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" ne kind word and a glass of wine can warm three winter months."

REGULAR SERIES

2005, Crooked Limb, Chardonnay

Do you know the way to San Jose'? Just south of San Jose' is San Martin, home of Crooked Limb Winery and Vineyards. Everyone's favorite grape, here is another Chardonnay that is outstanding at an unbelievable price.

2006, Flagtree, Merlot/Malbec/ Cabernet Sauvignon

Taste the magic and mystery from the south of the world. Flagtree is committed to producing only the best quality wines with consistency and passion. This blend will keep you warm this winter.

LIMITED SERIES

2002, Encierra, Cabernet Sauvignon

Encierra is a story about tradition. The family pioneered winemaking in

the Colchagua Valley and continues with pride and passion to make superb wines for the international market at very reasonable prices.

2003, Kenneth Volk, Merlot

The man, the myth, the legend – Kenneth Volk. Kenneth has been making wine for almost three decades with zeal and intelligence. We are proud to bring you his 2003 Merlot and hope you enjoy every sip.

2004, Lugana, Costaripa

Three generations of wine-making bring us this refreshing and delicious Trebbiano from Italy. The Vezzola brothers are passionate about their skills and make big flavored wines from their small estate in Lombardy.

2004, Trewa, Chardonnay

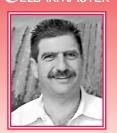
Chilean wines have become first-choice among connoisseurs in less than a decade. Made with care for seven generations, Trewa Chardonnay is delicious and high quality for the price. Enjoy!

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A Note From Your Cellarmaster



Paul Kalemkiarian

Wow! What a year. Enclosed is our annual recap of the previous years selections. I get a big kick out of seeing this each time we produce it.

Wine is such a great subject. Just looking at these names tantalizes my palate. Each one an individual that represents its region well. You know, I think I'll go home and have a glass of... sorry... that is a secret!

Paul Kalemkiarian

\mathcal{W} hat's New this month?

Well folks......I have uncovered my desk and crawled out through the piles of papers and requests. It was a huge pleasure serving you folks during the Holidays and by all of the accolades, the Wine of the Month Club was well received by your friends, relatives and business associates.

On a different note, join us in Las Vegas!!! Our first 2007 Wine of the Month Club Members dinner is set for March 16, 2007 in Las Vegas! And not only is it a celebration of the New Year. but Mrs. Kalemkiarian's birthday! So please join us at Giorgio's at the Mandalay Bay for a 4-course meal that Chef Nico Chessa is conjuring up just for us. There is only seating for 65 people and we have already sold 16 seats. They go fast and this is going to be a fun one! Call us at (800) 949-9463 to make your reservation. The cost is \$65.00 per person plus tax and 18% gratuity; that includes the aperitif wine, the 4-course meal with paired wines, dessert and dessert wine. It really is a bargain and you know that the wines will be great! So come join the fun!

Membership in *THE WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB* is open to anyone with an interest in and an appreciation for superb wines... and excellent wine values. Membership is FREE. For more info write:

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Elizabeth Schweitzer, Master Sommelier

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rooked Limb Winery and Vineyards is a new project based in the San Martin area. just south of San Jose. This has been home to fine wine grapes since the late 1800's. There are ancient, head-pruned vines producing Petit Sirah and Zinfandel on the property. The famed Mt. Madonna Vineyards, home to awardwinning Petit Sirah wines is a close neighbor as are a handful of other well known, boutique brands. The Chardonnay fruit for this wine was sourced from family-owned and operated vineyards in two primary areas: southern Monterey County and the Sacramento Delta region. Monterey fruit has traditionally shown ripe pear, apple and vanilla qualities, while the Delta area vineyards offer broad buttery flavors with a noticeable trace of lengthening acidity in the mouth. Combined together, this California blend is a pleasing taste experience. A small portion of fruit from Crooked Limbs 30 to 40 year old vineyards in Paso Robles was also added to round out the flavor spectrum. A

combination of small and large oak cooperage was used to age this wine in the outstanding 2005 vintage. Small French oak barrels and larger American oak uprights were used for 8 to 10 months of barrel age and were periodically racked from one type of barrel to another for added complexity. About half the final lot underwent malolactic fermentation and about a third was barrel fermented for traditional "central coast" richness. We are very pleased with this initial offering of 2005 Crooked Limb Chardonnay. The color is a pale golden yellow. The nose is classic Chardonnay fruit with tropical fruit, green apples, peaches and butter. The palate is soft and creamy with ripe fruit, round buttery flavors and lots of ripe fruit. It is a remarkably well balanced wine that is drinking well today, though it may improve with age for an additional year or two-gaining bouquet and dimension. Try this wine with blackened sea bass, seafood salads and mild cheeses or appetizers.



