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FINE WINES

WHITE

BLANC DE BLANCS, BILLECART SALMON GRAND CRU 1ER CRU, CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE 84.95

WONDERFULLY ELEGANT AND TERRIBLY DESIRABLE CHAMPAGNE, THIS IS RIFE WITH LEMON MERINGUE PIE, BRIOCHE AND SHERBET AROMAS ON THE NOSE. THE PALATE IS FILLED WITH CRISP CITRUS FRUIT FLAVOURS, COMPLEX YEASTY NOTE AND A FINE, DELICATE MOUSSE.

"BRAVO, BILLECART-SALMON, A WELL-RUN FAMILY COMPANY THAT HAS NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF UNDERCHARGING BUT WHICH DOES PRODUCE THE GOODS. I TASTED IT ALONGSIDE THE CONSIDERABLY MORE EXPENSIVE BOLLINGER GRANDE ANNÉE 1996 AND LA GRANDE DAME 1995 AND PREFERRED IT TO BOTH."

JANCIS ROBINSON – JANCISROBINSON.COM

CHÂTEAU DE BEAUREGARD POUILLY FUISSE 2009 BURGUNDY, FRANCE 46.50

100% CHARDONNAY GRAPES FROM VINES WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 30 YEARS. THE VINEYARD IS MANAGED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROMOTE MICROBIAL LIFE IN THE SOIL AND THUS ENCOURAGE DEEP ROOTING OF THE VINES. THE YOUNG WINES ARE SUGGESTIVE OF WHITE FRUITS SUCH AS PEACH AND PEAR, ALSO PRESENTING FLORAL HINTS. AS THE WINE AGES, THE AROMAS BECOME MORE COMPLEX AND DENSE AND THE PALATE DEVELOPS A SLIGHT BUTTERY FEEL WITH DRY FRUIT HINTS, ALL THE TIME RETAINING A MINERAL FRESHNESS. AN EXCELLENT MATCH FOR SCALLOPS, GRILLED FISH AND POULTRY.

CLOUDY BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009 MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND 49.95

GENEROSITY IS THE DEFINING WORD FOR THE 2009 CLOUDY BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC. ITS AROMATICS ENCAPSULATE A BROAD SPECTRUM OF VARIETAL FLAVOURS: TROPICAL FRAGRANCES OF GUAVA AND MANGO TO RIPE LIME/ CITRUS AND SWEET HERBS. THE PALATE ALSO IS JUICY AND VOLUMINOUS, COMBINING CONCENTRATED FLAVOURS WITH A MINERAL ACIDITY THAT LEAVES A LONG, FRESH, INTENSE FINISH.

COMBINES BEAUTIFULLY WITH ASIAN-INSPIRED CUISINE, IN PARTICULAR LEMONGRASS, MILD CHILLI, FRESH CORIANDER AND BASIL, ALL OF WHICH SUPPORT THE WINE'S PURE FRUIT FLAVOURS. ALSO SENSATIONAL WITH MUSSELS. **A MODERN DAY CLASSIC!**

RED

MORELLINO DI SCANSANO RISERVA 2007 MORISFARMS, ITALY 49.95

"...ATTRACTIVE NOTES OF BLACK CHERRIES, LICORICE, SMOKE AND TOASTED OAK. THE WINE'S GORGEOUS DEPTH, PALATE PRESENCE, TEXTURE AND FINESSED TANNINS ALL MAKE FOR A BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED, TOTALLY COMPELLING WINE THAT SHOULD CONTINUE TO DRINK WELL FOR THE NEXT 7 TO 8 YEARS. "

- ROBERT PARKER

RATED IN TOP 10 ITALIAN WINES BY DECANTER MAGAZINE – "LOVELY LEATHERY, HERBINESS AND LIFTED, PERFUMED CHERRY FRUIT. BOTTLE AGE GIVES THIS WINE AN ATTRACTIVE EVOLVED COMPLEXITY. FRESH AND DELIGHTFULLY TUSCAN. QUITE SIMPLY - A BRILLIANT PARTNER FOR RICH MEAT DISHES."

"THE 2007 MORELLINO DI SCANSANO RISERVA IS A FLAT-OUT SEXY WINE. DARK FRUIT, ROASTED COFFEE BEANS, SPICES AND NEW LEATHER EMERGE IN THE GLASS. ROUND AND SUPPLE ON THE PALATE, THE RISERVA FLOWS THROUGH GRACEFULLY TO THE LONG, POLISHED FINISH. THIS IS ANOTHER TERRIFIC EFFORT FROM MORISFARMS. ANTICIPATED MATURITY: 2010-2019. 92 PTS." (ANTONIO GALLONI, EROBERTPARKER.COM, OCT 2010).

CHATEAU MUSAR 2003, BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON 51.95

THE RED WINES OF CHÂTEAU MUSAR ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR COMPLEXITY AND MATURITY. THE WINE IS AGED 12 TO 15 MONTHS IN NEVERS OAK AND BLENDED IN ITS THIRD YEAR BEFORE BEING BOTTLED AND AGED IN THE CELLAR FOR FOUR YEARS. THE 2003, DEEP, INTENSE RUBY IN COLOUR, HAS A COMPLEX, INTRIGUING ARRAY OF AROMAS: TOASTED BREAD, CIGAR BOX, FRESH TEA, PLUMS AND EASTERN SPICES. ON THE PALATE, HINTS OF PLUMS, FIGS AND CHERRIES MINGLE WITH HINTS OF TEA LEAVES AND DARK CHOCOLATE. THE WINE IS INTENSE AND GREGARIOUS, THE FIRST TASTE RELEASING COMPLEX NOTES OF CURRANTS, CHERRIES AND SPICE. THE STRUCTURE IS LIGHT AND AIRY, BLENDING MUSAR'S CLASSIC FRUIT FLAVOURS WITH A HINT OF GAME AND FINISHING WITH A CLEANSING ACIDITY. OUR FIRST INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE 2003 VINTAGE WOULD BE FULL-BODIED, POWERFUL WITH GREAT LENGTH AND 7 YEARS LATER UPON RELEASE IN 2010, WE HAVE BEEN PROVEN RIGHT: THESE WILL BE THE DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS OF 2003.

