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# Holiday Cheer

## 148 Unforgettable Stocking Stuffers

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| <b>1964 Ch. Canon</b> .....195.00   | <b>1989 Ch. Haut Brion</b> .....599.00   |
| Michael Broadbent: "★★★★ ... richly colored; harmonious, fragrant; a warm character, fullish, rich, lovely."<br>Pristine; recorked at the chateau in 2004.  | Parker: "100 rating ... truly profound ... one of the greatest first-growths I have ever tasted ...."  |
| <b>1970 Ch. La Conseillante Magnum</b> .....395.00  | <b>1989 Ch. Pichon Baron</b> .....189.95   |
| Parker: "93 rating ... the sweet, truffle, caramel, mocha, jammy black-cherry, and toasty nose of this renowned estate, as well as sweet, round, concentrated flavors ...."   | Parker: "95 rating ... brilliantly made with huge, smoky, chocolatey, cassis aromas ... prodigious ... it should last for three decades or more ... a great Pichon-Baron." |
| <b>1970 Ch. Léoville Barton</b> .....125.00   | <b>1990 Ch. Pichon Lalande</b> ..... 95.00   |
| <b>1970 Ch. Léoville Barton Magnum</b> .....275.00  | Michael Broadbent: "★★★★(★) beautiful nose; great depth ..."   |
| Excellent bottles of a classic from a fine English cellar.  | <b>1990 Ch. Latour</b> ..... 550.00  |
| <b>1988 Ch. Certan de May</b> .....125.00   | Parker: "96 rating ... seductive on the attack ... a beauty."  |
| Parker: "92 rating ... muscular, powerful ... exhibits little evolution at almost ten years of age ... Roasted herb/meaty, fleshy, full-bodied flavors continue to border on the exotic ... intense, rich, long-lived ...." | <b>1990 Ch. Lynch Bages</b> .....165.00  |
|   | Parker: "94 rating ... concentrated, velvety-textured ... one of my favorite Lynch Bages vintages to drink now, although it will be even more stunning in 10-15 years."    |

## Ex-Nicolas 1928 Ch. Gruaud Larose

For lovers of older Bordeaux, the Parisian cellar of Nicolas is Mecca. In the early 20th century, when bottling was often by the cask, Nicolas enjoyed relationships with the major châteaux that insured the best bottlings. Add to this Nicolas' perfect cellar conditions and the most knowledgeable cellar staff anywhere, and you can understand why such a premium is placed on bottles with this provenance.



In the early 1990's, Nicolas released a number of its treasures onto the market, including some of the legendary 1928 Gruaud Larose. We have recently acquired a few of these bottles from an excellent European cellar. The bottles are fantastic.

**1928 Ch. Gruaud Larose Ex-Nicolas** ..... 1695.00

Parker: "97 rating. The 1928 Gruaud-Larose is an amazingly intact wine as it approaches 70 years of age. It exhibits a huge, earthy, sweet, truffle, cedar, and spicy-scented nose, huge body, noticeably high tannin, and stunning concentration ... The dark garnet color with only light amber is remarkable given the wine's age."

# Big Bottle Bordeaux

**1982 Ch. Cheval Blanc Double Magnum .....4950.00**

Parker: "99 rating ... sexy, juicy, and formidably-structured." Incredibly rare in this size. Immaculate.

**1990 Ch. Cos d'Estournel Double Magnum .....795.00**

Parker: "95 rating ... super-concentrated ... noteworthy opulence ... will continue to mature for 15-20 years."

**1983 Ch. Pichon Lalande Impériale (6-liter) .....1395.00**

Parker: "94 rating .... a stunning wine ... knock-out nose ... gorgeously concentrated and well-proportioned ... This has always been one of the stars of the vintage."

**1986 Ch. Pichon Lalande Jeroboam (5-liter) .....1325.00**

Parker: "96 rating ... the largest-framed Pichon-Lalande in over three decades ... profound bouquet ... deeply concentrated, exceptionally well-balanced ...."

**1990 Ch. Latour à Pomerol Impériale (6-liter) ....1325.00**

Michael Broadbent: "★★★★ rating ... hugely impressive in an equally impressive impériale: thick looking; sweet, meaty, harmonious ...."

**1976 Ch. Phelan Segur Jeroboam (5-liter) ..... 325.00**

Direct from Bordeaux, compellingly low priced.

