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Olio Nuovo 2002

Tuscany's Greatest New Oils—Just Pressed and Shipped by Air

Olio Nuovo is the first olive oil of the season, produced from early-harvest olives and immediately bottled with no filtration. At its best, it is thick, rich, powerfully aromatic and gloriously green. In fact, it can be so intense and so vivid that it almost defies description. Tuscans look forward all year to lavishing the newly pressed oils over classic dishes, revelling in the oils' mouthfilling richness—and their roomfilling aromas.

Each year since 1998, our customers have been privileged to experience *Olio Nuovo* firsthand. Our *Nuovo* selections—flown in within weeks of the harvest—are based on tasting dozens of newly pressed oils in the producers' cellars during the second week of November. We not only select individual days' pressings, but sometimes single olive varieties. Consequently, they are arguably the most varied and compelling available *anywhere* (including Italy).

Our annual *Nuovo* offering has become so popular that we typically sell out within three or four days of mailing. In view of this—and the excellent quality of what we tasted this year—we decided to increase the number of different *Nuovo* oils from six to eight. We also managed to cajole a couple of producers out of a bit more oil than last year.

The 2002 Oil Harvest

Seldom before has a Tuscan olive harvest been so clearly divided between haves and have nots. Some

producers had it all: a good-sized crop of intensely flavored, highly colored oils. Others produced half of their normal crop, but of excellent quality. Meanwhile, scores of growers had to write off 2002 completely.

The reason was that the Tuscan olive fly (*mosche*) that normally plagues olive trees along the coast spread its devastation to inland valleys and other relatively low-altitude Tuscan terroirs. Even before we left for Italy on November 11, we had heard of a disaster in the making.

When we arrived we learned that large sections of Tuscany had been spared. Growers at elevations of 300 meters or higher (which includes all of our growers) had

few, if any, problems with the fly. Even at lower altitudes, growers who protected their trees with available organic preparations escaped serious damage.

Our Oils

All of last year's *Nuovo*s are returning with the addition of two others: Le Boncie and Canigiani from Castello di Volpaia. Not only do the six producers represent the cream of Tuscan olive growers; the particular oils we selected are the very best each producer made this year—and often very different from what is normally commercially available. This is Tuscan *Olio Nuovo* at its very best.

All oils are scheduled to arrive by air and be available for shipment the second week of December. Quantities are very limited.



*"The Rare Wine Co.
has the most
discriminating selection
of olive oil I know."
Ed Behr, The Art of Eating*

Olio Nuovo

PODERE SAN GIUSEPPE

Selvapiana



Our annual November visit to Selvapiana is always a highlight of our Tuscan travels. This year, we tasted fifteen different pressings, ranging from October 22 to November 11, but we quickly narrowed the field down to a 3-day period—October 28th, 29th and 30th. These days' oils have it all.

For our *Nuovo* bottling, we chose the oil pressed on a single day, October 28th. It was a tough choice, but we decided that it was the perfect *Nuovo* oil: wonderful color, evocative fragrance, thick, lush palate and just the right amount of heat (*pizzica*) in the finish.

There is something else special about this October 28th oil. It came from Selvapiana's oldest grove: *Nipozzana*. This is one of the highest places where olive trees grow in Tuscany. The trees are 90% Frantoio variety.

With its deep color; rich, firm palate, and intense fragrance, this is the epitome of great Tuscan oil.

2002 Podere San Giuseppe "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml .22.95

PODERI CANIGIANI

Castello di Volpaia

Castello di Volpaia's olive groves are some of the highest in Chianti Classico, ranging from 400 to 650 meters in altitude. To get the best from their olives, the estate pioneered the revolutionary Sinolea method of crushing and pressing. Sinolea uses thousands of small stainless steel blades to gently extract the oil from the paste, producing an oil of incredible delicacy.

The 2002 oil we tasted on November 12th was ethereal: a quintessential example of Sinolea oil. The color is pale yellow-green and the bouquet is delicately scented with flowers and almonds. The palate is cloudlike: unbelievably soft in texture, expanding to caress every corner of the mouth. The finish is just slightly peppery, reminding you of the oil's high-altitude Tuscan origin.

This delicate oil should be best in the first few months after pressing. Consequently, we decided to take our entire allocation this year as *Nuovo*, allowing us to experience it at its most exciting.