(ANDREW NEATHER, EVENING STANDARD, 17 DEC 2008). *"THE LATEST VINTAGE OF LEBANON'S GREATEST WINE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT: RICH, PLUMMY, SPICY AND COMPLEX WITH AMAZING LENGTH. VERY SERIOUS - UNIQUE."*

CONDE VALDEMAR GRAN RESERVA 2001 RIOJA, SPAIN 48.50

WINNER OF SILVER MEDAL AT AT 2009 DECANTER AWARDS AND RECENT (JULY 2009) WINNER OF GOLD MEDAL AT JAPAN INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE. RIPE SUMMER BERRY FRUIT AROMAS ON THE NOSE LEAD TO RICH COMPLEX PALATE WITH GREAT LENGTH. CONDE DE VALDEMAR GRAN RESERVA 2001 WAS AGED IN AMERICAN AND FRENCH OAK BARRELS FOR 25 MONTHS. IT MATCHES PERFECTLY WITH RED MEAT, STEWS AND GAME.

"DRIED CHERRY, TOBACCO AND ANISE FLAVORS MINGLE IN THIS SUPPLE, JUICY RED. NOT HEAVY, BUT HAS FOCUS AND INTENSITY, WITH A FLORAL, SPICY FINISH. ONLY 2,000 CASES MADE. 91 POINTS " (WINE SPECTATOR)

DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE, CHATEAUNEUF DE PAPE, LA CRAU 2005 RHONE, FRANCE 84.25

"A MORE SATURATED DARK RUBY, IT OFFERS UP NOTES OF SEAWEED WRAPPERS INTERMIXED WITH TRUFFLE, BLACK RASPBERRY, CHERRY, AND SOME BLACK CURRANT, PEPPER, AND IODINE. FLESHY, FULL-BODIED, WITH GOOD ACIDITY, MODERATELY HIGH TANNINS,

AND A LONG, RICH FINISH, THIS WINE WILL REQUIRE 2-4 YEARS OF BOTTLE AGE THEN DRINK WELL FOR CLOSE TO 20 YEARS." (ROBERT PARKER, WINE ADVOCATE).

AWARDED FIVE STARS AND A 19 POINT RATING BY DECANTER MAGAZINE, NOV 2009 "SOLID, BROAD, WARM NOSE. CLEAR, WARM TEXTURE AND SWEETNESS, PLEASINGLY FRESH AFTERTASTE -A FUTURE BEAUTY.. GREAT BALANCE AND A LOVELY PALATE. DRINK 2009-2036."

LA RÉSERVE DE LEOVILLE BARTON 2004 SAINT-JULIEN, BORDEAUX

60.95

ANTHONY BARTON CONTINUES TO PRODUCE FINE, ELEGANT CLARETS THAT REPRESENT EXCEPTIONAL VALUE FOR MONEY. THIS IS THE SECOND WINE OF BOTH CHATEAU LEOVILLE BARTON AND LANGOA BARTON. IT IS ELEGANT AND CONCENTRATED WITH LOVELY FRUIT AND WELL BALANCED TANNINS. THIS IS A CLASSIC SAINT JULIEN.

A DELIGHTFULLY RIPE TOUCH OF MINT HERE FROM NEW OAK AND SWEET, PURE CASSIS FRUIT. BLOODY, ST-JULIEN PERFUME UNDERPINS. THE PALATE HAS POISE AND BALANCE, WITH FINE FRUIT AND LOTS OF DRY, TANNIC STRUCTURE. STAYS JUICY AND REALLY VERY FINE INTO A LONG FINISH. (THEWINEGANG.COM, OCT 2009). "BEHIND THIS SIMPLE, UNASSUMING BOAR'S HEAD LABEL LIES ONE OF BORDEAUX'S BEST BARGAINS, THE OFFCUTS FROM LEADING ST JULIEN PROPERTIES CHATEAUX LANGOA & LÉOVILLE BARTON, STILL IN THE BARTON FAMILY'S HANDS AFTER TWO CENTURIES. I HAVE LOVED EVERY SINGLE VINTAGE OF THIS RÉSERVE THAT HAS COME MY WAY AND WHILE THE GRAND AND BUMPER 2004 BORDEAUX VINTAGE HAS NOT MADE WINES AS GREAT AS 2005, THIS IS STILL A CLASSY BARGAIN ST JULIEN CLARET. ENJOY ITS FAT, FRAGRANT, CEDARY, SPICE WITH RARE ROAST BEEF AND THE LIKE. (JANE MACQUITTY, TIMES, 26 JUNE 2010).

BUBBLY

BOUVET SAPHIR, BRUT SAUMUR 2008, LOIRE, FRANCE

FULL BTL – 29.95

1/4 BTL – 9.50

PROSECCO RUSTICO DI VALDOBBIADENE, NINA FRANCO, ITALY

FULL BTL – 33.95

BILLECART-SALMON BRUT RESERVE, CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

FULL BTL – 57.95

1/2 BTL – 30.50

THIS SMALL FAMILY-RUN CHAMPAGNE HOUSE HAS A JUSTIFIABLE REPUTATION FOR PRODUCING INCREDIBLY ELEGANT WINES. THEIR NON-VINTAGE HAS RIPE APPLE AND PEAR FRUIT WITH A TOUCH OF FRESH-MOWN HAY.

"NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE OR HOW YOU'RE FEELING, BILLECART WILL CHEER YOU UP; IT'S THE DEFINITIVE PICK-ME-UP. IT'S STAGGERINGLY GOOD VALUE TOO. IF YOU'VE NEVER TASTED A BOTTLE OF BILLECART, THEN YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT." (DAILY MAIL, DEC 2009).