## The Ultimate Bordeaux Collectible?

**Elusive 16-bottle & 8-magnum Sets of 2000 Pétrus, Latour, Margaux & Haut Brion**



In 1997, preparing for the Millennium, the Bordeaux merchants Duclot sold 16-bottle and 8-magnum sets of Ch. Pétrus, Latour, Margaux and Haut Brion from the

future 2000 vintage. Of course, this was three years before the grapes were even harvested, so it was impossible to know that it would be one of the great Bordeaux vintages ever. Still, demand was brisk, and the lavish sets—called **Carré d'As**—sold out quickly.

In the eight intervening years, Carré d'As sets have rarely appeared on the market—but when they have

appeared they've generally sold at a premium of about 20% over the value of the wines.

This fall we acquired one set of bottles and one set of magnums that had never left the city of their birth. We are pleased to offer them at prices that are little more than you'd pay today for the individual wines. As an investment, this is as good as gold. January arrival.

**2000 Carré d'As 16-bottle set .....14,950.00**

Four bottles each of 2000 Pétrus, Latour, Margaux and Haut Brion.

**2000 Carré d'As 8-magnum set .....16,500.00**

Two magnums each of 2000 Pétrus, Latour, Margaux and Haut Brion.

# Sauternes

**1921 Ch. d'Yquem Vandermeulen bottling .....2750.00**

Perhaps the greatest Yquem vintage of the 20th century. Vandermeulen were revered bottlers in Belgium; this bottle is from a superb European cellar and is in remarkable condition. Château-bottled 1921 Yquem now sells between \$5000 and \$8000.

**1955 Ch. Lafon-Laroze .....195.00**

As 2005 winds down, we've just secured a few bottles of this 50-year-old Sauternes rarity. Extremely limited.

**1959 Ch. Caillou Crème de Tête .....225.00**

Recently shipped directly from the château, a tribute to this great Sauternes vintage. Fabulous price.

**1983 Ch. Rieussec Half Bottle .....59.95**

*Wine Spectator*: "94 rating ... Nectar-like ... impressively complex, concentrated and focused ... gobs of concentrated fig, brown sugar, butterscotch and oak flavor. A knockout."

**1986 Ch. Climens Half Bottle .....65.00**

Parker: "96 rating ... there is great richness that seems all the more impressive because of the wine's remarkable clarity and definition ... Climens at its very best."

**1986 Ch. d'Yquem \* Ex-Château ..... 299.95**

Parker: "98 rating. Several highly respected Bordeaux negociants who are Yquem enthusiasts claim the 1986 Yquem is the greatest wine ... since the legendary 1937 ... should provide memorable drinking for 40-55 more years."

**2001 Ch. Suduiraut ..... 95.00**

**2001 Ch. Suduiraut Half Bottle ..... 57.50**

Parker: "98 rating ... prodigious ... notes of crème brûlée, caramelized citrus, Grand Marnier, honeysuckle ... a phenomenal Sauternes." *Wine Spectator*: "98 rating. Gorgeous aromas of honey, passion fruit, mango and candied lemon rind ... ultraconcentrated ... stunning."

# Champagne

**1978 Laurent-Perrier** .....129.95  
Powerful, intense and chocolatey.

**1979 Perrier Jouet Belle Epoque Rosé** ..... 159.95  
Richard Juhlin: "93 rating." Very rare.

**1982 Krug Late Release 1999** ..... 325.00  
Richard Juhlin: "98 rating ... will soon join the ranks of the legendary wines ... explosive ...."

**1988 Veuve Clicquot Late Release 1999**..... 95.00  
Richard Juhlin: "96 rating." One of the greatest Clicquots in recent decades, released for the Millennium.

**1990 Krug** ..... 189.95  
Steve Tanzer: "97+ rating ... apricot, honey, iodine, ... dense, full, chewy and rich; an extraordinarily solid Champagne."

**1976 Diebolt-Vallois Bl. de Blancs Late-Disgorged** ...89.95  
Tanzer: "93 rating. Highly nuanced nose combines marzipan, macadamia, toffee ... Thick with extract and very long ...."

**1985 Diebolt-Vallois Bl. de Bancs Late-Disgorged** ....69.95  
Another late-disgorged Diebolt beauty. Juhlin: "91 rating."

