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CHAMPAGNE

A Feast of Rare Bollinger

'96 Large Formats, Vignes Françaises and Pristine Old R.D.'s

A towering presence among *grande marques*, Bollinger's wines are a singular expression of Champagne. The uniquely compelling Bollinger style marries the complexities of Aÿ Pinot Noir, barrel fermentation and extended *tirage*—all brought to a majestic richness through the house's legendary attention to detail.

In fact, Bollinger's practices—outlined in the Charter of Ethics and Quality on the back label of every bottle—have more in common with those of a fine small grower than with other big houses.

From their revered Special Cuvée—Champagne's most ageworthy non-vintage wine—to the lofty Vieilles Vignes Françaises, everything that Bollinger makes is fabled for its richness, power and long life. There is no prestige cuvée to diminish the quality of the other wines, and an extraordinary two-thirds of the fruit comes from Bollinger's own vines.

A Noble Tradition

Founded in 1829, Bollinger has maintained its traditional style and dedication to quality through fierce independence. It is still family-owned, a rarity among *grandes marques*, many of which have been swallowed up by luxury goods corporations or other houses. This autonomy is the key to maintaining its uncompromising standards. And, while most of its peers are based in the cities of Reims and Epernay, Bollinger remains in tiny Aÿ, where its vineyards produce the



Bollinger's cellars in Aÿ.

rich, velvety Pinot Noir that is the foundation of its style.

Special Cuvée

Nowhere is Bollinger's dedication more evident than in the soaring quality of its non-vintage Special Cuvée. Blended in a way that mirrors the vintage wines, it is built for cellaring. In fact, we have drunk many bottles of 20- and 30-year-old Bollinger Special Cuvée that were indistinguishable from top vintage wines of the same age.

Special Cuvée's fruit is 80% *premier* and *grand cru*, vinified separately by varietal and *cru*. These are the building blocks, but the real key is the skillful blending of the year's harvest with the *magnum-aged* reserve wines, a method unique in Champagne. This results in a stunningly consistent wine of power, depth, finesse and unique ageability.

The Great Vintage Wines

The vaunted Bollinger vintage cuvées—**Grande Année** and **R.D.**—are of course legendary. Two-thirds Pinot and one-third Chardonnay—all barrel fermented—they begin life identically: the noblest expression of a given year. The only difference between the two labels is how long the bottles remain undisgorged. Grande Année ages for at least five years before disgorgement, while R.D. (which stands for *récemment dégorge*) remains *sur pointes* for eight to twenty years. ▶

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► Both wines are monumental. Grande Année is rich, powerful and deep, with spicy baked apple, toffee and brown butter aromas and flavors. R.D. is all brioche and forest floor, yet with high-toned floral notes from the extra lees contact, all on a foundation of extraordinary richness and structure.

The ultimate vintage wine is, of course, the mythic **Vieilles Vignes Françaises**. Made in painfully small quantities from two tiny plots of Pinot Noir that survived phylloxera, it is Champagne's rarest and most powerful wine. Extremely rich and concentrated due

to the low yields of these ancient vines, creamy textured and fantastically complex, it is not only the greatest *blanc de noirs* but a window into what Champagne was like in the nineteenth century.

The offer that follows is tremendously exciting, as it includes rare halves and large format bottles of Special Cuvée; the coveted '96 Grande Année and R.D. in *impossible-to-find* magnums and jeros; pristine older bottles of R.D., and even prized bottles of Vieilles Vignes Françaises. Everything is in amazing condition—a fact that makes the low prices all the more exciting.

1996 Bollinger Grande Année

96 Juhlin

\$365.00 magnum \$795.00 3-liter*



1996 Bollinger R.D.

96 Juhlin 95 Tanzer

\$445.00 magnum

Richard Juhlin: "... reminiscent of the critically acclaimed '90 with its exotically rich fruit and ... fantastically high acidity. A magnificent, powerful wine in all respects, which breathes more and more greatness every time I open a new bottle."

Steve Tanzer: "Dramatic aromas of ripe peach, pear, mango, musky yellow plum, fig, buttery brioche, toasted nuts and baking spices. Rich, deep and expansive on the palate, with powerful, deeply concentrated flavors ... **a must buy for Bollinger fans.** "

Bollinger Special Cuvée

Bottle 750ml	49.95
Half Bottle 375ml	32.95
Magnum 1.5L	139.95
Jeroboam 3L	295.00
Methusaleh 6L	675.00



1999 Bollinger V.V. Françaises

\$895.00 extremely limited

Juhlin: "One of my absolute favorites among NV Champagnes ... The oakish, smoky, and deep Bollinger style develops after a couple of years in the bottle."

