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HOLIDAYS 2007

Holiday Cheer

160 Simply Unforgettable Stocking Stuffers, starting with ...

Grange Mags, The Grail

As collectibles in Australia, magnums of Grange are in a class of their own. Penfolds has always made just enough to intrigue collectors, but few enough to keep them exceedingly rare.

So, Down Under, if you ever manage to come across a magnum of Grange, expect to pay four times the cost of a bottle—and even more if it's an older vintage.

In the nearly two decades in which we've sold Grange, we've handled over 5,000 bottles. Yet, during the same period, perhaps two dozen magnums have passed through our hands. They are just that rare.

So you can imagine our excitement when, a few weeks ago, we acquired an *extremely* rare parcel of magnums of one of our favorite recent Granges, 1996. The mags had been cellared since release by an important European customer of Penfolds and are *immaculate* in their original individual presentation cases.

1996 Grange

Since its release more than five years ago, Australians have considered 1996 one of the great modern-day Granges, and the finest between 1991 and 1998. Their enthusiasm has never flagged and even today, 1996 sells for more in auctions than such classic rari-



ties as 1980, 1981 and 1982.

After we bought our cache of '96 mags we looked around to see what they sell for in Australia and New Zealand, generally finding them priced between US\$1200-1600. Though we were delighted by what we found, we weren't surprised. We knew we had gotten an incredible deal.

You may never again have the chance to buy a magnum of such an illustrious vintage of Grange, particularly at a price this low. Don't pass this opportunity by. *Very limited.*

1996 Penfolds Grange
97 Wine Spectator
\$895.00 magnum

Among the greatest young Granges, this may well be the finest version made between 1986 and 1998—even topping the famous 1990. The *Wine Spectator* concurs: "A massive wine, with cascades of potent plum, cherry and blackberry fruit swirling around wafts of black pepper, bay leaf and exotic spice, which last and last on the finish, hinting at smoky, meaty notes. It's all packed in tightly, suggesting this should evolve spectacularly with age."

Magnum Opus

More Prized Magnums You Thought You'd Never See Again

CHAMPAGNE

1975 Deutz Vinothèque Magnum245.00

Juhlin: "92 rating. Only in magnum. Vivacious and deep ... layers of dry cocoa, leather, marzipan and dried fruit over the very minerally and fresh champagne foundation."

1982 Krug Magnum1750.00

Parker: "96 rating." Juhlin: "98 rating ... will join the ranks of the legendary wines ... The fruit is enormous, the acidity, the concentration, the house's barrel tones."

1988 Dom Perignon Rosé Magnum995.00

Juhlin: "97 rating ... a terroir-propelled elegance and a La Tâche-like silkiness ..." Tanzer: "97 rating ... huge, rich and mouthfilling ... yet this dances on the palate ... as complex as a great grand cru red Burgundy."

1988 Henriot 'Cuvée Enchantaleurs' Magnum295.00

Juhlin: "96 rating ... fine freshness, breeding, and elegance ... incredibly splendid ... buttery concentration ... beautifully floral perfume ... a more classic representative of this type of wine does not exist."

1999 Philipponnat 'Clos des Goisses' Magnum275.00

Juhlin: "95 rating. Unusually soft and poised style from the start thanks to the charm of the vintage. Slightly smoky with nutty light citrus and linden flower tones. Full and thick and promisingly long."

Deutz's '96 Cuvée William in Rare Jeros!

1996 Deutz 'Cuvée William' Jeroboam (3L) 650.00

Juhlin: "95 rating ... seductively creamy and deep ... the fruit of this high-class Pinot Noir began to make itself known, like a rumbling thunderstorm in the distance."

Wine Advocate: "95 rating ... classically structured ... rich, concentrated, and exceptionally long"

TUSCANY

2003 Percarlo Magnum 135.00

A. Galloni: "93 rating ... balsamic and mineral notes interwoven into a fabric of super-ripe fruit and toasted oak with a powerful personality ... a rich, weighty Percarlo."

