

WHY DRINK WINE WITH DINNER?

At Bocanova we present our wine program as an extension of our menu—wines that are as essential to the delight of every meal as the cuisine itself. Embracing a broad range of styles, we look for regional typicity in wines of excellent structure from the finest growing areas in the Old and New Worlds. As much as possible, we'll present wines created with sustainable, organic, or biodynamic practices. But honestly, since we work primarily with small, passionate producers, who take seriously the health of the soil and the integrity of their product, many wines not certified as “organic” will have been produced in ways not dependent upon chemical intervention, mass produced yeasts, or excessive filtration. Such wines are integral to the Bocanova experience: that unquantifiable synergy of enjoyment that arises when all the elements of a great dinner are in their proper place.

When you think about it, grape fermentation is itself a kind of miracle. It not only serves as a natural preservative of the juice and its nutrients, but metamorphoses it into a beverage that even the biblical writers attributed to God: “...and [God gave] wine to gladden the hearts of the people.” -*Psalm 104*. Our goal at Bocanova is to make sure every wine we offer—from the least expensive wine by the glass to the rare gems at the top of the list—lives up to that standard of delight.

*Please join us weekly for “Wine-down Wednesday.”
Most bottles on this list 50% off!*

Corkage at Bocanova is \$22/btl. per 750ml bottle.
Magnums count as two bottles.

SPARKLING WINES

NEW WORLD (THE AMERICAS)

- 101 **2002 Roederer Estate l'Ermitage Anderson Valley Brut**80
(Anderson Vly, CA) (52 % Chardonnay, 48% Pinot Noir) Pale straw color with a lovely bead. Complex aromas of baked green apple, butter croissant and a hint of sweet loam. Sleek and focused flavors evolve beautifully, conveying an elegant impression that lingers through a toasty, spicy finish.
- 105 **2008 Reginato Metodo Tradicional Rosé of Malbec**46
(Argentina) Strawberry and rhubarb bouquet accompanied by plenty of bright fruit, savory flavors, and a crisp, dry, and refreshing finish. Enjoy with any course—even steak!
- 110 **NV Domaine Carneros Rosé**52
(Napa/Carneros) (Pinot Noir) Established by Claude Taittinger. 100% Carneros grapes. A pretty and festive wine, with fresh raspberry notes that give way to a depth of character. No chemical fertilizers or pesticides are used.

OLD WORLD (SPAIN)

- 201 **2007 Raventós i Blanc L'Hereu Reserva Brut Cava**43
(Cataluña) (Macabeo, Xarel-lo, Parellada) Biodynamically farmed and certified. Bright and lively with fruity aromas of lemon and green apple and more complex notes of fresh baked bread. 28-32 months on lees; disgorged to order.
- 202 **2010 Mont-Marc Cal Cava Brut Reserva**34
(Cataluña) (Macabeo, Xarel-lo, Parellada, Chardonnay) Clean, elegant and complex. Fresh bread aromas and the flavors of ripe apple and creamy mousse. Aged 18 months on the yeast and disgorged upon order.
- 203 **2005 Juvé y Camps Cava Reserve de la Familia Brut Nature**40
(Cataluña) (Macabeo, Xarel-lo, Parellada) Dry and mineral rich, reminiscent of toasted bread with background hints of citrus. As a brut nature (no dosage), this wine is extremely fresh and clean-cut, with light notes of vanilla bean, dried white fruits and a crisply focused and nuanced complexity.