**1985 Veuve Clicquot Rosé** .....79.95  
Richard Juhlin: "93 rating."

**1990 Dom Pérignon Rosé Magnum** .....695.00  
Richard Juhlin: "96 rating." A legend in a rare format.

**Jacquesson**  
**"Cuvée No. 729"**  
**\$38.50 bt. \$83.95 mag.**



Jancis Robinson in the *Financial Times*: "17 points out of 20. Quite a deep colour. Dense, intellectual wine ...." (Her next highest scoring NV Champagne was Krug at 16.5.) This remarkable unfiltered Champagne offers notes of brioche and vanilla (from the oak fermentation), and a pronounced chalky minerality gives the wine its strong individuality. It's rare to find a young Champagne that is so complete and so complex.

# The Rhone Valley

**1983 Gentaz-Dervieux Côte Rôtie Côte Brune** .....125.00  
Parker: "90 rating ... outstanding underlying richness ...."

**1985 Jasmin Côte Rôtie Magnum** ..... 195.00  
In the 1980s, Jasmin was at the top of his game, and he regarded the 1985 as his family's best wine since 1947. Gorgeous magnums from a fine French cellar.

**1985 Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde** ..... 159.95  
A legendary Côte Blonde ... extremely rare.

**1995 Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde** ..... 139.95

**1995 Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde Magnum** ... 295.00  
Parker: "95+ rating .... mind-boggling nose of violets, cassis, blueberries, and vanillin. Sumptuous and rich ...."

**1999 Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde** ..... 325.00  
Parker: "100 rating ... one of the most profound and seductive Cote Roties I have ever tasted."

**1998 Guigal Côte Rôtie La Turque** ..... 299.95  
Parker: "98+ rating ... may end up being a perfect wine ... potentially legendary depth as well as intensity."

**2002 Chave Hermitage** ..... 125.00  
Parker: "93 rating ... by far one of the leading candidates for the wine of the vintage .... a wine with loads of licorice, cassis ... concentrated black currant and heady flavors."

## Châteauneuf du Pape

**1989 Ch. de Beaucastel Magnum** .....350.00  
Parker: "97 rating ... extraordinarily sweet, rich ... one of the most powerful ... Beaucastels I have ever tasted."

**1990 Domaine du Pegau "Cuvée Reservée"** .....149.95  
Tanzer: "96 rating ... huge nose of truffles, tar, super ripe black fruits ... super concentrated, powerful ...."

**1995 Clos des Papes** .....59.95  
Tanzer: "95 rating. Knockout nose ... Huge and stuffed with fruit .... Incredibly fat and very ripe ... superb wine."

**1998 Ch. de Beaucastel** .....79.95  
Parker: "96 rating ... one of the great modern day Beaucastels."

**2000 Les Cailloux Cuvée Centenaire** .....149.95  
Parker: "96 rating ... knock-out bouquet ... sexy, voluptuous, enormously concentrated ...huge, silky, seamless finish."

**2001 Bois de Boursan Cuvée Felix** .....69.95  
Parker: "95 rating ... noble, elegant, complex ... vigorous richness ... significant flavor authority ... one of the appellation's most distinctive offerings."

## A Châteauneuf Legend

**1989 Domaine Marcoux Vieilles Vignes** ..... 395.00  
Parker: "96 rating ... enormous concentration, density, and length. It offers up a tell-tale bouquet of melted licorice, creme de cassis, blackberries, and blueberries. ... the finish lasts for 60 seconds."

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# Truffle Fest

Within hours of being gathered, Alba's truffles begin to lose their haunting fragrance. But if quickly preserved in olive oil or butter—and used over warm dishes as the *Piemontese* do—the experience can be magical.

The Rare Wine Co. has sourced the best of these products, and to go with them, Inaudi's transcendent egg *tagliolini*. We are pleased to offer them all for the holidays—individually and in compelling gift sets.

**Inaudi Truffle Caviar 30g jar ..... 29.95**

Finely milled white truffle in olive oil; works superbly on pasta or eggs on its own, or with truffle butter (see below).

**Tartuflanghe Truffle Purée 30g jar ..... 39.95**

99% pure white Alba truffle in an olive oil base. Sublime.

**Tartuflanghe Truffle Butter 300g can..... 25.95**

91% butter/8% summer black truffle. Once open, these generous cans keep indefinitely in the fridge. Incredibly versatile.