Richard Juhlin: "97 rating. Beautiful, creamy and intensely elegant ... despite its muscularity. Already fantastically long and well-knit ... Tempting to enjoy now ... but if you are in good health you should probably wait until the wine's 20th anniversary when the truffled complexity is fully developed."

1988 Bollinger R.D.

\$595.00 magnum

Richard Juhlin: "95 rating ... Classic Bollinger style ... hazelnut, bread, mushrooms, and smoke ... beautifully delicious and nutty in a magnum."

1979 Bollinger R.D.

\$345.00 rare!

Pristine bottles. Juhlin: "96 rating ... perfect shape and vigour!" Antonio Galloni: "95 rating ... an especially haunting, ethereal wine."

1985 Grande Année

\$225.00 750ml

Richard Juhlin: "95 rating ... what Bollinger is all about ... biscuits, hazelnuts, chocolate, and toasted bread ... elevates this powerfully chewy wine to greatness."

1976 Bollinger R.D.

\$395.00 rare!

More immaculate bottles. A legendary R.D., brimming with the intensity and opulence of this powerful year.

CALIFORNIA

Schrader's Big-Time Vintage

Massive Scores for the Monumental 2006s

As we reported last fall, Fred Schrader's latest Cabernet project is well on its way to cult superstardom. In the early 1990s, he reached the top with Colgin-Schrader and his early collaboration with Helen Turley. Now, he's doing it again with his own solo label.



Fred Schrader & Thomas Brown at To Kalon during the 2004 harvest

This time, the keys to his success are his primary grape source—the legendary To Kalon vineyard—and his winemaker, the red-hot Thomas Brown. Thomas' natural winemaking was ideally suited to the To Kalon fruit—as well as to Schrader's pre-

disposition to pure wine. The regime includes destemming but not crushing, to avoid harsh seed tannin; native yeast fermentation; no acidification, and no inoculation for the malolactic fermentation. For ninety percent of the cooperage, Schrader succeeded in securing coveted Darnajou barrels, which had long been reserved for a handful of elite European producers like Pètrus and Pingus.

Schrader's monumental 2006s are sure to create a stampede. We have very little of these legends-in-the-making to offer, so act fast.

2006 Cabernet CCS **95-97 Parker** **\$195.00**

Parker: "The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon CCS is a slightly higher strung effort ... offers a big, whopping mouthful of wine. It has fabulous up-scale potential, but is currently playing it closer to the vest."

2006 Cabernet RBS **95-97 Parker** **\$195.00**

Parker: "... reveals gorgeously sweet fruit, stunning structure, a black/purple color, and notes of creosote, spring flowers, cedar, and pain grille. It should evolve effortlessly for 20 years."

2006 Cabernet To Kalon **96-98 Parker** **\$195.00**

Parker: "... from clone 4 in block C2 of the Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard, is equally rich and full-bodied ... aromas of graphite, espresso roast, pain grille, creme de cassis, blackberries, and spice."

And a Special Bonus for Pinot Lovers



Fred Schrader and Thomas Brown have also teamed up to make two extraordinary Pinot Noirs, "Aston," from a site in Annapolis on the Sonoma Coast. Thomas describes the style as "old Central Coast," and the wines have a powerful black fruit and dark chocolate character, but with plenty of nuance.

Production is tiny: just 340 cases of Clone 777 and 175 cases of Clone 115/677. *Very limited.*

2006 Aston Pinot Noir Clone 115/67765.00

PinotFile: "Everything is in beautiful balance ... This was downright terrific the next day when sampled from an opened, re-corked bottle."

2006 Aston Pinot Noir Clone 77765.00

PinotFile: "... demure black cherry and wild herb aromas ... Substantial dark red fruit core with a hint of chocolate ... This shows good potential and will benefit from another one to two years in bottle."



Time's Running Out ...
If you are interested in purchasing one of our beautiful antique English or Irish decanters in time for the holidays, you'll need to hurry.
You can still find a great selection at www.rarewine.com.



