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MARCH 2008

CORSICA AND PROVENCE

2006 PATRIMONIO BLANC • YVES LECCIA

Again last summer I enjoyed a couple of days beach-bumming around the Bay of Calvi before hitting the Corsican wine cellars. I ate well and with every lunch and dinner I ordered this 2006 white. I love drinking it here, there, anywhere. Vermentino grapes, Patrimonio's chalky soil, the influence of the sea air—and Yves Leccia knows how to get it all impeccably into bottle.

\$29.00 PER BOTTLE **\$313.20** PER CASE

2005 VIN DE PAYS ROUGE • YVES LECCIA

Fans of southern France's Grenache-based wines, take a look at what Yves Leccia does with the grape in his Patrimonio vineyard. Well, for one thing, it proves that *terroir* does indeed influence a wine's character. This doesn't taste like a southern Rhône. There are dark fruits, yes, but the spice and herbs in the aroma are from the Corsican *maquis*. A beautiful, hearty red, class all the way down.

\$19.95 PER BOTTLE **\$215.46** PER CASE

2006 CÔTES DU RHÔNE ROUGE “CYPRESS CUVÉE”

When Château du Trignon was sold, I contacted some old friends in the region and asked where I might find a red Côtes du Rhône to replace Trignon's. Long story, loads of samples tasted, and this wine is the end of the quest. See what you think.

It is actually from a domaine not far from Gigondas that does some *négociant* business, too. I found myself in a little Provençal paradise surrounded by cypress trees and several natural springs, and then we descended into cellars carved out of the rock by ancient Roman settlers. That Romans knew where to find a good glass of wine is beyond question. Anyway, all that kind of stuff can make my day, especially if I pull off a successful blend and the winemaker agrees to put it into bottle *as is*.

\$13.95 PER BOTTLE **\$150.66** PER CASE

2005 CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROUGE “CLOS DE LA PROCURE” • DUPÉRÉ-BARRERA

After their wonderful 2004 last year, and now this stunning 2005, I think we've got a truly exciting new discovery here. The wine has a lot of deep, dark soul,

but there is also delicious Grenache/Syrah fruit, the perfect touch of oak (from used Yquem and Romanée-Conti barrels), and an unusual, exotic spiciness.

I can say that I have never encountered a Côtes de Provence that showed this much interest. I can add that it is a southern red that doesn't have to humble itself next to any of the great domaines of the south.

Superb quality, lots of character, aging potential.

\$25.00 PER BOTTLE \$270.00 PER CASE

2005 CAIRANNE
"CUVÉE MARIE ROUVIÈRE"
DOMAINE LE GOEUIL

Oh you poor things. After so much interest and intensity, such complex, concentrated sensory equations, here is some comfort wine designed by one of the KLWM staff's favorite vintners, Catherine Le Goeuil. It may not look, smell, or taste like a pillow, but it acts like one.

Wine critics aren't known for rewarding simplicity, but there is a simplicity to Catherine's 2005 red Rhône that seems almost virtuous. The bouquet is generous and gladdening. The body is full, round, and cushiony. Cuddle up and settle in.

\$19.95 PER BOTTLE \$215.46 PER CASE



—PRE-ARRIVAL OFFER—

2005 RED BORDEAUX

I REALIZE THAT I am guilty of bragging about our prices a lot in these brochures lately, but we are in a period I have never experienced before. When I started in 1972, French wines were the world's priciest. Today, they are the best bargains in fine wine. Forgive me if I toot the price/quality horn now and then.

Eric Asimov in the *New York Times* has been comparing Bordeaux and California Cabernet. Apparently the classified growths of the 2005 vintage can be horrifically priced, and good Cabernets under \$50 per bottle are hard to find. But then he reports finding some bargains in the world of lesser-known

Bordeaux châteaux. Indeed, our selection of 2005 Bordeaux represents great value. These are exciting *vins de garde*, so go for broke and put away a good stock, because you will be enjoying them for many years to come.

**2005 CHÂTEAU DE BELLEVUE
LUSSAC SAINT-EMILION**

Smoky, black cherry fruit, spice, and chocolatey notes distinguish André Chate-noud's 2005. He said that the sunny skies persisted so he was able to achieve unusually ripe, healthy grapes. His limestone soil keeps the wine fresh and stim-ulating even in such a big year.