**Inaudi Tagliolini all'Uovo finely cut egg pasta 250g .... 6.95**

Artisanally made with 6 egg yolks per kilo of flour, the richness of this pasta must be tasted to be believed.

**Truffle Fest Gift Set ..... 75.00**

One Tartuflanghe truffle butter (75g), one Inaudi white truffle caviar (30g), one Tartuflanghe *L'Oro in Cucina* truffle oil (100ml), and two 250g boxes of Inaudi's *tagliolini all'uovo*, with booklet.



**Truffles & Barolo 135.00**

The above assortment plus one bottle of the great 2000 Giacomo Conterno Barolo Cascina Francia.

# Spain

**1996 Pingus Impériale (6-liter) ..... 5950.00**

Only a handful of *impériales* were made of this legendary Pingus. Parker: "96 rating ... an astonishing wine that continues to put on weight ... immense body, high levels of glycerin, and a multilayered mid-palate."

**1970 Vega Sicilia Unico ..... 495.00**

Parker: "96 rating ... fabulous ... this seamless classic can be drunk now, or cellared for two decades."

**1994 Vega Sicilia Unico ..... 265.00**

Parker: "98+ rating ... truly prodigious ... it should be a wine for the history books."

**2003 Dominio de Atauta ..... 35.95**

Parker: "92 rating ... from primarily ungrafted vines that exceed 60 years of age ... a sumptuous bouquet of espresso roast, creme de cassis, licorice, tar, and spice box ... remarkable style, grace, and elegance ..."

## Australian Shiraz

**1998 Henschke Hill of Grace ..... 295.00**

Parker: "97 rating ... from vines averaging 52-144 years of age ... unquestionably profound ... It is the finest Hill of Grace I have ever passed over my palate ..."

**1991 Henschke "Hill of Grace" Signed ..... 395.00**

A famous Hill of Grace from Henschke's private library, signed by Stephen Henschke. Parker: "95 rating ... huge ... immensely concentrated yet formidably endowed wine." Tanzer: "95+ rating."

**1996 Astralis ..... 195.00**

Parker: "97 rating ... A mammoth, blockbuster ... awesome layers ... magnificent, concentrated cassis fruit."

**1991 Grange ..... 295.00**

Parker: "96+ rating ... cut from the same cloth as the glorious '71 and '76."

**1999 Grange ..... 225.00**

*Wine Spectator*: "94 rating ... tremendously classy ... The flavors gain with each sip, fanning out impressively."

## LOPEZ DE HEREDIA LEGENDS

For 25 years, Lopez de Heredia has been among Rioja's most revered traditional producers. We are pleased to offer the following rarities, recently shipped from their cellars.

**1942 Bosconia Gran Reserva (Red) ..... 325.00**

A dark, powerful, very concentrated old-style Rioja from one of the great vintages of the last century.

**1947 Bosconia Gran Reserva (Red) ..... 295.00**

Nineteen forty-seven was hugely ripe, and Bosconia captures the essence of the vintage. Fantastic old-vine character.

**1954 Tondonia Gran Reserva (Red) ..... 179.95**

Beautifully refined, Burgundian in its elegance, still full and vigorous after 51 years.

**1976 Bosconia Gran Reserva (Red) ..... 95.00**

Tanzer: "96 rating ... Multidimensional nose of raspberry, black plum ... coffee, milk chocolate, ... Big, rich, powerful"

**1985 Tondonia Gran Reserva (Red) ..... 59.95**

Tanzer: "95 rating Knockout perfumed nose ... Great clarity and grip in the mouth ... An extremely elegant, very intensely flavored Rioja with superb persistence."