2005

Crooked Limb

Chardonnay (shar-doe-nay)

California

Color: Pale golden yellow

Nose:

Tropical fruit, green apples, peaches, butter

Palate:

Complex, soft, creamy, ripe fruit

Finish:

Round buttery finish

CELLARING SUGGESTIONS

Drink now through 2009

207A Retail Price:

Special Member Price: Reorder Price: 50% Discount

\$11.99/each \$8.99/each

\$5.99/each \$71.88/case

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overing almost t h e entire southern half of South America, Argentina is the world's eighth largest country. Argentina is home to some of the world's tallest mountains, expansive deserts, waterfalls and diverse land ranging from wild and remote to the metropolis of Buenos Aires. Deep in the south lays the area known as Patagonia and the Lake District. South of the Rio Colorado, the climate here is considered desert although the temperatures range from mild to freezing and the land varies from river valleys to giant ice-capped Andes. The valleys support enormous flocks of sheep, vegetables, and fruit and, of course, grapevines. Here at the end of the world is where Flagtree wine is made. The winery began in 1999 on land that no one thought could grow much. Huge investments were made and the world's most complex irrigation canal was laid to water the vines from the mountain water. The dry, desert weather brings with it constant moderate winds and these were battled with

wind breaks and nets to keep the young vines from being damaged. These are determined winemakers and the results are spectacular. By 2000, the first vintage was released to rave reviews and since then, the wines have won awards around the globe including Shangai and the United States. These warm, continental growing conditions are great for Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. They are able to achieve full ripeness without worry about frost or moisture. Malbec is almost s y n o n y m o u s with Argentina. It shows its true colors in this country. This careful blend of these three classic varietals is a real treat. It pours an intense red ruby color from the glass. The nose is enticing with bright red fruit, raspberry, marmalade, some hints of floral and vanilla. The palate is soft and round, with an explosion of fruit and spice with smoke and cherry. This wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for two years. Try a glass with our Macaroni n' Cheese recipe (page 13) or any meat recipes.



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2006

Flagtree
Merlot/Malbec/
Cabernet
Sauvignon
(mare-low/
mahl/beck/ka-bur-nay
saw-veehn-yawn)

Neuquen Patagonia Argentina

Color:
Intense ruby red
Nose:

Forward red fruits, raspberry, marmalade, floral

Palate: Medium-bodied, round, wellbalanced, vanilla, smoke

Finish: Lingering finish

CELLARING SUGGESTIONS

Enjoy now through 2009

207B Retail Price:

Special Member Price: SReorder Price: S

\$13.99/each : \$9.99/each

\$7.99/each \$95.88/case



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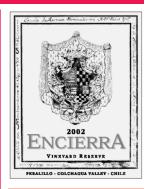
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legacy o f Encierra dates back to 1765. The Eyzaguirre-

Echenique family among the pioneers of winemaking in Chile. Miguel Echenique and his son Gabriel brought the first cuttings from France to the Colchagua Valley and set the standard for fine winemaking in this valley. They named their wine Encierra which is the Spanish word for "enclosure" after the small valley where their vineyards grow. In 1947, the family invested in state-ofthe-art technology and constructed a new winery. In 1970, the family again up-graded and began to introduce new grape varieties and planted more acres of vines. The family and their team of experts believe that the key to quality wine production lies in the soil. They are committed to nurturing the land and giving back to it as much as possible to avoid future damage. Every bottle

made at Encierra tells the story of many dedicated, passionate generations of wine making. Intense care and an acute eye for detail are made at every step of the winemaking process. From the soil, the vines, harvesting the fruit at the right time, blending, ageing and bottling; the family is involved every step of the way. The proof is in the pudding (I mean, the bottle). This 2002 Encierra Cabernet Sauvignon handis harvested and then aged 12 months in French oak. For added complexity, there are splashes of Carmenere, Merlot and Syrah added. The wine exudes a bright red burgundy color. The aromas are of dark fruit, spice, hints of cedar and blackcurrant. The palate is balanced, with complex flavors of plum, red berry, raisin, and integrated oak and soft tannins. The finish is long and elegant. This is a wine that will pair nicely with meats, rich sauces, and deep, afterdinner discussions.



