

DISCOVERY WINES – A TASTE OF THE OLD WORLD

Have fun with this selection from Discovery Wines in New York, where the proprietors have personally selected every wine in the store, with a focus on quality and value. Many are from small producers and not widely available. Go ahead – make a discovery with this collection of old world wines.

2003 Château de Prieuré des Mourgues, Grande Reserve

2005 Eric Texier St. Gervais, Côtes du Rhône, Villages Vieilles Vignes des
Cadinières

2005 Fattorio di Magliano Paggio Bestiale, Maremma Toscana

2006 Benito Ferrara, Greco di Tufo Bianco

2006 Bodegas Sameirás Ribiero Blanco

2006 Château Magreau, Graves

2006 Disisa Grillo Blanco Sicilia

2006 Le Bourcier Mâcon Cuvée Elena

2006 Wimmer-Czerny Familien Weingut, Roter Vetliner

9 Bottles (1 each)

Contributed by

Scott Morris and Discovery Wines

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2005 MARILYN MERLOT, NAPA VALLEY

Wine enthusiasts with a sense of humor have long enjoyed the playful spirit behind Marilyn Merlot wines, which today are equally prized by wine connoisseurs, collectors, and fans of Marilyn Monroe. The 2005 vintage is a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon with the Cabernet adding beautiful flavors and structure. This bottle is an interesting addition to your collection and shouldn't be hidden away, given that Ms. Monroe was always front and center!

1 Double Magnum

Contributed by
Nova Wines, Inc.

GET TWISTED!

These may not be the highest-scoring wines in the auction, but nobody has a better time than these Twisted Oak folks. This lot not only includes a selection of wine, but also a guided tour and tasting for six people with light hors d'oeuvres. We can promise you a good time, since these people definitely seem to know what enjoying good wine is all about. Truly, they have won some awards, and sell out every year, and their fact sheets are far too clever (and long) to edit and present here. See for yourself on your next visit to the Sierra foothills.

2004 Twisted Oak Syrah, Calaveras County
2005 Twisted Oak Tempranillo, Calaveras County
2006 Twisted Oak Viognier, Calaveras County

3 Bottles (1 each)

Tour and Tasting available on a mutually agreeable date through June 2009.

Contributed by
Twisted Oak Winery

DAVE'S PICKS

Dave Erickson from The Liquor Store and The Wine Loft has picked a cool collection of some of his favorite "approachable, affordable" wines. You know this will be a fun group of reds and whites (wonder if there is a Rosé in there?) to have on hand for those summer occasions that just pop up! You might discover a new favorite.

1 Case

Contributed by
The Liquor Store and The Wine Loft

2001 ST. SUPÉRY ÉLU, NAPA VALLEY, MERITAGE

Robert Skalli of St. Supéry is a third generation French winemaker who was inspired by the similarities between the Napa Valley and the wine growing regions of his home. Robert's Mediterranean roots and natural proclivity toward innovation contribute as much to the style and spirit of St. Supéry wines as their grapes.

The 2001 Élu is a stylish wine packing loads of cherry, vanilla, and a hint of mocha in the aroma. The palate offers currant, plum, and cherry flavors that are bright and lively, picking up cedar and tobacco on a long, full finish. 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot.

1 Double Magnum

Contributed by
St. Supéry Vineyards & Winery

2002 FOX CREEK, MCLAREN VALE, RESERVE SHIRAZ

It all began when a group of medicos decided to realize a lifelong passion – creating a wine from bare earth and sunshine. The earth was found at McLaren Vale, one of South Australia's premier wine regions, renowned worldwide for its Shiraz and other red wines. The sunshine was free. Have fun with this one.

Medium ruby. Ripe, vibrant, and nicely focused aromas of crushed blackberry, blackcurrant, basil, exotic incense, and vanilla. Dense and thick, with round, supple flavors of dark berries, creme de cassis kirsch, mocha, and roasted meat. Finishes fat and creamy without losing its focus or verve. (91) *Steve Tanzer*

5 Bottles

Contributed by
Anonymous

1999 FRANK FAMILY, RUTHERFORD, CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Housed in the historic Larkmead winery in Napa Valley, Frank Family Vineyards produces wines that live up to the heritage of the land on which they are produced. Their wines are handcrafted in small quantities and are only sold at the winery, and in a handful of select restaurants and retailers. *Wine Enthusiast* awarded this particular vintage 94 points, and we're betting it's gotten better with age.

1 Double Magnum

Contributed by
Anonymous

2003 SEQUILLO SWARTLAND, RED WINE, SOUTH AFRICA

We don't see many South African wines in our auction, so this is a real treat. Enjoy this red blend with a hearty dish and we're sure you won't regret it.

A sleek, somewhat reserved wine, with raisin, plum cake, and vanilla-tinged toast notes on a polished frame. Nice vibrant acidity carries the suave fruit, like a Priorat red. Syrah, Mourvèdre, and Grenache. (88) *Wine Spectator*

6 Bottles

Contributed by
Anonymous

2001 OSOYOOS, LAROSE LE GRAND VIN, OKANAGAN VALLEY

A true measure of the potential of a young wine region is when foreign wineries begin to invest in that region. It happened in the early 1980s in California when the French poured in. For British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, the moment came in 1998 when the principals of Bordeaux's Chateau Gruaud-Larose met with Canada's Jackson Triggs to create Osoyoos Larose Le Grand Vin.