# Piedmont

- 1964 Giacomo Conterno Barolo** .....295.00  
*Piedmont Report*: “98 rating ... delicate and perfumed nose that continues seamlessly onto the palate ... inviting and refreshing beyond words ... exceptional and unforgettable.”
- 1990 Bruno Giacosa Barolo Villero** .....189.95  
 Parker: “94+ rating ... admirably rich and intense ...”
- 1996 Francesco Rinaldi Barolo Brunata** .....49.95  
 A fabulous 1996 from a top traditionalist at an amazing price. Sure to develop for many years.
- 1996 Ceretto Barbaresco Asili Fasét** .....49.95  
*Wine Spectator*: “93 rating ... a full-bodied Barbaresco that speaks a true Piedmont voice ... classy balance.”
- 1996 Bruno Giacosa Barbaresco Rabaja** .....135.00  
 Parker: “93-95 rating ... an enormous impact on the palate, it is extremely concentrated ... marvelously well-integrated.”
- 1997 Giacomo Conterno Barolo Monfortino** .....235.00  
 Daniel Thomases: “98 rating ... a richness which is almost indescribable ... Giovanni Conterno’s monument, the greatest ever in a series which goes back all the way to the 1950s.”
- 1998 Bruno Giacosa Barbaresco Santo Stefano Rsva** 135.00  
 Steve Tanzer: “94+ rating ... Complex, penetrating ... great verve... insinuating inner-mouth perfume.”
- 1999 Giacomo Conterno Barolo Cascina Francia** .....79.95  
 Daniel Thomases: “92 rating ... the epitome of classic Barolo ... lovely kirsch and licorice flavors ... enveloping ...”
- ROBERTO VOERZIO BAROLO MAGNUMS**
- 1990 Brunate Magnum** ..... 295.00
- 1990 Cerequio Magnum** ..... 295.00
- 1996 Capalot & Brunate V.V. Rsva Mag\* WS97** ... 295.00  
 A trio of highly sought-after magnums from the master.

# California

- 1994 Caymus Special Selection Cabernet** .....195.00  
 Parker: “95 rating ... hedonistic ... superb levels of fruit, glycerin, and extract ... it should last for two decades.”
- 1999 Abreu Cabernet “Madrona Ranch”** ..... 195.00  
 Parker: “93 rating ... remarkably complex ... should be exceptionally long-lived. There are 500 cases of this beauty.”
- 2001 Harlan Estate** .....595.00  
 Parker: “100 rating ... a perfect wine ....”
- 2003 Ramey Jericho Canyon Cab/Merlot** .....89.95
- 2003 Ramey Jericho Canyon Cab/Merlot Magnum** 189.00  
 Tanzer: “93-96 rating. Offers an exhilarating sweetness in the mouth ... Magically fresh and light on its feet for such a large-scaled wine, thanks to perfectly integrated acidity. Finishes extremely long ... Offers great potential.”
- 2003 Pax Syrah “Cuvée Christine”** ..... 59.95  
 An homage to Chave and Jamet—marrying four of Pax’s most concentrated Syrahs from 2003. *Huge potential.*
- 2001 Marcassin Chardonnay “Three Sisters”** .....225.00  
 Parker: “95 rating ... beautiful honeyed richness, great definition...” *Wine Spectator*: “98 rating ... ultrarich...”
- 2001 Marcassin Chardonnay “Upper Barn”** .....175.00  
 Parker: “93 rating ... fat, honeyed, flamboyant ....”

## Antique Decanters

We can still offer a few beautiful antique English and Irish decanters for holiday delivery. For photos, call us or visit our website—[www.rarewineco.com](http://www.rarewineco.com)



# White Burgundy

- 1995 Joseph Drouhin Beaune Clos des Mouches Blanc Magnum**.....159.95  
 Rovani: “92 rating .... outstanding ... copious quantities of honeysuckle, anise and minerals ...” Pristine magnums.
- 1995 Ramonet Le Montrachet** .....795.00  
 Holy Grail. One bottle limit.
- 1996 La Chablisienne Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume** 35.00  
*Wine Spectator*: “94 rating ... Ultrarich ... marvelous pear, honey ... and tropical character that you expect from '96.”
- 2000 Bouchard Pere et Fils Meursault Perrières** .... 69.95  
*Wine Spectator*: “95 rating ... Gorgeous. Supersupple, silky ... long finish with smoky, toasted notes that linger forever.”
- 2000 Raveneau Chablis Les Clos** ..... 225.00  
 Tanzer: “95+ rating ... outstanding intensity ....”
- 2000 Raveneau Chablis Montée de Tonnerre** ..... 79.95  
 Tanzer: “92 rating ... deep, complex nose ... Thick, suave and seamless; dry, classy and rich ....”
- 2001 Coche-Dury Corton Charlemagne** ..... 1295.00  
 Rovani: “98-100 rating ... layered, opulent, and sexy ... all the ear-marks of perfection ... this wine is amazing ....”
- 2001 Paul Pernet Bienvenue Batard Montrachet** ....110.00  
 Tanzer: “91 rating ... fresh, pure aromas ... an impressively layered texture and excellent backbone for aging.”
- 2001 Sauzet Batard Montrachet** ..... 179.95  
*Burghound*: “93 rating ... explosive ... extremely powerful.”
- 2001 Sauzet Puligny Montrachet Combettes** ..... 79.95  
 Tanzer: “92 rating ... Highly aromatic ... Thick and concentrated ... built to last.”
- 2002 Girardin Bienvenue Batard Montrachet** .....129.95  
 Rovani: “93-94 rating ... Big, broad, fleshy, and deep ... reveals an exceptionally long finish. \$190 retail.”
- 2002 René & Vincent Dauvissat Chablis Sèchet** .....42.95  
 Rovani: “93 rating ... awesome presence, delineation, balance ... redolent with baked peaches, white flowers and slate.”