2002

Encierra

Cabernet Sauvignon

(Ka-bur-nay saw-veehn-yawn)

Colchagua Valley Chile

Color: Red burgundy

Nose: Dark fruit, spice,

hints of cedar, blackcurrant Palate:

Complex flavors of plum, red berry, integrated oak

> Finish: Elegant finish

CELLARING SUGGESTIONS

Drink now through 2010 L207C

Retail Price: Special Member Price: \$22.99/each Reorder Price:

26% Discount

\$26.99/each \$19.99/each \$239.88/case





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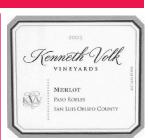
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erlot is a wine for all seasons a n d gets constant

attention. Naturally fruitier than Cabernet Sauvignon, quicker to ripen, and easy to pronounce, its popularity knows no bounds. The 1980's brought a plethora of Merlot wine to the market. Some of it was so generic it could not be recognized as Merlot. Yet it maintained its reputation as a soft, fruity wine, easy to drink and easy on the budget. Kenneth Volk has been making wine for over thirty years and has seen trends come and go. He loves Merlot and makes Merlot from the best Merlot vines in California. Templeton and western portions of Paso Robles have consistently proven to be California's finest areas for growing merlot. Merlot needs a long growing season to develop fruit maturity. This area has warm daytime temperature for building fruit-driven grapes, while the cool mornings maintain acids and a low PH so important for Merlot. Under-ripe and overcropped Merlot can lean toward smells of green beans and asparagus, Volk insists only on full-fruit maturity before harvesting to play down these vegetable qualities. "At Kenneth Volk Vineyards we believe that consistently complex, interesting wines achieved through comprehensive execution in the vineyard. The winemaking process should support and enhance the excellent flavor of well-tended grapes," says Kenneth. At Kenneth Volk Vineyards, their goal is to create multifaceted wines that are delicious to drink. We think he succeeded with this Merlot.

His Merlot is a dark purple red color. The nose is fruit forward with plum, ripe berry, fig and mocha. The palate is full-bodied with soft, integrated tannins, tastes of plums, fig, mocha and lots of ripe berry fruit. This is a wine to be enjoyed anytime and will pair with beef dishes as well as pasta and chicken Kiev.



2003

Kenneth Volk

Merlot (mare-low)

Paso Robles California

Color: Dark purple red

Nose:

Plum, berry, fig, mocha

Palate:

Full-bodied, integrated oak, purple plums, fig, soft smooth tannins

Finish: Rich lengthy finish

CELLARING SUGGESTIONS

Drink now or hold 2-3 years L207D Retail Price:

\$19.99/each Special Member Price: \$16.99/each Reorder Price: \$14.99/each

26% Discount \$179.88/case



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LIMITED SERIES EARLIER SELECTIONS

