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'TIS THE SEASON for
CHAMPAGNE



Veuve Clicquot

■ REIMS FRANCE ■

VEUVE CLICQUOT

Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin was not only one of the world's first business women, but she also brought her wine business back from the brink of destruction and created the modern Champagne market in the process.



KEY DATES

- 1772 Champagne house founded
- 1775 First to export Rosé Champagne
- 1798 Francois Clicquot marries Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin
- 1805 Francois dies and his widow (Veuve in French) takes control of the champagne house at only 27 years of age becoming one of the first business women of modern times
- 1810 Madame Clicquot creates the first Vintage Champagne
- 1816 Invents "Riddling" making crystal-clear champagne possible & soon becomes known as La Grande Dame
- 1817 The famous "Yellow Label" is trademarked (the color inspired by egg yolk during breakfast)

DESCRIPTION	SIZE	ITEM #	CASE	BOTTLE
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut N/V "Yellow Label" (Metal Fridge Gift Pack)	750 ml	18369	\$239.50 (6 btl)	\$42.99
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut N/V "Yellow Label"	1.5 L	18312	\$240 (3 btl)	\$93
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut N/V "Yellow Label"	375 ml	18149	\$550 (24 btl)	\$22.91
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut N/V "Yellow Label" <i>LIMITED</i>	3 L	18293	\$266 (1 btl)	\$266
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut Vintage 2004 (Gift Pack)	750 ml	1835204	\$376 (6 btl)	\$64.67
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut Rosé (Shopping Bag Gift Pack)	750 ml	18320	\$299.50 (6 btl)	\$52.99
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut Rosé	375 ml	18285	\$624 (24 btl)	\$26.50
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut Rosé	1.5 L	18339	\$322.50 (3 btl)	\$110.33
VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut Rosé Vintage 2004 (Gift Pack)	750 ml	1831004	\$396 (6 btl)	\$68
VEUVE CLICQUOT Demi-Sec N/V	750 ml	18156	\$512 (12 btl)	\$43.67
VEUVE CLICQUOT La Grande Dame 2004	750 ml	1814204	\$599 (6 btl)	\$101.83

CHAMPAGNE

Can't miss items!

Over the last two decades Krug has understandably had a track record of receiving the highest average critical ratings of any Champagne house. What's even more stunning is that over that period Krug has not only been recognized as the top house in Champagne, but it has received the highest average critical ratings of any winery in the world!

VOLLEREAUX

Champagne Brut N/V

This is a steal!
92 POINTS from Wine Spectator at \$21.33 a bottle!

"Rich and refined, with layers of pear pastry, black cherry, hazelnut, lemon cream, honey and floral notes. A spicy thread of minerality winds through this wine, as does the precise and seamlessly integrated acidity."

Vollereaux
Brut Champagne N/V
Item #: 18324
\$27.99 (750ml)
\$128.00 case (6 btl)



VALUE

INVESTMENT



KRUG

Champagne Brut Grand Cuvée N/V

97 POINTS
from Wine Spectator

"This is all about balance and the intergration of power and finesse, with finely honed acidity supporting flavors of quince paste, dried black cherry, spun honey and candied orange zest, while rich notes of roasted walnut, coffee liqueur and toasted cardamom resonate on the finish. Hard to stop sipping."

Krug
Champagne Brut Grand Cuvée N/V
Item #: 18800
\$130.33 (750ml)
\$776.00 case (6 btl)

CHAMPAGNE FUN FACTS

did you know...

- Champagne, France is on the same latitude as Vancouver
- Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC), which translates as "controlled designation of origin," constitutes 36,000 hectares which is 0.5% of global vineyards
- There are 319 communes of which 87% are owned by growers
- Champagne is 1% of wine production and 10% of Sparkling
- The region endures 200 days of rain each year on average
- There are 17 Grand Cru towns, 44 Premier Cru towns and 258 villages
- Non-Vintage Champagne is 90% of production and can be the most challenging style to make

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***IT'S
HERE!***



DEFIANT
AMERICAN SINGLE MALT WHISKEY

by Blue Ridge Distilling Co., Golden Valley, North Carolina

Made from 100% malted barley of the finest quality, freshly ground for each and every batch in-house on a custom roller mill. The custom-made German hybrid still is operated by hand. Each still run is negotiated to collect only the heart, the purest form of alcohol. Air-dried, well-seasoned, perfectly-toasted American white oak matures and softens the spirit. This marriage of fine oak and whisky imparts a palate to the whisky bringing out vanilla, caramel and honey. Before bottling, the whiskey is cut with water that is drawn from deep under the distillery from a natural spring. Nowhere in the process, however, is there peating of the malt like Scottish single malt, so this will be an alternative single malt for all the smoke heads out there, and a domestic one at that.