THE INFLUENTIAL WINE MAGAZINE LA REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE TASTED ALL THE GREAT NAMES OF CHAMPAGNE IN DECEMBER 2010. BILLECART-SALMON CAME TOP OF THE NON VINTAGE WINES, SOME WAY AHEAD OF BOLLINGER, TAITTINGER, VEUVE CLICQUOT ETC.

HOUSE STYLE WINE

WHITE

MISIONES DE RENGO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 CHILE

PER BTL

13.95 PER GLASS 3.65

RUNAMOK CHARDONNAY 2010 AUSTRALIA

PER BTL 14.95

PER GLASS 3.80

CRYSTAL BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009 MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

17.25

LA GRILLE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 LOIRE, FRANCE

17.50

STORMY CAPE CHENIN BLANC 2010 SOUTH AFRICA

16.95

TREBBIANO D'ABRUZZO 2009 TENUTA GIGLIO, ITALY

17.50

ROSE

NORTE CHICO ROSE 2010 CHILE

PER BTL 15.50

PER GLASS 3.95

AROMA SYRAH ROSE 2010 CHILE

PER BTL

16.95 PER GLASS 4.25

RED

MISIONES DE RENGO, MERLOT 2009 CHILE

PER BTL 13.95

PER GLASS 3.65

RUNAMOK, SHIRAZ 2010 AUSTRALIA

PER BTL 14.95

PER GLASS 3.80

CANDIDATO, TEMPRANILLO 2009 SPAIN

PER BTL 15.50

PER GLASS 3.95

RESERVE DES ARMOIRIES, COTES DU RHONE 2007 FRANCE

17.95

DOMAINE GAYDA, T'AIR D'OC, SYRAH 2009 LANGUEDOC, FRANCE

17.50

MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, 2009 TENUTA GIGLIO, ITALY

19.95

WHITE WINE BY THE BOTTLE

AUSTRIA

GRUNER VELTLINER 2009 HOPLER

24.95

THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL GRAPE VARIETY IS MARKED BY ITS PRIMARY ROCK CHARACTER, A LIGHT GREEN TINGE, YELLOW APPLE SCENTS, AND SPICY HAY FLAVOURS SUPPORTED BY MINERALS. AN INCREASINGLY FASHIONABLE GRAPE VARIETY, GV IS ENJOYING MASSIVE POPULARITY PARTICULARLY IN THE USA WHERE IT IS SEEN AS A CHARACTERFUL ALTERNATIVE TO SAUVIGNON BLANC. IT IS PARTICULARLY GOOD WHEN SERVED WITH COLD STARTERS, PASTAS, DELICATE SALADS OR AS AN APERITIF.

CHILE

CEFIRO RESERVE, SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 CASABLANCA

18.95

CEFIRO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 IS BRIGHT GREENISH-YELLOW WITH A BROAD RANGE OF AROMAS SUCH AS JASMINE AND JALAPEÑO ALONG WITH CITRUS AND TROPICAL FRUIT INCLUDING PINK GRAPEFRUIT AND PINEAPPLE. THE REFRESHING WELL-BALANCED, PERFECTLY INTEGRATED PALATE SHOWS IMPRESSIVE ACIDITY AND A FINISH WHICH IS QUITE LONG FOR A SAUVIGNON BLANC. DRINK NOW AND FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS. IDEAL AS AN APERITIF OR WITH MOST FISH AND SHELLFISH.

CEFIRO RESERVE, CHARDONNAY 2009 CASABLANCA

18.95

BRIGHT YELLOW IN COLOUR WITH AN INTENSE COMBINATION OF TROPICAL FRUIT AROMAS, ESPECIALLY PINEAPPLE AND BANANA. THE FRUIT LINGERS ON THE FRESH, WELL-BALANCED PALATE ALONG WITH SOFT TONES OF VANILLA AND TOFFEE. THIS IS A MEDIUM-BODIED, INTENSE, RICH AND COMPLEX CHARDONNAY. THE IDEAL ACCOMPANIMENT TO FRESH SALADS, FISH, SHELLFISH AND WHITE MEATS IN GENERAL.

FRANCE

DOMAINE BOIS D'YVER 09 CHABLIS

30.95

GEORGE PICO, A SMALL PRODUCER, MAKES CHABLIS THAT IS TRULY WORTHY OF THE NAME. PICO EMPLOYS CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY ALLIED TO IMPASSIONED WINEMAKING TO CREATE THIS WINE WHICH DISPLAYS SOFT, YOUTHFUL FRUIT WITH MINERAL NOTES AND A CRISP CLEAN FINISH. THE ESTATE RECEIVED AGRICULTURE BIOLOGIQUE ACCREDITATION IN 2010 IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ORGANIC STATUS.

THE COLOUR WAS DEEPER THAN HIS PREVIOUS WINES. IT HAD LOVELY TEXTURE, REAL MOUTHFEEL, WITH LAYERS OF FLAVOUR AND THE BENCHMARK MINERALITY AND FIRM ACIDITY THAT GOOD CHABLIS SHOULD HAVE. (ROSEMARY GEORGE, WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2010)

WHITE WINE BY THE BOTTLE

DOMAINE OCTAVIE, SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009 TOURAINE

22.95

THIS SAUVIGNON IS DRY, FRESH, FRUITY AND AROMATIC WITH ZINGY ACIDITY - LOVELY. A FIRM FAVOURITE WITH JN CUSTOMERS, IT WON A SILVER MEDAL AT PARIS CONCOURS GENERAL AGRICOLE 2009, ONE OF FRANCE'S TOP WINE COMPETITIONS.