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ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	REGULAR PRICE/ UNIT	DISC.	QTY.	MEMBER REORDER PRICE/ CASE/EACH	TOTAL	
L207C	Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002. Encierra	\$26.99	26%		\$239.88/cs		
	"Dark fruit, spice, cedar, blackcurrant"	·			\$19.99/ea		
L207D	Merlot, 2003. Kenneth Volk	\$19.99	26%		\$179.88/cs		
	"Plum, berry, fig, mocha"				\$14.99/ea		
L207E	Lugana, 2004. Costaripa	\$18.99	22%		\$179.88/cs		
	"Apples, pear, cherry blossom, jasmine"				\$14.99/ea		
L207F	Chardonnay, 2004. Trewa	\$25.99	39%		\$191.88/cs		
	"Tropical fruit, ripe melon, fig, oak"				\$15.99/ea		
L107C	Cabernet Franc, 2003. Napa Redwood	\$34.99	43%		\$239.88/cs		
	"Plums, black cherry, spicy oak"				\$19.99/ea		
L107D	Syrah, 2002. Mandolin	\$17.99	34%		\$143.88/cs		
	"Blueberry, black currant, raspberry"				\$11.99/ea		
L107E	Riesling, 2005. Sander	\$18.99	22%		\$179.88/cs		
	"Peaches, pear, lime"				\$14.99/ea		
L107F	Pinot Blanc, 2005. Sander	\$15.99	26%		\$143.88/cs		
	"Ripe apple, floral, buttery"					\$11.99/ea	
L1206C	Brut Reserve, N.V. Bailly-Lapierre	\$29.99	\$29.99 47%		\$191.88/cs		
	"Apple, pear, mineral"	,				\$15.99/ea	
L1206D	Recioto of Barbera, 2004. Bonny Doon	\$29.99	\$29.99 47%		\$191.88/cs		
212002	"Raisins, pecan pie, raspberry"	Ψ=>.>>	1, 70		\$15.99/ea		
L1206E	Malbec, 2005. Dona Paula	\$18.99	27%		\$167.88/cs		
LIZUUL	"Toasted oak, plum, baked cherry"	Ψ10.>>	27 70		\$13.99/ea		
L1206F	Riesling, 2004. Chateau des Charmes	\$18.99	27%		\$167.88/cs		
L12001	"Floral, mineral, lime, lemon"	Ψ10.77	27 /0		\$13.99/ea		
L1106C	Syrah, 2003. La Filice	\$17.99	17%		\$179.88/cs		
LIIUUC	"Earthy, dark black berry, smoke"	,, \$17.99 17 /0	17 70		\$14.99/ea		
L1106D	Merlot, 2003. Red Horse Ranch	¢25.00	31%		\$215.88/cs		
L1106D	"Damson plums, blueberry, chocolate"	\$25.99 31%	φ23.99 31%		\$17.99/ea		
I 110CF	Riesling, 2005. Jana "Lychee nut, granny smith apples, honey" \$17.99	28%		\$155.88/cs			
L1106E				\$12.99/ea			
I 1106F	Chardonnay, 2005. Donati	2005. Donati \$19.99 20	20%		\$191.88/cs		
L1106F	"Papaya, vanilla, delicious apples"	Φ19.99 	20%		\$15.99/ea		
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REGULAR SELECTIONS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	REGULAR PRICE/ UNIT	DISC.	QTY.	MEMBER REORDER PRICE/ CASE/EACH	TOTAL
207A	Chardonnay, 2005. Crooked Limb "Green apples, peaches, butter"	\$11.99	50%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
207B	Merlot/Malbec/Cab. Sauvignon, 2006. Flagtree "Raspberry, marmalade, floral"	\$13.99	43%		\$95.88/cs \$7.99/ea	
107A	Merlot, 2005. Canyon Oaks "Berry fruit, plums, toasted walnuts"	\$11.99	50%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
107B	Bairrada, 2005. Alianca "Herbal, lemon, floral"	\$9.99	40%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
1206A	Brut, N.V. Rime' "Grapefruit, lemon, green apple"	\$19.95	60%		\$95.88/cs \$7.99/ea	
1206B	Muscat Canelli, 2005. Maddalena "Creamy apricot, pears, honey"	\$10.99	45%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
1206C	Malbec, 2004. Wild Gaucho "Tobacco, truffles, Morello cherries"	\$11.99	51%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
1206D	Colombard, 2005. Colombelle "Citrus, floral, sweet melon"	\$10.99	36%		\$83.88/cs \$6.99/ea	
1106A	Merlot, 2004. Kinderwood "Blackberry, spice, ripe fruit, vanilla"	\$11.99	34%		\$95.88/cs \$7.99/ea	
1106B	Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay, 2006. Flagtree "Citrus, green herbs, honey"	\$9.99	40%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
1006A	Chardonnay, 2005. Bliss "Green apple, pear, butter"	\$11.00	46%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
1006B	Cabernet Sauvignon/ Merlot, 2005. Southern Most "Black cherry, toasty oak, cinnamon"	\$12.00	25%		\$107.88/cs \$8.99/ea	
906A	Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002. Brutocao "Dark chocolate, black fruit, cedar"	\$19.99	50%		\$119.88/cs \$9.99/ea	
906B	Torrontes, 2005. Fantelli "Yellow roses, cherry blossoms, lychee"	\$12.99	54%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
806A	White Merlot, 2005. Cardiff "Watermelon, cotton candy, cherry"	\$10.99	45%		\$71.88/cs \$5.99/ea	
806B	Shiraz, 2003, Rosenblum "Plum, black currant, berry"	\$19.99	60%		\$95.88/cs \$7.99/ea	
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10G	2 Bottles Current club selections		\$21.95*	
20G	6 Bottles Assortment of recent selections		\$58.85*	
30G	12 Bottles (1 Case) Assortment of recent selections		\$114.20*	
4GP Subscriptions:	4 Month Membership in WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB 2 Bottles (current Club selections) each month for 4 months (8 bottles total).		\$77.30*	
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5GP Subscriptions:	6 Month Membership in WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB 2 Bottles (current Club selections) each month for 6 months (12 bottles total).		\$114.20*	
5BGP Subscriptions:	6 Month Membership in WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB 2 Bottles (current Club selections) every other month for 6 months (12 bottles total).		\$114.20*	
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LOG	2 Bottles (LIMITED SERIES) Current selections		\$43.50*	
LGP Subscriptions:	1 Year Membership in WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB 2 Bottles (current Limited Series selections) every month for the next 12 months (24 bottles total).		\$483.50*	
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own special p Basket include Sycamore Lan assorted hard board, knife a	es: One bottle of 2002 Domaine St. George Cabernet, one bottle of 2006 e Chardonnay, Northwood's Cheese with Shiraz, Starr Ridge crackers, candies. Delivered in our insulated double wine tote complete with cheese		\$49.95	
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LIMITED SERIES