“We’re rethinking whisky by taking the best of Scottish tradition and combining it with American ingenuity. We’re starting a whisky revolution. Charting a new course on the journey. And we’re doing it the Defiant way.”

-Founder Tim Ferris

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
DEFIANT	3041	750 ml	\$360	\$30

Special introductory price for December!

A \$104.00 post per case, over \$8 a bottle.

***NEW
ITEM!***

Fresh from the garden...

PRAIRIE
Organic Cucumber Vodka

I dare you to find a more naturally flavored cucumber vodka with this kind of real cucumber essence and smooth character at this price... and ORGANIC to boot!

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
PRAIRIE Organic Cucumber Vodka	3027	750 ml	\$160	\$14.33
PRAIRIE Organic Cucumber Vodka	3026	1 L	\$230	\$20.17



CADE

2 WINERIES WORTH
CHECKING OUT!

CADE Howell Mountain Napa Valley

Situated 1800 feet atop of Howell Mountain, Cade (Plumpjack's sister winery) has been a critical success since they opened in 2005, specializing in luxury, crafted high-altitude Cabernet. Owned by Gordon Getty & Gavin Newsom, Cade is hailed as one of, if not the, "greenest" wineries ever built with views one can only dream of. This is Napa Valley's first estate Gold Leed Certified Winery (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). The estate is solar-powered and organically farmed, they even have electric car charging stations in the parking lot.

- 60% of Cade property is maintained as natural landscape
- 99% annual average energy needs generated by solar panels
- 67% reduction in overall water consumption

CADE Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

96% Cabernet and 4% Merlot from free-run juice only. 19 months in small, 100% French oak barrels, 80% new and 20% once filled.

94 POINTS - WINE ADVOCATE

"A fascinating wine. Layers of expressive dark fruit, licorice, mint and new leather wrap around the palate in this deep powerful Cabernet."

ITEM #: 5122609

\$57 (750ml bottle) / \$664 case

CADE Cabernet Sauvignon Cuvée 2009

Made from some of Napa's most sought after vineyards: Beckstoffer's George the 3rd (Rutherford), Beckstoffer's Orchard Avenue Vineyard (Oak Knoll), Dr. Krane Vineyard (St. Helena). This is a blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Petite Verdot and 1% Malbec. The wine spends 18 months in 100% French Oak, 55% new.

ITEM #: 5121109

\$59.99 (750ml bottle) / \$499 case



FAUST

FAUST Napa Valley "TOP CABERNET, 5 YEARS RUNNING" Wine & Spirits Mag. Restaurant Poll

Faust is one of Napa Valley's greatest Cabernet Sauvignon values. In fact the New York Times listed it as the Best Napa Valley Cabernet of the 2007 vintage of which Faust was the least expensive. This beauty is crafted at the iconic and state-of-the-art Quintessa winery in Rutherford by their winemaker Charles Thomas. Not only does he source fruit from the estate but also from small lots in spectacular mountain and valley terroir including Stagecoach and Pahlmayer. Charles Thomas's career includes assisting in the creation of Opus One for Robert Mondavi as head winemaker from 1979 through 1994, and making some of the highest regarded wines in California including Domaine Chandon, Cardinale, Rudd & Quintessa. All the grapes are hand-picked, double sorted, gently crushed and fermented in stainless steel and French oak. After an extended maceration the wine is aged in 100% French oak barrels (30% new) for 19 months. The composition is 83% Cabernet, 13% Merlot, 3% Malbec and 1% Cabernet Franc. Dense and inky, the core is a beautiful, rich ruby color. Aromas of blackberry, black cherry, ripe raspberry and tea leaf. A rich mouthfeel with notes of cassis, dark chocolate and ripe berries.

FAUST Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

ITEM #: 5144211

\$36.33 (750ml bottle) / \$424 case

FAUST Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

ITEM #: 5144411

\$21.50 (375ml bottle) / \$252 case (12)

FAUST Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

ITEM #: 5144511 LIMITED

\$87.67 (1.5 L bottle) / \$520 case (6)

GIFT IDEAS!

BETTER THAN BOXED CHOCOLATES!

DORDA
DOUBLE CHOCOLATE LIQUEUR



DORDA DOUBLE CHOCOLATE LIQUEUR

Tell your customers to forget the box of chocolates this year. Why not a bottle of chocolate? Chocolate and Chopin Vodka actually! Dorda is a double chocolate liqueur, not a chocolate flavored vodka! Chopin starts with extraordinarily high quality Polish chocolate from one of Poland's finest chocolatiers and, to keep that pure chocolate in liquid form, combines it with spicy Chopin Rye Vodka and the synergy is created! *Pure decadence!*

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
DORDA Double Chocolate Liqueur	2717	750 ml	\$132 (6 btl)	\$23
DORDA Double Chocolate Liqueur	2972	50 ml	\$180 (120 btl)	\$18 sleeve (10 btl)

Stocking Stuffer Idea! →

BARRELED & BOTTLED COCKTAILS!