1990 Sammarco Magnum 285.00

Parker: "93 rating ... a worthy rival to the glorious 1985 ... rich, beautifully delineated and structured ... reminds me of a top Graves"

1995 Salvioni Brunello di Montalcino Magnum325.00

Parker: "92 rating ... superbly complex ... scents of truffles, roasted meats ... a hedonistic as well as intellectual turn-on."

1998 Tenuta di Trinoro 'Palazzi' Double Magnum .395.00

Parker: "93 rating ... exotic, sweet nose of blackberries and spices ... copious quantities of glycerin, supple tannin, and a blockbuster, rich finish with tremendous complexity."

PIEDMONT

1997 Cappellano Barolo 'Pie Rupestris' Magnum ..115.00

From half-century old vines, a brilliant marriage of classical structure with the lushness of the 1997 vintage. Very soft yet concentrated and quite rich on the palate, but with vibrant acidity and muscular structure.

2000 G. Conterno Barolo 'Cascina Francia' Mag....175.00

Steve Tanzer: "91+ rating ... densely packed, vinous and long, with a fragrant tobacco note on the aftertaste."

A. Galloni: "92 rating ... licorice, cocoa and mint, with good length and overall balance ... immensely rewarding."

1961 Gaja Barbaresco Magnum895.00

An incredible rarity, a legendary Barbaresco by Angelo Gaja's father in magnum format. *Only one available.*

1996 B. Giacosa Barbaresco Asili Rsva. Mag. 760.00

Parker: "98+ rating ... utterly perfect ... a heroic offering ... massive concentration, extract, and overall harmony."

1997 Bartolo Mascarello Barolo Magnum 225.00

Parker: "94 rating ... an impressive, old style, heavyweight effort that will age for three decades ... a classic"

1999 Produttori Barbaresco 'Ovello' Rsva Mag. 89.95

Tanzer: "90+ rating. Expressive aromas ... enticing autumnal quality. Lush and sweet ... impressive palate presence."

1990 Scavino Barolo 'Bric del Fiasc' Magnum 395.00

Parker: "96 rating ... immense, statuesque ... exceptional richness and complexity"

CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE

2000 Dom. Pegau GDP 'Cuvée Reservée' Mag.195.00

Parker: "95 rating ... opulent and voluptuous, with fabulous fruit concentration ... a tour de force"

1990 Clos des Papes GDP Magnum475.00

Parker: "96 rating ... the last vintage vinified with 100% stems ... full-bodied, opulent" Tanzer: "94+ rating ... great density and concentration ... An extraordinary wine."

2001 Beaucastel 'Hommage à J. Perrin' Mag. *750.00

Parker: "99 rating ... nearly impenetrable ... new saddle leather, melted asphalt, camphor, blackberries, smoky, roasted herbs, and Asian spices."

SAUTERNES

2001 Ch. Climens Magnum895.00

Parker: "100 rating ... prodigious ... finish seemingly lasts forever. This monumental effort is the stuff of legends."

1990 Ch. Coutet 'Cuvée Madame' Magnum745.00

Parker: "98 rating ... rich and powerful ... a profound bouquet ... extraordinarily rich ... spectacular" Rare!

2001 Ch. d'Yquem Magnum1495.00

Parker: "100 rating ... perfect ... appears set to take its place among the most legendary vintages of the past"

Magnum Opus Continued

CALIFORNIA CABERNETS

- 2002 Merus Magnum** 395.00
 Parker: "95 rating ... a rich, fragrant nose of blackberries, toasty oak, cassis, and licorice ... superb density."
- 2003 Togni Cabernet Magnum** 195.00
 Parker: "95 rating ... classic aromas and flavors of creme de cassis, black currants, blackberries, dried herbs ... pure and concentrated ... should last for three decades."
- 2003 Ramey 'Jericho Canyon' Magnum** 189.00
 Tanzer: "94 rating ... wonderfully expressive ... superripe but fresh flavors of cassis, dark chocolate, smoke and cigar box. Finishes with big, rich, mellow tannins ..."
- 2003 Harlan Estate Magnum** 1195.00
 Parker: "95 rating ... like a hypothetical blend of a top-notch Pauillac and Graves ... gorgeous purity ..."
- 1990 Dunn Cabernet 'Howell Mountain' Magnum** 450.00
 Parker: "96 rating ... immense concentration. The richest Dunn Cabernet since the 1984s?"