TASTING NOTES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2002. ENCIERRA	MERLOT, 2003. KENNETH VOLK
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Nose	Nose
Taste	Taste
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CELLAR NOTES

A report on how previous LIMITED SERIES Selections are faring with age. Obtained from actual tastings on wines under cellar conditions and/or vintner, importer or wholesaler surveys.

February 2003 Cotes du Rhone, 2000. Chapoutier. Drink through 2008.

Pinot Noir, 2001. Mietz. Drink through 2007.

February 2004 Shiraz, 2002. Mitolo Jester. Drink through 2008.

Cabernet Sauvignon, 2001. Peralta. Drink now.

February 2005 Merlot, 2001. Gloria Ferrer. Drink now.

Chardonnay, 2001. Buehler. Drink now.

February 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002. Lake Sonoma. Drink now.

Syrah, 2003. Stacked Stone. Drink through 2007.

MEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

COMING MARCH 16, 2007!!!

Las Vegas Wine Tasting Dinner!

GIORGIO'S AT MANDALAY BAY

Friday, March 16, 2007

Call us at (800) 949-9463 to make your reservation now!

HOME WINE TASTING PARTIES

Many members have asked us about both our wine tasting parties and about conducting wine seminars. So, in combining the two ideas we have introduced the WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB WINE TASTING PARTIES.

If you are living in Southern California or the Reno area, and are interested in hosting a home wine tasting party, please call us at 1-800-949-9463 or send an email to Jenny@womclub.com



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${\mathcal M}$ ember Comments

"Thanks for always being our wine source for new and now our favorite wines!"

S.M., MANSFIELD, IL

"I have been in other wine clubs but you guys are the best."

C.P., SPARKS, NV

"I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food!"

S.M., FARRAGUT, IA

"Thank you for your excellent service and nice wine selections! It's always fun to see what you get to open in each shipment!"

E.S., FARGO, ND

"I really value my Wine of the Month Club membership. Great wine at an excellent price. You take the guesswork out of finding great wine."

B.H., CHINO HILLS, CA



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The colder months make us crave comfort food. Nothing is better than Mac n' Cheese. This recipe pairs great with both red and white wines.

BEST-EVER MAC N' CHEESE

Serves 10

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup panko bread crumbs

1 tsp. melted butter

1/2 cup butter

1/2 cup flour

5 cups milk

1/2 tsp. dry mustard

1/4 tsp. white pepper

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

1/8 tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. salt

1 bay leaf

4 cups shredded mild cheddar cheese

3 cups shredded Swiss Gruyere cheese

1 pound large macaroni shells (chiocciole or connchiglie)

1/2 cup heavy cream

PREPARATION:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Toss the bread crumbs with the melted butter on a small baking pan. Toast the bread crumbs until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In a large saucepan, heat the butter over medium heat until melted, and then stir in the flour. Heat and stir until smooth and bubbling, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in the milk. Add the dry mustard, white and cayenne pepper, nutmeg, salt and bay leaf. Heat and stir to boiling, then reduce the heat to a slow simmer and



cook 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the bay leaf. Stir in 3 cups of the cheddar and all the Gruyere until melted. Pour the sauce over the cooked macaroni in a large bowl, stirring until all of the macaroni is coated.

Pour the macaroni into a well-buttered 9 x 13 inch casserole dish. Drizzle heavy cream around the edges of the casserole. Sprinkle the remaining 1 cup cheddar cheese then the toasted bread crumbs. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake 20 minutes. Remove the foil and bake and additional 10 minutes. Put under preheated broiler for 5 minutes. Serve piping hot.

This simple yet heart-warming recipe will stave off the chill of February with a glass of red wine.

<u>CANNELLINI BEANS IN HERBED</u> TOMATO SAUCE

Serves 4-6

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups dried cannellini beans

8 fresh sage leaves

1 tomato, cored and halved

Salt and fresh ground pepper

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

3 garlic cloves, minced

2 cups crushed canned plum tomatoes

with juices

Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes

PREPARATION:

Pick over beans, discarding any misshapen beans and stones. Rinse the beans and drain. Place in a large bowl, add water to cover generously and let soak overnight.

