, 2004		95

Gevrey Chambertin, Arlaud "Aux Combottes" 2000	110
Clos Vougeot, Gros Frere et Soeur "Musigni" 1998	300
Clos Vougeot, Raphet, 2002	265
Richebourg, Gros Frere et Soeur, 1998	475

Bordeaux

Pessac-Léognan, Chateau Carbonnieux, 2001	78
Haut-Medoc, Chateau Cantermerle, 2001	85
Pauillac, Grand Vin de Chateau Latour, Premier Grand Cru Classé, 1998	320
Pauillac, Chateau Mouton Rothschild Premier Grand Cru Classé, 1993	550
Pauillac, Chateau D'Armailhac Grand Cru Classé, 2002	72
Margaux, Chateau Margaux, 1er Grand Cru Classé, 1998	450

Italy Red

Puglia, Alcione Aglianico, 2004	30
Friuli, Meroi Nèstri, 2004	58
<p>This is all about terroir, terroir, terroir. Nèstri is a second class grape but in the hands of Meroi, it shines as brightly as any noble grape while pointing undeniably to a time and region in northern Italy that makes this one of the most unique wines around.</p> <p>Available in retail.</p>	
Piedmont, Martinetti Monferrato Sul-Bric, 2005	90
<p>Another stellar wine from Franco Martinetti. He blends Italian Cabernet Sauvignon with Barbera. Bold yet balanced with the aroma of Italy herself.</p> <p>Available in retail.</p>	
Barolo, Pira Luigi, 2001	110
Barolo, Paolo Scavino, "Roche dell' Annunziata", Riserva,	1996 195
	1999 295
Barolo, Paolo Scavino, 2001	375ml 48
Barolo, Paolo Scavino, 2001	95
Barolo, Paolo Scavino Bric Del Fiasc, 2001	Magnum 420
Barolo, Ceretto Zonchera Alba, 2001	95
Barbaresco, Rocha Albino, Vigneto Brich Ronchi, 1999	Magnum 197
Toscana, Ca' Marcanda, Gaja Promis, 2003	85
Toscana, Argiano, "Solengo", 2001	125

Bolgheri Sassicaia, Marchese Incisa della Rochetta, "Sassicaia", 1995 350

Spain Red

Bierzo, Baltos Mencia, 2005 37
The grape is Mencia grown only in a small village called Bierzo in the northwest corner of Castilla y Leon. A big wine that is floral & smooth with a finish like Spanish satin.

Palacios Remondo, La Montesa Rioja, 2003 40

Priorat, Alvaro Palacios Les Terrasses, 2005 55

Priorat, Salanques Mas Doix, 2004 65

Ribero del Duero, Tinto Pesquera, 2004 60

Ribera del Duero, Tinto Pesquera, "Gran Reserva", 1996 Magnum 260

Mustiguillo, Quincha Corral, 2000 125

Japan

Kuromatsu-Hakushika Junmai Daiginjo Sake 720ml 80
The rice kernels of this sake is milled to half of its original size before being pure fermented in the traditional Japanese method. This sake is the highest grade available and just as complex and enjoyable as a fine wine. Great with seafood & raw tuna dishes.

Dessert Wine

Grande Maison Monbazillac, 2005 glass 10

Vouvray Demi-Sec, Foreau, 2005 glass 14
In the world of over-the-top dessert wines, this is an example of graceful restraint. Not sweet but not dry either, it is halfway or demi. Think of it more like a palate cleanser.

Spain, Olivares, Red Dulce Monastrell, 2003 glass 12

Italy, Friuli Meroi Picolit, 2005 500ml 110
Botrytis or noble rot grapes make this honey nectar from Italy that is as stunning as some other more famous wines (look three lines down) at about half the price.

Oakville, Dolce, 1999 375ml 150

Wehlener, Sonnenhur, Auslese, Prum, 1971 750ml 350

Chateau d' Yquem 1997 375ml 225

Porto

Graham's "Six Grapes" Reserve Porto	glass	9
Delaforce Tawny 10 year	glass	10
Taylor Fladgate Tawny 10 year	glass	10
Taylor Fladgate LBV 2000	glass	12
Fonseca Porto Bin 27	glass	12
Quinta do Portal Tawny 20 year	glass	15
Dow's Tawny, 30 year	glass	28