# Balsamico Treasures

Save 5% on any Balsamico purchase of 6 bottles or more

With their ebony hues, towering bouquets, and intensely rich, sweet palates, Modena's great *Balsamico Tradizionale* vinegars rival the world's greatest wines for complexity and pleasure.

The Rare Wine Co. has the finest range of these vinegars in America. Unlike the many "balsamic" pretenders, these are artisanally aged in the attics of houses around the northern Italian city of Modena. Matured in barrel for a minimum of 12 years (and up to a century or more), the vinegars must pass rigorous blind tastings. Few are approved for sale as *Balsamico Tradizionale*, and we choose the best of these.

The most important producer of *Balsamico Tradizionale* is Acetaia del Cristo. With hundreds of barrels dating back generations, they produce not only Modena's finest 12- and 25-year Balsamicos, but three



Barrels resting at Acetaia del Cristo

rarities: Nonna, Paradiso and Amelia. Drawn a liter or two at a time from the family's oldest barrels, these may be the greatest Balsamicos in existence.

This fall, in addition to the Acetaia del Cristo vinegars, we are pleased to offer Balsamicos from two other fine artisanal producers: Pedroni and San Giorgio, whose superb *extravecchio* has been unavailable to us since 2001.

Drizzle these amazing vinegars over aged Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, meats, fish, vegetables, fresh berries and melon, and ice cream.

Though our prices are already the lowest in America, you can save a further 5% with a purchase of six or more bottles. Treat yourself ... and your friends. They make sensational holiday gifts.

**Cristo Traditional 12-year-old ..... 59.95**

Deep, glowing color. Flavors of cedar and chocolate with a fantastic balance of sweetness and tanginess; really delicious.

**Pedroni Traditional 12-year-old ..... 59.95**

One of Modena's most respected small producers, Pedroni is new to our line-up. Their 12-year-old is a beauty: unusually concentrated, with great balancing acidity and seductive aromatics.

## Explosive Cherry & Juniper Vinegars

The Barbieri family of Acetaia del Cristo has long aged a small amount of vinegar primarily in cherry and juniper casks for their own use. In recent years they've shared a little of this nectar with us. Not to be missed.

**Cristo 'Juniper' 12-year-old ..... 69.00**

Intensely rich and smooth Balsamico with sweet evergreen flavor. Amazing on grilled meats and roasted vegetables.

**Cristo 'Cherry' 12-year-old ..... 75.00**

With deep black cherry flavors and a sweet, tangy finish. Its round opulence makes it heaven on vanilla ice cream.

**Cristo Extravecchio 'Juniper' 25-year-old ..... 119.95**

Aged entirely in juniper for more than 25 years, this marvel is astonishingly thick and rich with subtle undertones of sweet herbs, cedar and mint. Miniscule production.

**Cristo Extravecchio 'Cherry' 25-year-old ..... 119.95**

25 years of aging in cherry barrels has given this unique Balsamico its explosive kirsch and dark chocolate aromas and flavors. Must be tasted to be believed. Tiny production.

**Cristo Extravecchio 25-year-old ..... 95.00**

A blockbuster—thick, rich and deep in color with fantastic concentration. Phenomenal volume; *awesome* length.

**San Giorgio Extravecchio ..... 110.00**

One of the older *extravecchios* around—San Giorgio reports it to be 40 years old. Lush, concentrated, beautifully focused, with compelling length. A beauty.