\$279.00 PER CASE

**2005 CHÂTEAU ANEY
HAUT-MÉDOC**

This will take old-timers back to the great Médocs of 1970 and 1966. There is nary a *souçon* of jammy new-style fruit, nor is there a bombardment of oak shrapnel to dodge. Classic claret! Right now it is showing a wild side (*sauvage*) that age will tame. The generous tannin is perfectly ripe, dense, supple, and proportionate.

\$240.00 PER CASE

**2005 CHÂTEAU BELLES-GRAVES
LALANDE-DE-POMEROL**

Ripe blackberry fruit with a stony zing to it. (And, after all, the château's name means beautiful stones, or gravel, something like that.) Here you have a beautiful, rich vintage that does not betray the house style: elegance, balance, minerality.

\$330.00 PER CASE

Also available in tenths and magnums

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



LOIRE VALLEY

2005 CHINON “LES GRÉZEAUX” BERNARD BAUDRY

If you have never enjoyed Cabernet Franc from the Loire Valley, I can't imagine a more pleasurable way to dive into their universe than with the 2005 vintage. The growers themselves are hoarding big stocks for the future. You will enjoy unusual concentration, ripeness, and gorgeous flavors. These are wines that Baudry's ancestors probably never dreamed they would be able to make in Chinon.

\$19.95 PER BOTTLE **\$215.46** PER CASE

2006 CHARDONNAY • ÉRIC CHEVALIER

We have selected this unusual dry white as our Value of the Month. Try it on for size: Chardonnay planted in a stony parcel within the Muscadet appellation. And that is not its only unusual quality. This is a no-oak Chardonnay! An inexpensive Chardonnay.

Light straw color. Clean, focused pear fruit perfume. The alcohol is only 12°. There is a touch of ripe fruit on the palate along with a hint of nutmeg, and the finish shows some stoniness. Light, crisp, thirst-quenching, fun.

This is made by Éric Chevalier, so it is a Chevalier Chardonnay, not to be confused with a Chevalier Montrachet.

\$13.00 PER BOTTLE **\$140.40** PER CASE

2006 JASNIÈRES “CUVÉE DU SILEX” PASCAL JANVIER

If you enjoyed our debut from Pascal, his 2004 Jasnières, the 2006 has just arrived and confirms our impression of his talent. And this time we were able to acquire some of his tiny production “Cuvée du Silex” in 2006, which is a single-vineyard Jasnières planted in, you guessed it, silex, a stone also known as flint that is rich in silica. It is livelier and racier on the palate than his classic Jasnières (which is a blend of three *terroirs*), and a touch less rustic. But it is similarly a *terroir*-driven wine, loaded with minerality, fully dry with lip-smacking acidity. Although this is a stunning value and difficult to resist now, it should age well like a good Vouvray. The aromatics here will provide a thrill for Loire fans.

\$19.95 PER BOTTLE **\$215.46** PER CASE

BURGUNDY

2006 MÂCON-VILLAGES • HENRI PERRUSSET

Never fear, Perrasset has done it again. Year in and year out, he produces one of the finest values in the world of Chardonnay by microscopically managing his hillside vineyards around the village of Farges-les-Mâcon. Small yields, healthy, ripe grapes, well-placed vineyards, and a natural, slow vinification guided by indigenous yeasts are his “secrets.” You will not be disappointed by the quality of his 2006. On the contrary, you will be thankful that you have discovered a Chardonnay as delicious and reasonably priced as his, and so will your friends.

\$16.00 PER BOTTLE **\$172.80** PER CASE



2005 BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAIN DOMAINE ROBERT CHEVILLON

The Chevillon brothers manage to produce classic wines every year, regardless of vintage, and I buy them every year without hesitation. Their 2006s, by the way, are among the best in Burgundy—don’t miss them! So with this as a backdrop, it is unquestioned that their 2005s are simply awesome. I have never had a better Passetoutgrain than the one produced here, and the 2005 makes quite a statement. The blend is Pinot Noir and Gamay (appellation law says it must be at least one third Pinot Noir). *Passetoutgrain* loosely translated means “throw it all in the basket,” and the name goes way back to the days when Gamay was more widely planted in Burgundy. The growers would pick it along with the Pinot and vinify the two grapes together to make a fruity, easy-drinking red. In those days, no Burgundian bistro would be caught dead without their *pichet* of Aligoté and Passetoutgrain.