WHITE WINES

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- 300 2010 Zocker Grüner Veltliner**
(Edna Valley, CA) Exceptionally bright and focused, with aromas of dried white flowers and apricot. On the palate look for notes of white pepper that season flavors of ripe melon and a fresh fruit cocktail mélange that resolves into a lingering and evolving finish.
- 301 2010 Crios de Susana Balbo Torrontés**
(Cafayate Valley, Argentina) A fragrant bouquet of spring flowers, honey, and tropical aromas leads to a delicate texture backed by vibrant acidity. From 31-year-old vines in Cafayate.
- 305 2009 Brandborg Gewurztraminer**
(Umpqua Valley, OR) Aromatics are pure and true to type with lychee fruit, clove and stick cinnamon, and a hint of orange peel. Citrus elements combine with a rich and supple mid-palate, and a lingering spicy fruit finish. Off-dry at 2.5% residual sugar.
- 410 2009 AFROS Loureiro**
(Vinho Verde, Portugal) Floral notes dominate the nose, while on the palate the wine shows a refined and elegant blend of citrus and mature tropical fruits. Complex, smooth, with firm acidity and refreshing minerality. Lovely as an aperitif, or with ceviches, salads, fish, or shellfish.
- 311 2007 Amity Riesling**
(Willamette Valley, OR) Opens with lemon-lime aromas, and maintains notes of grapefruit zest and a flinty minerality throughout a bright mid-palate. An intriguing interplay between sweet fruit and pointed acidity marks the lingering finish.
- 315 2009 Ca' del Solo Estate Muscat**
(Monterey County, CA) From biodynamically grown fruit. A super floral nose with notes of rose petals resolves into a crystal-clear minerality typical of Monterey County soils, delivering flavors of musky melon and honey into an off-dry finish. Lovely as an aperitif.
- 317 2009 Ponzi Pinot Blanc**
(Willamette Valley, OR) Tropical flowers and fruit aromas provide the perfect entrance to this luscious yet focused offering from Burgundy-trained winemaker, Luisa Ponzi. A precise melding of a full, supple body with bracing freshness. Lush, tropical fruit notes linger through the finish.
- 412 2009 Quinta de la Rosa douROSA Branco**
(Douro Valley, Portugal) (Gouveio, Viosinho and Rabigato) Indigenous grapes from the hillsides of Port country. Attractive and smooth. Fresh, appealing perfume leads to distinct flavors with citric and mineral notes. Enjoy as an aperitif, or with fish and lighter meat dishes.
- 420 2008 Can Feixes Penedes Blanc**
(Cataluña, Spain) (Parellada, Macabeo, Chardonnay, Malvasia de Sitges) Fragrant, firm and minerally dry. Lime and melon on the nose. Nice crispness and acidity on the palate with a touch of peach.
- 320 2008 Carica "Kick Ranch" Sauvignon Blanc**
(Sonoma County, CA) (60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Sauvignon Musque) Clean and focused aromas of tropical fruits with floral notes predict the refined intensity of this wine made in a style similar to the great Sauvignon Blancs of Sancerre. 10% oak fermentation lends a spicy roundness to the body, supporting a refreshing limey finish.

- 425 2009 Abad dom Bueno Godello**
(Bierzo, Spain) (Organic) Expressive aromatic nose with white peach, nectarine, and honeysuckle. The palate offers flavors of stone fruit, almond skin, and ripe pears. Fermented with native yeasts and no sulfites added.
- 327 2010 Roland Rosario Verdelho**
(Suisun Valley, CA) Cool climate and SF Bay influence produce a delicate floral aroma with clean and linear flavors of pineapple and papaya. Freshening acidity and a pretty mid-palate leads to a long decrescendo in a finish that maintains all the flavors to the end.
- 324 2010 Brandborg “Fleur de Lis” White Pinot Noir**
(Umpqua Valley, Oregon) A Bocanova exclusive! Whole cluster pressed pinot noir from the premium Ferris Wheel vineyard, with no skin contact, is a unique and magnificently successful experiment by Terry Brandborg. Citrus and herbal notes, a bit of ripe green melon, and a round yet firm mouthfeel, then a full and spicy finish. Think *blanc de noirs* without the bubbles.
- 329 2009 Palmina Arneis**
(Santa Ynez Valley, CA) This Italian “white barolo” grape, rare in California, here yields a complex wine that is both lean and full bodied. Refreshing crispness and a pleasing palate-coating texture conveys ripe pear, key lime, lychee, with nice hints of sage and almond.
- 451 2008 Luis Pato Vinhas Velhas Branco**
(Bairrada, Portugal) (Bical, Cerceal/Arinto & Sercialinho) A complex, full flavored white with the depth and texture of a good white burgundy. Combines fresh citrusy fruit with toasted nut flavors in a lingering finish.
- 332 2009 Au Bon Climat Chardonnay**
(Santa Barbara County, CA) (Organic) Aromas of pear and white peach, a hint of lemon and sweet buttered toast in the mid-palate, then a rich and lingering finish.
- 334 2010 Siete Fincas Chardonnay**
(Mendoza, Argentina) Rich, fresh aromas of ripe melon and honey, with a note of green apple. Combines a bright focus with a touch of creamy vanilla from 15% French oak. Layered complexity and balanced acidity make this especially delightful and versatile.

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- 400 2010 Talai Berri Getariako Txakolina**
(Txakoli, Spain) (Hondarribi Zuri) From Basque country. Slightly effervescent, complex bouquet with mineral and citrus notes in a complex and structured mid-palate. Perfect with seafood and as a celebrative aperitif.
- 405 2009 Bodegas Angel Rodriguez Martinsancho Verdejo**
(Rueda, Spain) Aromas of pear, white flowers and honey. Peach, melon and guava integrate with vibrant citrus and quartz-like minerality. In the 1970's, Rodriguez refused to pull up his historic, pre-phylloxera Martinsancho vineyard in Rueda (dating from 1784), thus saving the Verdejo grape from extinction in Spain. Perfect with seafood, raw and cooked.
- 310 2009 Pey-Marin Riesling**
(Marin County, CA) Appealing lemon zest in the nose, with dry, firm citrus and green apple flavors, then a bit of peachiness on the finish. An organic wine of great delicacy.
- 416 2008 Lagar de Cervera Albariño**
(Rias Baixas, Spain) A delicious, full, rich and intensely fruity wine. Aromas and palate of peaches, apricot, melon and citrus. Situated in Galicia in northwest Spain, Lagar de Cervera has established an almost cult status for superb Albariño in the area.

