

Reserve Wine List



All of our wines are of exceptional quality, but some may not be known to you, and additional information contained in the *Reserve Wine List* may help you choose the right wine for this occasion. We may also have a number of wines presented here which are not on our regular list. The *Reserve Wine List* has wines that we think you'll enjoy trying as they are out of the ordinary, and are wines of distinction. Enjoy!

Our wine list continues to be recognized by the national wine trade - in February 2010 we received another "Award of Distinction" designation by Wine Enthusiast Magazine and since 2004 we've appeared in the August issue of Wine Spectator Magazine as a recipient of the "Award of Excellence" for our wine list and menu, and our commitment to a quality wine program.

Finally, when we find rating information from the wine magazines, we'll try to include those in our narrative: **WE** (*Wine Enthusiast*), **WS** (*Wine Spectator*), **WA** (*Wine Advocate*), **RP** (Robert Parker). The date at the end of each note indicates the last change to this note. Since our guests consume more of our wines than we do, we welcome feedback on individual wines.

Happy Tasting!



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White Chardonnay

Bin	Wine	Vintage	Region	Bottle
343	Pellegrini Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay	2005	Russian River	42
	<i>We were in the middle of our 2006 fall wine sale, when we vow to buy no more wine until our current cellar excesses subside....and we ran into this chard. We were instantly reminded of the white Burgundies we know and love...and, as usual, just had to have it. We think you'll like it too! (8/23/07)</i>			
351	Rombauer Chardonnay	2008	Carneros	62
353h	Rombauer Chardonnay (375 ml half bottle)	2008	Carneros	32
	<i>Winery notes: Intense pear, pineapple and tropical fruits, balanced with creamy, toasted vanilla. Refined acidity and hints of apple linger on the finish. But other early reviews we've read call this an "oak monster" with lots of butter, but others said it didn't have enough butter for them! Try it for yourself and we'll put your review on our list! (4/21/10)</i>			
New 355	2007 Chateau Montelena Napa Valley Chardonnay (Napa Valley)			75
	<i>Chardonnay from Chateau Montelena topped the list in the famed Judgement of Paris tasteoff between French and California wines in 1976, putting California on the world wine map. In this vintage you'll find aromas of white peach, apple skins, and mineral presented in a fresh, medium-bodied, dry, zesty format. Legend in a bottle! WA90 (9/15/09)</i>			

Other White Wines

Bin	Wine	Vintage	Region	Bottle
504	Schloss Vollrads Riesling Kabinett (semi-sweet)	2007	Rheingau (Ger.)	43
	<i>A great example of Riesling as only Germany can do it. In 1728 the world's first Cabinet (today: Kabinett) wine was produced at Schloss Vollrads. And the tradition continues today....we lived for a time outside of Frankfurt, and spent a lot of time in vineyards of the Rheingau....and one day wandered happily into Schloss Vollrads for a great lunch...and great wine! (7/26/08)</i>			
506	Kuentz-Bas Cuvée Tradition Riesling (dry)	2006	Alsace (Fr.)	41
	<i>We often find that dry Germany Rieslings are so minerally that we'd rather drink them with a little sweetness to take the edge off. But from this famed region of France, Rieslings are full flavored and dry...but rich and round and in our opinion can stand without residual sugar to soften them. Great food wine, or just by itself! (7/26/08)</i>			



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New 552	2008 Burgáns Albariño (Rias Baixas, Spain)			34
	<i>This lightly golden-colored wine has loads of lemon zest, peach and flowers on the nose. This is a light to medium-bodied wine with a stony minerality that pairs nicely with the delicate flavor of the clams. Albariño taste is often described as a cross between a fine Riesling and Viognier.</i>			
559	Qupé Marsanne (Santa Ynez Valley)	2005	Central Coast	39
	<i>Marsanne, along with Roussanne are white-wine grapes from the Rhône Valley of France. They create white wines of serious weight and texture. Marsanne and roussanne are used in white wines from Saint-Joseph, Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage in the Rhône Valley.</i>			
	<i>California's Rhone Ranger Bob Lindquist grows them in California, and the results is crisp and clean, with white-peach flavors and weight. Distinctive, yet not totally unfamiliar. Very drinkable and quite juicy, with abundant acids that lift it, especially on the finish. Always a good name in Rhône varietals. Very elegant. We bought some of this for our private cellar, too! (07/11/2008)</i>			
New 931h	1927 Alvear Pedro Ximenez NV (375 ml half bottle)			40
	<i>From a Solera begun nearly 80 years ago, this sherry boasts a dark amber color as well as an extraordinary nose of creme brulee, liquefied nuts, marmalade, and maple syrup. Huge and viscous, yet neither cloyingly sweet nor heavy. It is meant to be drunk alone at the end of a meal. (Available also by the 2 ounce glass for \$8.) RP96 (10/15/09)</i>			