Drain the beans, rinse well and place in a large saucepan. Add 7 cups water and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add 4 of the sage leaves and the tomato halves. Reduce the heat to a gentle simmer and cook, uncovered, until the beans are tender, about 2 hours. Season with salt, and then drain the beans. Remove and discard the sage leaves and tomato halves. In a large pot over medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add the garlic, the remaining 4 sage leaves, the canned tomatoes with their juices and the red pepper flakes and cook until simmering, about 5 minutes. Stir in the beans, bring to simmer and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, for about 15 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Tasting ${\cal N}$ otes

CHARDONNAY, 2005. CROOKED LIMB	MERLOT/MALBEC/CAB. SAUVINGON, 2006. FLAGTREE
Date Tested Color	Date Tested Color
Nose	Nose
Taste	Taste
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WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB CELLAR NOTES

A report on how previous WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB Selections are faring with age. Obtained from actual tastings on wines under cellar conditions and/or vintner, importer or wholesaler surveys.

February 2003 Syrah, 2001. Oakhurst. Drink now.

Sauvignon Blanc, 2002. Hamilton Cellars. Drink now.

February 2004 Chardonnay, 2002. Joliesse Reserve. Drink now.

Shiraz, 2001. Enrico Mercuri. Drink through 2007.

February 2005 Merlot, 2000. Sonoma Creek. Drink now.

Chardonnay, 2002. Kangaroo Ridge. Drink now.

February 2006 Sauvignon Blanc, 2004. Drink now.

Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002. Deakin Estates. Drink through 2007.

${\mathcal M}$ ember ${\mathcal I}$ nquiry

This is a difficult question. Each taster has different likes and dislikes. It is hard for even the most experienced tasters to separate their personal preferences for the sake of evaluation. Part of it has to do with what each taster feels is important in the wine. For instance, since most old world wines are labeled by region instead of varietal, "typicity" is a very important point. A taster of Bordeaux may downgrade a wine from Pomerol that you and I love just because it does not taste like a classic Pomerol. For most of us, if we like

What are some of the factors "wine tasters" look for in a "great" wine?

- E. M., LAS VEGAS, NV.

Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot, in the case of the Pomerol example, we don't really care where it comes from as long as we like the taste of the wine. Great wines have some assets which should be discussed when tasted. They should look, smell and taste "true to form", i.e. if the wine looks and smells like Riesling but is

actually Sauvignon Blanc, this is considered a flaw. If, on the other hand, it looks, smells and tastes like a great Cabernet Sauvignon, but comes from Argentina, it doesn't matter - it is still Cabernet Sauvignon and not Pinot Noir. Great wines hold promise; the nose should deliver on the palate, the palate should linger on the finish. This is only a primer. The best thing to do is taste as many wines as you can and simply enjoy them for their individual personalities.



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What others are saying about our selections!

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nother wonderful Italian wine! Will it ever end? This

one is from one of the northernmost areas' of Italy which still has a Mediterranean climate. The Garda Classico and Lugana appellations lie between the Garda Lake and Brescia. Here is a rolling landscape dotted with lemon tress, olive groves, cypress trees and vineyards of great charm and tranquility. Costaripa is owned by two brothers, Mattia and Imer Vezzola. The property dates back to 1896. Grandfather, Mattia Sr, was instrumental in putting the wines from Moniga del Garda on the map. His son, Bruno encouraged his two sons to study oenology and passed on a lifetime of passion and experience. As the second generation was followed by a third, the winery gathered momentum and strength. The location has wellventilated, sloping vineyards that face the lake and the rising sun. The name Costaripa means "gentle

slope," for this superb exposure. Costaripa's top priority is to maximize the local potential by nurturing the native grapes such as Groppello, Marzemino and Trebbiano di Lugana.

Trebbiano grows easily and is planted throughout Italy. It is also grown in France as Ugni Blanc in the Midi, as St. Emilion in Cognac and is the main grape used to make some of the world's finest brandy. The wines from Trebbiano are light, crisp and easy to drink. The Vezzola brothers partly ferment the juice in small oak barrels for more complexity. The wine is a pale yellow color with flecks of green. The nose is intense and fragrant with apples, pear, jasmine, cherry blossom. The palate is dry, crisp, and rich with elegant fruit, balanced crispness and a touch of vanilla. It finishes clean and crisp. What a perfect wine for appetizers, light pasta dishes, goat cheese omelets or Asian dishes.