- 417 2006 Quinta do Feital Alvarinho Dorado Superior**
(Minho, Vinho Verde, Portugal) From 70+ year-old vines. Partial malolactic fermentation and extensive stirring of the lees imparts richness and complexity while maintaining bracing acidity and vibrant fruit. A flinty minerality drives citrus and herbal notes through a long finish.
- 321 2010 Tadal Family Sauvignon Blanc**
(Carpenter Ranch, Napa, CA) From one of California's oldest, most renowned vineyards, in St. Helena. Vinified without new oak, it displays bright, fresh citrus, backed by enlivening acidity. A nice roundness develops in the mid-palate, evidence of this wine's superb structure and balance. An excellent choice with grilled fish and seafood.
- 323 2010 Edmunds St. John "Heart of Gold"**
(El Dorado County, CA) (72% Vermentino, 28% Grenache Blanc) Great combination of backbone and finesse. Lemony salinity of Vermentino embraces the bright and somewhat deeper notes of Grenache Blanc's green apple and peach. Delicious, with great length too.
- 421 2008 Sastre Ribera Del Duero Flavus**
(Pago de Santa Cruz, Spain) (Old Vine Jaén) Aromas of wild herbs combine with an intriguing mineral quality. Rich and layered in texture with unflinching character. The mouthcoating flavors develop into a deliciously round almond paste finish. Delightfully different!
- 326 2009 Seghesio Fiano**
(Sonoma County, CA) Fiano originates in Southern Italy on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius. This is a rich wine endowed with notes of honey and hazelnuts framing a core of apple and pear fruit. The mouthfeel is buttery and the finish is long with a hint of beeswax.
- 430 2004 Viña Valoria Rioja Crianza Blanco**
(Rioja Alta, Spain) (Viura) Crianza's must age at least 12 months before release with at least 6 months in cask. This one goes far beyond with a honeyed texture and notes of marzipan, lemon zest and golden apple, integrated minerality and food-friendly acidity.
- 450 2008 Paulo Laureano Reserve Branco**
(Alentejo, Portugal) (Antao Vaz) Aromatic nose of white peach, tangerine, marmalade and blossoms. Full bodied, with excellent balance between a bright acidity and a rich texture of opulent roundness. Pairs well with chicken, pork and richer seafood.
- 452 2009 Herdade do Esporão Reserve White**
(Alentejo, Portugal) (Antao Vaz, Roupeiro, Arinto) Round and creamy, with underlying minerality and ripe peach, orange blossoms and some tropical notes of bananas and cream. Great for the California Chardonnay lover looking for something different.
- 333 2006 Sedna Chardonnay**
(Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley, CA) Whole cluster pressed, French Oak fermentation, malolactic conversion, and aging sur lies for 1 year—but not a butter bomb! Astonishing balance while delivering all the delicious richness of handcrafted Napa Chardonnay.

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- 426 2007 Mengoba Godello & Doña Blanca**
(Bierzo, Spain) Left on the lees for 7 months before bottling. Finely balanced and gently expressive, this top shelf white exudes rounded notes of peach, melon and lemon zest, with vanilla bean in the background. Impressively textured.
- 435 2010 Viñedos de Ithica Odysseus Garnatxa Blanca**
(Priorat, Spain) Grown in famous “Licorella” (slate) soil, forcing roots to a great depth. Mineral driven with notes of dried herbs, anise, and dried white fig buoyed by youthful verve. Fermented with native yeasts in temperature controlled stainless steel. The Spanish equivalent of a Chateauneuf-du-Pape blanc.
- 440 2007 Louis Rodriguez Viña de Martin**
(Ribeiro, Spain) (Treixadura, Torontes, Albariño, Lado) Made by a tiny producer in Ribeiro; only 500 cases. Native yeasts and bottled unfiltered. Highly focused in the attack, it widens to delicate and layered flavors of grapefruit, nutmeg, and a long developing finish.
- 331 2007 Hamacher Cuvee Forets Chardonnay**
(Willamette Valley, OR) An inspiringly elegant and delicate chardonnay of great textural complexity. Citrus, ripe pear and crème brûlée notes dominate with subtle hints of anise and butterscotch. Beautifully balanced and a wonderful accompaniment to food.

