

# Postscript

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## Wines of the Month



Alexander Valley, home to some of the best wines in California, has the right soil and climate to produce outstanding Sauvignon Blancs—like the **2007 Souverain Blanc** from Souverain, our first Wine of the Month. Winemaker Ed Killian has a knack of turning out great wines for a modest price. His recently released '07 Sauvignon Blanc puts that talent on display. Flavors of fig, lemon, citrus and melon are superb on the palate. Outstanding balance of fruit and gentle barrel aging produces a wonderful rich freshness and lively finish.

Souverain Sauvignon Blanc is a perfect summer sipper! **Value priced at only \$11.98.**

The **2008 Domaine Massiac Viognier** is a breath of summer from the South of France. The wine comes from Domaine Massiac, a tiny estate within the Minervois appellation of the Languedoc. The property is set back just off the Mediterranean Sea, right where the French coastline ends. From this remote and rugged locale, Domaine Massiac has been producing wine since the 16th century.

You might expect a Viognier grown this far south in France to lose its spine in a soft

cushion of overblown opulence. Not so at Massiac! Monsieur Boudouresques, the proprietor, does a masterful job of maintaining a fresh acidity in his Viognier and captures a crisp minerality that seems to tap directly into the region's craggy limestone hills. All of this is presented in a wine that finishes truly dry. The result is an ideal summertime beverage—a taut, composed wine that smacks of white peach fruit and wet stone, displays nuances of flowers and cool green herbs, and energizes the palate. This wine is surprisingly versatile at the table. Serve well-chilled. Domaine Massiac Viognier is another **awesome summer sipper at \$11.98 net!**

Roussillon is one of the oldest viticultural areas of France. In fact, the Romans made wine here. And it's here that we find Domaine LaFage and winemaker Jean-Marc LaFage. Though only in his thirties, Jean-Marc is already one of the most sought-after winemakers in Europe. He lends his expertise with Southern European varietals to several top estates throughout France and Spain (He's the principal winemaker for Las Rocas Garnacha, for example.) But his best work is done at home in the hills of Roussillon, where he makes terrific wines like **Domaine**

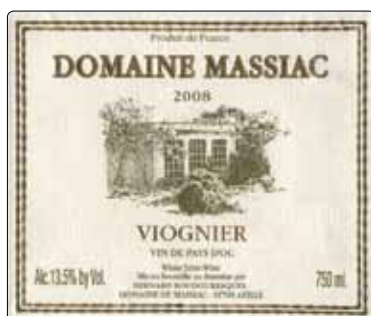
**LaFage Cote Sud (2006)** with his wife Eliane, also an accomplished winemaker.

Our featured wine is made from 60% Syrah, 30% Grenache Noir, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. The Syrah is from 30 year-old vines and the Cabernet is from 20 year-old vines. On

the palate this medium-weight wine has lush forward fruit with flavors of cherries and blackberries. Rich and complex with pepper and spice flavors on an amazing finish. **Domaine LaFage Cote Sud is a lot of wine for \$8.98.**



Deep, bold, brooding and complex, the **2007 Hahn Estates Meritage Central Coast** begins with a rich and full aroma, followed by a heightened level of intensity compared to recent vintages. The Bordeaux-style varietal blend is 31% Merlot, 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petite Verdot, with 12% Malbec and 9% Cabernet Franc. The generous percentage of Petite Verdot and Malbec adds tantalizing depth to the overall taste profile. It also deepens the color in the glass and enhances the layers of richness in the midpalate. Our Wine of the Month has a full spectrum of red-to-black fruit aromas with notes of cassis, spice and cedary oak. In the mouth loads of plummy, black cherry, blueberry, and cassis flavors, soft tannins and a lasting finish. **\$11.98.**



## JULY/AUGUST SPECIALS

# Fire up the Grill! Our Top 10 Barbecue Picks

Looking for the right wine to accompany those delicious meals you'll be preparing on the grill this summer? Here are 10 selections from around the world that are sure to please. All are offered at special "net" prices through August.

**1. Terrazas Cabernet (2007), Argentina:** A deep maroon color followed by aromas of black currant, blackberry fruit and spice. An intense Cabernet with rich and complex flavors of red fruit and spice. \$9.98.

**2. Chateau de Pennautier 'Cabardes' Languedoc, France:** Both Bordeaux and Rhone varietals must be included in the Cabardes appellation. The resultant blend is wonderfully complex with great fruit intensity and good structure. \$9.98.