\$23.00 PER BOTTLE **\$248.40** PER CASE

2005 SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE BLANC “DESSUS LES GOLARDES” PIERRE GUILLEMOT

Here is a true rarity in the world of wine, an unfiltered, small-production *lieu-dit* dry white from the village of Savigny-les-Beaune. The United States is the only

place you can find this wine because Guillemot filters all the wine sold in France. He tasted me blind on the two versions when I last visited him to see if I could tell the difference and wow, what a revelation! Ours has an incredibly fleshy texture and a beautiful, full aroma while the other was stripped and lean. Filters can't think, but some winemakers can, so I say let the winemakers clarify the wine (by racking, for example) and ban the careless, unthinking filters.

You will be one of a handful of people in the world to experience this wine.

\$35.00 PER BOTTLE \$378.00 PER CASE

2005 POUILLY-FUISSÉ
“LA CROIX”
DOMAINE ROBERT-DENOENT

Jean-Jacques Robert has crafted a gorgeous, classic Pouilly-Fuissé in 2005 with his “La Croix” cuvée, always one of my favorites among his different vineyard sites. The Chardonnay vines are a mere 75 years old, planted in clay and schist. There is ripe, poached pear and honey on the nose and a complex palate of fleshy peach, lively acidity, spicy oak, and stoniness. As I said last month, it would be very easy to pay more and buy white Burgundies from the more reputed appellations of the Côte d’Or with much less interest than you’ll find here, and in the past five years, no one can claim a higher impeccability score in terms of vinification than J.-J. Robert.

\$37.00 PER BOTTLE \$399.60 PER CASE

2005 SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE
“SERPENTIÈRES”
PIERRE GUILLEMOT

This is the most structured of Guillemot’s Savignys, probably because it is exposed due south whereas his other vineyards face due east. Some say the vineyard name comes from the fact that the vines “snake” or weave around, and others say it is due to the presence of serpents in the vineyard. I have read that Savignys are capable of aging 8 to 10 years on average, sometimes longer according to the vintage, but I was poured a 1976 Serpentières at Guillemot’s place last year, and it is sensational at age 30, while the 1999 tasted from magnum this year seemed impossibly young.

His 2005s will drink well for a long time *IF* you leave them be for a while.

\$40.00 PER BOTTLE \$432.00 PER CASE

MARK & CLARK'S STAY-AT-HOME WINE TOUR

TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER a trip to Europe can be a daunting experience. Travel agents, plane tickets, hotels, delays, lost luggage... Instead, let Berkeley retail guys Mark & Clark be your tour guides. They have put together a delicious itinerary of wine discoveries for you.

Start in northern France: a Chinon from the Loire and an Alsatian Riesling. Then boat south on the Saône River to Burgundy. After the Alpine slopes of the Savoie and the fragrant Rhône Valley, head into Italy where a trio of superb wines await. On the way to Spain, stop off in Corsica for a real surprise. Final stop: the beaches of southern Spain, seafood right out of the ocean, all in a glass of salty Manzanilla.

WINE TOUR SAMPLER

NORMALLY
PER BOTTLE

LOIRE • 2004 CHINON "LE CLOS GUILLOT"	\$19.95
ALSACE • 2005 RIESLING "TRADITION"	16.00
BURGUNDY • 2005 BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY	16.00
BEAUJOLAIS • 2006 BEAUJOLAIS	13.95
SAVOIE • 2004 CHIGNIN-BERGERON	20.00
LANGUEDOC • 2004 CORBIÈRES "LA DEMOISELLE"	14.95
RHÔNE • 2005 CAIRANNE "CUVÉE MARIE ROUVIÈRE"	19.95
FRIULI • 2005 PINOT BIANCO	14.95
VENETO • 2006 BARDOLINO ROUGE "LE FONTANE"	12.50
TUSCANY • 2003 CHIANTI CLASSICO	19.95
CORSICA • 2004 CORSE CALVI ROUGE "E PROVE"	19.95
SPAIN • NV MANZANILLA	14.95

12-bottle sampler

Normally \$203.10

SPECIAL SAMPLER PRICE

\$152

25% discount