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- 436 2009 Clos Mogador Nelin Priorat Blanco***
(Gratallops, Priorat, Spain) (50% Garnatxa Blanca, 50% blend of Pinot Noir Blanc, Macabeo, Marsanne, Roussanne, Pedro Ximinez, Escanyo Velles) With an intriguing complexity of aromas and an evolving depth on the palate, this utterly beguiling wine displays concentration and profundity, with impeccable balance, excellent volume, and a seamless finish. An amazing wine!
- 335 2008 LIOCO Chardonnay, Charles Heintz Vineyard***
(Sonoma Coast, CA) Elegance, focus, depth and richness in a Chardonnay vinified with no oak. 30 year-old vines meticulously farmed, the juice fermented using wild yeast. Natural malolactic conversion imparts a buttery texture without any distorting wood flavors. Bottled without fining or filtration. Simply beautiful.
- 338 2009 Three Sticks Durell Vineyard Chardonnay**
(Sonoma Valley, CA) Fully oaked; malolactic conversion; rich and buttery. Yet this wine’s great balance allows a bright and supple nerviness to show through, which allows the oak to waltz with, rather than march over, the fruit. A finely textured, layered complexity holds flavors of flan caramel and allspice, butterscotch and a subtle highnote of Meyer lemon. A beautiful, lingering finish.

**Not available for Wine Wednesday discount.*

ROSÉ WINES

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- 501 2010 Crios de Susana Balbo Rosé of Malbec**
(Mendoza, Argentina) Vibrant rose color. Aromas of fresh, ripe wild strawberries. Strawberry and young cherry flavors on a bright mid-palate, accompanied by some spice notes and a clean, dry finish. A perfect chicken wine, or accompaniment to any light and spicy fare.
- 502 2010 Paul Mathew Rosé of Pinot Noir**
(Russian River Valley, CA) Purity of expression in a wine of great poise and focus. The essence of Pinot Noir is captured in notes of red raspberry, watermelon and rose petal held within a bright acidity. The beautiful, lingering finish fades into an almost sweet aftertaste.
- 503 2010 La Grenouille Rougauté**
(Napa Valley, CA) (61% Zinfandel, 39% Valdiguie) A tribute by Frog's Leap Winery to the dry, crisp flavors and fruity aromas of the great rosés of France's Côtes de Provence. Naturally low alcohol and bright acidity allow fresh-picked flavors of cranberry & raspberry to shine.
- 504 2010 Ojai Vineyard Rosé**
(Ojai Valley, CA) (Syrah, w/ a touch of Viognier & Sauv. Blanc) Light and zippy, bright and briary, this one dances on the palate with delightful watermelon, raspberry and strawberry notes. Perfect for a warm lunch on the patio or to freshen the palate for the dinner to come.
- 505 2009 Bodega Caelum Rosé**
(Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina) (Malbec, Cab) Brilliant salmon/orange color. Poised and focused with striking notes of watermelon, citrus blossom and tangerine. The bright acidity and seamless balance create an elegant accompaniment to garden and seafood dishes.
- 506 2010 Edmunds St. John "Bone-Jolly" Gamay Noir Rosé**
(Witters' Vineyard, El Dorado County) (Gamay Noir) Extremely rare in California, this is the true Gamay of Beaujolais. Just an hour and a half of skin contact yields a delicately hued wine, but with a vivacious jolt of juiciness, wonderful focus and surprising depth of character.
- 507 2009 Ch. St. Pierre Côtes de Provence Rosé**
(Les Arcs, Provence, France) (40% Grenache, 60% Cinsault) Pretty, delicate, and stylish, this wine beautifully conjures the sunny south of France, with strawberry, pepper spice and a touch of salty minerality finely woven into a wholly charming rosé.
- 508 2010 Maysie Rosato**
(MasutVnyd, Mendocino County) (100% Sangiovese) Certified Organic. Dry-farmed at 1,800 feet. From third-generation winegrowers Ben and Jacob Fetzer, the delicate aromatics only hint at the lively acidity and earthy depth of cherry and cranberry flavors focused through a beautifully spicy finish. Varietally pure and totally enjoyable.