"THERE'S A SPRITZY BRIGHTNESS TO THE NOSE OF THIS SAUVIGNON BLANC, WITH COOL LIMEY FRUIT, A HINT OF SOMETHING PASSIONFRUITY AND MORE RIPE, BUT A SENSE OF COOL MINERALITY THROUGHOUT. ON THE PALATE IT IS FOCUSED, CRISP AND BONE DRY, WITH STEELY ACIDITY INTO THE FINISH." (THEWINEGANG.COM, FEB 2010).

OCTAVIE CUVÉE PRESTIGE, SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 TOURAINE

27.95

THE TOP WINE FROM THIS SPLENDID ESTATE, WITH GREAT DEPTH OF FLAVOUR AND STRICTLY ONLY MADE IN THE BEST VINTAGES. THIS IS A WINE OF BRILLIANT QUALITY WHICH CERTAINLY RIVALS A SANCERRE. A LIMITED EDITION SAUVIGNON PRODUCED FROM SOME OF THE OLDEST VINES ON THIS ORGANICALLY-RUN ESTATE. THE WINE IS BONE DRY, BEAUTIFULLY WELL BALANCED AND ROUNDED. AROMAS OF WHITE FLOWERS LEAD ON TO A PALATE REVEALING CITRUS FRUIT FLAVOURS UNDERPINNED BY ZINGY ACIDITY.

GERMANY

LOOSEN ESTATE, RIESLING 2008 MOSEL

22.95

LOW YIELDS, LATE HARVESTING AND THOUGHTFUL WINEMAKING CHARACTERISE THE DR LOOSEN CREATIONS. THE ESTATE RIESLING IS A RELATIVELY NEW PRODUCT WITH MORE FRUIT FROM THE LOOSEN VINEYARDS RATHER THAN CONTRACTED GROWERS. THE WINE SHOWS REAL INTEGRITY. LIGHT, YET VIBRANT, WITH ENTICING AROMAS OF FLOWERS AND CITRUS PEEL, IT'S GREAT FOR LUNCHTIME DRINKING OR A PRE-DINNER APERITIF. THE 2008 VINTAGE WAS VOTED NO 62 IN WINE SPECTATOR'S TOP 100 WINES OF 2009 (90 POINTS), Nov 2009.

VILLA WOLF, PINOT GRIS 2009 PFALZ

24.50

PINOT GRIS HAS A VERY LONG TRADITION IN THE PFALZ REGION. IN FACT, IT WAS HERE THAT THE VARIETY WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED. VILLA WOLF PINOT GRIS IS MADE IN A FULL-BODIED, DRY STYLE WITH REFRESHING, UNOAKED FRUIT AND A CRACKLING TEXTURE. CHOSEN AS BEST OLD WORLD WHITE BY STEVEN SPURRIER IN DECANTER MAGAZINE, JULY 2009: "FRESH PEAR AND WHITE PEACH NOSE, RIPE AND CREAMY ON THE PALATE WITH LIFTED SPICE. JUST OFF-DRY, BUT WITH GOOD ACIDITY, THIS IS A GREAT WINE FOR THE WARMER WEATHER, ENJOYED WITH OR WITHOUT FOOD."

ITALY

BONOTTO DELLE TEZZE, PINOT GRIGIO 2010 VENETO

20.50

THIS WINERY, LOCATED IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE DOLOMITES, BOASTS 400 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. A MIX OF TRADITION, INNOVATION AND HISTORY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS FAMILY RUN BUSINESS. THIS PINOT GRIGIO HAS A BOUQUET OF TROPICAL FRUITS WITH HINTS OF LEMON AND PINEAPPLE. SERVE IT WITH POULTRY COOKED IN GARLIC BUTTER, PASTA WITH FRESH TOMATO OR STEAMED CLAMS.

RATED AS A BEST BUY IN WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE, 1 JULY 2010: "THIS IS AN EASY, STRAIGHTFORWARD PINOT GRIGIO WITH PLEASANT AROMAS OF PEACH, PEAR AND CITRUS. THE WINE IS REFRESHING AND CRISP IN THE MOUTH AND SPORTS A SLIGHTLY CREAMY TEXTURE." (M.L.)

NEW ZEALAND

MUD HOUSE, SAUVIGNON BLANC 2010 MARLBOROUGH

29.95

A QUARTER OF THE FRUIT FOR THIS WINE WAS SOURCED FROM THE MUD HOUSE VINEYARD IN THE UPPER WAIRAU VALLEY. THE REMAINDER IS FROM CAREFULLY SELECTED GROWER VINEYARDS IN THE AWATERE, URE, AND WAIRAU VALLEYS. THE COLDER THAN USUAL START TO THE 2010 SEASON EXTENDED THE RIPENING PERIOD, WHICH WAS PERFECT FOR INTENSIFYING FLAVOURS AND CONCENTRATING AROMATICS. A BURST OF WARM AND SETTLED WEATHER IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEANT THAT SUGAR RIPENESS REACHED MAXIMUM LEVELS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS OR ANY DISEASE PRESSURE. FRUIT QUALITY WAS EXCELLENT, THE FLAVOURS AND CONCENTRATION OUTSTANDING - A DREAM HARVEST. A SUPERB SAUVIGNON WHICH WILL SERVE AS A PERFECT ACCOMPANIMENT TO COD, LIGHTLY GRILLED WITH POTATOES AND GARDEN PEAS, OR TRY WITH THE TRADITIONAL ACCOMPANIMENT OF GOATS CHEESE.