2002 Poderi Canigiani "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml ..24.95

PRUNATELLI, VETRICE, MONTE



Of all the oils we've sold over the past eight years, the most excitement has been created by three previously unknown olive oils from Rufina: Prunatelli, Vetrice and Monte.

These oils come from three different *terroirs* on an estate owned by the Grati family. Each is a south- or southwest-facing hillside, planted 90% to Frantoio trees, and 400-500 meters above sea level. Year after year, each of these sites produces an oil with a unique and compelling character.

The Grati estate faces Selvapiana across a narrow valley. The Grati's also enjoyed a trouble-free olive growing season, beginning their harvest the first of November.

This year, the earliest pressings produced tiny yields and excellent quality.

While Prunatelli, Vetrice and Monte are among Tuscany's longest-keeping oil, they are also magnifi-

cent in the early weeks. Hence, they are "must buys" as *Nuovo*.

2002 Prunatelli "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml19.95

Deep green in color, 2002 Prunatelli offers a huge bouquet of freshly cut grass (a classic Tuscan aroma). The palate is thick and powerful, building to a climax of rich olive flavor. There is only moderate heat in the finish. An extremely versatile and classic Tuscan oil.

2002 Vetrice "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml 19.95

Vetrice is consistently one of Tuscany's most concentrated oils. The 2002 is a beautiful deep green in color, with a subtle, complex nose of freshly cut grass. The palate is concentrated and structured, with a degree of pepperiness that recalls the '99.

2002 Monte "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml19.95

Monte is at a slightly higher elevation than its two sister *oliveti* and consistently produces an oil of remarkable grace and perfume. Even its color (a bright, luminous green) has something of the otherworldly about it. The 2002 is gorgeous, offering its unique blend of complexity, finesse and power.

Olio Nuovo

LE BONCIE

Since we introduced Le Boncie to America in 1995, it has acquired a mythic reputation. Produced on the small family estate of enologist Giovanna Morganti, it is a labor of love for her ... and for us. We've never known her to make more than 800 bottles in a single year and occasionally the output drops below 400. This year she made a mere 360 half-liter bottles. Fortunately for us, and for you, what she doesn't keep for herself and her family she has allocated to us.

Le Boncie always bears some resemblance to Volpaia's Canigiani, which is no coincidence: each year she brings her small crop of olives to Volpaia to be gently pressed in their Sinolea system.

Giovanna harvested everything on November 6th and 7th. The oil shares Canigiani's ethereal lightness and expansiveness on the palate, but it has a bit more intensity and a shade more heat in the finish. The color is also slightly deeper.

In years past, we've always saved our precious Le Boncie allocation for shipment in the spring. But as with Canigiani, Boncie's most amazing qualities are transient and best experienced in the first few months. Consequently, we asked Giovanna to quickly bottle our allocation for shipment by air as *Nuovo*. 1 bottle limit.

2002 Le Boncie "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml24.95

MELOGRANO

Melograno has quickly become one of our favorite sources of rich, robust Tuscan oil. We are not alone in our admiration: our November 8th pressing last year won a top prize in the *Concorso Ercole Olivario*.

At 300 meters above sea level, Melograno was untroubled by olive flies this year. This fact, combined with very low yields, produced some of the year's most concentrated oils. On November 12th, we tasted four different pressings, choosing the first two—November 5 and 6—for shipment this spring.

While production of both oils was small, we asked that a portion of the November 6th oil be bottled immediately for shipment by air. It is a classic Melograno oil, made entirely from low-yield Frantoio olives, with a vibrant green color, fabulously sweet, rich flavors and moderate heat in the finish.

2002 Melograno "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml21.95



Le Boncie



Poggiopiano

POGGIOPIANO

Producer of the hot Super Tuscan *Rosso di Sera*, Poggiopiano also makes superb *olio* (much of which is bought by Tuscany's famous *ristorante* Tenda Rossa). Made almost entirely from Frantoio olives at 400 meters above sea level, the yields are tiny.

Poggiopiano made one of the top Tuscan oils of 2001, and the 2002 should also number among the region's best. The color is deep; the nose features classic scents of artichoke and freshly cut grass in perfect proportions, and the palate is smooth and rich, with moderate pepper in the long finish.

Once again, Poggiopiano is showcasing our *Olio Nuovo* in special half-liter bottles made for the estate by an exclusive Italian glass designer. With a pouring lip built into the rim, it is as functional as it is beautiful.