HIGH WEST
DISTILLERY & SALOON
PARK CITY · UTAH



HIGH WEST BARRELED MANHATTAN

What's cooler than showing up to a cocktail party with your own cocktail? How about a barrel-aged Manhattan in a bottle? These items are a great gift idea and are sure to be a hit with those looking for something different to bring the holiday host! A combination of High West Double Rye, sweet vermouth and bitters that is mellowed in barrel for 6 months and bottled. It takes most of the thinking and all of the measuring out of the equation so you can concentrate on making fun of all of those ugly holiday sweaters. Just pour and serve! And as always, garnish with a Luxardo Maraschino Cherry #22807 (14 oz. jar). Heck, really complete the gift with one of each!

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
HIGH WEST Barreled Manhattan	1941	750 ml	\$460	\$38.75

HIGH WEST BARRELED BOULEVARDIER

The Boulevardier cocktail was created in 1927 by Erskine Gwynne, nephew of railroad tycoon Alfred Vanderbilt. Erskine moved to Paris and began The Boulevardier, a monthly literary magazine patterned after The New Yorker. "Gwynne made his cocktail with one-part Campari, one-part Italian vermouth, and one-part bourbon. High West makes theirs a little more whiskey-forward (after all they are whiskey producers)," says High West proprietor David Perkins. "We mix two parts bourbon, one part sweet vermouth, and one part bitter orange liqueur and then age the cocktail in a whiskey barrel for four months." The barrel aging adds a rich mouth feel and mellows the ingredients. This Boulevardier is a real delight served over ice with a twist of orange or lemon peel. You'll find a complex and strong cocktail with a taste bud inspiring interplay between sweet and bitter. Very satisfying.



DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
HIGH WEST Barreled Boulevardier	2986	750 ml	\$468	\$40

RECOMMENDED WINES

PRIMUS

Big Bold Reds from Both Sides of the Andes

PRIMUS

*Carménère, Cabernet Sauvignon,
Red Blend and Malbec*

Proprietor Agustin Huneeus is known for creating some of the world's best Bordeaux-styled wines like Quintessa. Primus uses identical winemaking techniques as in first-class Napa Valley Cabernet and blends. All fruit is hand harvested. Yields can be as low as 2 tons per acre and go through a meticulous double sorting. The wines are aged between 12-14 months in French and American oak barrels (25% new). Chile's economic advantage delivers world-class quality at less than half the price of similar new world wines. Primus produces four big, bold red wines with balance and intensity, all 750ml bottles packed 12 per case.

PRIMUS WINES ARE MADE WITH THE SAME DETAIL-INTENSE WINEMAKING PRACTICES RESERVED FOR THE TOP WINES OF THE WORLD.

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	CASE	BOTTLE
PRIMUS Red Blend 2010, Colchagua Valley - Chile (Wine Spectator Top 100 2012 - 2009 vintage)	2323510	\$160	\$17.99
PRIMUS Cabernet Sauvignon 2010, Colchagua Valley - Chile (90 Points Wine Advocate)	2323010	\$154	\$17.99
PRIMUS Carménère 2010, Colchagua Valley - Chile (90 Points Wine Advocate)	2325210	\$154	\$17.99
PRIMUS Malbec 2010, Mendoza - Argentina (89 Points Wine Advocate)	2325410	\$154	\$17.99

RITUAL

Superior Quality Wines from Casablanca Valley, Chile

RITUAL

Paul Hobbs is an American winemaker famous for producing highly-acclaimed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in California's best regions. Ritual is a joint project that fulfills his quest to produce a first-class Pinot Noir in Chile. Casablanca Valley was chosen due to its proximity to the Pacific Ocean. The loamy soils found here are similar to those in Sonoma Coast, California. These cool climate regions are ideal for the production of great Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. These wines are a tremendous value and at a perfect price for the smart holiday buyer. Upon its first vintage release, Ritual Pinot Noir soared to stardom by making Wine Spectator's Top 100.



DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	CASE	BOTTLE
RITUAL Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Casablanca Valley - Chile (90 Points Wine Enthusiast)	2323811	\$120	\$14.99
RITUAL Pinot Noir 2012, Casablanca Valley - Chile	2323712	\$154	\$17.99

SLOCUM IMPORTS

GERMAN RIESLINGS

for the Holidays

by **Eric Litchfield***A word about Riesling...*

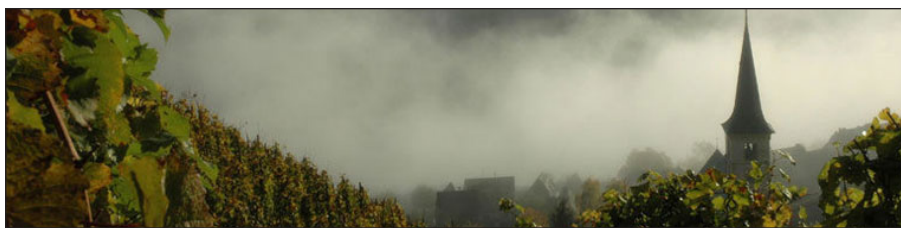
All grapes in the wine kingdom have their own unique personalities. Riesling's is fruitiness, in the form of apples, lemons, limes, tangerines, pineapples and so on. Another personality trait is its brisk, crunchy acidity. Fruitiness and acidity work in harmony with one another, allowing for Riesling's mesmerizing personality. Riesling is indeed unique, with the most delicate and ethereally transparent personality in the wine world.

A word about dryness...

I don't like Riesling, you say, it's too sweet. As mentioned above, Riesling is about fruitiness, not necessarily sweetness. There is a difference and they should not be confused. Any wine can be dry or sweet, it all depends on the fermentation process. In winemaking, fermentation is the activity where yeast converts the grape's natural sugar into alcohol. If a winemaker allows fermentation to continue until all the sugar in the grape is used up, the end result is a dry wine. If, however, he wishes to have a little sweetness in the wine, the winemaker will cut the fermentation process short where a hint of the natural sugar remains. When Riesling is fermented to a totally dry state, there's still loads of fruit flavor because that's the grape's natural makeup. It may appear sweet, but it's dry.

And finally, a word about sweetness...

German wine is unique, just like Riesling. The whites are the lightest, most delicate wines on earth. They get their complexity, not by power, alcohol or richness, rather by their grace, elegance and transparent character due to a long growing season and the soils in which the grapes grow. Part of their beauty comes from the uncanny balance between the sweetness of the wine and its acid structure. It's like yin and yang or sweet and sour; one opposite force balances the other. Sweetness and acidity work the same way. Without proper acidity, the sweetness in the wine would appear out of balance and tastes too much like fruit juice. Conversely, without enough sweetness in the wine, its acid structure would feel like layers of tissue are being ripped out of your mouth. Sounds attractive doesn't it? Just think what this wine tastes like. So in the world of Riesling and Germany, sweetness is an all-important element in the balance and makeup of a great wine. Few, if any, wine regions in the world can captivate the palate as well those from Germany with their uniquely sleek, intense and utterly graceful charm.

*DRY RIESLING***Wehrheim Niersteiner Oelberg - Riesling Spätlese Trocken 2012****Item #: 1130312** \$13.66 (750ml bottle) / \$152 case

A mouthful of words in the wine description, yet a mouthful of tantalizing flavor. Wehrheim's the producer, Oelberg is the vineyard from the picturesque village of Nierstein, Riesling's the grape and the wine is dry (trocken) made from fully ripe grapes (Spätlese). Pretty simple isn't it?

So, how about the wine? Dry, you say, how dry? Well, very dry. Mr. Wehrheim has fermented all the sugar out of fully-ripened grapes, yielding a wine that is bone-dry, but it's balanced because of its wonderfully juicy flavor. There's a delicacy to it, seemingly feather-light on the palate. But, there's plenty of alcohol to give the wine a big lift in the finish. Never had a truly dry German Riesling? Don't miss this one.

*FRUITY RIESLING***Dr. Crusius Traiser Rotenfels - Riesling Kabinett 2012****Item #: 1133312** \$17.66 (750ml bottle) / \$200 case

The Mosel, Rheingau, Pfalz and Rheinhessen get all the hoopla because these are the most famous wine regions in Germany. However, the little known Nahe wine district makes some of the best wines in all of Germany. Without question, one of its most illustrious producers is Weingut Dr. Crusius. An estate with a tradition in the wine business of more than 400 years, it remains firmly entrenched in the hands of the Crusius family today with ownership of some of the Nahe's most prized vineyard sites. One of which is the great Traiser Rotenfels, a vineyard high in elevation with unique red volcanic soils.

This wine is beautifully etched with bright Riesling fruit and hints of smoked ginger. Typical of great Nahe wines, the Traiser Rotenfels Riesling Kabinett 2012 is sleek yet powerful with layer upon layer of delicious flavors.

*SWEET RIESLING***St. Ludwin Bernkasteler Kurfürstlay - Riesling Auslese 2009****Item #: 1108709** \$13 (750ml bottle) / \$136 case (\$8 savings)

This small, family owned wine estate is located in the picturesque wine town of Alzey, considered the wine capital of the Rheinhessen wine district as it sits at the halfway point of the region's famous wine road known as the "Weinstrasse."