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Wines by the Bottle Red

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Blends

Bin	Wine	Vintage	Region	Bottle
634	Chateau Montelana Cabernet Sauvignon	2006	Napa Valley	85
	<i>The soft, round 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa possesses good berry fruit, seductive tannins, and minimal depth. It represents a very fine glass of Cabernet for enjoying over the next 6-7 years.. WA87 (10/15/09)</i>			
New 638	Caymus Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	2008	Napa Valley	121
	<i>Wine Spectator is rating the vintage a 90-92. Al Jabarin (calwine.com): "The low yields and vine stress resulted in a small depply colored high concentrated crop. It is a classic Caymus style that we have come to love and enjoy.... Drink now or will continue to age beautifully for 7 to 10 years." (6/30/10)</i>			
New 652	Meka Wines "CJ" Cabernet Sauvignon	2006	Napa Valley	76
	<i>Bordeux born Philippe Melka has been making small-production wines in Napa since 1995. This example is 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc. Melka describes it as lean and earthy with dark berry flavors combine with vanilla and cinder box to excite the senses. Firm yet super juicy, this succulent Napa Valley classic is a wine that never disappoints. The velvety tannins integrate seamlessly with the acidity making this wine approachable even in its youth. American born wife Cherie, a microbiologist by education, is also involved in all aspect of the operation.</i>			

Bordeaux

Bin	Wine	Vintage	Region	Bottle
New 665	Château Smith Haut Lafitte Grand Cru	2003	Pessac-Léognan	96
	<i>This is a cabernet-centric red wine: 55% cabernet, 30% merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot (no Malbec). A great find. Number 58 on Wine Spectator's 2006 TOP 100. WS93, RP92</i>			



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Pinot Noir

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727	Merry Edwards Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	2006	California	87
	<p><i>From famed winemaker Merry Edwards, who was one of those early women pioneers in the world of wine which had been previously dominated by men. She broke through that barrier through sheer tenacity, and by making world class wines. Her comments on this offering: "Ten months aging in sixty-eight percent new French oak barrels framed and highlighted the wine's abundant personality and dimension. A kaleidoscope of aromas cascades into mouthwatering flavors of white pepper, lavender, raspberry purée, black currant, plums and a slight pipe tobacco note. The wine's texture is a lavish, satisfying mouthful, extending to a memorable finish." We were eager to get this wine, and opened one shortly after its arrival. Big and rich – we thought it was terrific! (6/16/07)</i></p>			
728	Merry Edwards Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir	2007	California	85
	<p><i>Bright, deep ruby hue. Appealing high-toned mineral and red fruit aromas, especially red cherry. Bracing acidity offers firm structure and brightens lean red fruit and red currant flavors. Medium in weight with a very clean finish. (8/12/09)</i></p>			
New 730	St. Innocent Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir	2007	Will. Valley, OR	73
	<p><i>Dark ruby and denser in hue than other 2007 St. Innocent Pinots. The nose is complex and layered, beginning with dark, sweet spices, black raspberries, dusty dried flowers. The wine is very broad on the palate with huge dark fruit, Asian spices, licorice, green peppercorn, and hints of black truffle spreading across your mouth. Its acidity is well balanced and supports the wine into a long finish dominated by dense spice and dark fruit.</i></p> <p><i>The '07 Shea is structured for mid to long-term aging. It will evolve significantly over the next 6-12 months and improve over a decade. This is a wine for those who revel in Pinot Noirs with multiple layers of flavor and aroma that reveal the details of their terroir. This Pinot noir complements sweet meat entrees - lamb chops, filet, grilled salmon. When served young, this wine is best decanted or allowed to breathe.</i></p>			
New 741	Domaine Serene Evenstad Reserve Pinot Noir	2006	Willamette Valley	91
	<p><i>Smooth and round, with a nice polished feel to the dark berry, cherry, licorice and spice flavors, flowing easily over finely tuned tannins. Drink now through 2016. WS92 (8/12/09)</i></p>			



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Syrah, Shiraz, Grenache, Rhone Blends

