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- NEW ARRIVALS
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- A BOATLOAD OF ROSÉ

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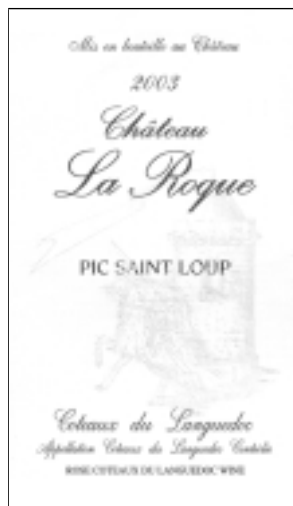
JUNE 2004

JUST DOCKED: A BOATLOAD OF ROSÉ

TALK ABOUT TIMING. We were sold out, not a bottle of rosé in sight, even for the boss's wife, and the weather was growing more and more appropriate. I tried watering down a red and adding ice cubes, but it didn't work. Vintage 2003 was dry and warm all summer long in the south, and the ripe, healthy grapes posed no problems to our talented winemakers. Enjoy!

2003 COTEAUX DU LANGUEDOC ROSÉ CHÂTEAU LA ROQUE

\$14.95 PER BOTTLE
\$161.46 PER CASE



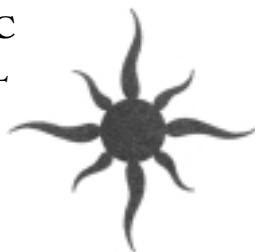
2003 COTEAUX DU LANGUEDOC ROSÉ CHÂTEAU DE LASCAUX

\$12.00 PER BOTTLE
\$129.60 PER CASE



2003 COTEAUX DU LANGUEDOC ROSÉ • DOMAINE DU POUJOL

\$11.25 PER BOTTLE
\$121.50 PER CASE



2003 TAVEL
ROSÉ • CHÂTEAU DE
TRINQUEVEDEL

\$14.95 PER BOTTLE
\$161.46 PER CASE



Domaine Tempier



BANDOL
Appellation Bandol contrôlée

2003

*mis en bouteille au Domaine
Peyraud, vigneron au Plan de Castellat Var France*

2003 BANDOL ROSÉ
DOMAINE TEMPIER

\$26.00 PER FIFTH
\$280.80 PER CASE

*also available in tenths,
magnums, and jerobaums*

2003
SAINT-CHINIAN ROSÉ
MAS CHAMPART

\$14.95 PER BOTTLE
\$161.46 PER CASE

MAS
CHAMPART



2003

SAINT - CHINIAN
Appellation Saint-Chinian Contrôlée
ROSE WINE

MIS EN BOUTEILLE A LA PROPRIÉTÉ

NEW ARRIVALS

2002 CHABLIS • DOMAINE LAVANTUREUX

The 2002s in general are successful at Chablis, and our Chablis from Roland Lavantureux is always the bargain hunter's prize find.

Good ripeness, good balance, a floral note atop a stony core from start to finish. Finesse on the palate; impressive length.

\$18.95 PER BOTTLE **\$204.66** PER CASE

2002 BOURGOGNE *BLANC* "LES CLOUS" A. ET P. DE VILLAINÉ

To those of you on a budget who wish to cellar white Burgundy for enjoying after age has worked its wonders, I give this my strongest endorsement. You can enjoy it now. I do. But give it four more years, then start pulling corks and drink it over another six years. You will grow to look upon it as a dear old friend.

I consider this 2002 one of Aubert's three or four best since he began in the early seventies.

\$24.95 PER BOTTLE **\$269.46** PER CASE

1999 CHÂTEAU BELLES-GRAVES LALANDE DE POMEROL

"Not a *petit château* wine," I wrote to myself upon tasting this at the Paris bistro Chez Michel (10th Arrondissement). Now the same wine is available here. It is from the commune of Néac and has an expensive-tasting Pomerol style. The aroma is generous with violets, vanilla, and black currant. It tastes young and it tastes good . . . no reason not to enjoy it now. It has good flesh framed by a tight old-school tannin. There is also something old school about its style; not that it seems rustic, no, not exactly, but it reminds me of the days when each Bordeaux château had a unique personality.

Lovely stuff, and it should make good drinking for another ten to fifteen years.

\$24.00 PER BOTTLE **\$259.20** PER CASE

2001 SAUMUR *BLANC* • CHÂTEAU YVONNE

This is an extraordinary beauty from the Loire Valley, a dry white that was vinified very much as if it were from Meursault or Puligny. The grape is the *Pineau de la Loire*, the same as you find at Vouvray and Savennières. To taste it is to meet a wine unlike any other.

The fruit is the result of rigorous work in the vineyard, including a pruning that concentrates the sap, and you will enjoy a connoisseur's wine with complex fruit, minerality, new oak, and great aging potential.

\$30.00 PER BOTTLE **\$324.00** PER CASE

2001 CHIANTI CLASSICO CANONICA A CERRETO

Everything wonderful about the 2001s in the southern part of France and Italy explodes from the glass when you pour out this beauty. You won't call it timid, and it is *very* Sangiovese. The quality of the ripe fruit is sensational. It was raised in barrel, and a touch of oak does manage to break through the saturation level of Sangiovese fruit—a lovely touch, in fact, because the oak dresses up the wine nicely. Rounded, luscious, abundantly flavored.

\$18.00 PER BOTTLE **\$194.40** PER CASE

2003 MUSCAT BEAUMES-DE- VENISE • DOMAINE DE DURBAN

A great vintage here. Never have I encountered such a ripe, thick, expressive Muscat. The fig and pear perfume is ravishing. Fans of Durban should buy some for now and buy some to put away in a safe place. I'm convinced that it will make a monumentally good old Muscat.

