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## Upcoming Events

### January 27 - WHWC Presents — Greek Night:

Taste all 8 for \$15

### January 28 - In-Store Wine Tasting:

Flight #1: 2009 LEROUX BURGUNDY / Taste all 5 for \$25

Flight #2: ROBERT CRAIG WINERY / Taste all 5 for \$24

### February 4 - In-Store Wine Tasting:

Flight #1: TERROIR SOCIETY WINES / Taste all 5 for \$10

Flight #2: REVEL WINE / Taste all 5 for \$17

## New Offerings

The following is a list of featured new offerings that have just come into our inventory over the last few weeks. Inventory availability of all items is "in stock" unless specifically identified as "pre-arrival". New inventory items are received almost daily, so a complete listing of the latest can be found by [clicking here](#).

### France - Burgundy - Côte d'Or Red

#### **Mugnier Nuits-St-Georges Clos de la Maréchale 1er Cru 2009 (FWR 91-94) \$79.95 (1.5L \$179.95)**

91-94 points *Fine Wine Review*. 92 points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...really outstanding this year. The nose is deep and very pure, as it offers up a complex blend of black cherries, dark berries, chocolate, really lovely soil tones, woodsmoke and gamebirds. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and very long, with a sappy core of fruit, beautiful focus and balance, a fair bit of very fine-grained tannins and excellent length and grip on the tangy and nascently complex finish. This is one vineyard where the timing of the picking in 2009 could not have been better. 2015-2040. (Nov/Dec 2010)"

### France - Burgundy - Chablis

#### **Fèvre Chablis Bougros Côte de Bouguerots Grand Cru 2010 (JG 97) \$59.95 (1.5L \$129.95) - Pre-arrival**

97 points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...The magical nose soars from the glass in a blaze of pink grapefruit, lemon, stunning minerality, lime blossoms, a touch of anise and beeswax. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and utterly pure, with a brilliant core of fruit, again, the surreal textural precision of the 2010 vintage, brisk acids and laser-like focus on the stunningly long and pure finish. Pure magic in a bottle. 2020-2060+." (Nov/Dec 2011)"

#### **Fèvre Chablis Bougros Grand Cru 2010 (JG 95+) \$54.95 - Pre-arrival**

95+ points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...The simply beautiful bouquet offers up a complex and classy mélange of apple, tart orange, lime, chalky soil tones, spring flowers and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and racy, with great focus and balance, brisk acidity, a rock solid core of fruit and great length and grip on the still very youthful finish. 2018-2050. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Fourchaume 1er Cru 2010 (AM 92-94) \$38.95 - Pre-arrival**

92-94 points Allen Meadows (*Burghound*): "(from Vaulorent). A slightly more complex if perhaps slightly elegant nose of lemon rind, shell fish, seaweed and subtle dried floral notes is followed by pure, intense and citrusy flavors that possess cuts-like-a-knife precision before culminating in a driving mineral-inflected and highly persistent finish. This is also a seriously impressive effort and I especially like the transparency and focus here. Comments: Sweet spot Outstanding. Drink: 2017+. (Oct 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru 2010 (JG 98) \$84.95 (1.5L \$179.95) - Pre-arrival**

98 points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "The 2010 William Fèvre les Clos is the very finest of what is an utterly stunning array of grand crus from the domaine in this vintage. The nearly perfect nose offers up a complex and youthful mélange of apple, tart orange, grapefruit, flint, stunning, stony minerality, lime zest, smoke and spring flowers. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very pure on the attack, with a properly reserved personality, simply enormous, nascent complexity, a rock solid core and brilliant cut and grip on the snappy, soil-driven and magically long finish. Stunning juice. 2022-2075. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Les Lys 1er Cru 2010 (AM 91-93) \$33.95 - Pre-arrival**

91-93 points Allen Meadows (*Burghound*): "An airy, pure and ultra-elegant nose offers up notes of dried white flowers, citrus rind and tidal pool where the latter also suffuses the quite finely detailed middle weight flavors that possess surprisingly richness on the precise and lingering finish. I very much admire the exquisite balance and as Les Lys always is, this is a wine of finesse and subtlety. Comments: Sweet spot Outstanding. Drink: 2016+. (Oct 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Les Preuses Grand Cru 2010 (JG 97+) \$64.95 (1.5L \$139.95) - Pre-arrival**