The owner of St. Ludwin has been in the possession of this winery for several generations, and has a long-standing reputation as a producer of outstanding regional wines from the Mosel and Rhine wine districts. The wine estate's reputation has been built upon crafting wines which offer finesse, elegance and typicity of flavor, specific to its geographic location and soil type. St. Ludwin is especially proud of its wines produced from vineyards located in the villages of Bernkastel, Piesport alongside the pretty Mosel River and Nierstein nestled beside the majestic Rhine.

This is simply one of the best bargains of Auslese one will find on the market anywhere, and has more balance and sophistication than some of its brethren at twice the price. Pure Mosel character with sleek delicacy, superb fruit notes of lime, apple purée and sun-warmed slate with nicely integrated, firm acidity.

PORTFOLIO FEATURE

NEW SPIRIT SUPPLIER

by Noah King-Smith

WHERE DO I START HERE? I'm extremely excited to announce that we have found an absolutely tremendous new spirit supplier! Wait, that's putting it lightly. Upon meeting with Nicolas Palazzi and discovering his artisan spirit selections, we had a near religious experience. Is that better? This stuff rocks! Never before has the evidence of a true artisanal spirit collection hit me than with this tasting session. This portfolio of true craft spirits from Nicolas Palazzi gives a whole new meaning to craft. The ridiculous handmade nature of these *COGNACS*, *ARMAGNACS*, *EAUX-DE-VIE*, *FORTIFIED WINES*, *SPANISH BRANDIES*, and even a *SPANISH RUM* had us in disbelief.

AFTER ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING and satisfying new supplier tastings, we were lucky enough to secure a relationship with Nicolas. This means that we are now able to offer you some of the highest quality distilled products in the US market. As with any artisanal product of this caliber, supply is very limited. If you have the chance to buy anything from this portfolio, act fast!

COGNAC



The Guillon-Painturaud family owns 18 hectares of Ugni Blanc located in one plot around the farm they have been living on since 1610. They started selling the family's cognac under their own name in the early 1970's instead of selling in bulk to the big houses. Their distillation know-how has been passed from generation to generation and an energetic young woman, Line Guillon Painturaud, is now running the family business.



GUILLON-PAINTURAUD VSOP Cognac

"Excellent Buy!" / Highly recommended
- Paul Paculi's Spirit Journal - Sept 2009

"Best Bargain Brandy 2009"
- Wine Enthusiast - Nov 2009

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
GUILLON-PAINTURAUD VSOP Cognac	3044	750 ml	\$592	\$50.33

The Beau family is one of the oldest Bouilleurs de Cru - artisanal cognac distillers - in Segonzac, the heart of Cognac's first growth, known as the Grande Champagne region. Samuel Beau started distilling in 1895, bottling and selling part of his cognacs under his own name, which at that time was quite unusual. By 1914 following both Samuel's death and the beginning of World War I, Samuel's son, Paul, took over the family business. While he kept distilling, he decided to stop bottling the family's eaux-de-vie. 1977 saw the rebirth of this activity: the Beau family, meticulously taking care of its 200 plus acres, all located in Grande Champagne, have since then kept bottling their cognacs under the Maison Paul Beau brand as homage to their ancestors.



PAUL BEAU HORS D'AGE COGNAC (30 YEAR OLD)



To round out his portfolio of mostly Cognac, Nicolas works with other producers and distillers that share his ideology and level of commitment to artisanship. There is hardly a better match for Nicolas it seems, in this endeavor, than Laurent Cazotte and his subtle manipulation and enhancement of simply... fruit.

"One of 140 top 5-star spirits in the world, 2011."
- Paul Paculi's Spirit Journal - June 2011

"One of the 130 best spirits in the world, 2010. A new entry that blew me away, and one that's affordable in cognac terms."
- Paul Paculi's Spirit Journal - June 2010

PAUL BEAU VS COGNAC

"Lovely" / Highly recommended
- Paul Paculi's Spirit Journal - Sept 2009



DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
PAUL BEAU VSOP Cognac	3042	750 ml	\$408	\$35

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	BOTTLE
PAUL BEAU Hors d'Age Cognac (30yr)	3043	750 ml	\$101

*Author of *The Spirits Journal*, F. Paul Paculi, is America's foremost expert on distilled spirits. ~Forbes

PM SPIRITS

RUM

NAVAZOS-PALAZZI SPANISH RUM

For those who need something extra unique for the extreme rum enthusiast or spirits geek this holiday, have them look no further. Another distilled offering from PM Spirits (this time made from sugar) that is sure to satisfy even the most persnickety drinker is Nicolas's joint effort with Jerez, Spain based boutique Sherry producer, Equipo Navazos. In July 2013, Ron Navazos-Palazzi Cask Strength Spanish Rum was born and it was bottled at 51% abv - 1,500 bottles released per year for a max of 4 years.