Very tasty. Blackberry and black currant aromas and flavors have depth and concentration. It lightens up a little on the finish, where the firm tannins emerge. Well-integrated now, but a year of aging or a juicy steak will improve it. (87) *Wine Spectator*

1 Case

Contributed by
Anonymous

SUPER MALBECS

Malbec, a French varietal that has had limited success in the Old World, can produce magnificent reds in Argentina. Characterized by its spicy dark fruit character, Argentinean Malbecs can be complex, intense and ageworthy. Try out this mixed case to see the range that the Malbec grape has to offer in the New World.

2005 Mendel Malbec (93) *Robert Parker*

2006 Luca Malbec (93) *Robert Parker*

2006 Susana Balbo Malbec (91) *Robert Parker*

2006 Tikal Amorio (92) *Robert Parker*

12 Bottles (3 each)

Contributed by

Vine Connections and Nick Ramkowsky

2003 NIÑO JESUS, CALATAYUD ESTECILLO LEGADO, VINAS VIEJAS

This wine may not constitute a full-on religious experience, but we still think it is one of the best values in the auction. Underscoring Spain's Catholic history, this wine is named "Baby Jesus," and is from one of Spain's best value wine regions, Calatayud. As Spanish wines rise in prominence, you may find that Rioja and Priorat wines are out of your budget. If so, this up-and-coming region (located inland between Rioja and Priorat) is a great new spot to explore with this 6-bottle collection for everyday drinking.

6 Bottles

Contributed by

Anonymous

DISCOVERY WINES – A TASTE OF THE NEW WORLD

Another great collection from Discovery Wines. This time, delight in wines from new world regions such as California and Argentina. Go ahead – make a discovery.

2005 Byrd-Cooper, Napa Valley, Merlot

2005 B.R. Cohn, North Coast, Silver Label, Cabernet Sauvignon

2005 Robledo Family Winery, Los Carneros, Pinot Noir

2006 Catena, Mendoza, Chardonnay

2006 Cold Heaven, Le Bon Climat Vineyard, Santa Barbara, Viognier

2006 Justin, Paso Robles, Syrah

2006 Loango, Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, Chardonnay

2006 Mt. Difficulty, Central Otago, Pinot Gris

2006 Sequillo, Swartland, White Wine

9 Bottles (1 each)

Contributed by

Scott Morris and Discovery Wines

SAKE COLLECTION FOR ROOKIES!

Try this Sake assortment as a way to get into this very cool trend – but watch out – it may become a habit!

Gekkeikan Zipang Sparkling Sake (2 bottles)

Gekkeikan Ultra Premium Sake (2 bottles)

Gekkeikan Gold Sake (1 bottle)

5 Bottles (as noted)

Contributed by
Sidney Frank Importing Co., Inc.

2002 LOIRE VALLEY PAIR

This lovely little lot will make you think of a barge trip down the Loire – book it!

2002 Anjou Blanc "La Lune" Ferme de la Sansonniere – Alluring honey, graham and wheat biscuit notes run through this broad, open white. Pretty spice hint on the finish. (6 bottles)

2002 Monmousseau Vouvray "Clos le Vigneau" – This is a dry version, with lime chalk, mineral and citrus flavors carried by crisp acidity. For fans of the bonier style. (5 bottles)

11 Bottles (as noted)

Contributed by
Anonymous

2000 VOLNAY, ROBARDELLES, DOMAINE CUNE-COURBIN

Volnay is one of the most delightful wines...from the Côte d'Or...the wine is the epitome of elegance and delicacy, the most fragrant and seductively feminine expression of the Pinot Noir in the Côte-de-Beaune, directly analogous with the wines of Chambolle-Musigny in the Côte-de-Nuits.
Côte d'Or, Clive Coates, M.W.

A wonderful introduction to the interesting world of Burgundy wines – try it.

6 Bottles

Contributed by
Robin and Bill Weiss

2004 ANDELUNA TUPUNGATO, RESERVE MALBEC

Andeluna Cellars is located at the foothills of the Andes, near the town of Tupungato in Mendoza, the premier wine region of Argentina. Built at an elevation of 4,300 feet, the winery is surrounded by 170 acres of mature vineyards that produce Bordeaux varietals of the finest premium quality.

Very polished, with mocha and espresso notes leading the way for plum sauce, raspberry and blackberry notes. Has a long, well-rounded finish. For fans of the forward, modern style. Drink now through 2008. Only 1,150 cases made.
(89) Wine Spectator

1 Case

Contributed by
Laura and Ed Opler

2003 RUDD ESTATE,
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY,
BACIGALUPI VINEYARD, CHARDONNAY

In 1996, food and wine entrepreneur Leslie Rudd realized his 30-year dream of owning a winery in Napa Valley when he purchased a 55-acre estate in Oakville, an appellation recognized for outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux blends. For the Bacigalupi Chardonnay, Rudd reaches out to growers in the Russian River Valley to produce a captivating wine – yours to have here.

Performing better from bottle than it did from barrel, the 2003 Chardonnay Bacigalupi Vineyard is a 940-case cuvée aged 12 months in French oak. Poached pear, lemon butter, and hazelnut characteristics are found in this medium to full-bodied, Burgundian-styled Chardonnay. (91) *Robert Parker*

6 Bottles

Contributed by
Anonymous