97+ points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...The utterly classic and pure bouquet offers up a haunting nose of grapefruit, green apple, kaleidoscopically complex soil stones redolent of chalky, oyster shell and stony minerality, white flowers and a pungent topnote of beeswax. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very, very racy, with great purity and precision on the attack, stunning mid-palate depth, great focus and balance and an endless and rapier-like finish. 2020-2060+. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Mont de Milieu 1er Cru 2010 (AM 91-93) \$36.95 - Pre-arrival**

91-93 points Allen Meadows (*Burghound*): "...the fruit aromas here are so much riper and more obviously kissed by the sun, indeed to the point where there is an overt exoticism to the yellow orchard fruit aromas. Yet there is still excellent freshness and enough Chablis character to faithfully recall this wine's origins. There is impressive volume and power to the medium weight plus flavors that possess a plenitude of dry extract that coats the mouth on the intense, complex and lasting finish. This succulent effort should develop well over the next 5 to 7 years. Comments: Sweet spot Outstanding. Drink: 2016+. (Oct 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Montée de Tonnerre 1er Cru 2010 (JG 94+) \$42.95 (1.5L \$86.95) - Pre-arrival**

94+ points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...The brilliantly complex nose soars from the glass in a blaze of grapefruit, lemon, apple, a touch of anise, chalky minerality and spring flowers. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very pure on the attack, with a sappy core of fruit, stunning focus and transparency, snappy acids and exceptional length and grip on the rapier-like finish. Given that this was only bottled two weeks ago, I am probably underestimating its absolute quality by a small margin! 2016-2045. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Montmains 1er Cru 2010 (JG 93) \$33.95 - Pre-arrival**

93 points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...This is primarily Butteaux fruit, which gives it a bit more amplitude from the riper fruit tones that Butteaux typically attains, which coupled with the stunning minerality of the 2010 William Fèvre lineup makes for a very exciting wine. The wine offers up a superb nose of apple, lime, ripe pear, complex, chalky minerality, lime zest and apple blossoms. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and very, very minerally in profile for a Montmains bottling based so predominantly on Butteaux fruit. The finish is very long and racy, with great focus and cut. A beautiful bottle in the making. 2016-2040. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

**Fèvre Chablis Vaillons 1er Cru 2010 (AM 90-93) \$33.95 - Pre-arrival**

92+ points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...offers up a superb bouquet of pink grapefruit, lime, chalky minerality, a touch of orange and a bit of smokiness in the upper

grapefruit, lime, chalky minerality, a touch of orange and a bit of smokiness in the upper register. On the palate the wine is fullish, crisp and beautifully transparent, with a rock solid core of fruit, brisk acids and laser-like focus on the very long, snappy and limestone-driven finish. This is a very fine example of the vintage and the terroir of Vaillons. 2016-2040. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

### **Fèvre Chablis Valmur Grand Cru 2010 (JG 96+) \$59.95 (1.5L \$129.95) -**

#### **Pre-arrival**

96+ points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...The deep, pure and utterly sophisticated nose offers up a magical blend of lime, green apple, tangerine, beeswax, chalky soil tones, citrus zest and lime blossoms. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and stunningly suave on the attack, with a rock solid core of fruit, an almost silky texture from the low yields, stunning focus and cut and great grip on the very, very long, transparent and brilliantly mineral finish. This is a great, great, great example of Valmur. 2020-2060. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

### **Fèvre Chablis Vaudésir Grand Cru 2010 (JG 96) \$59.95 (1.5L \$129.95) -**

#### **Pre-arrival**

96 points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...The reserved and superbly complex nose offers up scents of grapefruit, lime, chalky minerality, lemongrass and a topnote of dried flowers. On the palate the wine deep, full-bodied and very pure on the attack, with racy acids, excellent focus, great mid-palate density and a very, very long, perfectly balanced and bracing finish. A brilliant bottle of Vaudésir. 2018-2050+. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

### **Fèvre Chablis Vaurorent 1er Cru 2010 (JG 95) \$46.95 (1.5L \$99.95) -**

#### **Pre-arrival**

95 points John Gilman (*View From the Cellar*): "...The blazing and absolutely stunning nose offers up a classy blend of apple, pink grapefruit, tangerine, beautifully complex, flinty minerality, smoke, lime zest and apple blossoms in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and utterly seamless, with a silky core of fruit, brilliant soil inflection, snappy acids and laser-like focus on the pure and racy finish. A brilliant bottle of Vaurorent which clearly shows this premier cru's true grand cru pedigree! 2016-2045. (Nov/Dec 2011)"

## **France - Rhône - Hermitage/Crozes-Hermitage**

### **Laurent Combier Crozes-Hermitage 2010 \$17.95**

Deep ruby color. Concentrated raspberry, pepper and violet aromas. Medium to full-body, with a supple texture and good acidic structure. Lovely pure syrah flavors from the Northern Rhône. Not yet reviewed; 2009 vintage rated 91 points by *International Wine Cellar*.