This special rum has a layered aroma, with notes of leather, tobacco and dates that give way to touches of raisins, figs and brown sugar and notes of roasted meat, toasted walnuts and cumin. Smooth caramel, sweet molasses, vanilla and toffee dominate the palate, and lead to an elegant and lingering finish, with touches of chocolate, coffee and an elegant sherry nuttiness. **Extremely Limited!**

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	BOTTLE
NAVAZOS-PALAZZI Rum	3060	750 ml	\$134.33

FRUIT BRANDY

LAURENT CAZOTTES Artisan Distiller Extraordinaire

Laurent Cazottes is a truly gifted man. Located in the Tarn departement of France - a 3 hour drive southeast from Bordeaux, his tiny distillery produces what might very well be the most magnificent expressions of fruit-liqueur/sweet-wine and eaux-de-vie. The man farms biodynamically 20 hectares planted to near extinct grapes such as Mauzac Rose, Prunelart, Folle Noire and fruits such as greengage (European plum), pear trees, sour cherry trees, and quince trees.

CAZOTTE Cédrat EAU-DE-VIE

Created by commission for Michel Bras's three-star Michelin restaurant in Paris. Lemon and lime citrus add pleasing flavors on the palate and fragrance to the nose. Apple and herbal tea are prominent on the finish.

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	BOTTLE
CAZOTTE Cédrat Eau-de-Vie	3047	375 ml	\$44.83

About PM Spirits

PM Spirits source the ultimate in unadulterated, artisanal spirits for the US enthusiast with a strong emphasis on Cognac. They are constantly on the hunt for spirits which are not

destined for the open market, coming from best family-run distillers. Nicolas spends a great deal of time cultivating relationships in Cognac and other regions that give rise to availability of single casks of rare, aged Cognacs and other intriguing distillates. Regarding Cognac specifically, once these single casks are procured from small distillers' family reserve, Nicolas not only bottles under a proprietary label, Paul-Marie & Fils, but also crafts 'tailor-made' Cognacs for private collectors. Due to the very restricted volumes available from those artisan distillers, PM Spirits' Cognacs are available in limited-series editions and only through a few selected sources in the US.

PM Spirit's passion for artisan spirits has slowly broadened its focus over the years to include within its portfolio other small-scale hand-crafted distillates such as Sicilian Grappas, Spanish Absinthe or American Whiskeys. Stay tuned as our ears will certainly be to the ground on this stuff.



What's so special about these products is Cazottes methodology; he hand pits every single piece of fruit. Yes--that means that every individual grape is cut in half by him, and he takes out the seeds. Then, using intricate maceration and distillation techniques he produces his intensely aromatic and highly flavorful liqueurs and fruit brandies. Terroir, sustainability, preservation & pleasurable fruit character. Even through distillation he can retain it all.

CAZOTTE Greengage EAU-DE-VIE

Greengage, or Reine-Claude, are wild plums with a delicious, tart character. Originating in France, made popular in England, and once grown on the farms of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, these fruits are used in this unparalleled Eau-de-Vie. Concentrated and fresh on the nose, with a dominance of the fruit, the spirit wakens the palate and finishes with warming, fresh baked pear flavors.



DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	BOTTLE
CAZOTTE Greengage Eau-de-Vie	3051	375 ml	\$63.92

THE WHAT THE HECK IS THAT? SPOTLIGHT

Where the weird stuff gets explained!



What is...

ZUCCA

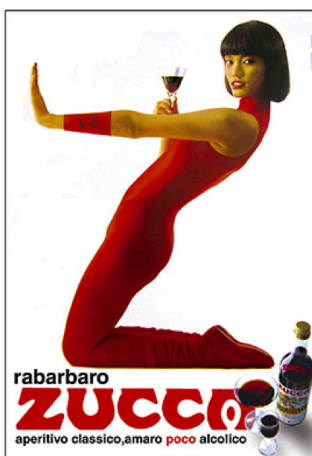
Rabarbaro Amaro?

DESCRIPTION	SIZE	ITEM #	CASE	BOTTLE
ZUCCA Rabarbaro Amaro	1 L	2799	\$192	\$17

It is...

A bittersweet Italian amaro (amaro is Italian for “bitter” and is defined as an Italian herbal liqueur). Although ‘Zucca’ is the Italian word for squash/pumpkin, its base ingredient is rhubarb - hence the name Zucca Rabarbaro. The recipe includes bitter orange zests, cardamom seeds and other curative herbs. Rhubarb is beneficial to the liver and has been used in traditional Chinese medicine since its earliest days. Zucca belongs to the long tradition of Italian liqueurs prescribed to aid digestion as well as having been originally formulated for practical health usages rather than pleasure.