AWESOME WHITES

The Great 2006 Bouchard Whites

Since becoming Bouchard's winemaker in 1988, Bernard Hervet has raised the quality of many of the domaine's wines, but none more so than the Corton-Charlemagne, which has been restored to the position of renown it enjoyed a half century ago. A classicist with a deep respect for *terroir*, Hervet is turn-

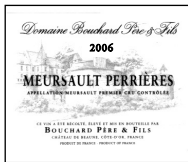
ing out monumental wines from Bouchard's prized 3.25 hectares in one of the appellation's finest sites.

We are pleased to offer Hervet's amazing 2006 Corton-Charlemagne in a variety of formats—along with a small amount of his stunning 2006 Meursault-Perrières. Neither wine should be missed.

- 2006 Corton-Charlemagne 139.95**
- 2006 Corton-Charlemagne *Magnum* 295.00**
- 2006 Corton-Charlemagne *Jeroboam (3L)* 650.00**
- 2006 Corton-Charlemagne *Half Bottle* 74.95**

Steve Tanzer: "94-97 rating. Knockout nose of lime, apple, pineapple, crushed stone and charred oak ... superconcentrated and as chewy as a solid."

Burghound: "96 rating ... exceptionally powerful full-bodied flavors that possess huge amounts of dry extract on the hugely long finish ... impressive potential."



- 2006 Meursault-Perrières 79.95**

Burghound: "94 rating. A stunningly pure and elegant nose of gorgeously scented white rose and green apple that also offers up subtle stone notes that continue onto the brilliantly delineated and almost pungently mineral middle weight flavors that are a study in class, subtlety and grace. There is an intensity and refinement here that allow everything to remain in perfect proportion on the chiseled and crystalline finish. A 'wow' wine."

Wine Without Walls

Spain, Portugal & France Meet in one of Europe's Most Unique Whites

Despite the march of "internationalization," most wines conform to a regional identity. Oregon Pinots usually taste like Oregon Pinot. They rarely taste like red Burgundy, just as California Cabernets stand apart from red Bordeaux.



Quinta do Dorado

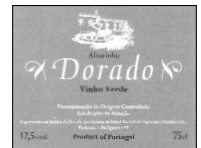
But on the south bank of Portugal's Minho River a singular white wine has been born, boasting several streams of ancestry and tasting like nothing else in its region. The wine is Marcial Dorado's Alvarinho, and it has sped past the famed Albariños of Rias Baixas to become one of Europe's most acclaimed new white wines.

A native of Galicia, Marcial always planned to grow Albariño in Rias Baixas, Spain's classic homeland for that variety. But he found a vineyard just across the river in Portugal, with similar geology and climate but with unheard-of 70-year-old vines.

Marcial bought the vineyard and some other old-vine parcels. But for his winemaking, he looked to Burgundy, where he saw how lees-stirring (*batonnage*) enhanced its best white wines. He devised a stainless-steel-only regime that preserves Alvarinho's ethereal fragrance but uses indigenous yeast fermentation and *batonnage* to magnify richness and nuance.

The low-yield old-vine concentration and Marcial's technique have combined to produce a thrillingly unique wine. Its texture and complexity confounds many tasters: despite the fact that it never sees wood, many assume it *must* have been aged in barrique. And its nuances—and its vibrant minerality and acidity—have bolstered the increasingly common view that Alvarinho is descended from Riesling. *Highly recommended.*

- 2006 Quinta do Dorado**
- Alvarinho Superior**
- \$24.95 *bt.* \$288.00 *cs.***

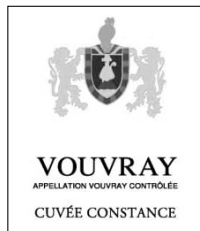


While most 2006s from Rias Baixas were released last year, Dorado's '06 was slumbering on its lees. This is the next great Dorado. (The 2004 and 2005 were both Portugal's white wine of the year.) *Riesling Report* publisher Peter Liem writes: "This shows luscious, complex notes of honeycomb, poached pear and preserved lemon, framed by intense minerality ... Dorado's wines are intense and unusually rich, made with exceptionally low yields, indigenous yeast fermentation, long lees aging and partial malolactic fermentation."