RED WINES

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- 860 2009 Padrina Mantonegro**
(Balearic Islands, Spain) (Mantonegro, Callet, Cab Sauv, Merlot, Syrah) Represents the revival of traditional Majorcan winemaking. Focused yet juicy, this balanced, medium-bodied wine shows a spicy and earthy mid-palate of raspberry, strawberry and red cherry accented by notes of mineral, dark earth, and floral hints; then a lingering, focused finish.
- 830 2008 Vendrell Montsant Serè**
(Montsant, Spain) (80% Garnatxa, 20% Cariñena) Rich depth of black cherries in the nose with some earthy notes carries into well-structured flavors that are deep but not ponderous, and exceptionally complex and refined for a wine at this price.
- 832 2008 Pere Guardiola Floresta**
(Costa Brava, Spain) (40% Garnatxa, 30% Manzueta, 30% Syrah) From grapes grown at the foot of the Pyrenees mountains. Classic earth and red cherry aromas lead to flavors unobscured by any use of oak—just delicious, sun-drenched fruit with amazing depth and length.
- 727 2009 Preston of Dry Creek Barbera**
(Organic) Grown on shallow, alluvial soils to limit yield and enhance concentration and complexity. Distinct varietal core of dark cherry, plum and a whiff of peppermint. Nice, bright attack leads to a plush mouthfeel, delicious layered density, and a fine finish.
- 717 2007 Juanicó “Don Pascual” Cabernet Franc Reserve**
(Juanicó, Uruguay) Aromas and body similar to Loire Valley Cab Franc’s, with plum, almond and sweet red pepper nicely knit through an integrated minerality. Emerging, prominent notes of blackberry and chocolate lead into a lingering, complex finish.
- 728 2008 Roland Rosario Tempranillo**
(Alta Mesa, Lodi) Domestic Tempranillo in a Rioja style = the best of both worlds. Lovely aromas of dried cherry and earth followed by a medium bodied concentration of cocoa dusted cherry and white pepper. Bright acidity makes this one really open up with food.
- 736 2007 Melodia Malbec**
(Mendoza, Argentina) A rich and plummy nose with hints of espresso prepares you for the saturated body with ever deepening flavors of blackberry and dark chocolate, then a long, smooth finish. A delicious and intriguing side of Malbec’s multivarious personality.
- 872 2007 Paulo Laureano Singularis**
(Alentejo, Portugal) (Aragonès, Trincadeira) Aromas of cocoa, blueberries, black cherry, and spice box lead to a plush palate packed with ripe black fruit and some underlying minerality. Lively acidity, soft tannins and a lingering finish.
- 732 2009 Spicerack “Punchdown” Syrah**
(Sonoma Coast, CA) Sustainable farming on cool coastal sites plus co-fermentation with Viognier produces a remarkably Rhone-like Syrah with elegance, verve, and a depth of spicy dark fruit buoyed by a fine balance between bright acids and rounded tannins.

- 705 2008 Saintsbury Pinot Noir**
(Carneros, CA) Classic Carneros Pinot Noir. Appealing red berry aromas, boldness of fruit and an elegant structure that show a balance of tannin and acid, with rich and complex fruit flavors concluding in a stylish and mouthwatering finish.
- 706 2009 Viña Leyda, Las Brisas, Single Vineyard, Pinot Noir**
(Leyda Valley, Chile) Aromatically fresh and complex. Hints of red cherries, raspberries and a subtle wild herb note mingle with a marine-infused minerality to deliver an elegant wine that is delicate and refined on the palate, while still chock full of juicy flavors.
- 707 2007 Stephen Ross Edna Valley Pinot Noir**
(Central Coast, CA) The valley runs east/west, open to the Pacific's cooling influence. Dark robe and rich aromatics give way to dense flavors of raspberries, cherries, cola and spicy clove. 2007 was a homerun year for Central Coast pinots. Complex & yummy.
- 716 2008 Lang & Reed "North Coast" Cabernet Franc**
(Lake County, CA) Complex aromatics of late summer herbs, bright cherry fruit and lovely floral overtones. Notes of savory and tarragon mingle deliciously with dried cherry and currant fruit flavors. Soft tannins and lively acids produce a fresh and mouthwatering finish.
- 870 2005 Quinta de Cabriz Reserva**
(Dao, Portugal) (Alfrocheiro, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional) Deep purple with aromas of blackberry, cherry cola and allspice. Forward flavors of dried cherry, black fig, and hints of blueberry and brown sugar are carried by bright acidity and soft tannins into a flavorful finish.
- 729 2008 Shypoke Charbono**
(Napa Valley, CA) Identical to the nearly extinct French grape Corbeau from the Savoie. Aromas of black cherry, pomegranate, and dark plum. Deep and complex flavors of black fruit and cherry commingle with subtle sage and sweet tar notes. Finishes long and firm.
- 775 2007 Sineann Abondante**
(Columbia Valley, OR) (Syrah, Merlot, Grenache, Zin, Cinsault) First, enjoy the unusual glass "cork." Winemaking is meticulous. Fruit is hand sorted, punched down by hand, and gravity racked. Aromas and flavors of plums, cassis; a backnote of cedar and smoke.
- 803 2008 Bodegas Abanico "Eternum Viti"**
(Toro, Spain) (Tinta de Toro; aka Tempranillo) An opulent and somewhat flashy attention grabber with sappy red berry and cocoa-edged verve. But there's real substance too, showing in dense, evolving flavors, silky tannins, pungent earth, and a luscious finish.
- 813 2008 Descendientes De Jose Palacios Petalos del Bierzo**
(Bierzo, Spain) (Mencia) From 40-90 year-old vineyards. Opens with an alluring nose of lavender, incense, black cherry, and blueberry. Intense and layered fruit on the palate, while maintaining an inviting approachability. An excellently structured wine.
- 731 2004 Sedna Syrah**
(Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley, CA) Fermented in small bins, punched down by hand, and barrel aged for two years. Expressive dark fruit aromas lead to a mid-weight syrah with complex flavors of blackberry, spice and leather held within mature tannins and a bright acidity. Spicy, sexy—verging on voluptuous—finish.
- 735 2009 Bueyes Malbec**
(Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina) Chocolate-covered cherries, cranberry, a touch of hickory spice and hints of black truffle integrate beautifully in this medium bodied and polished wine. The sense of elegance persists in an evolving length.