**Cristo Extravecchio Special Selection 40-year-old... 145.00**

One of the great Balsamicos—nearly black in color, with a luxuriously rich texture. Intense flavors of coffee, hazelnuts and figs. Truly profound.

## Ultimate Rarities

**Cristo Selezione 'Nonna' ..... 225.00**

The three barrels that produced this selection date back to 1885, 1890 and 1908. Each year, just 10 bottles are taken from each barrel. Incredibly smooth and explosively scented.

**Cristo Selezione 'Paradiso' ..... 225.00**

Drawn from an ancient battery of oak barrels, this year's Paradiso is a masterpiece of richness. Just 30 bottles produced.

**Cristo Selezione 'Amelia' ..... 225.00**

As old and sweet as Nonna, Selezione Amelia may be even more of a head-turner. Primordially viscous. Fewer than 20 bottles produced this year. Fabulous.

## Balsamic Necessities



**Ceramic Tasting Spoon .... 6.95**

**Blown-Glass Stopper-Pourer 7.95**

**Stopper-Pourer ..... 5.95**

# Vintage Port

Oporto-Bottled  
**1970 Fonseca**  
*96 Suckling*  
**\$175.00**



The last major port vintage largely bottled in England was 1970. Consequently, finding Oporto-bottled 1970 Fonseca becomes more difficult by the year. James Suckling: "96 rating ... fat, rich and powerful fruit ... with smoky mint, tar and fruit aromas, full-bodied, with concentrated fruit."

**Superb Examples of the Magnificent 1963s**  
**1963 Taylor** .....**285.00**  
 Parker: "97 rating ... quite fabulous."  
**1963 Cockburn** .....**149.95**  
 M. Broadbent: "★★★★." Beautiful bottles from a fine English cellar. Incredible price today for an elite 1963.

**Rarest Pre-Phylloxera Port**  
**laid down 1853, bottled 2001**  
**Reserve King Pedro V**  
**\$435.00 bottle \$225.00 half bottle**

In cask 148 years. Exquisitely deep mahogany color. The nose is deep and full, with ambrosial scents of walnuts, figs, crème brûlée and tar. Powerful and intensely concentrated on the palate; perfect balance. A marvel not just for its great age, but its richness.

**1970 Graham from a**  
**Cambridge University Cellar**

The colleges at Cambridge and Oxford are renowned for their ports, always purchased on release and knowledgeably cellared. Here's our latest acquisition:

**1970 Graham**  
**\$149.95**



James Suckling: "94 rating ... extremely full bodied, powerful ... but still retains a classy balance ... chocolate and berry aromas ...." M. Broadbent: "★★★★ Gloriously fragrant and flowery; complete, excellent."

**Pristine 1970 Taylor**

The great 1970 Taylor with levels *way* into the neck. It's rare to see this classic in such mint condition.

**1970 Taylor** .....**149.95**  
 Suckling: "98 rating ... lives up to Taylor's superb reputation ... intense violet and chocolate aromas ... gorgeous fruit flavors ... Amazing balance and finesse."

**1983 Cockburn: A Legend**  
**1983 Cockburn**  
*97 Suckling*  
**\$79.95**



Suckling: "A great young vintage Port ... Inky color ... perfumed cherry and berry aromas, full bodied ... intense cherry and berry flavors and a lingering finish."

# Red Burgundy

**1990 Comte de Vogüé Musigny Vieilles Vignes** .....**595.00**  
 Parker: "96 rating ... loaded ... should prove to be one of the longest-lived red Burgundies made in the last twenty years."  
**1991 Ponsot Clos St. Denis Vieilles Vignes** .....**550.00**  
 Parker: "97 rating ... huge, massively extracted, amazingly well-defined, impeccably balanced ...."  
**1993 Ponsot Clos de la Roche Vieilles Vignes** .....**550.00**  
 Parker: "99 rating ... awesome, compelling, profound ...."  
**1993 Coste-Caumartin Pommard Clos Boucherottes** **59.95**  
 One of Burgundy's elite monopoles, in the same family for more than 200 years. A great vintage ... an amazing price.  
**1999 Groffier Bonnes Mares\*** ..... **195.00**  
 Tanzer: "95 rating ... a great example of Bonnes-Mares ..."