## **France - Rhône - Other**

### **Grand Bois Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cuvée Gabrielle 2009 (RP 91) \$14.95**

(\$18 list)

91 points Robert Parker: "The opulent, seductive 2009 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Cuvee Gabriel is two-thirds Grenache and the rest primarily Syrah blended with 5% Carignan. It offers abundant black cherry fruit notes intermixed with hints of loamy soil, pepper and garrigue. While deep and full-bodied with low acidity, it does not reveal the density of the 2010s, but it has a seductiveness and endearing charm that make it already complex and delicious. Drink it over the next 3-4 years. (Aug 2011)"

### **Grands Bois Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne Cuvée Maximilien 2010 (RP 92) \$16.95**

92 points Robert Parker: "...50% Grenache, 35% Mourvedre and 15% Syrah from 12-50 year old vines... Copious aromas of underbrush, loamy soil, sweet kirsch, black currants and spice box are followed by a spicy, peppery wine with excellent fruit, intensity and density as well as a medium to full-bodied style. Consume it over the next 5-7 years. (Aug 2011)"

## **France - Loire**

### **Baumard Savennières 2008 (WA 92) \$19.95 (\$25 list)**

92 points David Schildknecht (*Wine Advocate*): "...bursts from the glass in an exuberant bouquet of buddleia and apple blossom; quince and intimations of wet stone... The bitter, niquant notes of toasted nut, quinine, white pepper, and fruit pit here are extremely

subtle and integrated into a matrix of lusciously juicy pear, white peach, and quince. A salvia-inducing salinity and scallop-like sweetness ally themselves to the stony mineral elements in this wine's long finishing colloquy with flowers and fruits, and there is a levity and refreshment -- and sheer drinkability... (Aug 2010)"

## Italy - Friuli-Venezia Giulia

### **Ronco Severo Schioppettino Colli Orientali del Friuli 2007 \$26.95**

This small producer in Prepotto in the Colli Orientali del Friuli is a staunch proponent of organic and biodynamic farming. This Schioppettino--a native variety of Friuli--comes from 100-year-old vines. The wine is deep in color, medium in body, but with an attractively aromatic richness hinting at violets combined with a certain peppery quality reminiscent of the Rhône.

## Domestic - Cabernet & Blends - California

### **Cain Cuvée NV8 Napa Valley 2008 \$29.95**

Merlot 48%, Cabernet Sauvignon 32%, Cabernet Franc 14%, Petit Verdot 6%. The NV08 consists primarily of 2008 (54%; hence the '08') complemented with a significant proportion of the excellent 2007 vintage (39%) and a soupçon of the 2006 (6%), which we love. All of these factors contribute to a wine that is both well balanced, surprisingly complex, and with a unique personality.

### **Cain Five Spring Mountain District Napa Valley 2007 \$89.95** (\$100 list)

Sommelier Journal: "68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc... Dense, dark ruby... Complex aromas of black cherry, freshly turned earth, coriander, fir, and sandalwood get a surprising citrus lift. Savory herbs, dark chocolate, and sweet espresso come through on the palate... balanced and concentrated, with supple tannins."

### **Cliff Lede Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District 2008 (RP 91) \$57.95**

91 points Robert Parker: "The least expensive cuvee, the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap, exhibits a deep plum/ruby/purple color along with a sweet perfume of cedar, black currants, flowers and a subtle hint of toast. Medium to full-bodied with beautiful density, ripeness, elegance and balance, it should drink well for 15+ years. (Dec 2010)"

### **Dunn Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain 2007 (WA 97) \$79.95**

97 points Antonio Galloni (*Wine Advocate*): "...unlike any wine I have ever tasted from Dunn. Layer after layer of flavor saturates the palate in this opulent, full-throttle Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2007 possesses dazzling textural richness, depth and sheer intensity. Purists may prefer more structured vintages, but for a producer known for such slow maturing wines, the 2007 is a huge pleasure to taste today. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2037. (Dec 2011)"

### **Edge Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2009 \$16.95** (\$20 list)

Arguably the BEST value in Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon! This supple and lush wine immediately opens to flavors of blackberry, clove and hints of vanilla. The medium bodied palate is balanced with flavors of eucalyptus, sweet plums, ripe cherry and hints of tobacco, while the finish is accentuated by nice acidity and subtle oak flavors. Drinkability: Now to 2016. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot. 13.9% alcohol.