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| 768 | Clarendon Hills Kangarilla Vineyard Grenache | 2002 | Australia | 69 |
| | <i>Wine Spectator: "Dense, ripe and tightly wound, a closed bud of a wine that's holding in acres of dark berry, cherry, rose petal and white pepper flavors that are bursting at the seams of superfine tannins to get out. Has impeccable balance, just needs cellaring to show what it has. Best from 2008 through 2020. 400 cases imported." WS93</i> | | | |
| New 777 | Tir Na N'og Old Vines Grenache (McClaren Vale) | 2006 | Australia | 59 |
| | <i>We've resisted this wine in the past, but finally gave in. We love this bold Grenache, the grape indigenous to the Rhone Valley, but, like Syrah, now used to make splendid wines in Australia. It is bold, yet shows great balance and won't overpower mid-weight entrees. (8/13/2008)</i> | | | |
| 785 | Torbreck "The Struie" Barossa Valley Shiraz | 2005 | Australia | 82 |
| | <i>Sourced from cooler Eden Valley and Barossa Valley hillside vineyards from vines ranging from 46-110 years. The wine aged for 18 months in older French oak before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Splendid bouquet of lead pencil, game, and blackberry liqueur. This elegant Shiraz is full-bodied, dense and richly flavored – it will continue to develop over the next 6-8 years and ought to drink well through 2027....but why wait! RP94, WS90 (11/13/07)</i> | | | |
| New 795 | Elderton Barossa Valley Shiraz | 2005 | Australia | 54 |
| | <i>From old Shiraz vines grown exclusively to deep alluvial soils over limestone, on the Elderton Vineyard situated on the banks of the North Para River at Nuriootpa. Elderton was transformed from a vineyard supplying quality fruit to other wineries into an internationally acclaimed estate, having won much recognition, especially for Shiraz. There are twelve blocks of Shiraz on the Estate, some as old as a hundred years. Elderton is always a benchmark producer of world class Barossa Valley Shiraz. RP94 (6/04/08)</i> | | | |

797	Sine Qua Non "Just for the love of it" Syrah	2002	California	650
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To say this very special wine is highly allocated and very hard to get would be this year's wine understatement. Famed wine critic Robert Parker (Wine Advocate) gave it a perfect score of 100:

"A dead-ringer (at least aromatically) for Guigal's single vineyard Cote Rotie La Mouline, the 2002 Just For The Love of It is the greatest California Syrah I have yet tasted. A one-thousand case blend of 96% Syrah, 2% Grenache, and 2% Viognier, it is nearly equal parts Alban, Bien Nacido, and Stolpman fruit with a small amount from both Shadow Canyon and White Hawk. It boasts a provocative perfume of creme de cassis, toast, blackberries, licorice, barbecue spice, and exotic floral scents. Extremely full-bodied, with fabulous intensity, great purity, awesome length, and a finish that lasts over a minute, this classic is a must purchase. Already accessible, it will drink well for 10-15 years." -- Robert Parker

If you'd like the rare opportunity to taste what those in the know consider a "perfect" wine, this is your opportunity. WA 100 rating (7/19/07)

Enjoy a great bottle of wine and support a great cause!

We'll donate 50% of your purchase price to the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Missouri. Drink well, do good.



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New 799	Sine Qua Non Ravens Series Syrah	2006	California	350

Robert Parker: "The 2006 Syrah Raven Series (93% Syrah, 5% Grenache, and 2% Viognier) is primarily from the Eleven Confessions Vineyard with small quantities from the Bien Nacido and White Hawk vineyards. It was bottled after spending 22 months in oak casks. Aromas of sweet black and blue fruits, forest floor, lead pencil shavings, and spring flowers emerge from this remarkably elegant Syrah. With great fruit intensity, a stunning texture, and an opulent mouthfeel, this is a gentle, gracious, large-scaled wine displaying extraordinary finesse and elegance for its size. It will drink beautifully for 12-15+ years." 96-99 RP (04/13/09)

Italy (Sangiovese, Nebbiolo, Corvina and more!)

New 818	Ruffino Riserva Ducale Oro Chianti Classico Gold	2004	Italy	69
This wine undergoes a long ageing period in botti, the traditional Tuscan ageing casks. Riserva Ducale Oro is produced only in the very best vintages, and is a Ruffino flagship wine. (04/25/08)				
New 821	Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano	2006	Italy	61
Wine Spectator: "Ripe strawberry and blackberry aromas follow through to a full body, with plenty of rich, luscious fruit, fine tannins and a clean finish. Mouthwateringly delicious. Drink now." WS90 (5/21/10)				

Tempranillo (Spanish)

New 837	Numanthia-Termes "Toro Termes"	2006	(Spain/Toro)	62
Muscular yet expressive, this red offers roasted plum, bitter chocolate, tobacco and hot stone notes. Thick, with rich, ripe tannins and just enough acidity to keep it lively. Best from 2010 through 2020. WS93, WE92.				



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