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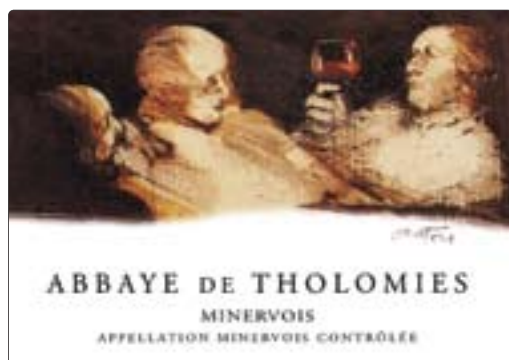
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Wines of the Month



Lucien Roge, a dental surgeon and former star player on the French National Rugby team, turned to his true passion in 1981 and purchased **Abbaye de Tholomies**. His goal: To make the best wine in the Minervois region on this estate. He got a good start by hiring as his wine consultant the oenologist of the celebrated Chateau Petrus. The sandstone and chalky clay soil at Roge's vineyards is the finest in the Minervois. The Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre grapes grown there are all "biodynamically" cultivated. The resulting Abbaye de Tholomies Minervois is a wonderful, velvety wine with plenty of structure and a luscious array of cassis, dark plum and dark cherry flavors. Smooth, spicy finish filled with crème brulee and white chocolate notes. The 2005 vintage is one of the best ever from the Minervois. **Priced to move fast at \$10.98.**

Our second Wine of the Month, **Goose Ridge Estate Red (2005)**, hails from Washington State. This wine is a blend of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec. All of this fruit was cultivated in the warm sunshine and sandy soils of Washington's Columbia Valley. Aging in oak

for 20 months produces bold flavors of luscious raspberry and blackberry flavors plus a very attractive garnet color. Goose Ridge delivers a full flavor and richness not usually found in wines at this price. Serve this wine alongside heartier fare such as grilled lamb or a chunky stew with plenty of spices. \$12.98.

Our final Wine of the Month for January/February is the **2007 Mapema Sauvignon Blanc**. Mapema is owned by Catena winemaker Pepe Galante and Rutini winemaker Mariano di Paola, widely recognized as two of Argentina's most talented winemakers. They joined forces with one thought in mind: Search out the best possible grape sources and make just one super wine from each harvest. Their 2007 Sauvignon



Blanc is made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes grown 3,900 feet high in the Andes. Stainless steel aged and unfiltered and unfiltered, the wine starts out with enticing aromas of lemon, fresh herbs, red grapefruit and honeydew rind. Swirl it around your mouth to get a vibrant blast of lemon zest acidity along with lemongrass and a slightly creamy

texture. This wine delivers a lot of body without losing its lively acidity. Plus, the crisp finish doesn't keep this wine from lingering on your palate. It's hard to find a wine with this kind of complexity and flavor intensity at such a reasonable price. **Super value at \$11.98.**

Our Discount Policy

At the beginning of every year, we like to explain our discount policy. Purchase six or more bottles of any wine with a white price sticker or with no sticker and receive a 10% discount off the total price. Buy 12 or more bottles with a white sticker or no sticker and get 15% off.

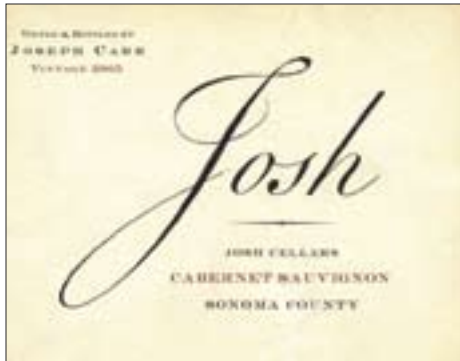
Each month we also have a 20% off sale featuring wines from a particular country or region, or a certain type of wine. This sale also applies to wines with a white sticker or no sticker. On these special sales, buy six or more bottles and get 20% off. In addition, each month we feature "net" priced wines. These exceptional values are indicated by a red price sticker (price ends with an "8"). No further discounts apply on these already discounted items.

The above discount policy applies to wines in the standard 750 ml. bottles only.

The Post Script's "Top Twelve" Wines

Written by Tim Naughton

With the start of a new year, we like to showcase some of the most memorable wines of the last year while looking forward to new wines that we hope will become your favorites, too. Here are the Post Script's TOP TWELVE wines for the New Year!