2004 Ramey 'Hudson' Chardonnay Magnum 119.95
 Tanzer: "94 rating. Powerful, deeply concentrated ... a wine of this quality, it's an absolute steal."

RED BURGUNDY

- 2002 Clos des Lambrays Magnum** 245.00
Burghound: "92 rating. Aromas of wild berries, game and a subtle note of smoke ... rich, intense ... strikingly long ... should age gracefully for two decades."
- 2004 Ponsot Clos de la Roche V.V. Magnum** 325.00
Burghound: "92 rating ... flat-out incredible length and impeccable balance. This will join the ranks of some of the best vintages of Ponsot's Clos de la Roche ..."
- 2004 J. Roty Charmes Chambertin T.V.V. Mag.** .. 450.00
 Steve Tanzer: "94 rating ... Captivating aromas ... silky and sweet, with uncanny depth ... very long finishing flavors of spice and licorice. An incredible performance ..."

BORDEAUX

- 1978 Ch. La Tour Haut Brion Magnum** 695.00
 A mythic wine. Parker: "95 rating ... explosive nose ... powerful, muscular ... profoundly rich ... drink thru 2020."
- 1990 Ch. Figeac Magnum** 495.00
 Parker: "94 rating ... fabulous ... potentially a richer, more complete and complex wine than the 1982 ..."
- 1989 Ch. Haut Brion Magnum** 2950.00
 Parker: "100 rating ... truly profound ... prodigious ... one of the greatest first-growths I have ever tasted ..."
- 2000 Ch. Leoville Barton Magnum** 395.00
 Parker: "96 rating ... one of the greatest wines ever made at this estate ..."
- 1982 Ch. Pichon Lalande Magnum** 1450.00
 Robert Parker: "100 rating ... gloriously perfumed, luxuriously rich Pauillac the likes of which are rarely encountered."

NORTHERN RHONE

- 1978 Paul Jaboulet Crozes-Hermitage 'Domaine de Thalabert' Magnum** 275.00
 During the '60s and '70s, Thalabert was surpassed in stature only by La Chapelle within the Jaboulet stable. Not surprisingly, 1978 was a towering vintage.
- 1995 Rostaing Côte Rôtie 'Côte Blonde' Magnum** 350.00
 Parker: "95 rating ... mind-boggling nose of violets, cassis, blueberries, and vanillin. Sumptuous and rich ... fabulous persistence and delineation ... a tour de force ..."
- 1998 Guigal Côte Rôtie 'Brune et Blonde' Mag.** 125.00
Wine Spectator: "93 rating" Tanzer: "fine, peppery tannins and excellent persistence. Classic Côte-Rôtie."
- 2003 Ogier Côte Rôtie Magnum** 110.00
Wine Spectator: "94 rating. Very ripe, dark, polished ... layers of fig, plum and boysenberry fruit ... a fine minerality ... that keeps it grounded in its terroir."

WHITE BURGUNDY

- 2004 Raveneau Chablis 'Montée de Tonnerre' Mag.** 249.95
Burghound: "93 rating ... big, powerful ... a racehorse ... can compete with the *grands crus* ... has that 'wow' factor."
- 2004 R & V Dauvissat Chablis 'La Forest' Mag.** ... 165.00
Burghound: "... definitely one to buy and cellar."
 Tanzer: "... the concentration of flavor is amazing."
- 2000 R & V Dauvissat Chablis 'Les Preuses' Mag.** 450.00
 Tanzer: "97 rating. Coats the palate with liquid stone ... I couldn't get this wine out of my head on my drive to Paris the next day and on the flight home: is that long, or what?"

SPAIN

- 1995 L'Ermita Magnum** 595.00
 Parker: "94+ rating ... deep, powerful and rich ... formidable style, intensity and flavor." Tanzer: "95+ rating ... Huge, sensual and deep ... great creamy depth of flavor."
- 2004 Pingus Magnum** 1950.00
 Jay Miller in *The Wine Advocate*: "100 rating"
- 2004 Atauta Magnum** 89.95
 Jay Miller in *The Wine Advocate*: "92 rating ... from 60- to 150-year-old, biodynamically farmed, mostly ungrafted Tempranillo ... coffee, black cherry and blackberry ... admirably combines ripe, sweet fruit with elegance ..."