**3. Bodegas Ortiz 'Dacu', Ribera del Guadina (2007), Spain:** This warm and inviting red wine has tons of fruit and ripe flavors that dominate the palate. Black currant, the main fruit flavor, takes on a whole new role in this appealing medium-bodied red. \$7.98.

**4. Quattro Mani Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Italy (2007):** Quattro Mani (translates to "four hands") showcases the joint effort of four superstar Italian winemakers in Abruzzo. Penetrating black-cherry fruit flavors on the palate in this light, easy-drinking wine. \$9.98.

**5. Villa Cafaggio Chianti Classico (2006), Italy:** Here is a very supple, easy-to-drink Chianti with a huge nose of cherries and blackberries. A stylish medium-bodied wine with lush flavors of cherry fruit and vanilla along with a smooth, velvety finish. Only \$16.98. (Regularly \$24.99.)

**6. Folie a Deux Menage a Trois Rouge (2006), California:** Amazing what happens when you blend Zinfandel with Merlot and

Cabernet Sauvignon. Spicy and soft, this forward-drinking wine is a perfect companion for your barbecue. \$8.98.

**7. Charles Smith 'Boom-Boom' Syrah, Washington State:** Get your barbecue season off to a great start with this savory wine from the Columbia Valley. This bold red is focused on ripe blackberry flavors but caresses the palate with its gentle, smooth texture and long, lingering finish. Just twist the cap and serve! \$15.98.

**8. Vina Indomita Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (2006), Maipo Valley, Chile:** Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, Indomita Cabernet offers pure cherry and zesty blackberry flavors presented very elegantly and with just a modest oak influence. \$12.98.

**9. Feudi di San Gregorio Falanghina (2007), Campania, Italy:** This white wine is all about freshness and cut. Produced in Campania in southern Italy, the Falanghina shows bright citrusy flavors and has plenty of lush fruit at mid-palate. This youthful wine possesses a great underlying minerality and wonderfully brisk acidity. Perfect with grilled seafood and poultry dishes. \$14.98.

**10. Domaine de Bel Air Pouilly Fume (2006), France:** Domaine Bel Air dates back to the 19th century. This 12-hectare estate adheres to the principle of "lute raisonne," or minimal intervention. The wine rests sur lie for six months after fermentation. It shows a wonderful minerality and smokiness that we love in Pouilly Fume. Offered at super price this summer of only \$16.98.

**Buy a Sampler and Save! Purchase one bottle each of the ten wines listed above and pay only \$118. (A savings of \$6.80.)**

## POSTSCRIPT SPOTLIGHT

### SUPER SUMMER DISCOUNTS ON FOUR 'RECESSION BUSTERS'

We're offering four great wines at deep, deep discounts during July and August. Stock up and save on these super "Recession Busters."

**Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc (2008):** This luscious Sauvignon Blanc comes from the Marlborough region of New Zealand. Wines from Marlborough are known for their intense aromas of gooseberry and passion fruit as well as their richer mouthfeel compared to other Sauvignon Blancs from that country. Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc is a great example of this. Good weight on the palate with fruit-driven flavors of grapefruit and melon. Excellent acidity produces a crisp dry finish. Save over \$7 at the "Recession Buster" price of \$11.98. (Regularly \$18.99.)



**Clos du Bois Marlstone (2004):** Clos du Bois released their first vintage of Marlstone in 1978. The 2004 continues the tradition of this pioneering Bordeaux-style blend. Lengthy oak aging of the Alexander Valley grapes in French barrels produces intense aromas of blackberry and plums. The unique blending of five grape varietals (69% Cabernet, 22% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 3% Petite Verdot, and 2% Cabernet Franc) gives the wine its unique color and flavors of mocha, spice and boysenberry. Soft, and supple, this wine has the backbone to age for several years. Regularly priced \$49.99. Now on sale for \$34.98. (Regularly priced at \$49.99—a savings of \$15.01!)

# A Worldwide Assortment of Whites for Our Super Summer Sale

Our stores have a huge selection of white wines from around the world to choose from. And during July and August you can enjoy them at 20% off as part of our "Super Summer Sale." Just mix and match six or more bottles. (Net-priced items not included.) Here's a small sample of the terrific whites we have in stock.

## **Domaine Celestin Blondeau Sancerre (2006), Loire, France:**

A bright and zippy Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire. Ripe flavors of lemons, persimmons and kiwi all intermingle. The uplifted acidity really allows this wine to shine. \$21.99.