SPAIN

BODEGAS CASTRO MARTIN, ALBARINO 2009 RIAX BAIAS

28.95

CRAFTED FROM SELECTED GRAPES FROM CASTRO MARTIN'S EL PAZO AND CASTRELO VINEYARDS WHICH SIT AT AN ELEVATION OF BETWEEN 50 AND 250 METRES. THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES IS AN IMPRESSIVE 50 YEARS. HAND HARVESTING IS EMPLOYED WITH STRICT SELECTION IN THE CELLAR - ONLY THE VERY BEST GRAPES ARE USED FOR THIS WINE. WINEMAKER ANGELA MARTÍN HAS PRODUCED A WINE THAT IS MINERAL AND FINE. IT HAS A DISTINCT SALTY MINERALITY ON THE NOSE WITH A WHIFF OF SEASIDE OZONE, FOLLOWED BY PURE, CLEAN, LIMPID WHITE FRUIT AROMAS. THE PALATE ALMOST SHIMMERS WITH TANG AND VIBRANCY AND, THOUGH IT HAS A STEELY PRECISION, THERE IS JUST LOADS OF FRUIT TOO THAT HAS A PEACHY, PEAR-LIKE QUALITY BACKED UP BY A VIVID STREAK OF LEMON AND MINERAL ACIDITY. ALBARINO IS THE OFFICIAL ESCORT TO SEAFOOD AND FISH - MUSSELS, CRAB, LANGOUSTINE, LOBSTER - ANYTHING EDIBLE THAT BEGINS LIFE IN THE SEA MAKES THE PERFECT CULINARY COMPANION.

"ALBARINO IS AN UNUSUAL IBERIAN WHITE GRAPE YOU HAVE TO FORK OUT FOR, BUT IN THIS SPANISH EDITION, THE LIVELY, FLORAL, LIME ZEST AND LEMON BLOSSOM CHARGED PALATE IS EASILY WORTH THE PRICE!"

JANE MCQUITTY, THE TIMES 02/03/09

"BODEGAS CASTRO MARTIN IS NOW LISTED AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 'BEST VALUE' PRODUCERS IN THE WHOLE OF SPAIN."

TOM STEVENSON WINE REPORT 200

SOUTH AFRICA

AA BADENHORST, SECATEURS, CHENIN BLANC 2009 SWARTLAND

22.95

"BEST VALUE AMONG THE FOUR WINES I HAVE SO FAR TASTED FROM THIS EXCITING NEW PRODUCER IS A A BADENHORST, SECATEURS CHENIN BLANC 2009 SWARTLAND, WHICH JUST OVER-DELIVERS IN THE MOST DELIGHTFUL WAY FOR A WINE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT HANDFORD WINES OF LONDON FOR £8.99 A BOTTLE OR LESS BY THE CASE. I'M ASSUMING IT'S THE PRODUCE OF SOME OF THE MANY OLD CHENIN VINES THAT HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO ESTABLISH SWARTLAND'S GROWING REPUTATION FOR IT IS JAM PACKED WITH HONEYED, FLORAL, DENSE AND SAVOURY CHARACTER BUT, DESPITE ITS 14% ALCOHOL, IS QUITE DRY AND REFRESHING ENOUGH TO SERVE IN THE SORT OF CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MIGHT SERVE A WHITE BURGUNDY.

A FABULOUS BARGAIN. VERY FRESH, FLORAL AND HONEYED WITH MASSES OF INTENSITY AND FLAVOUR (PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF THE VINES) BUT WITH A SATISFYINGLY DRY FINISH. 17PTS. DRINK 2009-11." (JANCIS ROBINSON PURPLE PAGES, 9 NOV 2009).

PICKED AS BEST BUY IN OBSERVER FOOD MONTHLY: "ASTONISHINGLY RICH WITH LAYER UPON LAYER OF HONEY AND CREAM. THIS TERRIFIC, CAREFULLY CRAFTED WHITE FROM ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST IMPRESSIVE NEW PRODUCERS IS CRYING OUT FOR A ROAST CHICKEN SALAD." (DAVID WILLIAMS, OBSERVER FOOD MONTHLY, MAY 2010).

WHITE WINE BY THE BOTTLE

RUSTENBERG, CHARDONNAY 2009 STELLENBOSCH

29.95

"ONE OF THE GREATEST HITS OF OUR ULSTER MUSEUM TASTING IN MAY 2010. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE "I HATE CHARDONNAY" BRIGADE HAD A MAGICAL CONVERSION AFTER TASTING THIS BEAUTIFULLY MINERAL SOUTH AFRICAN CHARDONNAY AND NO WONDER - THIS IS A BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED CHARDONNAY WITH EXCELLENT OAK INTEGRATION. APRICOT AND ORANGE PEEL AROMAS ARE FOLLOWED BY FLAVOURS OF ALMOND AND MARZIPAN."

JAMES NICHOLSON

"IT DOESN'T TRUMPET ITS NATURAL YEASTS, BUT THE INTENSE FLAVOURS REVEAL THEM"(BOB TYRER, SUNDAY TIMES, 6 DEC 2009).

A FIRM FAVOURITE WITH JN STAFF - TRY IT AND SEE WHY.

ROSE WINE BY THE BOTTLE

LA SOURCE, CHATEAU VIGNELAURE 2009 PROVENCE

24.75

"GOOD TO SEE THIS OLD FAVOURITE STILL PRODUCING THE GOODS. ROBUST CHERY FRUIT AND A NICE BALANCE"

DECANTER, JULY 2009

THE LA SOURCE DE VIGNELAURE ROSÉ IS MADE IN A STYLE THAT IS INSTANTLY RECOGNISABLE - FLORAL AND LIGHT WITH NOTES OF SUMMER FRUITS; IT HAS A SOFTNESS THAT MAKES IT APPEALING TO CONNOISSEURS AND THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A FLAVOUR OF PROVENCE. MADE FROM A SELECTION OF GRAPES TRADITIONALLY GROWN IN PROVENCE - SYRAH, GRENACHE, CINSULT AND

CARIGNAN, IT HAS DISTINGUISHED ITSELF BY ITS **AWARDS, REVIEWS AND MEDALS**. THIS IS A WINE THAT APPEALS TO CONNOISSEURS AND REPRESENTS WHAT THE BEST GRAPES COMBINED WITH CARE AND KNOWLEDGE CAN PRODUCE

RED WINE BY THE BOTTLE

AUSTRALIA

THE LACKEY, SHIRAZ, KILKANOON 2007 CLARE VALLEY 25.50

THE LACKEY IS THE BARGAIN-PRICED SHIRAZ OF TOP CLARE VALLEY WINERY KILKANOON. THE NOSE SUGGESTS RED FRUIT, PLUM, SPICES, PEPPER AND A TOUCH OF CEDAR. THE PALATE HAS DARK FRUIT, PEPPER, AND SOME MEATINESS. TANNINS ARE SMOOTH AND SWEET AND THE FINISH IS LONG. BOTTLED WITHOUT FINING OR FILTRATION, THE WINE WAS AGED FOR 15 MONTHS IN SEASONED AMERICAN OAK.