### **Keenan Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain District Reserve 2007 (RP 94+) \$86.95** (\$104 list)

94+ points Robert Parker: "...700 cases... Its opaque purple color is followed by a big, layered mouthfeel with intense richness suggestive of creme de cassis, charcoal, tobacco leaf, and hints of truffles and asphalt. Full-bodied with excellent precision as well as freshness, this complex effort... should keep for 25+ years. (Dec 2009)"

### **Long Meadow Ranch Ranch House Red Napa Valley 2008 \$26.95**

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Sangiovese, 4% Merlot, 2% Petite Sirah, 1% Cabernet Franc. LMR Ranch House Redis all about soft lines, bright fruit and supple tannins. Black fruits and dark berries get a caress of vanilla on the finish and the flavor party speaks to the fruit grown on this magnificent estate west of St. Helena. Get the steaks ready!

### **Ruston Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley Lost Acre Vineyard 2008 \$24.95** (\$35 list)

This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the Lost Acre Vineyard northeast of

Healdsburg in the Alexander valley. The vines here are planted in close-spaced Bordeaux style, and the vineyard produces wines that recall the great northern California Cabernets of the 1960's and 1970's. If you are looking for some of the hallmarks of extreme versions of modern Napa Cabernet -- ultra-ripe, over oaky, chocolate and raisiny flavors, etc. -- you won't find them here. This is a medium-bodied, elegant, beautifully balanced wine that is a showcase for the taste of pure Cabernet Sauvignon.

## Domestic - Cabernet & Blends - Washington

### **K Vintners The Creator Red Walla Walla Valley 2009 \$54.95**

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, Callioux & Old Stones; 40% Syrah, Old Stones. The most Creator ever! So deep. So expressive. So complex and compelling. Olive, earth, spice. Who needs to go to heaven when you can stick around here and drink this wine? Alcohol 14.5%. 635 cases produced. Not yet reviewed; 2008 vintage rated 95 points by *Wine Enthusiast*.

## Domestic - Pinot Noir - California

### **Hartford Court Pinot Noir Green Valley Fog Dance Vineyard 2009 (IWC 93) \$53.95**

93 points Josh Reynolds (*International Wine Cellar*): "...Complex, high-pitched aromas of raspberry, licorice, potpourri and gingerbread, lifted by an exotic bergamot topnote. Sweet, broad and generous, conveying a strong impression of spiciness and deep red berry and rose pastille flavors. Distinctly elegant and precise... with a sweet, floral, spicy finish... (May/Jun 2011)"

### **Hartford Court Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2010 \$29.95**

The nose is elegant and complex with effusive black cherry up-front and underlying notes of violet, pain grille, cumin and faint notions of freshly plowed earth. Flavors in the mouth are berry, cherry, sweet dried cranberries, clove and allspice.

### **Melville Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Estate 2009 (IWC 92) \$26.95 (\$32 list)**

92 points Josh Reynolds (*International Wine Cellar*): "Deep, bright red. Sexy, open-knit raspberry and floral scents, complicated by subtle anise and allspice nuances. Suave, silky and bright, with energetic raspberry and cherry flavors lifted by tangy acidity. Very suave pinot with no rough edges. Fills out with air and shows excellent clarity on the long, intensely perfumed finish. (Oct/Nov 2011)"

## Domestic - Pinot Noir - Oregon

### **White Rose Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Appellation Series 2009 (WA 91) \$35.95 (\$45 list)**

91 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "...Inviting aromas of cinnamon, clove, incense, cedar, cherry, and cranberry compose the bouquet of this already complex, finesse-styled, suave offering. Impeccably balanced and lengthy, it will benefit from 1-2 years of cellaring and provide enjoyment through 2021. (Oct 2011)"

## Domestic - Zinfandel

### **Four Vines Zinfandel Amador County Maverick 2009 (WS 90) \$15.95**

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "Ripe and jammy, with an appealingly rustic edge, offering aromas of blackberry cobbler and cracked white pepper that lead to soft, supple black cherry and licorice flavors. Drink now through 2016... (2012)" From dry-farmed, head pruned, old vine vineyards in the Shenendoah Valley--renowned for its old vine Zin vineyards which produce a wine that is chewy and spicy, rich with blackberry fruit and a hint of velvet vanilla oak. Blended with a touch of Syrah.