This has got to be one of the most unique tasting products in our spirit portfolio and the product I take the most pleasure in watching people experience for the first time. Its aromatics and distinct, yet confounding flavor is nothing less than something pleasurable to experience.



You can't help but go back for more. Heck people have been going back for more since 1845. Ettore Zucca created this Rabarbaro (rhubarb) amaro in 1845 and soon his Rabarbaro Zucca became a symbol of sophisticated Milan, much admired for its deep, rich, and smokey flavors. Zucca is also known for the oldest and best known amari and coffee bar in Milan: the Zucca in Galleria. It was opened in 1867 and still stands today at the Galleria's entrance, just opposite the Duomo. There, Zucca is served in equal parts with soda water on crushed ice, or as is most common, with tonic on ice - an ideal aperitivo. But if you'd like to experiment with a more modern cocktail, I suggest you try it with grapefruit soda, but prepare to become addicted. Zucca also creates a Bourbon Negroni when combined in equal parts with Bourbon and sweet vermouth. It ain't so bad after a meal as a digestivo either, neat or on the rocks.

KEY DECEMBER BUYS

Caymus *Meiomi* Pinot Noir '12
\$160 (save \$81)/ \$19.99

Cline Zinfandel, Syrah & Viognier
\$80/\$9.99 min

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc
\$240

Mionetto “il” Prosecco, Moscato
& Lambrusco \$80/\$9.99 min

Newton *Red Label* Cabernet
& Claret \$199/\$24.99 min

Newton *Unfiltered* Chardonnay,
Cabernet & Merlot \$200 6pk

GREAT HOLIDAYS BUYS

Chalone Monterey Cabernet,
Chardonnay & Merlot \$88

Ferrari Carano Fumé Blanc 2012 \$112

Grayson Cellars Cabernet, Chardonnay,
Merlot & Pinot Noir \$84

Hess *Select* Cabernet \$128

Mer Soleil “Silver” Ceramic Bottle Chardonnay \$160

Papa Godello 2011 \$112

Rosemount 1.5L Shiraz \$76.44 & Chardonnay \$67.44

Sea Ridge 1.5L Cabernet, Chardonnay & Merlot \$40

Penfolds Thomas Hyland Shiraz, Cabernet \$105
& Chardonnay \$89

Yellow Tail 1.5L *All Types* \$60.96

DECEMBER
STEALS!

SPIRITS

Lady Bligh Spiced Rum 1.75L \$99

UV Vodka 750ml *All Types* \$106

Vesica Potato Vodka 750ml \$108



HAMMER + SICKLE Russian Vodka



Hammer + Sickle Vodka truly has unrivaled quality at this staggeringly low price. The silky mouth feel of Hammer + Sickle is rarely even found in vodkas sold for twice as much. Six-times filtered and six-times distilled from winter wheat that is hand harvested in the *BLACK EARTH REGION* of western Russia which is known for its rich, fertile soils. Usually not something you think of when you think of vodka, but the better the wheat crop, the better the vodka! Once tasted, the correlation is understood.



BLACK EARTH REGION – RUSSIA

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
HAMMER + SICKLE Russian Vodka	2839	750 ml	\$162	\$13.58
HAMMER + SICKLE Russian Vodka	2836	1 L	\$215	\$17.99
HAMMER + SICKLE Russian Vodka	2834	1.75 L	\$139	\$23.25



GLENROTHES 100 ml Triple - Gift Pack

This is a great combination pack to purchase for the person who's considering becoming a Scotch enthusiast!

This Triple Pack Includes One Each of The Three 100ml Bottles:

GLENROTHES SELECT RESERVE

Produced to the same exacting quality standards as the Vintages, Select Reserve is a vatting of casks distilled in different years. It has been crafted to typify all that is The Glenrothes in its early prime. What we call the 'House Style.' Laden with ripe fruits, citrus, vanilla and hints of spice, the Select Reserve is the essence, the very heart of The Glenrothes range in terms of taste and flavour. From this expression all other Vintages are born.

GLENROTHES 2001

It may have taken 12 years but we've finally judged an expression worthy of our vintage label and fit to mark the turn of the century. Laid down in 2001, it has been chosen for its wonderful length and depth, displaying soft but stimulating and conversational properties. Something, which we are sure will get even the most regular Glenrothes enthusiasts talking.

GLENROTHES 1998

The Vintage 1998 is the next Core Vintage to follow the Vintage 1991 and 1994. It is the first of the vintages that we have bottled that was expressly laid down at origin to be bottled as Glenrothes on maturity and as such has a greater availability of stock than any of the previous bottlings. This is also Gordon Motion's first bottling as Malt Master and he describes it as: "It's said that pictures speak a thousand words and this is like Carmen Miranda's hat in a bottle. Tropical fruits lead with pineapple and mango developing into sweet bananas, coconut and classic Glenrothes vanilla pods."