KILLERMAN'S RUN SHIRAZ, KILKANOON 2007 CLARE VALLEY 33.25

THE 2010 EDITION OF JAMES HALLIDAY'S DEFINITIVE ANNUAL REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN WINERIES AWARDED KILKANOON THE MUCH COVETED 5 RED STAR RATING FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR,: *"VIBRANT HUE; BLACKBERRY, IRONSTONE AND TAR ON THE BOUQUET, WITH SHADES OF LIGHTER RED FRUIT; THICKLY TEXTURED, AMPLY SUPPORTED BY LIVELY ACIDITY AND PLENTIFUL TANNIN; FRUITFUL LONG AND HARMONIOUS. GREAT VALUE. SCREWCAP. 14.5% ALC. RATING 93 DRINK TO 2016"*
"THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANTLY RUN WINERIES IN AUSTRALIA" (ROBERT PARKER JNR).

CHILE

CEFIRO RESERVE MERLOT 2009 CASABLANCA 18.95

DEEP VIOLET RED WITH A PURPLE GLIMMER AND AROMAS THAT EVOKE RIPE RED FRUIT AND SPICE. THIS IS A YOUTHFUL, EXPRESSIVE WINE WITH A CLEAN AND FRUITY PALATE OFFERING RIPE TANNINS THAT BLEND PERFECTLY WITH THE SOFT SWEET TONES DELIVERED BY ITS 9 MONTHS IN BARREL. SERVE WITH ROASTED MEATS, VENISON, AND DUCK.

CEFIRO RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009 CASABLANCA 18.95

INTENSE, DEEP RUBY RED, WITH AROMAS THAT RECALL RIPE FRUITS SUCH AS BLACKCURRANT, CHERRIES, AND BLACKBERRIES. THIS IS A CLEAN, FRUITY, YOUNG, EASY-DRINKING WINE. THE PALATE IS SILKY WITH FRIENDLY, RIPE TANNINS AND A PLEASANT CONSISTENCY. ITS TIME IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS LENDS THE WINE JUST THE RIGHT COMPLEXITY TO BE ENJOYED AS A YOUNG, BUT WELL-STRUCTURED WINE. IT ENDS WITH A PLEASANT, PERSISTENT FINISH. SERVE WITH A VARIETY OF PASTAS, RED MEATS, PORK, AND MEDIUM-STRONG CHEESES.

FRANCE

CHÂTEAU MYLORD 2009 BORDEAUX SUPERIORE 23.50

"CHÂTEAU MYLORD ROUGE 2009 IS QUITE SIMPLY THIS IS THE BEST VALUE BORDEAUX I HAVE EVER PURCHASED. I LIKED IT SO MUCH WE TOOK THE LAST 300 CASES! I CAME ACROSS THE 2009 VINTAGE OF CHÂTEAU MYLORD ROUGE IN THE TASTING ROOM OF CHÂTEAU RAUZAN SÉGLA OF ALL PLACES, TUCKED IN BETWEEN CANON AND CANTENAC BROWN. IT'S MOST UNUSUAL THAT A WINE OF THIS PRICE COULD REMOTELY COMPETE WITH TWO GRAND CLASSÉ WINES SELLING FOR SIX TIMES THE PRICE. DELICIOUS BLACKBERRY FRUIT WITH A SILKY MOUTH FEEL AND THE CAPACITY TO GIVE ENORMOUS ENJOYMENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE PERFECT SPRING CLARET. "
(JAMES NICHOLSON, MARCH 2011).

TOP WINE COMMENTATOR **ROBERT PARKER** AGREES WITH JIM REFERRING TO MYLORD'S VALUE FOR MONEY IN GLOWING TERMS *"IT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW MUCH BANG ONE CAN GET FOR THE BUCK"* (EROBERTPARKER.COM, APR 2010).

DOMAINE ROCHETTE, BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES 2009 BURGUNDY 26.95

"THE ROCHETTE 2009 BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES IS PREDICTABLY LOADED WITH RIPE FRUIT - HERE SUGGESTING STRAWBERRY AND RED RASPBERRY - BUT HAS VIRTUES ONE CANNOT TAKE FOR GRANTED IN THIS APPELLATION EVEN AMONG TOP-NOTCH SOURCES: BITTER-SWEET FLORAL PERFUME; A PERSISTENTLY SALINE AND SUBTLY CYANIC FINISHING SAVOR THAT BEAUTIFULLY COMPLEMENTS THE FRUIT; AND - EVEN AT 13.5% ALCOHOL - A SENSE OF LEVITY ONE CAN BY NO MEANS TAKE FOR GRANTED IN 2009. ENJOY IT OVER THE NEXT 12-18 MONTHS. " (DAVID SCHILDKNECHT, EROBERTPARKER.COM, AUG 2010).