Rare J.J. Prüm Magnum

- 2005 J.J. Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese Magnum** 149.95
 Few mags were made. *Wine Spectator:* "97 rating. Peach, lime and floral aromas and flavors are highlighted by a golden apple tone in this pure, focused Riesling, with a juicy, lime- and mineral-tinged aftertaste. Has great definition, based on the vibrant structure and precision balance."



Red Burgundy

1980 Henri Mayer Richebourg 4,950.00

1980 Henri Mayer Vosne-Romanée Brulées2,250.00

The Holy Grail of Burgundy.

1985 Rousseau Gevrey-Chamb. Clos St. Jacques 595.00

Famed, coveted and less than half the price of the 2005.

1988 Drouhin Vosne-Romanée Les Beaumonts 89.95

The essence of Drouhin's classic, perfumed style.

1990 Comte de Vogüé Musigny Vieilles Vignes ... 895.00

Parker: "96 rating ... one of the longest-lived red Burgundies made in the last twenty years."

1991 Ponsot Clos St. Denis Vieilles Vignes895.00

Parker: "97 rating ... only 5-10 cases imported to the United States ... huge nose ... phenomenal richness"

1995 Lafarge Volnay Clos des Chênes 89.95

Tanzer: "92 rating ... perfumed, nuanced ... classy juice."

1996 Drouhin-Laroze Chambertin Clos de Bèze85.00

Wine Spectator: "93 rating. Gorgeous mouthful of Pinot ... harmonious ... concentrated and smooth"

1996 D. Laurent Gevrey-Chambertin Gazetiers 69.95

Tanzer: "91-94 rating ... Noble aromas ... texture of liquid silk ... from Pinot Noir planted before World War I."

1997 Denis Mortet Gevrey Lavaux St. Jacques 95.00

Tanzer: "92 rating. Explosive aromas ... really reverberates on the palate ... finishes very long"

1997 Perrot-Minot Chambolle-Musigny 'Fuées' 49.95

Pierre Rovani: "90-93 rating ... only 62 cases produced ... Licorice, stones, and blackberry liqueur saturate the palate ... masculine, powerful"

1999 Jean-Jacques Confuron

Nuits St. Georges 'Boudots' 75.00

Tanzer: "91 rating ... dense, concentrated and strong ..."

2000 Vincent Girardin Chambertin Clos de Bèze ...125.00

Tanzer: "92+ rating ... silky and perfumed ... with compelling complexity"

2002 Comtes Lafon Volnay Santenots-du-Milieu .. 125.00

Pierre Rovani: "93-95 rating ... explodes from the glass ... expansive waves of dense black cherries."

2002 Comte de Vogüé Chambolle-Musigny 89.95

Vogüé's 2002s are already mythic, making our price for the '02 Chambolle compelling indeed. *Burghound*: "... remarkably deep ... with notably ripe perfumed black fruit aromas followed by dense, very sappy, very ripe flavors ... a persistent, very complex finish."

2004 Dom. Forey Vosne Romanée 'Petits Monts' ...89.95

Petits Monts is one of a handful of Burgundy *premier crus* that consistently delivers wines of *grand cru* quality. Along with Drouhin, Forey makes the best. The 2004 is an exquisitely mineral, fabulously textured beauty.

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Antique Wine Decanters

This is our fifteenth annual holiday offering of original antique decanters, each representing a classic style of the 18th or 19th centuries, and accompanied by a letter of authentication signed by Andrew Burne, one of England's foremost experts on early English and Irish glass.

The decanters shown here are among those available for delivery the week of December 10th. Photographs of the others are available on our website www.rarewineco.com, or by fax or e-mail on request. Decanters are 750ml bottle size unless noted.