### **Hartford Zinfandel RRV Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard Old Vine 2009 (RP 95) \$55.95**

95 points Robert Parker: "There are nearly 300 cases of the 2009 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard, another century old vine Zinfandel. The most concentrated, lavishly rich, exuberant offering in this portfolio, it boasts a dense ruby/purple color in addition to an extra gear or two as well as abundant amounts of boysenberry, blueberry and black raspberry fruit intermixed with spice, pepper and hints of wood. With beautiful purity and vivaciousness, this prodigious Zinfandel is about as good as it gets for this varietal. Drink this opulent flamboyant Zin over the next 5-7 years. (Feb 2011)"

**Hartford Zinfandel RRV Highwire Vineyard Old Vine 2009 (RP 95) \$55.95**

95 points Robert Parker: "The 2009 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard is the only parcel of the Hartford Zinfandels where 50% of the vineyard is head-pruned 99-year old Zinfandel and the balance is wire-trained, which is unusual. It exhibits a beautiful floral berry note, a Pinot Noir-like delicacy and sensibility, medium to full-bodied flavors and stunning purity, fleshiness and texture. Like its siblings, it is complex, supple textured, full-bodied, and a tour de force in Zinfandel wine production. It should drink nicely for 5-7 years. (Feb 2011)"

**Hartford Zinfandel Russian River Vly Hartford Vineyard Old Vine 2009 (RP 93) \$55.95**

93 points Robert Parker: "The 2009 Zinfandel Old Vine walks a hypothetical path between the complexity, foresty, spicy notes of Pinot Noir and the exuberant, ripe, rich blue and black fruits of Zinfandel. Blackberry, blueberry, black cherry, pepper, spice and forest floor characteristics result in a complex, medium to full-bodied, supple-textured Zinfandel. This gorgeous Zin is already irresistible and should drink nicely for 4-5 years. (Feb 2011)"

**Orin Swift The Prisoner Napa Valley 2010 \$37.95**

Orin Swift's cult-like fame started almost immediately several years back with the release of a wine called The Prisoner. Since its inception, this outrageously decadent red with the cool label has perennially been among our most requested wines. The fruit, a 'field blend' reminiscent of the old days in Napa when multiple varieties grew side by side in vineyards, has been carefully selected only from top vineyards in Napa, such as Tofanelli, Morisoli, Page Nord, Marston and David Fulton. 44% Zinfandel, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Syrah, 9% Petite Sirah, 2% Charbono, 1% Grenache.

**Domestic - Rhône Varietals**

**Darioush Viognier Napa Valley Signature 2010 \$41.95**

Bright and alluring fragrances of macadamia nut, guava and honeysuckle. A crisp green apple acidity pleases the palate while delightful flavors of Asian pear, star fruit and white nectarine harmonize with a nuanced finish accented by orange zest, clove and toffee. Aged 7 months sur-lies in 15% new French oak, Burgundy cooperage.

**K Vintners Syrah Royal City Columbia Valley Stoneridge Vineyard 2008 (WA 99) \$149.95**

99 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "...sourced from the Stoneridge Vineyard. It displays a soaring perfume of sandalwood, garrigue, lavender, smoke, bacon, game, blueberry, and black raspberry. Super-concentrated, it deftly marries power and elegance in a seamless wine that should see its 20th birthday in peak form. (Aug 2011)"

**Domestic - Chardonnay**

**Foxen Chardonnay Santa Maria Valley Bien Nacido Block UU 2010 (WE 96) \$29.95**

96 points and 'Top 100 Wine of 2011 (#15)', *Wine Enthusiast*: "You want decadence, opulence and fabulosity in your Chardonnay? This one's for you. It's tremendous in ripe pineapple, pear, peach, mango, lime, tangerine and papaya flavors. So much fruit, while the oak application is never heavy handed, applying just the right touch of buttered toast. Where does all that vanilla honey come from? A magnificent example of a first-growth California Chardonnay, at a great price. (12/15/11)"

**Hartford Court Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2010 \$23.95**

Leads with aromas of honeysuckle, orange blossom and faint notes of lemon meringue pie. Flavors in the mouth include apple, baked pear, lemon drop candy and crystallized ginger which drives the wine's long finish.

**Hartford Court Chardonnay Sonoma Coast Seascape Vineyard 2008 (IWC 93) \$58.95 (\$65 list)**

93 points Josh Reynolds (*International Wine Cellar*): "...Pungent aromas of pear, grapefruit peel, saffron and smoky minerals. Juicy, intense and mineral-driven, with impressive extract to the flavors of lemongrass, orchard fruits and citrus pith ...vibrant acidity adds delineation to a long, juicy, intensely stony finish. I really like this wine's interplay of richness and energy."