DANIEL RION PINOT NOIR 2007 BURGUNDY 33.50

THE NAME OF DANIEL RION IS ASSOCIATED WORLDWIDE WITH TOP QUALITY WINES. USING OLD VINE FRUIT AND ORGANIC VITICULTURAL METHODS, HE HAS NO FIXED STYLE OF VINIFICATION: ALL DEPENDS ON THE NATURE AND QUALITY OF THE FRUIT AT HIS DISPOSAL. THE COMMON THEME HOWEVER, IS THE OPULENCE AND PURITY OF FRUIT FLAVOUR, NO HARSH EDGES, AND UNASHAMED PLEASURE IN A GLASS. THIS WINE IS NO EXCEPTION. EXCELLENT VALUE .
BRIGHT CHERRY FRUIT, SUPPLE TANNINS, ELEGANT BALANCE AND A BEAUTIFUL VELVETY TEXTURE CHARACTERISE THIS WINE FROM ONE OF BURGUNDY'S INNOVATIVE WINEMAKERS.... MEDIUM-BODIED AND FRUITY, THE PALATE SHOWCASES FIRM TANNINS AND A MEDIUM FINISH.

RED WINE BY THE BOTTLE

CHATEAU DU VIEUX PARC LA SELECTION 2007 CORBIERES 29.95

THIS EXPRESSIVE COBIERES WINE SPORTS A FULSOME AROMA. IT IS MEDIUM BODIED WITH RICH TANNINS AND IS REDOLENT OF DARK BERRY FRUITS WITH A HINT OF SPICE. VERY LONG FINISH. WINNER OF COVETED DECANTER GOLD MEDAL, 2009.
"ANOTHER THAT MANAGES TO BE BOTH BRAINY AND BRAWNY, THIS SHOWS THE ORANGE PEEL, PLUM AND BACON FAT OF SYRAH SPICED UP BY SMOKY BUT NEVER OTT NEW OAK. RICH BUT LIVELY, AND WITH A LOVELY WARM SPICINESS TO THE FINISH." (SIMONWOODS.COM,

DRINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX, MAY 2010).

"THE LABEL MAY LOOK A LITTLE CHEAP, BUT THIS BLEND OF MOSTLY CARIGNAN, WITH SOME SYRAH, GRENACHE AND MOURVÈDRE IS DELICIOUS IN THE GLASS. THE SLIGHT EARTHINESS OF THE CARIGNAN COMES THROUGH ON THE PALATE, BUT IT'S SURROUNDED AND EMBELLISHED BY THE OTHER VARIETIES. COMPLEX, THYME AND ROSEMARY-SCENTED STUFF. 90 PTS." (THEWINEGANG.COM, OCT 2010).

GAYDA, GRENACHE 2010 LANGUEDOC

19.95

DISPLAYS AN EXPLOSIVE RED FRUIT PROFILE WITH MODERATE GRIPPY TANNINS, SURPRISING ACIDITY AND AN ELEGANCE WITH IMPRESSIVE LONGEVITY ON THE FINISH. THIS IS A SERIOUS GRENACHE WITH A PURITY OF FRUIT AND EXCELLENT CONCENTRATION.

ITALY

MORISFARMS MORELLINO DI SCANSANO 2008 TUSCANY

27.75

MORELLINO IS THE VARIETY OF SANGIOVESE GROWN IN THE COASTAL TUSCAN AREA OF MAREMMA. IT YIELDS A SODTER, MORE FRUIT-FORWARD, EASY DRINKING MANIFESTATION OF SANGIOVESE RIGHT FROM ITS YOUTH.

"THE 2008 MORELLINO DI SCANSANO BURSTS FROM THE GLASS WITH RIPE RED BERRIES, FLOWERS AND MINERALS. THIS IS A REMARKABLY HARMONIOUS MORELLINO PUNCTUATED BY COOL, FRESH NOTES ON THE CLOSE. MORISFARMS 2008 MORELLINO DI SCANSANO OFFERS COMPELLING DRINKING IN A POLISHED, ELEGANT STYLE THAT DELIVERS AWESOME QUALITY FOR THE MONEY. READERS WILL HAVE A HARD TIME FINDING A BETTER, MORE REWARDING WINE FOR THE MONEY. ANTICIPATED MATURITY: 2009-2013. I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE WINES I TASTED FROM MORISFARMS THIS YEAR. ALL OF THESE WINES MERIT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION. EVEN BETTER, THESE NEW RELEASES INCLUDE A NUMBER OF SELECTIONS THAT OFFER SUPERB VALUE." (EROBERTPARKER.COM, AUG 2009).

NEW ZEALAND

FORREST VINEYARDS, PINOT NOIR 2008 MARLBOROUGH

31.95

FORREST'S PINOT VINES ARE NOW ON AVERAGE 12 YEARS OLD, AND ARE DEVELOPING GREATER DEPTH OF FRUIT COMPLEXITY AND TANNIN STRUCTURE AS THEY AGE. WINES THAT COMBINE GRACE AND GENEROSITY WHEN THEY ARE MADE WITH RESTRAINT AND RESPECT. FERMENTED IN SMALL OPEN-TOP TANKS, HAND PLUNGED, AND AGED IN 40% NEW/60% NEUTRAL FRENCH BARRELS, ALLOWING MARLBOROUGH'S LOVELY FRUIT FLAVOURS TO SHINE THROUGH. THE 2008 PINOT HAS DELICIOUS AROMAS OF BLACKBERRY PIE AND DARK RED CHERRIES WITH A DISTINCT NOTE OF LAVENDER AND VIOLETS. IN ITS YOUTH THIS PINOT HAS A DELICATE PALATE, AND AN ATTRACTIVE SAVORY, SPICY FINISH. ENJOY NOW OR OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE 2007 FORREST PINOT WAS PICKED AS ONE OF THE BEST NZ PINOTS BY DECANTER MAGAZINE, JUNE 2009: *"THE REMARKABLE FACT ABOUT THIS WINE IS THAT THE PRICE IS SO LOW. DR JOHN FORREST COUNTERS: 'IT'S THE RIGHT PRICE, EVERYONE ELSE'S IS TOO EXPENSIVE."* THIS IS GREAT-VALUE PINOT.

HE'S RIGHT.