L5. George III Decanter, bull's-eye stopper. Irish, Belfast, c.1790 \$925.00



L8. George III Decanter with molded mushroom stopper. English, c. 1800. \$1150.00



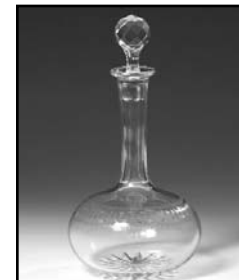
L10. George III Decanter with mushroom stopper. English, c. 1800. \$895.00



L11. George IV Decanter, mushroom stopper. English, c. 1820. \$850.00



L21. Victorian Claret Jug, silver plated. English, c. 1890. \$750.00



L25. PAIR Victorian decanters with facet ball stoppers. English, c. 1880. \$450

Attention California residents. Proposition 65 WARNING: Consuming foods or beverages that have been kept or served in leaded crystal products will expose you to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Madeira's Year

2007 saw an explosion of interest in one of the world's singular wines

In its 500-year history, Madeira has had more than its share of ups and downs. In the late 1700s it was *the* most prestigious wine in the English-speaking world, but with little wine to sell after Phylloxera arrived in the 1870s, it plunged into a century-long oblivion.

Today, Madeira's unconscionable obscurity is finally ending, as the world's highest-profile chefs are championing it for its magical food pairings, while serious oenophiles revel in the magic of its ancient vintages.

It is a measure of Madeira's new celebrity that so much has been written and said about it in 2007. *The New York Times* published two major articles on Madeira,

NPR's *All Things Considered* featured it, and the internet has been awash in impassioned tasting reports.

It was inevitable that such a surge in interest would stress the already fragile supply of one of the world's smallest-production wines. The rapidly vanishing older vintages are particularly vulnerable, with mature wines becoming ever rarer and more valuable.

In 2008, prices are sure to be affected—particularly for Americans, whose Dollar has fallen a further thirteen percent this year. What does our crystal ball say? Look for most Madeira prices to be going up **ten to twenty-five percent** next year.

We urge anyone with a passion or interest in Madeira to request our current price list by fax or email, or to visit www.rarewineco.com. Meanwhile, here's a sampling from America's most celebrated Madeira selection:

1834 Barbeito Malvasia <i>Roy Hersh 96</i>	495.00	1912 D'Oliveira Verdelho <i>Alex Liddell ★★★★★</i> ..	295.00
1863 Barbeito Bual <i>Steve Tanzer 94</i>	450.00	1922 D'Oliveira Bual <i>Alex Liddell ★★★★★</i>	285.00
1875 Barbeito Malvasia <i>Steve Tanzer 92</i>	450.00	1937 D'Oliveira Sercial <i>Wine Spectator 95</i>	215.00
1900 D'Oliveira Moscatel <i>Wine Spectator 97</i>	450.00	1948 Barbeito Malvasia <i>Wine Spectator 95</i>	225.00
1903 D'Oliveira Bual <i>Alex Liddell ★★★★★</i>	425.00	1954 Henriques & Henriques Bual	225.00
1910 Barbeito Sercial <i>Wine Spectator 94</i>	245.00	1957 D'Oliveira "Old Wine"	175.00

The Historic Series Madeiras

"These set the bar as benchmark offerings of non-vintage Madeiras" *Wine Enthusiast 11/06*

Today's blended Madeiras seldom offer the nobility of the great vintage Madeiras of the past. With that in mind, we set out several years ago to create a series of affordable Madeiras that reflect the style and complexity of Vintage Madeira. The Rare Wine Co.'s Historic Series was born. With each wine named for an American city with strong ties to Madeira, they deliver Vintage Madeira character at a compellingly low price. A fantastic gift!

**New York Malmsey,
Boston Bual &
Charleston Sercial**
\$39.95 each
3-bottle Sampler \$110.00



The Rare Wine Co.'s Le Mesnil Champagne

In setting out to create our own Champagne in 2005, we had the same objective as with the Historic Series Madeiras: to craft an inexpensive wine that has the profound character of the rare wines in which we specialize. And so we went to the growers in the village of Le Mesnil—home of Salon and Krug's Clos du Mesnil—where a unique Chardonnay clone yields Champagne of uncommon richness and ethereal perfume.