- 737 2009 Familia Mosso Malbec**
(Maipú, Mendoza, Argentina) Over 100 years of winemaking culminates in this alluring wine of depth and finesse. Crushed boysenberry, vanilla and gardenia perfume leads to complex flavors of fresh plum, fig paste, and hints of mocha framed by graceful tannins.
- 740 2008 Mi Terruño Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon Limited Reserve**
(Mendoza, Argentina) A pretty and intriguing perfume of dark berries and cola spice foreshadows beautifully integrated and powerful flavors. Look for black fruits, plum pudding and hints of spice, leather and vanilla that carry into a plush and delicious finish.
- 750 2008 Buehler Cabernet Sauvignon**
(Napa Valley, CA) Aromas of ripe black cherries and black plums, with hints of cola and spice. Deeply extracted flavors. A sweet and savory palate with black olive, coffee, dried currant and mineral notes with approachable tannins and a restrained elegance.
- 853 2006 Los 800 Priorat**
(Priorat, Spain) (50% Garnatxa, 30% Cariñena, 10% Syrah, and 10% Cab Sauv.) Grapes are sourced from old vineyards above 800 meters—Los 800! The bouquet combines cherry and blackberry with a touch of vanilla oak. Elegant on the palate, with a beautiful evolution.
- 766 2007 Selby Old Vine Zinfandel**
(Sonoma County, CA) From vines 40 to 110 years of age. Pretty, black raspberry and chocolate aromas. A sweet impression in the mouth from perfectly integrated tannins and concentrated fruit flavors with hints of dark chocolate, cinnamon and cloves.
- 785 2006 Santa Ema Amplus One**
(Cachapoal Valley, Chile) (Carmenere, Syrah, Carignane) Expressive aromas of red and black cherries, prunes and a touch of tobacco. Flavors progress from sweet black fruits through roasted red peppers and back again. Well structured, powerful and seductive.

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- 700 2007 Paul Mathew “Horseshoe Bend” Pinot Noir**
(Russian River Valley, CA) Low-impact, minimal intervention winemaking that shows great respect for what Pinot Noir can produce. Bright fruit accented with peppery notes introduces this finely structured and elegant wine. A touch of sweet loam with notes of raspberry underscores the lovely bloom in the finish.
- 704 2009 Sequana Sarmiento Pinot Noir**
(Santa Lucia Highlands, CA) From a family-owned, sustainably-farmed vineyard. Pretty and bright aromas of Bing cherries and strawberries. Delicious, complex, silky and crisp all at once. Flavors of red cherries, cola, licorice, cedar, and a dose of peppery spice.
- 718 2007 Cinnabar Cabernet Franc**
(Lewis Vineyard, Lodi, CA) From 40-year-old vines in the Lodi appellation and aged in American oak for 18 months. Aromas of violets, pepper and a sweet loam undercurrent. Flavors of dark fruit with high notes of bright cherries. Rustic yet refined and alluring!
- 720 2007 Ojai Vineyard Grenache**
(Santa Barbara, CA) (80% Grenache; 20% Syrah) Lovely raspberry ripeness in the nose leads to a unique combination of bright and forward cherry lushness tempered by the depth and restraint of Bien Nacido Syrah, a delicious textural quality and great balance.