Perfect Juice

Huët's Legendary 1989 Cuvée Constance

Beginning in 1928, when Gaston Huët took over the winemaking chores from his father, Domaine Huët established itself as the greatest of all Vouvray producers. In his 74 years as a winemaker, Gaston chalked up many historic vintages, with 1921, 1945, 1947, 1959, 1989 and 1990 heading the list.



selected from his three great vineyards.

In a year with much “Vintage of the Century” talk, Constance was widely considered the greatest of the vintage. Certainly Michael Broadbent thought so, giving it 6 stars (out of a possible 5!) in his *New Great Vintage Wine Book*.

Until 1989, his top wine was always a single-vineyard Moelleux. But in 1989, he came up with a totally new wine, a luxury cuvée called “Constance,” produced in a miniscule quantity from very late harvested grapes

After his 1947 Le Haut Lieu Moelleux, this is arguably the greatest wine of Gaston Huët’s long career. Since its release 15 years ago, it has become the stuff of legend. We’ve been fortunate, therefore, to acquire some incredibly rare and pristine examples of this very great wine. It will age gracefully for another 20 or 30 years.

*Also at an Unbelievable Price:
Huët's Great 2003 Cuvée Constance*

2003 Huët Cuvée Constance 500 ml 89.95

Wine Spectator: “98 rating. Offers a stunning array of date, quince paste, fig and persimmon aromas and flavors, with a laser of acidity carrying it all through an extremely lengthy finish. Just when you think it's all opulence, riveting acidity and a green tea hint flash on the finish, leaving a wonderfully elegant impression. \$140.”

1989 Huët Cuvée Constance

★★★★★ **Michael Broadbent**

\$225.00 750 ml bottle

Michael Broadbent’s *New Great Vintage Wine Book*: “Yield only 5hl/ha, 390 g/l sugar in the juice, long fermentation in barrel just achieving 10.9% alcohol, leaving 162 g/l residual sugar. A sort of Loire Beerenauslese ... **The most perfect Loire wine I have ever tasted.**”

Hot Châteauneufs: Grand Veneur's 2006s

Like many other Châteauneuf du Pape families, the Jaunes are relatively new to domaine bottling. Their domaine was founded in 1826, but it was not until Alain Jaune took over in 1979 that the family began to make wine from their extraordinary vineyards. And it was not until the 2006 that

they were put on the map, thanks to a pair of special cuvées of dizzying quality.

Both wines—Origines and Vieilles Vignes—are special selections of the estate’s oldest and best vines. While you won’t want to miss either wine, the rare Vieilles Vignes is something you’ll want to jump on.

2006 Châteauneuf “Les Origines”
\$49.95 limited

Parker: “94 rating. A candidate for wine of the vintage ... an intoxicatingly heady perfume of ground pepper, spice box, garrigue, meat juices, and copious quantities of red and black fruits. In the mouth, it exhibits superb texture, silky tannins, and a long, full-bodied, powerful finish ...”

2006 Châteauneuf “Vieilles Vignes”
\$69.95 limited

Parker: “95+ rating ... The debut vintage ... possesses a Châteauneuf du Pape style with a Bordeaux structure ... sensational levels of kirsch liqueur, licorice, lavender, and loamy soil. Full-bodied and powerful, with high tannin, it is built for the long haul.”

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A Mythic Barolo Cru

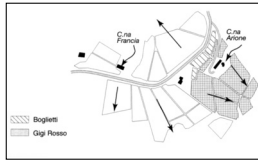
Serralunga's "Arione" Yields a Compelling New Barolo

The Langhe's best producers aren't just great winemakers, they are superb judges of *terroir*.

The ultimate example of this is the legendary Bruno Giacosa, who over five decades has made great Barolos from at least a dozen different *crus*, including his mythic 1971 and 1978 from Serralunga's Arione. And with the exception of Gigi Rosso, Giacosa's 1978 was the last single-*cru* Arione Barolo until 2003, when the rising star Enzo Boglietti seized the opportunity.

Arione's extraordinary gifts are readily apparent to Boglietti, just as they were to Giacosa. The *cru* is on a steep south-facing slope at the southern end of Serralunga's ridgeline, abutting Giacomo Conterno's Cascina Francia. Here, the sun-drenched exposure produces the richness to balance Serralunga's structure. And Enzo's tiny parcel is particularly well placed on the vineyard's steep upper part.