SOUTH AFRICA

BARISTA COFFEE PINOTAGE 2009 ROBERTSON

20.50

"THE BARISTA PINOTAGE HAS A BURST OF INTENSE, RICH COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE AROMAS WITH RIPE NUANCES OF MULBERRY, PLUM AND MARASCHINO CHERRIES. ALL THE AROMAS FOLLOW THROUGH ONTO THE PALATE AND ARE ENHANCED BY SWEET AROMAS OF VANILLA AND BUTTERSCOTCH. THE WINE HAS RIPE LUSCIOUS TANNINS AND IS READY TO BE ENJOYED NOW. THE BARISTA PINOTAGE IS VERY FOOD FRIENDLY AND HAS BEEN LISTED IN A NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS, WITH ACCOMPANIMENTS VARYING FROM MEAT DISHES AND RICH CREAMY CASSEROLES TO CONTROVERSIAL DESSERTS." EWINE [S AFRICA WINE REVIEW FORUM].

WOLFTRAP 2009 BOEKENHOUTSKLOOF

19.95

BLEND OF THREE GRAPE VARIETIES: SYRAH, MOURVEDRE AND VIOGNIER. THE SYRAH PRODUCES THE SPICY, AROMATIC NOSE OF THE WINE; THE MOURVEDRE ADDS STRUCTURE AND WEIGHT TO THE PALATE AND THE VIOGNIER ADDS A LOVELY AROMATIC TROPICAL FRUIT NOTE. RIPE AND UPFRONT, THE WINE HAS SOME AGEING POTENTIAL. A GREAT VALUE WINE WITH LOTS OF SEDUCTIVE, RIPE BLACK FRUITS AND SOME MEATY, SPICY HINTS. GREAT WITH STEAKS.

"IMPRESSIVE, MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE BLEND FROM SOUTH AFRICAN STAR WINEMAKER, MARC KENT, MIXING SYRAH WITH 30% MOURVÈDRE AND 2% VIOGNIER. SMOKY, AROMATIC AND FULL-BODIED, WITH A TOUCH OF OAK AND MUCH MORE COMPLEXITY THAN YOU'RE ENTITLED TO EXPECT AT THIS PRICE". (THEWINEGANG.COM, AUGUST 2010).

RUSTENBERG, JOHN X MERRIMAN 2008 STELLENBOSCH

30.95

A CLASSIC VINTAGE AND ONE THAT WILL AGE BEAUTIFULLY IN THE BOTTLE. THE USE OF MORE THAN THE USUAL PERCENTAGE OF PETIT VERDOT WITH THE MERLOT AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON HAS ADDED FRESHNESS TO THE PALATE AND LENGTH TO THE FINISH. PLUM AND CIGAR BOX AROMATICS PRELUDE A MULTI-LAYERED PALATE WITH AN ELEGANT TANNIN STRUCTURE. A BORDEAUX BLEND THAT TYPIFIES RUSTENBERG TERROIR WITH GOOD AGEING POTENTIAL.

"A BRIGHT AND FRUIT-LACED SOUTH AFRICAN REWORKING OF THE SIMARD STYLE. IT NEEDS A FEW YEARS TO OPEN UP, BUT AT THIS PRICE, IT'S WORTH STASHING SOME AWAY FOR FUTURE CHRISTMASSES."

BOB TYRER, SUNDAY TIMES, 29 NOV 2008.

"CLASSY AND CONSISTENT FIVE-WAY BORDEAUX BLEND; CONCENTRATION AND POWER EVIDENT FROM YET HIGHER PROPORTION OF CABERNET. SOME EARTHY FLAVOURS POKING THROUGH FIRM LAYERS OF RIPE, ELEGANT TANNINS. JUDICIOUSLY OAKED FOR THE LONG HAUL." (PLATTER'S SOUTH AFRICAN WINES, 2010).

TOP BORDEAUX BLEND AT SOUTH AFRICA'S CALYON BORDEAUX BLEND CHALLENGE 2008

SILVER MEDAL AT 2008 INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE / BRONZE MEDAL AT DECANTER AWARDS 2009

BRAMPTON, SHIRAZ 2007 RUSTENBERG

21.95

THE RICH, SAVOURY CHARACTER OF SHIRAZ IS ENHANCED BY VIOGNIER, ADDING AN AROMATIC DIMENSION TO THE WINE. THE MOURVÈDRE COMPONENT BRINGS AN AMOUNT OF WILD BERRY & SPICE TO THIS BLEND. EARTH, PEPPER-SPICE AND HINTS OF DARK CHOCOLATE SUPPORT THE RICHNESS OF RIPE FRUIT.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER AT DECANTER WINE AWARDS 2009

"APPROACHABLE, WITH COMPLEX, SAVOURY MIX OFFERING WARMING DARK BERRY AND SPICE KNITTED INTO RICH, PLIANT BODY - LIPSMACKING! AGEWORTHY TOO".

PLATTER'S SOUTH AFRICAN WINES, 2010

SPAIN

VINA BUJANDA, CRIANZA 2007 RIOJA

21.95

THE BUJANDA FAMILY ARE UNUSUAL IN RIOJA IN THAT THEY OWN ALL THEIR VINEYARDS, THUS ALLOWING THEM COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ALL WINEMAKING PROCEDURES. AFTER FERMENTATION IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS, THE JUICE FROM THE TEMPRANILLO GRAPES THAT GO INTO THE CRIANZA SPENDS A FURTHER 12 MONTHS AGEING IN AMERICAN OAK BARRELS. A DEEP PURPLE RED COLOUR, THIS DELIGHTFUL AND AFFORDABLE WINE HAS BLACK FRUIT AROMAS WITH A TOUCH OF SPICE. THE PALATE IS FRESH AND SILKY WITH LOVELY STRUCTURE AND BALANCE. FOOD COMPANIONS WOULD INCLUDE MEDIUM CHEESES, WHITE AND RED MEATS AND STEWS.