2002 Poggiopiano "Olio Nuovo" 500 ml22.95

Unleashing the Power

Olio Nuovo begs to be drizzled *over* foods, especially if the foods are warm. The most quintessential dish is *fettunta*—grilled or toasted Tuscan-style bread, drizzled with oil and served warm with just a little salt. (Before drizzling the oil, you can rub the bread with a garlic clove; the bread's warmth melts the garlic.)

Other classic uses are drizzling over grilled fish or meat; gently-cooked white beans or chick peas; raw vegetables like sliced fennel or baby artichokes; steamed asparagus; bruschetta of fresh tomato, basil and minced garlic; fava beans with pecorino cheese; and any hearty, thick soup.

Olio Nuovo on cold foods can also be sybaritic. Take, for example, something as simple as fresh mozzarella bathed in a rich Tuscan oil, seasoned just with salt and freshly ground pepper. Add some crusty bread to sop up the cheese-infused oil and ... *Mamma mia!*

But don't stop there: experiment with almost any dish you enjoy, and you may find that the addition of *Olio Nuovo* just at the moment of serving enhances its flavor.

135 Ways to Celebrate

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CHAMPAGNE

- 21. 1970 Dom Pérignon disgorged 1999295.00**
Richard Juhlin: "A strong nose with toasty elements."
- 22. 1976 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne275.00**
Monumental. Richard Juhlin: "96 rating ... made me obsessed with the area and its wines. Never before had I tasted something as exotic."
- 23. 1979 Roederer Cristal275.00**
Richard Juhlin: "95 rating ... refined and toasty ... The taste is superb, with an amazingly rich, exotic fruitiness."
- 24. 1985 Charles Heidsieck Rosé59.95**
Wine Spectator: "96 rating. What a wonderful rosé Champagne ... creamy texture and a lingering finish."
- 25. 1985 Roederer Cristal Magnum450.00**
Richard Juhlin: "95 rating ... an aristocratic champagne with a superbly long aftertaste of butterscotch."
- 26. 1985 Krug169.95**
Tanzer: "98(+)" rating ... Montrachet-like leesy/yeasty nose hints at mint, herbs and spices; very suave ... huge, mouth-filling, seamless ... legend-in-the-making."
- 27. 1988 Pol Roger (Disgorged 1998)59.95**
Pol Roger set aside a special selection of their 1988 vintage for extended aging on the lees. Ten years later, the wine was finally disgorged—a Champagne of rare breed and complexity, and a true bargain.
- 28. 1988 Henriot Cuvée Enchanteleurs59.95**
Richard Juhlin: "93 rating ... beautiful scent of white flowers, acacia, candy and vanilla ... fine crispness, breeding and elegance."
- 29. 1990 Bollinger R.D.99.95**
Richard Juhlin: "94 rating ... powerful ... A lot of R.D. character already. Strong aromas of chocolate, mature autumn fruit, and mushrooms ..."
- 30. 1990 Nicolas Feuillatte Cuvée Palmes d'Or87.50**
Parker: "95 rating. The richness ... is exquisite."
- 31. 2000 Champagnes by Richard Juhlin39.95**
For authoritative tasting notes, the finest book ever written on Champagne. Reviews of 2000 different Champagnes. *Hardcover with dustjacket. 344 pp.*

MADEIRA

- 32. 1863 Barbeito Bual245.00**
Steve Tanzer: "94 rating ... perfect balance and razor-sharp definition ... powerful back-end fruit. The sweetness returns on the deep finish."
- 33. 1902 Barbeito Verdelho Pico dos Barcelos175.00**
Your last chance to experience this wine in the 100th year of its birth. Crème brûlée and a hint of bitter chocolate. The lush palate finishes much like a fine old Terrantez.
- 34. 1903 D'Oliveira Bual249.95**
Alex Liddell: "★★★★★ rich, variegated, deep-toned vanilla bouquet; hugely concentrated ... big, lingering finish ... Excellent; combines power with charm."
- 35. 1912 D'Oliveira Verdelho195.00**
Alex Liddell: "★★★★★ ... intensely perfumed, complex ... concentrated vinosity, hints of fudge—opening out to a powerful, lingering aftertaste ..."
- 36. 1920 Favilla Vieira Malvasia195.00**
Wine Spectator: "95 rating. This has a wild, exotic bouquet with a salty tang ... sweet ... nutty length and fine balance."
- 37. 1968 D'Oliveira Bual69.95**
Is this the greatest Madeira of the past thirty years? If it's not, we haven't tasted the one that is. It has it all: great color, intense butterscotch bouquet, a lush, profoundly rich palate with superb balancing acidity.