Boglietti has earned acclaim for his fine touch, crafting Barolo boasting both classic aromatics and great lushness on the palate. This is tailor-made for Serralunga Barolo, as the girder-like construction is

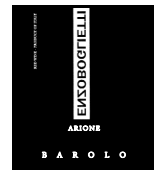


Boglietti's slice of Arione, from Alessandro Masnaghetti's superb new maps of the Langhe's great vineyards. © 2007 A. Masnaghetti

clothed in velvet. Arione, like all of his Barolos, is made from low yields, fermented with indigenous yeasts and then aged in a mixture of barrel sizes.

In the great 2004 vintage, we have the chance to see Boglietti's Arione at its best. It is packed with quintessential Serralunga red fruit, tar and roses with Arione's signature mineral nuance, all supported by great structure and length. Only 35 cases were sent to the U.S., so it's an honor to be able to offer this important new Barolo. Hurry.

**2004 Enzo Boglietti
Barolo Arione
\$79.95 very limited**



Antonio Galloni: "... a powerful, sinewy wine, it captures the essence of this Serralunga vineyard in its autumn leaves, iron, licorice, tar and dark fruit ... a beautifully expressive wine loaded with personality ... Enzo Boglietti makes some of the richest, most deeply-flavored Barolos in Piedmont."

Truffles 'n' Tagliolini

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

For years, we have featured the best of these products from two elite Alba truffle producers, Tartuflanghe and Inaudi: **Truffle Purée**, 99% white Alba truffle in an olive oil base; **Truffle Caviar**, minced white truffle; and **Truffle Butter**, a fabulous blend of 91% butter

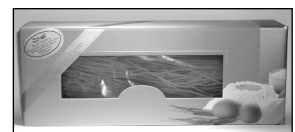
and 8% summer black truffle. To go with them, we get Inaudi's incredible artisanal egg *tagliolini* pasta. We are pleased to offer them all for this holiday season.

Inaudi Truffle Caviar 30g	29.50
Tartuflanghe Truffle Purée 30g	39.50
Tartuflanghe Truffle Butter 75g	12.95
Tartuflanghe Truffle Butter 300g	25.95
Inaudi Tagliolini all'uovo egg pasta 250g	6.95

Special Tagliolini

Case Price (12 pkgs)

\$59.95 save \$23.00!



Truffle Fest Gift Set75.00

One truffle butter (75g), one truffle purée (30g), one truffle caviar (30g), plus two 250g boxes of Inaudi's *tagliolini all'uovo*.

A Recipe Made in Heaven



To one box of *tagliolini*, cooked *al dente*, add one stick melted butter, 1/2 jar each of truffle purée and truffle caviar, 2 tbsp truffle butter and salt to taste. Incredible!

BALSAMICO

Balsamico Treasures

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

Each fall, we offer America's most amazing, and lowest priced, line-up of Modena's great traditional *Balsamicos*. Explosively aromatic and intensely rich, these ebony-hued vinegars rival the world's greatest wines for complexity.

Aged in the attics of houses around the northern Italian city of Modena, they mature in barrel



"Can a great vinegar age like a great wine? The answer: maybe better

Waftingly complex in aroma and intensely flavorful—think, for example, of the concentrated power of white truffles ... The Rare Wine Co.'s cream of the crop ... are the rarest of the rare." Richard Nalley, ForbesLife, September 2008

from a minimum of 12 years up to a century or more. And as in years past, our focus is on Acetaia del Cristo, unquestionably Modena's greatest family producer.

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.

The Classics

- Cristo Traditional 12-year-old** 59.95
Deep, glowing color. Flavors of cedar and chocolate with a fantastic balance of sweet and savory; really delicious.
- Cristo Extravecchio 25-year-old** 119.95
A blockbuster—thick, rich and deep in color with fantastic concentration. Phenomenal volume; *awesome* length.
- Pedroni Extravecchio 25-year-old** 119.95
Another of Modena's fine small producers, Pedroni makes 25-year-old of monumental richness and complexity.
- Cristo Extravecchio Special Selection 40-year-old** .. 149.95
One of the great *Balsamicos*—nearly black in color, with a luxuriously rich texture. Intense flavors of coffee, hazelnuts and figs. Truly profound.