## **Rustenberg Chardonnay (2007), Stellenbosch, South Africa:**

Rustenberg is one of the most respected producers in South Africa, with a wine-growing history going back to 1682. Winemaker Adi Badenhurst in 2007 has produced one of Rustenberg's best ever Chardonnays. Close your eyes and taste what you're thinking is an upscale Chassagne Montrachet from Burgundy. Apricot and orange peel aromas are followed by toasty apple, and fig flavors. Rich in the mouth with a spicy, mineral finish. \$19.99.

**Twin Vines Vinho Verde (2008), Portugal:** Twin Vines is a refreshing white wine made from four different grape varieties. Pale straw in color with aromas of fresh lemon, melon and green apple. On the palate, Vinho Verde shows a slight spritz, the result of its youth and its refreshing citrus and fruit flavors. \$9.99.

## **Vincent Girardin Emotion de Terroirs (2006), White Burgundy, France:**

Vincent Girardin just keeps making customer friendly white Burgundies at reasonable prices. His Emotion de Terroirs 2006 displays all the elegance of a much more expensive Burgundy. Long flavors of tropical fruit mix with mineral hints of oak, yielding a delicate feel on the palate. This wine smells—and even tastes—like a Puligny Montrachet because it includes grapes from Girardin's overproduction of his village wines. \$26.99.

## **Le Fils des Gras Moutons Muscadet (2007), Loire, France:**

This is a medium-bodied, mineral-laden Muscadet produced by Claude Branger and his son. The wine is crisp and lively, without being overly acidic. Juicy, clean style with a dry citrus-clean finish. Great by itself, a perfect summer sipper. \$13.99.

## **Beringer Alluvium Blanc (2007), Knight's Valley California:**

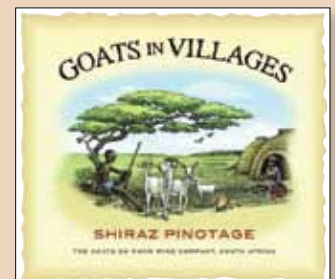
A very flavorful white wine comprised almost entirely of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes that were barrel fermented in French oak. The nutty and toasty aromas, combined with the textural element from the oak, lends a lush backdrop to the wine's refreshing citrus flavors of lemon-lime, apricot and melon. \$18.99.



**Macrostie Chardonnay, Carneros (2006):** This summer we suggest you return to an old favorite at a new low price. The Macrostie "Carneros" Chardonnay has always been a winner. The fruit is sourced from such top names as Beckstoffer and Sangiacomo as well as MacRostie's own Wildcat Mountain vineyard. In short, the pedigree of this wonderful Chardonnay is well established. The 2006 is drinking beautifully now. This is a rich and layered wine that shows excellent balance with its hazelnut, apple and pear flavors, presented with a judicious amount of oak influence. Connoisseurs Guide has awarded this wine "one puff." We have rated it as a "Recession Buster." On sale for \$16.98. Buy a case for only \$192 for even bigger savings. (Regular price is \$21.99.)

## **Goats in Villages Shiraz Pinotage (2006), South Africa:**

The juice for this Shiraz Pinotage wine is sourced in the beautiful wine-growing districts of Malmsbury and Agter-Paul Valley in South Africa. This Recession Buster is a blend of rich spicy Shiraz and brooding Pinotage. A brilliant red color is accompanied by a nose of spiciness...all followed by complex spicy flavors that have length and structure on the finish. On sale for \$8.98. (Regularly \$13.99, a savings of \$5.01.)



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**P.S.** Our "P.S. Special," Chateau Du Grand Moueys, Cotes De Bordeaux 2005, is a wonderful example of a good quality, affordable French wine. Three grape varieties (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc) are blended in temperature-controlled vats and matured for 22 months in oak casks. The wine is loaded with full fruit and spicy bay leaf aromas, not commonly found in a wine so modestly priced. Writes Robert Parker in the Wine

Advocate: "Always a reliable performer, Grand-Moueys has hit a home run with its beautiful 2005. Black currant, licorice, roasted herb, and loamy soil characteristics emerge from this medium-bodied, richly fruity, attractive wine." A lot of wine for a low price of \$10.98.



## Summer-Long Sale on Whites and Red Bordeaux

Don't miss our two-month "Super Summer Sale." All during July and August mix and match any six bottles of white wine from anywhere in the world and receive a 20% discount off the total price. Do the same for any red wine from Bordeaux and receive a 20% discount when you purchase six bottles or more. Two great sales for two long months! (Sale applies to 750 ml. bottles only. Net priced discounted items not included.)

# July/August Sale!