AUSTRALIA

- 38. 1976 Grange450.00**
Parker: "98 rating ... a reference point for what great Grange is all about A natural born legend."
- 39. 1980 Grange245.00**
Parker: "96 rating ... expansive, thick, chewy ... extraordinary flavor density."
- 40. 1991 Grange265.00**
Parker: "95 rating." Tanzer: "95 rating Extravagantly ripe ... The powerful finish builds to a crescendo."
- 41. 1991 Henschke Hill of Grace225.00**
Tanzer: "95+ rating." Parker: "95 rating ... immensely concentrated yet formidably endowed ... awesome ..."
- 42. 1996 Grange235.00**
Wine Spectator: "97 rating ... A massive wine ... should evolve spectacularly with age."
- 43. 1998 Parker Terra Rossa First Growth89.95**
Parker: "95-97 rating ... The purity, high extract, and uncanny symmetry is breathtaking."
- 44. 1994 Peter Lehman Shiraz Stonewell59.95**
Parker: "95 rating ... a sumptuous nose of black raspberries, cassis, toasty American oak, vanillin, spice, and pepper ... monster-sized, chewy, lavishly-endowed Shiraz ..."
- 45. Chambers Special Muscat half bottle39.95**
Parker: "98 rating ... notes of smoke, roasted nuts, coffee, brown sugar, maple syrup ... must be tasted to be

CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE

46. 1970 Ch. de Beaucastel145.00
47. 1972 Ch. de Beaucastel110.00
Beautifully cellared examples of two Beaucastel rarities.
48. 1978 Ch. Rayas 595.00
Parker: "98 rating ... has provided me with some of the most decadent nectar of my life. It is one of the most precious wines in my collection, and I would not trade it for anything less than a 1961 Ch. Latour a Pomerol!"
49. 1983 Ch. Rayas195.00
Parker: "94 rating ... sumptuous ... Flamboyant aromas ... Extremely full-bodied and velvety-textured ... a seamless, plush, fat, concentrated, complex Rayas"
50. 1989 Domaine Pontifical79.95
Parker: "94 rating ... magnificent ... abundant power ..."
51. 1989 Ch. de Beaucastel *Magnum*275.00
Parker: "97 rating ... exceptionally rich, intense ... it blew me away when I tasted it"
52. 1990 Bosquet des Papes Cuvée Chantemerle ..225.00
Parker: "98 rating ... Exceptionally rich, with stupendous concentration ... this profound Châteauneuf du Pape is outrageously delicious, even decadent..."
53. 1995 Henri Bonneau Cuvée Céléstins250.00
Parker: "95 rating ... profound ... enormously constituted, with massive quantities of fruit, extract, and glycerin."
54. 1998 Beurenard Cuvée Boisrenard95.00
Parker: "96 rating ... explosive, fabulously-concentrated, viscous ... gorgeous bouquet ... will last for 2-3 decades."

TUSCANY

55. 1990 Ciacci Brunello Pianrosso149.95
Tanzer: "95 rating ... A candidate for Brunello of the vintage." Parker: "94 rating ... a candidate for one of the finest Brunello di Montalcinos of the vintage."
56. 1990 Tignanello159.95
57. 1990 Tignanello *Magnum*325.00
Wine Spectator: "95+ rating. Parker: "93 rating. Full-bodied, with exceptional concentration and purity."
58. 1990 Sassicaia295.00
Parker: "94+ rating ... staggering concentration and extract levels"
59. 1997 Percarlo185.00
Parker: "98 rating ... exhibits profound levels of concentration as well as unbelievably dense, black currant, blackberry liqueur notes ... Enormously thick... It is an amazing accomplishment!"
60. 1997 Argiano Solengo195.00
Wine Spectator: "97 rating ... one of the trophy wines of the region."
61. 1997 Manzano Syrah Podere Il Bosco65.00
Wine Spectator: "96 rating ... breathtaking"
62. 1997 Ornellaia Masseto295.00
Already exceedingly rare.