With its opulent floral and brown-butter brioche minerality—and Le Mesnil's chalk-infused green apple fruit—our Le Mesnil Blanc de Blancs is a stunning Champagne for the holidays at an amazing price.

**Le Mesnil Grand Cru
Blanc de Blancs**
The Rare Wine Co.
\$29.95 bt. \$330.00 cs.



California

1994 Togni Cabernet 225.00

Robert Parker: "97 rating ... could easily be mistaken for a great Pauillac ... monumental Cabernet Sauvignon ..."

2004 Togni Cabernet 95.00

Robert Parker: "95 rating ... sensational ... dense ..."

1995 Plumpjack Cabernet Reserve 175.00

Parker: "95 rating ... an awesome wine ... closest in style to resembling the profound Cabernets of Harlan ..."

1997 Dominus 139.95

Parker: "94 rating." Tanzer: "95 rating ... impeccably balanced wine of compelling sweetness ... very long and subtle."

1985 Dunn Cabernet 'Napa Valley' 95.00

Wine Spectator: "94 rating. Intense and concentrated ... great potential for the cellar."

1999 Pride Mountain Cabernet Reserve 189.95

Parker: "94 rating ... remarkably concentrated ... the huge wealth of fruit, glycerin, and extract are exceptional."

1999 Pride Mountain Claret Reserve 245.00

Parker: "96 rating ... about 200 cases ... candidate for 'wine of the vintage' ... must be tasted to be believed."

2001 Marcassin Pinot Noir 'Blue Slide Ridge' 245.00

Tanzer: "94+ rating ... explosive flavors ... would kick most Burgundies off the table."

1994 Bryant Family Cabernet 750.00

Robert Parker: "96 rating. A potentially perfect wine ..."

2002 Bryant Family Cabernet 425.00

Parker: "96 rating ... a classic Bryant profile ... great texture, tremendous purity, and a long, heady finish ..."

2002 Foley Claret 225.00

Parker: "95 rating ... a fabulous perfume ... hits the palate with a full-bodied, unctuous texture, tremendous purity."

2002 Ramey 'Jericho Canyon' 115.00

Parker: "96 rating ... exceptional intensity ... juicy, smoky bacon fat notes ... voluptuously-textured ..."

MARCASSIN CHARDONNAY

1996 Marcassin Chardonnay 'Marcassin Vyd.' 350.00

Parker: "99 rating ... record setting levels of complexity..."

2001 Marcassin Chardonnay 'Marcassin Vyd.' 235.00

Parker: "96 rating. From one of the New World's true grand cru vineyards ... a liqueur of rocks characteristic ..."

2002 Marcassin Chardonnay 'Three Sisters' 225.00

Parker: "96 rating ... fabulous notes of honeysuckle ... spectacularly compelling ..."

Sauternes

1921 Ch. d'Yquem Vandermeulen bottling 3150.00

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 excellent condition. Château-bottled 1921 Yquem now sells between \$10,000 and \$15,000. *One bt. only.*

Five Pristine Legends Direct from the Châteaux

1986 Ch. d'Yquem ex-château 345.00

Parker: "98 rating ... reminiscent of the 1975 ..."

1981 Ch. Coutet "Cuvée Madame" ex-château ..295.00

Parker: "96 rating ... huge honeyed aroma ... oranges, toast, coconuts ... thick, unctuous ... a colossal wine."

1986 Ch. Coutet "Cuvée Madame" ex-château ..295.00

Parker: "96 rating ... unbelievably decadent ... the type of extract that one normally finds only in a great vintage of d'Yquem."

1989 Ch. Rieussec Half Bottle ex-château 44.50

Parker: "93 rating ... luxuriously rich."

1990 Ch. Suduiraut Half Bottle ex-château 33.50

Parker (*Bordeaux*, latest edition): "94 rating ... a gorgeously rich, fat, concentrated wine ... marmalade-like."

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* pasta. We are pleased to offer them all for the holidays in two compelling gift sets, with an evocative recipe booklet.

Truffle Fest Gift Set 89.50

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

Truffles & Barolo 159.50

The above assortment plus one bottle of the great 1999 **Giuseppe Mascarello Barolo Monprivato** (95+ rating from Antonio Galloni in *The Wine Advocate*).