**Lewis Chardonnay Sonoma County Russian River Valley 2010 (CG 94) \$44.95**

94 points *Connoisseurs' Guide*: "Very much in the family fold as far as its richness, ripe fruit and flashy oak goes, Lewis's latest from Sonoma is a juicy, intensely flavorful effort with plenty of flesh and a fine spine of acid. It is arguably the more frontal of the two Lewis offerings, at least at this point, and, while its fruity immediacy is bound to incite too-hasty drinking, we are convinced that its structure and depth are guarantors of better to come and expect that it will unfold and improve for a good many years. (Jan 2012)"

**Liquid Farm Chardonnay Sta. Rita Hills White Hill 2010 \$33.95**

A striking nose of fresh citrus and minerals jump out of the glass along with ginger, pear skin, lemon curd and a touch of Indian spices like cardamom and tamarind...With minerality and piercing acidity from head to toe, it could stand up side by side against a glass of 1er Cru Chablis and hold its ground. The finish is long and memorable with a bitter but delicious pear skin taste that is delightfully haunting. 350 cases produced.

**Robert Craig Chardonnay Sonoma Valley Durrell Vineyard 2009 \$41.95 (\$47 list)**

Aroma: Fresh, forward aromas of tangerine and white nectarine, with touches of apple blossom and a signature Durrell minerality that echoes smooth-stream pebbles. Flavors: Bright, mouth-filling citrus and stone fruit flavors are enlivened with rich, spicy undertones and bracing acidity. Finish: Pure, clean fruit flows through the finish, leaving the palate refreshed and wanting more. Not yet reviewed; 2008 vintage rated 92 points by *Wine Enthusiast*: "...forward in ripe pineapple, pear, peach and lime flavors, with a smoky, crème brûlée richness that finishes in a swirl of spicy vanilla and smoky oak. Seems at its best now."

## Domestic - Sauvignon Blanc & Aromatic Whites

**Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley 2010 (CGV 93) \$39.95**

93 points *California Grapevine*: "Medium-light yellow; attractive, slightly buttery, floral, melon and peach aroma with hints of grapefruit and a trace of minerality; medium-full body; fairly rich and fleshy in the mouth with a silky mouthfeel and flavors of melon, white peach, citrus, and sweet oak; lingering aftertaste. A very appealing and stylish wine with some complexity and elegance. Very highly recommended. 14.1% alcohol; 100% Sauvignon Blanc (including 33% of the Sauvignon Musqué clone); 100% barrel fermented; 0% malolactic fermentation; released April 2011. (Dec 2011/Jan 2012)"

## Argentina

**Achával-Ferrer Finca Altamira La Consulta Mendoza 2009 (WA 99) \$99.95**

(\$120 list)

99 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "...sourced from vines over 80 years of age with yields of 0.75 tons per acre. Purple/black in color with a spectacular aromatic array of black fruits and spices that jump from the glass, this rich, opulent, beautifully proportioned Malbec sets the bar for what can be achieved with old vines, low yields, and craftsmanship in the cellar. (Dec 2011)"

**Achával-Ferrer Finca Bella Vista Mendoza 2009 (WA 98) \$99.95 (\$120 list)**

98 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "The 2009 Finca Bella Vista was sourced from a vineyard planted in 1910 giving a miserly yield of 0.75 tons per acre. It displays slightly blacker fruit, a bit more depth and opulence, and a finish that seems endless. Give it 5-6 years of cellaring and enjoy it from 2016 to 2029+. (Dec 2011)"

**Achával-Ferrer Finca Mirador Medrano Mendoza 2009 (WA 96) \$99.95**

96 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "The 2009 Finca Mirador was sourced from vines planted in 1921 and yields of 0.9 tons per acre. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it sports a captivating nose of sandalwood, exotic spices, espresso, lavender, black cherry, and black raspberry. Layered on the palate with a velvety texture, it conceals enough structure to evolve for at least 3-4 years. This nicely proportioned effort will deliver prime drinking from 2015 to 2029. (Dec 2011)"

**Achával-Ferrer Quimera Mendoza 2009 (WA 93) \$34.95 (\$48 list)**

93 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "...40% Malbec, 22% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, and 4% Petit Verdot... Pain grille, pencil lead, Asian spices, incense, violets, and assorted black fruits inform the nose of a complex, intense, layered, spicy, succulent wine with impeccable balance and length.. (Dec 2011)"

**Catena Zapata Malbec Mendoza 2009 (WS 91) \$19.95 (\$24 list)**

91 points and 'Top 100 Wine of 2011 (#58)' *Wine Spectator*: "A rich red, with ripe flavors