2004

Costaripa

Trebbiano di Lugana (treh-bee-ah-no)

Lombardy Italy

Color: Pale vellow with green tints

Nose:

Fragrant apples, pear, cherry blossom, jasmine

Palate:

Delicate, balanced acidity, fresh fruit, apple, pear, touch of vanilla

Finish: Clean dry finish

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he Gabella family has been making growing wine in the Maule Valley of Chile since 1825. Vina Trewa is still family-owned and familycontrolled. It only started making wine under its own name in 1985. Before then, the estate provided grapes to other leading Chilean wineries for over a century. Six generations later, the estate owns 1235 acres and produces six estate-bottled varietals. 6th generation, Alberto del Pedregal runs the operation with finesse and skill. The winery is modern and state-of-the-art. Chile is free of the root louse phylloxera and most other vine diseases. Vines free from diseases can produce healthy fruit far longer than in a country using grafted rootstocks. Some of Trewa Cabernet Sauvignon vines were planted 85 years ago and still yield a small, but rich crop! Their vines are planted 2000 feet above sea level in the heart of the transversal Maule Valley, which runs east to west from the Andes Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. With hot summer days, cool nights and extremely clean air, the

grapes achieve the perfect balance of sugar and acid. The Maule Valley is located just south of Santiago, Chile's capital city. Although wine has been made here since the early 16th century, it has only been in the past ten years or so that Chilean wines have gained worldwide recognition and popularity. The wines taste great and are very affordable. Says Alberto, "Our mission is to completely satisfy our customer's needs supplying the highest quality range of wines, utilizing cost efficient production processes, providing excellent customer service based on strong principles and values passed down through the generations."

The 2004 Trewa Chardonnay is a medium golden color. The nose is uplifting with tropical fruit, ripe, rich melon, butter, fig and subtle oak. The palate is complex, full of rich, ripe fruit, spice, butter, tropical fruit and balanced acidity. The finish lingers. This is a reliable, all-purpose Chardonnay to pair with all your gatherings.



2004

Trewa

Chardonnay (shar-doe-nay)

Maule Valley Chile

Color:

Medium golden yellow

Nose:

Tropical fruit, butter, ripe melon, fig, subtle oak

Palate:

Dry, mediumbodied, dominate ripe fruit, round, buttery, ripe melon, vanilla

Finish: Warm rich finish

CELLARING SUGGESTIONS

Drink now or through 2008

Retail Price: L207F

Special Member Price: \$16.99/each Reorder Price:

\$15.99/each

\$25.99/each

39% Discount

\$191.88/case

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Wines evaluated last year: 1933

Rejected: 1580 Approved: 337 Selected:72

2006 was another great trip around the globe with our wine selections. We hope that you had a great journey!

SPARKLING

1206A Rime' Brut, NV ~ Grapefruit, lemon, green apple.

L1206C Bailly-Lapierre Brut Reserve, NV ~ Apple, pear, mineral.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Deakin, 2004 ~ Tropical fruit, pear, citrus.
 Grove Street, 2004 ~ Pineapple, banana, pears.
 Coppola, 2004 ~ Tropical fruit, pears, figs.
 Allan Scott, 2004 ~ Citrus, lime, melon.

L706F Phantom Rivers, 2003 ~ Grapefruit, lime, melon.
L806E Marlborough, 2003 ~ Limes, mandarin, white pepper.

CHARDONNAY

606A Sycamore Lane, 2005 ~ Fresh apples, pear, peach.

1006A Bliss, 2005 ~ Green apple, pear.

L106C Bennett ~ Toast, granny smith apples, vanilla.

L206F Sticks, 2004 ~ Nectarine, peaches, savory oak.

L306F Rockbare, 2004 ~ Ripe pear, honeyed peach.

L406F Sandoval, 2003 ~ Lush, caramel, apple pie.

L706C Tin Pony, 2003 ~ Creamy peach, toasty oak.

L1006E Martin Alfaro, 2004 ~ Grilled pineapple, vanilla.

L1106F Donati, 2005 ~ Papaya, vanilla, delicious apples.

OTHER WHITES

306B Apalooza, Mendoza White, 2004 ~ Flowers, mineral, citrus.

406A Steel Creek, Viognier, 2005 ~ Honeysuckle, melon, lime.

506B St. Lucas, Torrontes, 2005 ~ Apricot, passion fruit, roses.

806A Cardiff, White Merlot, 2005 ~ Watermelon, cotton candy, cherry.
 906B Fantelli, Torrontes, 2005 ~ Yellow roses, cherry blossom, lychee.
 1106B Flagtree, Chard/Sauvignon Blanc, 2006 ~ Citrus, green herbs, honey.