Red Bordeaux



Ex-Nicolas 1928 Gruaud Larose

1928 Ch. Gruaud Larose (ex-Nicolas) 1995.00
 Parker: "97 rating ... a huge, earthy, sweet, truffle, cedar, and spicy-scented nose ... stunning concentration." Château-bottled and cellared by Nicolas ... doesn't get any better!

1982 Ch. Canon 225.00
 Parker: "94 rating ... fabulously sweet fruit ... the greatest Canon produced over the last thirty years."

1983 Ch. Palmer 425.00
 Parker: "97 rating ... an intense perfume ... the most powerful Palmer since the compelling 1961."

1986 Ch. Pichon Lalande 225.00
 Parker: "96 rating ... the largest-framed Pichon-Lalande in over three decades ... deeply concentrated."

1989 Ch. La Conseillante 345.00
 Parker: "97 rating ... perfumed, exotic, sweet, expansive ... smooth as silk ... enjoy ... over the next 20 years."

1989 Ch. La Fleur de Gay 195.00
 Parker: "94 rating ... one of the most difficult Pomerols to obtain ... sweet, pure nose of black-raspberries, cassis, licorice, violets, and minerals ... layers of richness ... fabulous harmony and precision." *Wine Spectator*: "98 rating."

1995 Ch. Pichon Lalande 189.95
 Parker: "96 rating ... an exquisite example of Pichon-Lalande ... flamboyant ... layered, multidimensional."

2003 Ch. Leoville Poyferré 149.95
 Parker: "98 rating ... a potential legend in the making ... a brilliant, brilliant success."

2005 Ch. Larcis-Ducasse* 225.00
 Parker: "96-100 rating ... an extraordinary perfume ... an amazingly layered texture as well as length. A blockbuster with superb elegance, finesse, and precision ..."

Chateauneuf du Pape

1989 Ch. de Beaucastel 225.00
 Parker: "97 rating ... one of the most powerful as well as highly extracted Beaucastels I have ever tasted."

1989 Marcoux 'Vieilles Vignes' 395.00
 Parker: "96 rating ... enormous concentration, density, and length ..."

1990 Ch. de Beaucastel 'Hommage à J. Perrin' 850.00
 Parker: "100 rating ... unbelievable intellectual appeal that makes it so hauntingly great."

1997 Ch. de Beaucastel Roussanne 'Vieilles Vignes' 99.95
 Parker: "95 rating ... could easily be called the Montrachet or Chevalier-Montrachet of Châteauneuf du Pape."

1998 Usseglio, Pierre, 'Cuvée Mon Aieul' 154.95
 Parker: "98 rating ... Awesomely concentrated, extraordinarily pure ..."

1998 Dom. de la Vieille Julienne 'Vieilles Vignes' .135.00
 Parker: "96 rating ... grand cru Burgundy-like ..."

2000 Tardieu-Laurent 'Vieilles Vignes' 65.00
 Parker: "94 rating ... Full-bodied, seamless, velvety-textured, dense, thick, and rich ..."

2001 Beaurenard 'Boisrenard' 79.95
 Parker: "97 rating ... tremendous multilayered flavor intensity ..."

2001 Janasse 'Chaupins' 65.00
 Parker: "95 rating ... could easily be mistaken for a top grand cru red Burgundy from a great vintage."

2001 Janasse 'Vieilles Vignes' 125.00
 Parker: "98 rating ... phenomenal persistence ... spectacular ... one of the monumental Châteauneuf du Papes of the vintage"

Rare Balsamico Gift Sets

from Modena's Great Acetaia del Cristo

Very Old Balsamico with a blown-glass stopper-pourer
 All vinegars 100ml



Traditional 12-year-old + stopper-pourer 69.00
Juniper 12-year-old + stopper-pourer 79.00
Extravecchio 25-year-old + stopper-pourer 115.00
Cherry 25-year-old + stopper-pourer 129.95
Special Selection 12-year-old + stopper-pourer .. 159.95

Three-bottle Sets of Very Old Balsamico
 All vinegars 100ml



<u>Single Woods</u>	<u>Classics</u>	<u>25-Year-Old</u>
<i>1 ea. of 12-yr-old Cherry, Juniper & Mulberry</i>	<i>1 bt. each of 12-, 25- & 40-yr-old</i>	<i>1 ea. of 25-yr-old Cherry, Juniper & Extravecchio</i>
\$235.00	\$310.00	\$345.00

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Piedmont's Glories

1955 Cappellano Barolo195.00

An incredible rarity from this mythic estate. A beautifully cellared, quintessential old-style Barolo.