PIEDMONT

63. 1961 Giacomo Conterno Barolo175.00
Classically rich, intensely truffled nose, sweet and velvety on the palate.
64. 1985 Giacosa Barolo Falletto Riserva179.95
One of Giacosa's greatest Barolos: profoundly rich, magnificently perfumed. Drinking beautifully now, will age for a decade or two more.
65. 1985 Giacomo Conterno Barolo Monfortino275.00
Parker: "96 rating ... a saturated bouquet of saddle leather, spices, smoked meats, herbs, and truffles ... rich, ferociously tannic, massive ... a fabulous wine"
66. 1990 Aldo Conterno Barolo Colonnello139.95
Parker: "96 rating"
67. 1990 Produttori dei Barbaresco Asili Riserva ...59.95
It's unlikely that the Produttori will ever again make an Asili to match this. Rich, classically styled.
68. 1990 Ceretto Barolo Brunate79.95
Parker: "92-94 rating. Concentrated ... with sweet tannin, ripe fruit, and a luscious, multi-dimensional personality."
69. 1990 Gaja Barbaresco Sori San Lorenzo275.00
Parker: "95 rating ... a massive wine ... Spectacularly concentrated"
70. 1990 Marchese di Barolo Cannubi39.95
A classically made 1990 Barolo from the great Cannubi vineyard. A bargain.
71. 1997 Giacosa Barolo Rocche110.00
Parker: "96 rating ... Classic aromas of rose petals, melted tar, and cherry liqueur ... Profoundly complex"
72. 1999 Quorum Barbera69.95
Parker: "95 rating. Riccardo Cotarella is the magic behind this wine ... there is no doubting its explosive qualities ... prodigious."
73. 1999 Rivetti Barbera Gallina64.95
Parker: "96 rating ... glorious levels of concentration ... Viscous, remarkably dense and sexy ... this is as profound a dry red wine as readers will find."

ALSACE

74. 1989 Trimbach Clos Ste. Hune Hors Choix225.00
The most monumental Clos Ste. Hune ever made?
Parker: "99 rating."
75. 1990 Trimbach Riesling Frederic Emile
Selection des Grains Nobles half bottle79.95
Wine Spectator: "99 rating .. Fabulous ... haunting bouquet ... Concentrated yet ethereal, with precision and harmony. What more could you ask for in a wine?"
76. 1998 Schoffit Tokay Rangen Lot 2 SGN 500ml .79.95
Rovani: "98+ rating ... a wine of untold power, elegance and depth ... may ultimately merit a perfect score ..."
77. 1998 Albert Mann Tokay Altenbourg "Tries"
Selection des Grains Nobles half bottle69.95
Tanzer: "94-96 rating ... Extravagant aromas ... Incredibly sweet and thick ... a force of nature."

RED BORDEAUX

- 78. 1970 Ch. Palmer (ex-château)245.00**
Parker: "95 rating ... one of the great wines of the vintage ... fabulously complex, exotic ... Rich and concentrated... this remains a youthful, potentially superb Palmer."
- 79. 1971 Ch. Latour 225.00**
Parker: "94 rating ... the wine of the Médoc, and possibly the wine of the vintage ... it has continued to evolve, offering extraordinary aromatic complexity as well as surprisingly deep, concentrated flavors atypical for the vintage. Anticipated maturity: now-2012."
- 80. 1982 Ch. Margaux395.00**
Parker: "98+ rating ... huge, massive ..."
- 81. 1989 Ch. Le Tertre Rôteboeuf189.95**
Parker: "94+ rating ... A great Tertre-Rôteboeuf ... massively endowed ... full blown aromas of bacon fat ..."
- 82. 1995 Ch. Valandraud395.00**
Parker: "95 rating ... Very concentrated, with layers of fruit, glycerin, and extract, yet seamlessly constructed, this wine contains the stuff of greatness ..."
- 83. 1998 Ch. Haut Brion195.00**
Parker: "96+ rating ... prodigious ... stunningly pure ... It tastes like liquid nobility."
- 84. 1998 Ch. Quinault L'Enclos69.95**
Parker: "94+ rating ... Exceptionally rich ... possesses a distinctive, individualistic style, largely because of its floral, blueberry fruit flavors ... it will age for two decades."
- 85. 1999 Ch. La Mondotte275.00**
Parker: "95-97 rating ... a glorious nose of candied black fruits, graphite, licorice, and underbrush ... possessing amazing extract and richness ... an amazing achievement ..."
- 86. 1999 Virginie de Valandraud 6-liter350.00**
Valandraud's superb second wine in a unique *imperiale* format. Rare.