- 726 2006 Palmina Nebbiolo**
(Santa Barbara County, CA) Varietally reminiscent of Piemontese Nebbiolo. Deeply tinted with exotic aromas of cherry confit, dried rose, savories and cola. A mouthfilling texture and concentrated flavors offer sweet red and dark berry flavors, silky tannins, and balanced acidity. An expansive finish reprises the complex interplay of flavors.
- 820 2010 Doniene Gorrondona Bizkaiko Txakolina Tinto**
(Txakoli, Spain) (Hondarribi Beltza) Quite a rare wine from pre-phylloxera Hondarribi Beltza vines! Deep aroma of cassis, licorice and herbs wrapped in wet clay. Beautifully mineral driven dark berry and bitter cherry tones evolve to lovely ripeness in the finish.
- 745 2006 Januik Merlot**
(Columbia Valley, WA) (Merlot w/ 3% Cabernet Sauvignon) Raspberry, vanilla and spice notes in the nose complement rich black fruit and cocoa flavors in the mouth. Generous in texture and length, mature and richly flavored. Ends with a long and lush finish.
- 746 2006 Milbrandt Legacy Merlot**
(Columbia Valley, WA) (Merlot, Cabernet, Petite Verdot) Consistent aromas and flavors of ripe blackberry, spice, tobacco, plum, cherry, and coffee. Dense, lush and voluptuous on the palate. Both hedonistic and intellectually compelling, with a rich fruit finish.
- 842 2004 Viña Arana Rioja Reserva**
(Rioja Alta, Spain) (95% Tempranillo, 5% Mazuelo) 2004 was another near perfect vintage in Rioja. Intense aromas of ripe berries against a balsamic background of cinnamon, vanilla and coconut grace this medium-bodied, flawlessly structured wine. Silky tannins harmonize with dark fruits and tangy herbs to create a smooth, elegant and lingering finish.
- 851 2008 Viñedos de Ithica Akyles**
(Priorat, Spain) (Garnatxa Negra, Cariñena, Garnatxa Peluda, Cab Sauvignon) Direct vinification in 400 liter French oak casks with native yeasts. Black fruits, orange, toffee and mint aromas succeeded by a complex and gorgeous evolution. Firm tannins underscore a beautifully integrated finish.
- 852 2009 Alvaro Palacios "Camins del Priorat"**
(Priorat, Spain) (Cariñena, Garnatxa, Cabernet, Syrah) Highly aromatic and complex perfume—almost the tone of a sexy pinot noir! Lush and sweet in the mouth, the gentle acidity and supple tannins deliver a round raspberry fruitiness that lingers through a nice, long finish. A wonderful introduction to the great wines of Priorat.
- 756 2006 White Rock Claret**
(Stag's Leap District, Napa Valley, CA) (40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 14% Petit Verdot, 11% Cab Franc) Hillside vines grown in volcanic ash and hand-crafting contribute superbly to this finely integrated wine. Complex, concentrated and refined, the interplay of varietal flavors create a symphonic whole in a wine that stands shoulder to shoulder with fine Left Bank Bordeaux.
- 757 2005 Sage Vineyards Veedercrest Napa Red**
(Cabernet Sauvignon, Cab Franc, Merlot) Sweet and enticing scents of blackberry, cinnamon, vanilla and hints of sage, laurel and forest floor, edged with dark chocolate. Plush red fruit leads to a long and delicious finish with a nice savory herbal undercurrent.
- 873 2005 Herdade do Esporão Red Reserva**
(Alentejo, Portugal) (Aragonez, Trincadeira, Cabernet Sauvignon) Prominent aromas of bittersweet chocolate, ripe blackberries, tar, and baking spice. Densely layered flavors of black fruits, cocoa and a touch of rich earth show off this wine's delicious mix of strength and finesse. Leaves a supple and spicy impression in a long finish.

- 770 2005 Bodegas El Porvenir de los Andes “Laborum” Tannat**
(Cafayate Valley, Argentina) This is the grape used to make “the black wines of Madiran” in the southwest of France. A beautiful wine, winner of the Mundus Vini International Silver Medal, it is big, powerful, and intensely flavored—yet exquisitely balanced with bright acidity and sweet but firm tannins.
- 773 2007 “Esoterica” Petite Sirah**
(Rutherford, Napa Valley) A labor of passion by Kent Rasmussen, this has brooding notes of extra ripe blackberry and blueberry tart along with a muscular structure in which tannins, acidity, and pure flavors focus almost athletically. Just what you look for in a Petite Sirah.
- 777 2008 Carica “The Siren”**
(Sonoma County, CA) (Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre) Aromas of red fruit and herbs de Provence foreshadow a melange of evolving flavors: blackberry, chocolate, and pepper held in a firm envelope of tannins that opens a bright cherry topnote as the wine breathes a bit.
- 786 2004 Axel Primero**
(Colchagua Valley, Chile) (Cab, Cab Franc, Syrah, Carmenere, Merlot) Aromas of fresh cherries, plums and figs, along with tobacco, licorice, nutmeg and cocoa. A lively palate delivers a unique flavor profile comprised of the best qualities of the constituent grapes.