\$16.00 PER TENTH **\$345.60** PER CASE
\$24.00 PER FIFTH **\$259.20** PER CASE



— PRE-ARRIVAL OFFER —

2002 **RED BURGUNDY**

I tried to judge the 2002s in the Burgundy cellars in late August, right before the 2003 harvest began, but the weather was scorching in the north of France, so I had to cancel my appointments. I flew back to France in February, and the 2002s were tasting great. I thought Clive Coates had some interesting comments: “Subtract 1999 from the equation and we have a year which is as good as anything else produced in recent memory. The vintage is also geographically consistent . . . The wines have good color, a refreshing acidity, medium-full body, lots of plump fruit, and ripe tannins.”

I think they are a must for any cellar.

**DOMAINE GUILLEMOT
SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE**

I was very much reminded of Guillemot’s 1985s, which are still tasting great.

| | PER CASE |
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| 2002 SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE <i>PREMIER CRU</i> “JARRONS” | \$339.00 |
| 2002 SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE <i>PREMIER CRU</i> “SERPENTIÈRES” | 339.00 |
| 2002 CORTON | 798.00 |

**DOMAINE ROBERT CHEVILLON
NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES**

The vintage is a total success *chez* Chevillon with impressive, deep Pinot fruit, great chewy textures, and superb flavor. A deliciousness reminiscent of his 1990s!

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| 2002 BOURGOGNE <i>ROUGE</i> | \$249.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES <i>V.V.</i> | 489.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES PERRIÈRES” | 657.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES RONCIÈRES” | 657.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES PRULIERS” | 657.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES BOUSSELOTS” | 657.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES CHAIGNOTS” | 657.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES CAILLES” | 837.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES VAUCRAINS” | 837.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES SAINT-GEORGES” | 837.00 |
| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES <i>BLANC</i> | 588.00 |

DOMAINE BERTHEAU CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

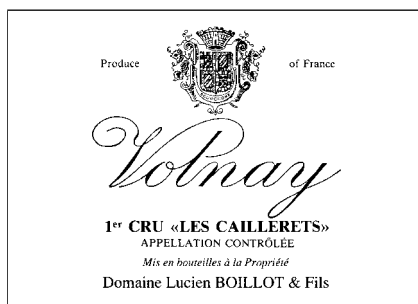
The world of artisanal Burgundy lost Pierre Bertheau this past April, only a few weeks after my visit. It is not only sentimentality that prompts me to recommend his 2002s. They have endless depths to explore, lots of Chambolle character, velvet textures, and great aging potential.

| | PER CASE |
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| 2002 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY | \$519.00 |
| 2002 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY <i>PREMIER CRU</i> | 579.00 |
| 2002 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY “LES CHARMES” | 777.00 |
| 2002 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY “LES AMOUREUSES” | 1236.00 |
| 2002 BONNES-MARES <i>GRAND CRU</i> | 1335.00 |

DOMAINE LUCIEN BOILLOT & FILS GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

The two brothers will divide the domaine, but during my visit I observed no signs of bitterness. On the contrary, they seem to be having a great time. They consider 2002 one of their best vintages and compare it to 1989 and 1985. Not bad! My notebook is full of stars and exclamation points. The Volnays were really dazzling the day I was there, and two bargains made an impression: the Fixin and Gevrey-Chambertin AOC, both of them brimming with good stuff in a very pure style.

The Pommards: loads of flavor, lots of race and breed, you won't find better. The 2002 Cherbaudes and Pruliers are incredible *vins du terroir*, both officially *premiers crus*, but with *grand cru* class.



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| 2002 CÔTE DE NUITS | \$258.00 |
| 2002 FIXIN | 309.00 |
| 2002 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN | 378.00 |
| 2002 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN “LES EVOCELLES” | 448.00 |
| 2002 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN “CHAMPONNETS” | 567.00 |
| 2002 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN “CORBEAUX” | 567.00 |
| 2002 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN “CHERBAUDES” | 597.00 |

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| 2002 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES “LES PRULIERS” | \$618.00 |
| 2002 POMMARD “LES PREMIERS” | 567.00 |
| 2002 POMMARD “LES CROIX NOIRES” | 567.00 |
| 2002 VOLNAY “LES BROUILLARDS” | 489.00 |
| 2002 VOLNAY “LES ANGLES” | 510.00 |
| 2002 VOLNAY “LES CAILLERETS” | 567.00 |

*Pre-arrival terms: Half-payment due with order,
balance due upon arrival.*

RED WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH

2002 CHÂTEAU DE LASCAUX

WHEN I VISITED Château Lascaux at the beginning of last summer, the winemaker and I fashioned a blend of his 2002, but neither of us felt totally finished, if you know what I mean. It was an especially hot day for one thing, and even underground in his ancient warren of stone-walled caves it was hard to taste with much precision. Just before leaving France in September, I called him from my place near Bandol and told him that time was growing short. I reminded him that I always do the travel, so why didn't he drive and bring along his wines to visit me for a change?

“Will we have time to taste at Domaine Tempier, too?” he asked.

I think we did good work the second time around. The qualities that I hoped to preserve and to blend harmoniously are there: the lovely Granaiche fruit that is always so striking at Lascaux; a good taste of the *garigue*, especially bay leaf and juniper berry; an elusive dash of new oak; a sumptuous tannin.

It also has a pretty, medium-dark, unfiltered color, a generous aroma, and while it is not heavy, it is ample and finishes with intense flavors. Beautifully “south-of-France” in character.

\$11.50 PER BOTTLE

\$124.20 PER CASE