RIOJA

- 87. 1959 Cune Imperial Gran Reserva89.95**
Beautifully scented, graceful, velvety palate, a supremely elegant example of the great *Imperial* from a famous year.
- 88. 1964 Bilbainas Viña Pomal Reserva Especial ...79.95**
Viña Pomal was the richest, most full-bodied cuvée of Bilbainas. Many feel that 1964 was the vintage of the century for Rioja. Superb.
- 89. 1976 Lopez de Heredia Bosconia Gran Rsva. ...95.00**
Tanzer: "96 rating. Multidimensional nose of raspberry, black plum, orange zest, coffee, milk chocolate, game and a superripe whiff of raisin ... Big, rich, powerful and deep. Finishes extremely long and magically fresh."
- 90. 1998 Artadi Pagos Viejos79.95**
Parker: "96 rating ... one of the greatest Riojas I have ever tasted ... great stuff ..."

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RED BURGUNDY

- 91. 1990 Domaine Maume Mazis-Chambertin150.00**
Parker: "93 rating ... sensational ... super-concentrated, dense, old style red burgundy ..."
- 92. 1995 Lafon Volnay Santenots-du-Milieu79.95**
Tanzer: "91 rating ... Perfumed, floral aromas ... Rich and very concentrated, with a marzipan-like sweetness in the middle palate..."
- 93. 1996 Faiveley Clos des Cortons Magnum139.95**
Tanzer: "94 rating ... Huge and tactile; really implodes in the mouth ... Headspinning, old-style Burgundy, and very impressive. One to buy and cellar."
- 94. 1999 Girardin Clos Vougeot49.95**
Tanzer: "92 rating. Large-scaled ... with superb concentration ... Chewy and deep ..."
- 95. 1999 Emanuel Rouget Echezeaux149.95**
One of the great wines of this domaine, from vines more than 60 years old. A big, rich and powerful Grand Cru.
- 96. 1999 DRC Assortment7,500.00**
Compellingly low price. Contains: 1 Romanée Conti, 3 La Tache, 2 Richebourg, 2 Romanée St. Vivant, 2 Grands Echezeaux, 2 Echezeaux. *One set available.*
- 97. 2000 Dugat-Py Gevrey Chamb. Vieilles Vignes .69.95**
Bernard Dugat is rapidly acquiring a Henri Jayet-like mystique among Burgundy buyers. Fantastic price for this rarity.
- 98. 2000 Nicolas Potel Clos Vougeot79.95**
Tanzer: "92-95 rating ... Silky and supersweet in the mouth, with great volume and fullness ... Old-viney texture like liquid velvet ... real grand cru Clos Vougeot."

BALSAMICO

- 99. Acetaia Malpighi Traditional 12-year-old54.95**
Smooth, sleek, sumptuously sweet yet delicate, with rich flavors of caramel, hazelnut and chocolate.
- 100. Acetaia del Cristo "Juniper" 12-year-old 69.00**
Previously reserved for the use of Cristo's Barbieri family, this Balsamico was aged primarily in rare juniper barrels. Intense evergreen aromas and mouthwatering richness. A sensational accent to steaks and other grilled meats.
- 101. Acetaia del Cristo "Cherry" 12-year-old 69.00**
Also from the Barbieri private reserve: aged primarily in cherry casks, a few drops on vanilla ice cream is heaven. Redolent of black cherries—sweet and unctuous.
- 102. Acetaia Malpighi Extravecchio 25-year-old89.00**
Impressively dense and viscous, Malpighi's *extravecchio* is among the region's most complex, exploding with flavors and aromas of chocolate and cinnamon. An endless finish.
- 103. Acetaia del Cristo Extravecchio 25-year-old89.00**
A blockbuster—thick, rich, deep in color. Rich semisweet chocolate and toffee with a citrus tang. Phenomenal volume; *awesome* length.
- 104. Acetaia del Cristo E.V. Special Selection135.00**
Aged in wood for at least 40 years—one of the *great* Balsamicos—nearly black in color, with a luxurious texture. Profound flavors of coffee, hazelnuts, toffee and figs.