91 points and Top 100 Wine of 2011 (#30) *Wine Spectator*: "A hot red, with ripe flavors of linzer torte, plum pudding and fig paste flavors by layers of mesquite, olive paste and grilled herbs. Grippy tannins add weight to the long, vibrant finish. Drink now through 2013. Smart Buys. (10/15/11)"

**Luigi Bosca Gala 1 Mendoza 2008 (W&S 90) \$29.95**

90 points *Wine & Spirits*: "Fig and cherry notes combine with fresher, juicy flavors and a vibrant acidity that not only takes charge of balancing the wine but also helps to reveal its seductive depth. A blend of malbec with petit verdot and tannat, this will shine with lamb. (Feb 2011)"

**Tikal Patriota Mendoza 2010 (WA 91) \$17.95 (\$20 list)**

91 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "...60% Malbec and 40% Bonarda... opaque purple color, it sports an enticing nose of Asian spices, incense, lavender, plum, and blueberry. In the glass it opens to reveal a ripe, plush, savory wine with no hard edges. Drink this well-balanced, lengthy wine over the next 5-6 years. It is also an outstanding value. (Dec 2011)"

**Weinert Malbec Mendoza 2005 (W&S 89) \$21.95**

89 points *Wine & Spirits*: "This warm malbec combines ripe notes of fig with scents of leather and the nuttiness of oak. Fresher cherry flavors come up in the end, to serve with brie. (Feb 2011)"

## Australia - Red

**Jim Barry Shiraz Clare Valley The Lodge Hill 2008 (WA 90) \$14.95 (\$20 list)**

90 points Lisa Perrotti-Brown (*Wine Advocate*): "...intense notes of warm blackberry, spearmint and licorice with an earthy undercurrent of loam, tar and tree bark. The rich, medium to full bodied palate is nicely balanced with crisp acidity and a medium level of gritty tannins, finishing long... it should continue to give pleasure to 2016+. (Oct 2010)"

## Germany

**Karthäuserhof Riesling Spätlese Eitelsbacher Karthäuserhofberg 2004 (WS 90) \$22.95 (\$35 list)**

90 points *Wine Spectator*: "An energetic white that awakens the palate with its succulent lime, apple and peach notes that are well-defined by the sleek structure. Fine persistence through the lingering citrus finish. Best from 2007 through 2020. 175 cases imported. (3/31/06)"

**Schäfer-Fröhlich Riesling Kabinett Nahe 2008 (WS 92) \$19.95 (\$27 list)**

92 points *Wine Spectator*: "Displays plenty of orange and nectarine aromas and flavors, with spice notes to match. Lime and slate flavors emerge by the finish, making this complex, layered and concentrated. Still, this stays light and fresh. Drink now through 2022. 500 cases made. (2010)"

**Schäfer-Fröhlich Riesling Nahe Medium Dry 2008 (WA 90) \$14.95 (\$21 list)**

90 points David Schildknecht (*Wine Advocate*): "...the latest in a long line of superbly successful, virtually-dry generics at this address... Apricot, lime, and blueberry laced with savory salinity and a glossy texture combined with invigorating refreshment render this irresistible, and the interplay of fruit, salt, and stones in the finish is refined yet vibrant. This is a sort of amazing value I know of nowhere outside of Germany... Enjoy it over the next 5-6 years... Frohlich's standards keep rising. (Feb 2010)"

**Weins-Prüm Riesling Spätlese Erdener Prälat 2006 (FWR 93) \$23.95 (\$40 list)**

93 points *Fine Wine Review*: "The Erdener Prälat Spätlese is Auslese sweet and shows botrytis in its honeyed aromas and flavors, as well as tropical fruit and some peach and orange, plus the rich, sensuous body of the Prälat vineyard. The round acidity of the wine inclines me to drink it young, but the depth and the extract will carry it for longer aging, I believe. I'd guess best drinking 2008-2011, then maybe 2018-2030. (Issue #120; 2008)"

## New Zealand

**Felton Road Pinot Noir Central Otago Block 3 2010 (WA 93+) \$68.95**

93+ points *Wine Advocate*: "Deep ruby-purple colored, the 2010 Block 3 Pinot Noir has notes of black cherries, plums, graphite, red currant, damp loam and dark chocolate with a whiff of anise. Elegantly fruited in the medium bodied mouth, it is tight-knit and restrained

at the moment offering muscular blackberry fruit, a medium-firm level of fine grained tannins and a long earthy finish. Approachable now, it should drink best 2012 to 2019+. (Oct 2011)" - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