1964 Giacomo Conterno Barolo295.00

Antonio Galloni: "98 rating ... exceptional & unforgettable"

1967 Fratelli Barale Barolo 95.00

Amazingly youthful thanks to Barale's practice of aging its old Barolos for years in demijohn. Fabulous value.

1970 Francesco Rinaldi Barolo145.00

Sheldon Wasserman: "★★(★) rating"

1971 Fontanafredda Barolo Lazzarito Riserva125.00

One of the great old estates of Barolo in the famed 1971 vintage. From a superb Italian cellar.

1978 Ceretto Barbaresco Bricco Asili150.00

Sheldon Wasserman: "★★(★) rating" Deservedly famous.

1985 Bruno Giacosa Barbaresco S. Stefano Rsva ..695.00

Parker: "96 rating" Galloni: "97 rating." Old Giacosa red labels are becoming scarcer by the day. *Extremely limited.*

1988 Bruno Giacosa Barbaresco S. Stefano Rsva* 350.00

Parker: "94 rating ... a monument"

1990 Aldo Conterno Barolo Granbussia Riserva ... 395.00

Parker: "95 rating ... superconcentrated"

1990 Giacomo Conterno Barolo Cascina Francia .. 295.00

Galloni: "94 rating ... rich dark fruit ... excellent persistence."

1990 Corino Barolo 'Giachini' 175.00

Parker: "94 rating ... mindblowing richness"

1990 Fontanafredda Barolo Gattinera Riserva75.00

A beautifully round and perfumed Barolo that is the essence of this wonderful year.

1995 G. Conterno Barolo Monfortino Riserva275.00

Parker: "94-95 rating ... one of the great Barolo Monfortinos."

1997 Gaja (Gromis) Barolo Conteisa-Cerequio ... 195.00

Parker: "98 rating ... classic aromas ... a full-bodied, unctuously-textured wine of remarkable density and thickness."

Champagne Greats

1985 Krug 425.00

Tanzer: "98+ rating ... Montrachet-like ... mouthfilling, seamless wine of explosive fruit and uncanny depth"

1999 Bollinger VV Françaises 695.00

From a tiny vineyard of ungrafted vines, the *Vieilles Vignes Françaises* is Champagne's true Holy Grail.

Bollinger Special Reserve Very Old Disgorgement .. 150.00

Aged Bollinger NV has long been a secret of British Champagne connoisseurs. These bottles were disgorged at least 25 years ago and are incredible.

Philipponnat Brut Reserve Rosé 39.95

If you haven't tried this phenomenal rosé yet, you owe it to yourself. *Burghound*: "92 rating ... considerable grace ... fine depth ... wonderfully long." John Gilman: "92 rating ... jumps from the glass in a pinot noir-dominated nose of cranberries, nectarines, cinnamon stick ... outstanding cut on the long, complex and zesty finish."

Rare '70s Vintages Recently Shipped from the Producers

The key in buying older Champagne is provenance. The following were all aged in their producers' caves and shipped only within the past two years. Pristine!

1970 Philipponnat Réserve Spéciale175.00

1974 Deutz Vinothèque149.95

Juhlin: "94 rating ... wood-roasted coffee and toffeed fruit ... delicate mousse ... fantastic handsome elegance."

1975 Deutz 'Cuvee William' Vinothèque295.00

Juhlin: "96 rating. Gigantic ... unbelievably beautiful, rich ... what a wine!"

1976 Philipponnat Réserve Spéciale159.95

Juhlin: "... a big wine ... exotically fruity and full of sweet, delicious aromas. My favorite vintage of this wine!"

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