1206D Colombelle, Colombard, 2005 ~ Citrus, floral, sweet melon.

L206E Konzelmann, Riesling, 2002 - Peaches and flint.

L306E Di Giovanna, Grillo, 2004 ~ Lemon, lime, wild flowers.

L406E Rancho Sisquoc, Sylvaner, 2005 ~ Honeydew, sweet pear, spice. L506C Martin Schaetzel, Pinot Blanc, 2004 ~ Hazelnut, vanilla, marigold.

L606D Norfolk Rise, Pinot Gris, 2005 ~ Pear, musk, exotic fruit.

L806F Houghton, Sauv Blanc/Semillon, 2005 ~ Herbaceous, melon, smoky.
 L906E Willm Domaine, Pinot Gris, 2004 ~ Fresh pear, smoky peaches, quince.
 L906F Zenaida Cellars, Chard/Viognier, 2005 ~ Flowery, oranges, almond, vanilla.

L1006F Grego, Malvar, 2004 ~ Fresh lime, almond, orange.

L1106E	Jana, Riesling, 2005 ~ Lychee nut, granny smith apples, honey.
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L1206F Chateau des Charmes, Riesling, 2004 ~ Floral, mineral, lime.

DESSERT

1206B Maddalena, Muscat Canelli, 2005 ~ Peach, apricot, floral.

L1206D Bonny Doon, Recioto Barbera, 2004 ~ Raisins, pecan pie, raspberry.

ZINFANDEL

L806D X Winery, Amazin, 2004 ~ Anise, black pepper, brambleberry.

L906C 2820 Wine Company, 2003 ~ Ripe red apples, cranberry, raspberry.

SHIRAZ / SYRAH

806B Rosenblum, Shiraz, 2003 ~ Plum, blackcurrant, berry.

L106D Vina Robles, 2001 ~ Ripe cherries, dark chocolate.

L206D Stacked Stone, Syrah, 2003 ~ Black pepper, mineral.

L306D Bridlewood, Syrah, 2001 ~ Smoke, cedar, chocolate. L1106C La Filice, Syrah, 2003 ~ Earthy, dark blackberry, smoke.

MERLOT

106A Havens, Merlot, 1998 ~ Red and black cherry, mocha.

106C Havens, 1999 ~ Red cherry cola, plum.

306A Armstrong Ridge, 2001 ~ Lush ripe plums, mint.

506C Sonoma Creek, 2003 ~ Blueberries, plum, cedar. 1106A Kinderwood, 2004 ~ Ripe fruit, spice, blackberry.

L406D Fife, 2000 ~ Inky red, blueberry.

L706D Monticello, 2003 ~ Black licorice, olive, vanilla.

L906D Lucas & Lewella, 2001 ~ Tea, earth, spice, black cherry.

L1006D Grayson, 2005 ~ Black cherry, toasty oak, cinnamon. L1106D Red Horse Ranch, 2003 ~ Damson plums, blueberry, chocolate.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

206B Deakin, 2002 ~ Mint, chocolate, currants.

506A Sonoma Creek, 2001 ~ Blackberry, plum, eucalyptus.

606B Feudo Arancio, 2003 ~ Black currant, spices, black plums.

706A King Fish, 2004 ~ Black plums, cedar, currants.

906A Brutocao, 2002 ~ Cedar, black fruit, chocolate.

L206C Lake Sonoma, 2002 ~ Cassis, currants, cocoa.

L406C Goundrey, 2003 ~ Blueberry, cocoa, smoke.

L1006C Finca Koch, 2001 ~ Cassis, dark chocolate, blackberries.

RED BLENDS

1006B Southern Most, Cab / Merlot, 2005 ~ Black cherry, toasty oak, cinnamon.

L306C X Winery, 2004 ~ Rich cherry, blackberry, cassis.

L606C Fife, Scarlet, 2000 ~ Sweet cherry, cassis, dark chocolate.

L606E Parador, 2000 ~ Blackberry, smokey, sage.

OTHER REDS

406B Gracia, Carmenere, 2005 ~ Dark spices, black pepper.

1206C Wild Gaucho, Malbec, 2004 ~ Tobacco, truffles, morello cherry.

L506D Bates, Rosso, 2003 ~ Red extracted fruit, spice.

L706E Vina Salceda, Tempranillo blend, 2002 ~ Spice, wood, red cherry.

L806C Finca Sobreno, Tempranillo, 2003 ~ Sandalwood, spice, vanilla.

L1206E Dona Paula, Malbec, 2005 ~ Toasted oak, plums, baked cherry.