Explosive Single-Wood Vinegars

- The Barbieri family of Acetaia del Cristo has long aged a small amount of vinegar in single-wood batteries. In recent years they've shared a little of this nectar with us.
- 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 'Mulberry' 12-year-old** 89.95
The King of Woods for vinegar makers. Its leaves were once used to nourish silkworms, but most of the trees are now gone. Cristo draws just 13 liters from its mulberry casks each year.
 - Cristo Extravecchio 'Juniper' 25-year-old** 125.00
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** 129.95
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 'Mulberry' 25-year-old** 145.00
For the first time ever, a 25-year-old Mulberry. Heroically complex, yet painfully rare.

Gift Boxes

All Acetaia del Cristo *Balsamicos* can be purchased in special gift boxes at a small additional charge. Quantity discounts apply to the vinegars.

One Bottle

with a blown-glass stopper-pourer:
\$12.95
plus the cost of the vinegar



Three-Bottle Assortments

\$14.95 plus the cost of the vinegars.
You can choose, for example, three *Classics* (12-, 25- & 40-year old). Or assemble three *single-wood* vinegars in either 12- or 25-year-old bottlings.
Black cloth lined box.



Ultimate Rarities

- Cristo 'Selezione Nonna'** 255.00
Made from three barrels dating back to 1885, 1890 and 1908. Each year, just 30 bottles are taken from this ancient battery. Incredibly smooth and explosively scented.
- Cristo 'Selezione Amelia'** 255.00
As old and sweet as Nonna, *Selezione Amelia* may be even more of a head-turner. Primordially viscous. Fewer than 20 bottles produced each year. Fabulous.

Le Gréal

Marc Sorrel's Great 2006 + a Retrospective of an Iconic Hermitage

A quarter century ago, two giants loomed over Hermitage: Gerard Chave and Henri Sorrel. Both were devout traditionalists, with great holdings on the Hermitage hill and a mythic 1978 under their belts.



Hermitage

But while Chave was a relatively young man, Sorrel was old and was about to turn over his domaine to his son Marc. Inevitably, the luster of the Sorrel name dimmed for a few vintages, but by 1989 Marc was making at least one Hermitage Rouge that

rivalled his father's: "Le Gréal."

Le Gréal is a blend of Le Meal and Greffieux, 90% of which is from 80-year-old vines in Le Meal. Today, the prestige of Le Gréal is second only to Chave of all the red wines made in Hermitage.

We have just picked up a small, very well-priced parcel of Sorrel's 2006 Hermitage Le Gréal, a vintage that promises to be one of the greatest wines he's made. To this we are pleased to add a small line-up of past vintages of Le Gréal—also at below-market prices.

2006 Hermitage Rouge Le Gréal

92-95 Raynolds

★★★★★ Livingstone-Learmonth

\$110.00 limited

Josh Raynolds: "Intense blackberry, blueberry and floral aromas are deepened by tobacco, licorice and graphite ... dark berry flavors are liqueur-like in their intensity and depth ... Silky tannins build on the finish, adding firmness. Admirably balanced and graceful."

2005 Hermitage Rouge Le Gréal175.00

Josh Raynolds: "95 rating. Explosively perfumed ... exotic Asian spice and incense notes ... Intense dark fruit flavors boast remarkable sweetness and depth ... I tried to find the tannins but kept hitting a wall of deep berry fruit. This is superb."

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2001 Hermitage Rouge Le Gréal125.00

Parker: "91-94 rating ... blockbuster ... aromas of ink, blackberries, licorice, and hints of earth and pepper. Weighty, full-bodied, rich, thick, and juicy with tremendous texture and great presence on the palate ... sadly, there are only 350 cases of this profound red Hermitage."

1998 Hermitage Rouge Le Gréal195.00

Parker: "95 rating ... spectacular ... one of the finest wines Sorrel has made, and it has the potential to be as good as his 1990, 1989, 1988, and perhaps the 1978 and 1979 his father produced."

1995 Hermitage Rouge Le Gréal95.00

Parker: "91 rating ... possesses plenty of smoky, gamey aromas, along with a cassis and mineral component. Full-bodied, powerful, and backward, this is an impressively-endowed, rich but tannic Gréal that ... should keep for 20-25 years."

1989 Hermitage Rouge Le Gréal195.00

Parker: "95 rating. I suspect this is one of those nearly immortal examples of the vintage that will last for 40-50 years ... there is a heady, chewy ripeness, extraordinary presence, and an almost massive amount of weight and fruit, all crammed into a well-delineated, rich, backward, tannic, sublime wine that is a benchmark example of red Hermitage."

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