**Kumeu River Chardonnay Kumeu Estate 2007 (WS 92) \$21.95** (\$35 list)

92 points and 'Top 100 Wine of 2009 (#41)' *Wine Spectator*: "Bright, tangy and elegant, this vibrant wine has grapefruit and pineapple flavors at the fore, picking up apple and spice as the finish lingers effortlessly. Drink now through 2017. (11/15/09)"

## South Africa

**Boekenhoutskloof The Chocolate Block Franschhoek 2010 \$29.95**

Syrah (72%); Cabernet Sauvignon (13%); Grenache noir (7%); Cinsault (6%) and Viognier (2%). Explosive nose with great depth of spiced fruit and violet-infused perfume. Striking freshness on a firmly structured palate with elegant and supple tannins. Spicy oak aromas covering a rounded mid-palate that reveals layers of fruit with intense purity.

**Klein Constantia Vin de Constance Constantia 2006 (IWC 95) \$45.95**

95 points Stephen Tanzer (*International Wine Cellar*): "Deep, full orange-gold. Knockout nose offers orange, apricot, cherry, raspberry, mace, nutmeg, honey and flowers. Thick, very sweet and hugely concentrated; like liquid velvet in the mouth but with outstanding energy to its palate-staining orange and apricot fruit. Utterly seamless wine with a palate-staining, lightly saline aftertaste hinting at red berries. (Mar/Apr 2011)" Grape variety: Muscat de Frontignan (muscat blanc à petits grains). Alcohol 13.14%. Residual sugar: 170 g/l.

## Spain

**Celler Cal Pla Black Slate Porrera Vi de la Vila Priorat 2009 (WA 90) \$18.95**

90 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "...46% Garnacha, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the balance Merlot and Syrah... displays more minerality... aromas of cedar, black cherry, and black currant... It seems to have the right stuff but will require another 2-3 years to fully display its personality. (May 2011)"

**El Nido Clio Jumilla 2009 \$39.95**

Dark cherry red. Intense nose of ripe fruit (cassis) and comfit fruit mixed with sensations of toasted coffee and licorice which bring finesse and elegance. Strength, savory and opulence combine in the palate of this wine that little by little develops in the bottle. Not yet reviewed; 2008 vintage rated 94 points by both *Wine Advocate* and *Peñín Guide*, which wrote: "(70% monastrell, 30% cabernet sauvignon) Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: ripe fruit, creamy oak, cocoa bean, dark chocolate, powerful. Palate: flavourful, powerful, fleshy, spicy, ripe fruit."

**El Nido Jumilla El Nido 2009 \$119.95**

Not yet reviewed; 2008 vintage rated 96 points by *Wine Advocate*: "...70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Monastrell also aged for 24 months in new French and American oak. It gives up a bit more aromatic complexity with ramped up concentration and volume. In the glass, notes of blueberry, blackberry, exotic spices, and pepper lead to a plush, silky, 60-second finish. Give this behemoth 6-8 years to become civilized and drink the Clio cuvee while you are waiting."

**Mas Alta La Creu Alta Priorat 2005 (PG 94) \$44.95** (\$105 list)

94 points *Peñín Guide to Spanish Wine*: "Dark cherry colour, powerful aroma, with character, very toasted (roasted), ripe fruit, mineral, flavourful palate, spicy, ripe tannins, fruity, fresh, persistent. (2008)" 93 points Josh Reynolds (*International Wine Cellar*): "Inky ruby. Explosively aromatic bouquet of red berry compote, baking spices and flowers, along with mocha, anise and vanilla. Deep, sweet and palate-staining, with intense raspberry and kirsch flavors, supple tannins and a jolt of fresh minerals on the finish. The spicy character lingers with superb clarity and persistence. (Sep/Oct 2007)"

**Mas Doix Salanques Priorat 2008 (PG 92) \$24.95** (\$30 list)

92 points *Peñín Guide to Spanish Wine*: "(cariñena, garnacha, cabernet sauvignon, merlot). Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: ripe fruit, toasty, spicy, dark chocolate, mineral. Palate: powerful, fleshy, ripe fruit, spicy. (2011)" 91 points Jay Miller (*Wine Advocate*): "...The owners consider 2008 to be one of the top 3 vintages of the decade, 'a great vintage with low yields and vibrant acidity'... Medium purple in color with a fragrant nose of cedar, mineral, spice box, lavender, black cherry, and blueberry, on the palate it is smooth-textured, intense, and concentrated with 2-3 years of aging potential. It will perform

optimally from 2014 to 2023. (May 2011)"

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