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- 701 2009 Tudal Family Pinot Noir**
(Bacigalupi Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, CA) Deeply delicious with raspberry and cherry tart mingling with an earthy, almost licorice note. A smokiness lingers in the background while a silky texture envelops the sexy and ripe body of this slightly untamed but stunning wine.
- 825 2007 Forja de Salnes Goliardo Loureiro**
(Rias Baixas, Spain) (Loureiro Tinto) Old vines, extremely low production (250 cs) and artisanal winemaking from the extremely rare red Loureiro grape. Aromas of blue fruits, savory herbs and earthy chocolate. Profound depth and tremendous length in the finish.
- 810 2008 Mengoba Vinyedos Viejos Mencia**
(Bierzo, Spain) Absolutely artisanal production. Organic grapes from 80-year-old vines, ploughed by cows, with integrated pest management instead of pesticides. Intense, with dark fruits spiced by pepper, tar and oak. Extracted cherry notes are buoyed by a firm minerality.
- 840 2001 La Rioja Alta Viña Ardanza Rioja Reserva Especial***
(Rioja Alta, Spain) (Tempranillo, Garnatxa) Only three times in the life of the winery have they bottled a Reserva Especial! From the astonishing 2001 vintage, this exuberant wine (described by the winemaker as “frisky”) delivers a bouquet of cedar, spice box, cherry-vanilla and blackberry, then seduces with tremendous finesse and evolution on the palate.
- 841 2007 Remelluri Reserva**
(Rioja Alavesa/Labastida) (90% Tempranillo, 5% Graciano, 5% Garnatxa) From organic grapes. 18 months in neutral French oak imparts a silky texture that carries aromas of black fruit and abundant spiciness. Rich and brooding on the palate with plush fruit and impeccable balance, this wine remains one of Rioja’s reference points.
- 843 2004 Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva, Marques de Murrieta**
(Rioja Alta, Spain) (93% Tempranillo, 7% Mazuelo) Evocative and complex aromas entice you. Then, can there be such a thing as exuberant finesse in the melange of flavors? Woven with a silken texture reminiscent of a great Côte de Nuits burgundy, this wine’s impeccable structure delivers both profound depth and effusive charm. Ask for a decanter and marvel at its evolution over the course of your meal.

- 751 2006 Bartalotti Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon***
(Stag's Leap District, Napa Valley, CA) A spectacularly integrated Cab showing classic Stag's Leap terroir. A bright entry with red cherry notes deepens to blackberry pie with a side of dark chocolate. Velvety and luxurious in texture, flavors bloom through supple tannins to take on a profound presence with saddle leather and sweet tobacco. Then the long, silky finish surprises as it ends up on a bright note of strawberry jam.
- 765 2006 Valdez Zinfandel**
(Rockpile Road Vineyard, Sonoma) Ripe, muscular, and filled with personality. Shows dark blackberry and briary notes with a hint of dried sage in the nose. Dense and mouthfilling, yet supple. Complex flavors show amazing length through a ripe finish.
- 780 2007 Ben Marco Expresivo**
(Mendoza, Argentina) (Malbec, Cab, Syrah, Petit Verdot, Tannat) Profound aromas of red currants and black cherries with smoky and sweet vanilla oak. Dense black cherry, dark chocolate, and hints of sandalwood. Perfect balance, with great concentration and length.

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- 755 2007 Vellum Cabernet Sauvignon**100
(Napa Valley, CA) (84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot) Crafted in homage to the great Bordeaux of St. Julien. A seductive nose anticipates the suave entry and deep complexity of this enchanting, sole offering from winemakers whose skill and intensity are fully on display. Amazing length in the finish, too. Outstanding!
- 865 2004 Vega Sicilia Valbuena, 5 Años**250*
(Ribera del Duero, Spain) (Tempranillo, Merlot, Malbec) Majestic, expressive, and intensely flavored, this wine beautifully represents the winery's stellar international reputation. From the winemaker, "Powerful entrance, with an important presence on the palate. Complex and persistent, showing in this great vintage the nobility of its terroir."
**Extremely limited Special Purchase. Normally \$400. Not available for Wine Wednesday discount.*
- 1001 2005 Dry Creek "The Mariner" Meritage (1.5L)**140
(Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma) (46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec, and 3% Cab Franc) *From the winemaker:* "Utilizing all five of the noble Bordeaux varieties, this wine displays compelling aromas of wild black cherry, blueberry, and dried flowers. On the palate, the fruit shines through with succulent cherry, dark chocolate, and cassis that integrate seamlessly with silky smooth tannins. The finish is memorable for its lingering fruit flavors that balance perfectly with creamy vanilla oak nuances."
- 1005 2005 Brander Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve (1.5L)**140
(Santa Ynez Valley, Central Coast, CA) Bended from the best lots of Cabernet Sauvignon from the estate vineyard. Matured in French oak barrels (60% new) for approximately 12 months, then aged in neutral tanks for an additional 8 months prior to bottling. Look for notes of dark berry fruits with a late transition into lighter red currant flavors. An undercurrent of cigar box, tobacco, leather, tar, and cedar box may be detected.