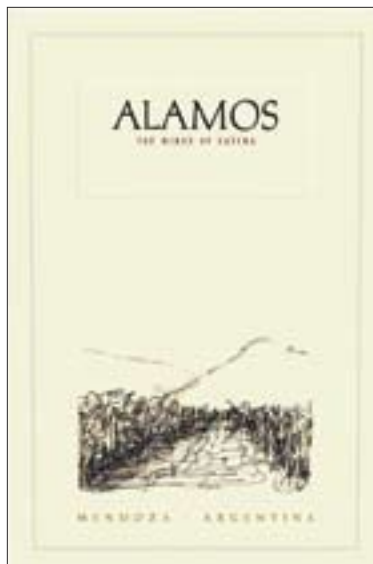
Josh Cabernet Sauvignon. This fantastic Cabernet value was featured in our October issue, and was a smashing success! The Josh Cabernet is as complete a Cabernet Sauvignon at this price as you'll find anywhere! \$14.98

2 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz/Cabernet. Here's what Robert Parker had to say about this perennial favorite at our stores: "Purple-colored, the wine offers meaty black currant, blackberry, and blueberry aromas. On the palate the wine exhibits remarkable focus and structure for its humble price. The fruit is grapy and primary as well as intensely flavored." \$9.98

3 Ludovicus Terra Alta. A blend of 35% Garnacha, 30% Tempranillo, 25% Syrah and 10% Cabernet from Spain—one of the world's hottest regions right now. This terrific blend shows why. Fantastic value in a red wine. \$8.98.

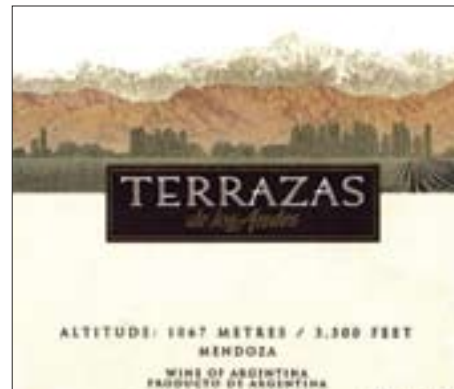
4 Babich Sauvignon Blanc. "Bright and open-textured, with very good depth to apple, grass and grapefruit flavors. Stone notes underscore the finish."—Wine Spectator. \$11.98.

5 Alamos Malbec. "Really juicy, with a great beam of fig and Linzer torte flavors followed by sweet spice notes on the tasty open-knit finish. Drink now."—Wine Spectator (which gave it 88 points). \$8.98.



6 Calera Chardonnay. Josh Jensen, proprietor of Calera Winery in Monterey, makes wonderful "house-style" wines year after year. His Chardonnay is a complex toasty wine with interesting flavors and palate satisfaction. \$14.98.

7 La Doga Morellino. As long as we can remember, this wine has been one of the very best values coming out of Italy. To have a Post Script Top Twelve without La Doga on it would be like having New Year's Eve in Time Square with out the crystal ball dropping. \$14.98.

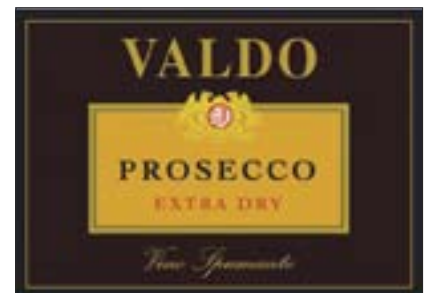


8 Terrazas Cabernet Sauvignon. A deep maroon color followed by aromas of black currant, blackberry fruit and spice. An intense Cab, medium full with rich complex flavors of red fruit and spice. \$9.98.

9 Jaboulet Parallele "45" Cotes du Rhone. Wine Spectator : "Solid, with fresh plum, violet and grilled herb notes, all backed by an iron-tinged finish." Rated the best value red wine under \$10. \$9.98.

10 Chateau Les Alees de Mazeris, Canon Fronsac. This 2005 Bordeaux is deep purple in color, with fine berry and cherry scents and aromas. Smooth, with excellent structure and balance. This perfect valued Bordeaux is a keeper! \$12.98

11 Valdo Prosecco. Over the past year, Prosecco emerged as a party favorite. Valdo Prosecco is full of fruit, yet very elegant. Serve this at your next party, and you and your friends will be hooked on Prosecco. \$12.98.



12 Cline Ancient Mouvedre. In the words of Robert Parker, this wine "exhibits a subtle touch of oak along with plenty of earthy, black cherry, and blueberry fruit, medium body, excellent ripeness, decent acidity, and fine purity." Something a little off the beaten path, but a real value. \$13.98.

Top Twelve Sampler: Buy one bottle of each of the Post Script top twelve and pay only \$130.00 **save \$14.76.**

POSTSCRIPT SPOTLIGHT

GREAT WINES FROM FRANCE AND SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE AT 20% OFF

There is no better time than these cold winter months to enjoy French Rhones and Bordeaux. Or the wines from the Southern Hemisphere, for that matter. During the months of January and February you can save 20% on great wines from France and from South America, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. Simply mix and match six or more bottles from any of these top wine-growing regions. To help you in your selections, we're listing some old favorites and new arrivals.

Glen Carlou Chardonnay 2006

(South Africa): Carlou, a South African winery in partnership with Hess, offers this rich, sound, and elegant Chardonnay. Shows a pretty golden color with a fresh "apple" aroma. \$15.99.