SAUTERNES

- 105. 1975 Ch. Rieussec half bottle47.50**
Broadbent: "★★★★ hefty Beerenauslese-like nose and concentration ... intensely rich ..."
- 106. 1975 Ch. Rabaud-Promis65.00**
Broadbent: "★★★(★) very sweet nose and taste. Mint, raisins, syrup of figs."
- 107. 1983 Ch. d'Yquem275.00**
Parker: "96 rating ... among the most concentrated wines from this property over the last 25 years ... staggering"
- 108. 1986 Ch. Climens89.95**
Parker: "96 rating ... totally compelling ... probably the best Climens made since their spectacular 1971."
- 109. 1986 Ch. Coutet Cuvée Madame.....245.00**
Parker: "96 rating. This unbelievably decadent, unctuous wine has the type of extract ... that one normally finds only in a great vintage of Yquem ... mind-blowing!"
- 110. 1989 Ch. d'Yquem half bottle145.00**
Parker: "97+ rating ... massively rich ... reminiscent of the 1976 ... the richest Yquem made in the eighties"

CALIFORNIA

- 111. 1990 Mondavi Cabernet Reserve 3-liter485.00**
Parker: "94 rating. This wine is just beginning to drink spectacularly well ... It is loaded with flavor"
- 112. 1992 Dalla Valle Maya495.00**
Parker: "100 rating ... It is destined to be one of California's legendary wines."
- 113. 1992 Colgin-Schrader Cabernet395.00**
Parker: "96 rating ... enormously opulent ... awesomely-endowed"
- 114. 1993 Colgin-Schrader Cabernet375.00**
Parker: "95 rating ... outrageously rich, sumptuous"
- 115. 1995 Bryant Family Cabernet465.00**
Parker: "99 rating ... astonishing levels of black fruits ... phenomenal concentration, and virtually perfect balance."
- 116. 1997 Harlan Estate495.00**
Parker: "100 rating ... spectacular, soaring aromatics ... unreal richness and singular personality."
- 117. 1997 Cornerstone Cabernet Cornerstone Vyd. ...79.95**
Wine Spectator: "96 rating ... immense yet elegant."
Parker: "94 rating ... a hedonist's dream."

PRIORAT

- 118. 1994 Alvaro Palacios Finca Dofi95.00**
Parker: "95 rating ... exquisite ripeness ... this powerful wine should be at its best between 2002-2016."
- 119. 1995 Alvaro Palacios L'Ermita225.00**
Parker: "96 rating ... flamboyant, exotic ... awesome levels of extract, this wine possesses fabulous potential."
- 120. 1998 Alvaro Palacios L'Ermita225.00**
Tanzer: "96+ rating." Parker: "97 rating ... blockbuster ... superb blackberry, cassis, and cherry fruit that explodes on the mid-palate and in the finish."

RIBERA DEL DUERO

- 121. 1962 Vega Sicilia Unico395.00**
Parker: "95 rating ...fabulously complex ... a huge, fragrant bouquet ... will last for at least 15-20 more years." Tanzer: "95 rating ... silky-sweet, seamless and fresh"
- 122. 1964 Vega Sicilia Unico.....425.00**
Parker: "94 rating ... graceful, spicy, cedary ... opulent texture" Tanzer: "94 rating ... great inner-mouth flavor."
- 123. 1970 Vega Sicilia Unico450.00**
Parker: "96 rating ... a winemaking tour de force."
- 124. 1994 Pesquera Janus145.00**
Parker: "97+ rating ... awesome in its richness, intensity, and potential complexity ... profound levels of rich, concentrated black fruits"
- 125. 1996 Pingus495.00**
Parker: "97 rating ... astonishing ... spectacular"
- 126. 1996 Flor de Pingus59.95**
This wine now sells in Spain for over \$100 a bottle.
Parker: "... intensely concentrated fruit, full body, and outstanding purity and harmony."
- 127. 1998 Mauro Terreus79.95**
Tanzer: "93+ rating ... Knockout nose combines black raspberry, black cherry, Valrhona chocolate, mocha ... Hugely concentrated and deep"
- 128. 1999 Pingus295.00**
Parker: "98 rating ... a spectacular, nearly perfect 1999 Pingus ... sensational extract, gorgeous concentration"