**1996 Comte de Vogüé Bonnes Mares** ..... **269.95**  
 Tanzer: "93+ rating ... Quintessential grand cru intensity."  
**2000 Joseph Roty Charmes Chambertin VV** ..... **145.00**  
 Tanzer: "93+ rating ... perfumed fruit of great class ...."  
**2000 Hubert Lignier Morey St. Denis** .....**29.95**  
 A "gift" for lovers of the great Lignier's wines.  
**2002 Perrot-Minot Mazoyères-Chambertin** .....**165.00**  
*Wine Spectator*: "97 rating. Intense ... cassis and smoke flavors. Almost meaty ... Long, sweet finish ... 175 cases made."  
**2002 Dugat-Py Gevrey Chambertin Coeur de Roy** ..... **119.95**  
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 In 2002, Bernard Dugat's famed "Coeur de Roy" is quintessentially muscular, made from 50-90 year vines. Classic.

# Madeira: The Classics

*"The finest retail source in the U.S. for authentic Madeira is The Rare Wine Co." R. Parker*

With its explosive perfume, velvety texture and unctuous palate, a well-aged Madeira offers a level of drama and pleasure that few other wines can hint at.



Madeira in the 1820s

The Rare Wine Co.'s collection spans two centuries and is one of the world's deepest. Our current list can be faxed or emailed, or it can be browsed

at [www.rarewineco.com](http://www.rarewineco.com). But you can also choose from the ten wines below, each selected to demonstrate Madeira's profound complexity, as well as its diversity.

The wines are presented by century and varietal, in descending order of sweetness. Each offers a perfect introduction to Madeira's glory.

## Twentieth Century Jewels

### 1962 Barbeito Malvasia ..... 139.95

A vanishing rarity: a late 20th century Malmsey made entirely from grapes grown on Madeira's providential South Coast. Much of it was also pressed in ancient stone *lagares*. In 2002 the sole surviving barrel of this beautifully aromatic and velvety Malmsey was bottled from demijohn.

### 1968 D'Oliveira Bual ..... 95.00

Michael Broadbent: "★★★★. In oak 20 years, 20.4%, 2.4° Baume. Glorious nose, rich yet delicate, touch of vanilla. Flavour to match. Sweet, excellent acidity."

### 1905 D'Oliveira Verdelho ..... 299.95

*Wine Spectator*: "98 rating. What an intense wine. Fabulous bouquet of rich, sumptuous caramel ... rapiere-like acidity ... Excellent harmony, balance and flavors."

### 1977 D'Oliveira Terrantez ..... 79.95

Terrantez came close to extinction after Phylloxera, but a few growers began replanting it in the 1940s and 1950s. This beautiful example is soft, tangy, and subtly fragrant, with a sumptuous finish. Approaching Sercial dryness, this 1977 is a fabulous cheese wine.

### 1978 Barbeito Sercial ..... 75.00

In 1983, Barbeito selected the best barrel from their 1978 Sercial harvest to produce this wine. Bottled from demijohn in 2001-02. Just .6% residual sugar, but soft in acidity, this is a really delicious Sercial.

## Pre-Phylloxera Legends

### 1834 Barbeito Malvasia ..... 425.00

*Wine Spectator*: "96 rating. Coffee colored ... bitter chocolate, leather and fruitcake. The flavors melt in the mouth in this medium-sweet Madeira of beautiful balance and structure. The chocolate notes echo on the finish."

### 1863 Barbeito Bual ..... 350.00

Steve Tanzer: "94 rating ... High-toned, extremely aromatic nose of caramel apple. Piercing appley acidity gives this firm, very rich wine perfect balance and razor-sharp definition ... powerful back-end fruit. The sweetness returns on the deep finish."

### 1850 D'Oliveira Verdelho ..... 495.00

Michael Broadbent: "★★★★. One adjective covers appearance, nose and palate: intense. Fabulous, fairly deep colour for an old Verdelho, very rich, powerful, peppery acidic bouquet and flavour."

### 1846 Borges Terrantez (bottled 1900) ..... 895.00

Alex Liddell: "★★★★ characteristic dark-toned bouquet of dates, herbs, fudge ... considerable extract, bitter-sweet ... a sophisticated, mellowed, stylish wine of wonderful quality ...."

### 1862 D'Oliveira Sercial ..... 495.00

*Wine Spectator*: "97 rating ... explodes on the palate, full of butterscotch flavor that's mouthcoating ... intense and laser-like, leaving an intriguing smokiness in the finish."

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