Graham Beck Gamekeeper's Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 (South Africa): The 'Gamekeeper's' Cabernet is made entirely from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes and then aged in French and American oak barrels for nine months. This aging process adds flavor complexity while also lending a smoother texture to the wine. We are fond of this hearty red because of its juicy blackberry and cassis flavors that are joined by subtle mineral and cigar box notes. \$15.99.

Paul Autard Cotes Du Rhone 2007 (France): The first from the great Rhone vintage of 2007, considered the best in a decade. The '07 Autard Cote du Rhone flashes lively fresh fruit with spice and earth accents with a terrific mineral finish. \$11.99.

Vincent Girardin

Bourgogne Blanc 2006

(France): Vincent Girardin wines can be found in all the top restaurants in Paris. The 2006 Bourgogne Blanc comes from his winery in Meursault. This "baby Meursault" has a nose of grilled almonds and a mouthful of green apples and crème fresh. Normally priced at over \$30, it's now offered at \$24.99. (Buy six and pay only \$19.99.)



Cono Sur Vision Pinot Noir (Chile): This wine comes from a cool, foggy micro-climate in Chile's Rapel Valley. Fresh, elegant and aromatically intense, this is a solid Pinot Noir with a nose of Burgundy. In the mouth the wine is silky, full structured and long. \$14.99.

Domaine Montirius Vacqueyras Le Clos 2005 (France): Christine and Eric Saurel, owners of Domaine Montirius in the Southern Rhone, have been operating fully biodynamic vineyards for over a decade. They have strung together two great vintages in the 2005 and 2006 Vacqueyras appellation. The 2006 Vacqueyras is produced from four grapes—Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre and Cinsaut. From the Wine Spectator: "This Rhone red is really packed, but also seamless with a round juicy texture carrying the fig sauce, black licorice, Turkish coffee and iron notes. The long finish is filled with blackberry and mineral..." Rated 93 points. \$32.99.

Chateau De Brondeau Bordeaux Superior 2005 (France):

The Chateau has been owned by the Audy family for over a century, producing wines that surpass most of their counterparts from this appellation. Chateau De Brondeau is made from 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2005 has a natural ruby color and a nose of ripe cherries, plums and raspberries. Smooth and velvety with gobs of fruit on the palate. Well structured, elegant with a full long finish. Another 2005 that should not be missed! \$19.99.



The Gatekeeper Shiraz 2005 (Australia): "The 2005 Shiraz is dark ruby-colored. It exhibits a fragrant perfume of cassis, plum and cherry with notes of pepper. Ripe and flavorful, it has surprising depth and intensity for its budget price. 89 points."—Robert Parker. \$12.99.

Man Vintners Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 (South Africa): Succulent and ripe, Man Cabernet shows its style in a very subtle way—unlike most Cabs at this price. Pepper and spicy aromas combine with a thick coating of Cabernet fruit on the palate. Try a glass with friends and ask them what part of Napa does Man Cabernet come from? \$9.99.

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 27-28

Get ready for our biggest sale event of the year on Feb. 27 and 28, 2009 (Friday and Saturday). Plus, on Saturday in addition to the great wine values we'll have wine tastings and gourmet foods available at all three stores. Watch for more information in the next issue of the Post Script, which you'll be receiving in late February.

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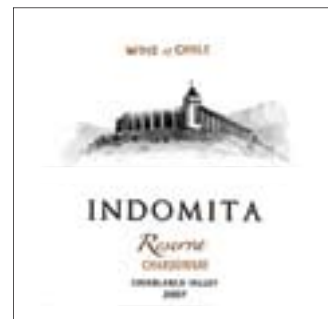
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P.S. Good news for the New Year: The Indomita Reserve Chardonnay is back! This is one of the most popular we've featured in the Post Script and it's been sold out for over a month. But we're happy to report that more than 100 cases of this phenomenal Reserve Chardonnay from Chile will be arriving in our stores soon. (Shipment expected in mid-January.) If you have not tried this wine and you like high-quality Chardonnay at a reasonable price, this is the wine for you. The 2007 Indomita Reserve Chardonnay is a bright, lush wine with tropical

aromas and crisp fruit flavors of peach and melon. Made in the Casablanca Valley, one of Chile's newer winegrowing regions, this delightful wine is fermented in small oak casks to help produce a wonderful rich, layered feel on the palate. On sale through February for only \$12.98. This is a must buy!



20% Off All Wines from France and Southern Hemisphere

All during January and February we have a sale that's truly global in scope. Mix and match six or more wines from France and from any country in the Southern Hemisphere (that is, South America, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand) and get 20% discount off the total price. We've got a wide range of fine French wines to choose from. Plus an outstanding selection from the great wine-growing regions in the Southern Hemisphere. (Sale applies to 750 ml. bottles. New-priced discounted items not included.)

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