VINTAGE PORT

- 129. 1927 Martinez325.00**
Michael Broadbent: "★★★★ still fairly deep in color; high-toned ... elegant, spicy."
- 130. 1931 Quinta do Noval2,500.00**
We know of only one bottle for sale in the U.S., priced at \$4,900. This is a superb example, bottled by the famed London merchants, Justerini & Brooks. Justly famous.
- 131. 1955 Taylor375.00**
Parker: "98 rating." Broadbent: "★★★★(★) A vast, deep, high-toned, spicy nose ... packed with fruit, extract, tannin and acidity. Taylor backbone and '55 vintage flesh"
- 132. 1955 Cockburn185.00**
Michael Broadbent: "★★★★ lovely flavor, texture."
- 133. 1970 Graham145.00**
Suckling: "94 rating ... powerful ... chocolate and berry aromas, full bodied, with anise and dried cherry flavors."
- 134. 1983 Graham54.95**
Parker: "95 rating ... has a great depth of very ripe, viscous, unctuous, plummy, tarry fruit ... certainly one of the top two or three ports of this vintage"
- 135. 1992 Fonseca half bottle49.95**
Parker: "97 rating ... a majestic young port that should ultimately rival, perhaps even surpass this house's most recent great efforts ... will age well for 30-40 years."

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Our most coveted wines (Balsamic vinegars, too) at below-market prices ... all perfect for gifts and available for holiday delivery

NORTHERN RHONE

- 1. 1978 Chave Hermitage395.00**
Parker: "96 rating ... one of Chave's single greatest vintages ... Memorizing its aromas, its flavors, its texture and its length is a quick education in what great wine is all about."
- 2. 1982 Jaboulet Hermitage La Chapelle95.00**
Parker: "92 rating ... capable of lasting another decade or more ... exotic, compelling."
- 3. 1989 Chave Hermitage Magnum 395.00**
Parker: "96 rating ... intensely fragrant...enormously rich."
- 4. 1989 Guigal Côte Rôtie La Turque395.00**
Parker: "100 rating ... its phenomenal richness make for an extraordinary tasting experience."
- 5. 1990 Alain Graillet Crozes-Hermitage Guiraud .79.95**
Parker: "94 rating ... compelling ... a multi-dimensional personality, phenomenal ripeness and richness"
- 6. 1990 Chapoutier Hermitage Vin de Paille half bt. 150.00**
Parker: "94-96 rating."
- 7. 1998 Rostaing Côte Rôtie Classique49.95**
A beautiful Côte Rôtie from the great Rostaing.
Parker: "90-92 rating ... gorgeous levels of creamy black fruits, subtle smoke and toast, a voluptuous texture"
- 8. 1998 de Vallouit Hermitage Greffieres65.00**
- 9. 1998 de Vallouit Hermitage Greffieres mag.129.95**
Parker: "94 rating ... spectacular ... old vines ... Extremely full-bodied, powerful, concentrated, and dense"
- 10. 1998 Jaboulet Hermitage La Chapelle79.95**
Wine Spectator: "96 rating. What a great red wine." #16 in the *Wine Spectator's* top 100 wines of 2000.

WHITE BURGUNDY

- 11. 1989 Louis Latour Corton Charlemagne175.00**
Parker: "95 rating ... In the mouth, one can sense its huge, weighty, high extract style. The acids are high, and the length is formidable ... an outstanding white burgundy by any standard of measurement. Don't miss it!"
- 12. 1989 Comte Lafon Meursault Charmes325.00**
Parker: "98 rating ... decadent levels of richness ..."
- 13. 1990 Coche-Dury Meursault210.00**
Classic and rare.
- 14. 1993 R & V Dauvissat Chablis La Forest35.00**
- 15. 1993 R & V Dauvissat Chablis Les Clos69.95**
Two gems for lovers of mature Dauvissat Chablis.
- 16. 1996 Raveneau Chablis Montée de Tonnerre... 89.95**
Raveneau '96's are now all but impossible to find. We have little Montée de Tonnerre, the best of the 1er crus.
- 17. 1999 Girardin Le Montrachet 195.00**
Tanzer: "94 rating ... Silky entry, then racy, delineated and quite suave for Montrachet ... Very long, slow-mounting finish displays noteworthy purity and finesse."
- 18. 1999 Dom. Leflaive Puligny Mont. Pucelles .. 110.00**
Tanzer: "93+ rating ... high-pitched, perfumed and penetrating. A superrich yet classic wine ... A great premier cru."
- 19. 1999 Dom. Leflaive Batard Montrachet195.00**
Tanzer: "94+ rating ... fat, thick, silky and extremely rich ... Finishes with palate-staining persistence."
- 20. 2000 Girardin Meursault Poruzots Vieilles Vignes 47.50**
Wine Spectator: "95 rating ... packed with ripe fruit in a balanced, silky package that soars ... shows serious power ... What class."

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