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
GLENROTHES Scotch Triple Gift Pack	3077	100 ml x3	\$1012 (36)	\$29.11 (unit)

THE ART OF DRINK

SHAKEN AND STIRRED... *sometimes ladled*

Holiday Edition

by **Noah King-Smith**

When getting family and friends together for the holidays there are so many considerations as to how to get the best embarrassing stories out of them. Scotch on the rocks is fine, cold beer is always welcome, wine is of course a standard libation, and sparkling wine is certainly appropriate. Yet the underappreciated or under-attempted tippie is a solid holiday cocktail with fresh ingredients, quality liquor and the underlying “warming” strength to really garner those “spirited holiday moments.” Why not try a punch or a spin on mulled wine? Heck, why not take that cranberry sauce off the dinner table and drink it! Drink it as a part of a composed holiday cocktail that is.

THE HOLIDAY “SAUCE”

This sparkling cocktail gets saucy, and so will you thanks to several barspoons of a favorite holiday condiment, a piney gin from San Francisco and a sparkling aperitivo from Italy! It’s really the perfect welcome drink at a holiday gathering.

- 2 oz. **Mionetto “il” Spriz**
- 1 oz. **Anchor Distilling Co. Junipero Gin**
- 1/2 oz. simple syrup (1:1, sugar to water)
- 1/2 oz. fresh lemon juice
- 2 heaping barspoons of cranberry sauce (canned or preferably homemade)
- 2 dashes bitters

Combine all ingredients except for **Mionetto** and shake with ice. Strain into a champagne flute and top with **Mionetto “il” Spriz**. Garnish with a few skewered cranberries.



WINTER’S BLANKET

A spin on mulled wine but much cooler, this boozier version sort of resembles sangria but is more of a cold weather concoction.

- 4 bottles of **Bodegas Volver Tarima Monastrell**
- 8 oz. **St. Elizabeth Allspice Dram**
- 1 cup “H” by **Hine Cognac**
- 1 cup **Ron del Barrilito 3 Star Rum**
- 1 stick of cinnamon, broken into pieces
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 cups fresh orange juice
- 3 cups pineapple juice
- 1/2 - 1 cup simple syrup, to taste

Combine the nutmeg and cinnamon in a large stainless steel saucepan over low heat. Toast, stirring often, until the spices are aromatic, about 5 minutes. Add orange and pineapple juice, and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, and simmer until the mixture is reduced by one-third, about 30 minutes. Remove the pot from the heat, and strain the liquid. Add the wine, Allspice Dram, Cognac, and rum and stir well. Add the simple syrup, a bit at a time until the tannins are tamed. Place in the refrigerator to chill. To serve, transfer the mixture to a pitcher to be poured, or into a punch bowl to be ladled. Serve into individual glasses with ice and an orange slice.



A MUST TRY...

THE DORDA MINT COCKTAIL

For the ultimate chocolate cocktail combine:

1 PART DORDA
2 PARTS CHOPIN VODKA
5 MINT LEAVES

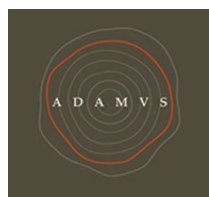
Pour over ice and shake well. Strain into a cocktail glass and garnish by floating a mint leaf on the surface. Drink. Repeat.

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	SIZE	CASE	BOTTLE
DORDA Double Chocolate Liqueur	2717	750 ml	\$132 (6 btl)	\$23
CHOPIN Potato Vodka	2816	1.75 L	\$251.46	\$41.91
CHOPIN Potato Vodka	1041	750 ml	\$270	\$22.50



ESTATE FOCUSED

ADAMVS WINERY



Proprietors Stephen and Denise Adams (Connecticut natives and owners of Chateau Fonplegade in St. Emilion) have revived the historic White Cottage Lane property on top of Howell Mountain, expanding the acreage of biodynamically farmed vines, and hiring some of the most renowned winemaking talent in California. Jason Valenti (formerly of Kosta Browne) and Philippe Melka are making gorgeous mountain Cabernet from this pristine site.

HOURLASS VINEYARD

Owner Jeff Smith's family has been in the Napa Valley for over 40 years, most of that time tending a tiny 4-acre vineyard in St. Helena, located directly at the "pinch in the hourglass" formed by the Mayacamas and Vaca Mountain ranges. Cult-level status has defined this producer's wines since their inaugural vintage in 1997, and the addition a few years ago of Tony Biaggi (formerly of Duckhorn, Plumpjack, and Cade) as head winemaker will only boost the quality here!

Hourglass

LEVY & MCCLELLAN

Husband and wife team Bob Levy and Martha McClellan hardly need any introduction, but let's do it anyway... Bob has been the winemaker at Harlan and Bond Estates since their inception. Martha has been the winemaker at Sloan Estate and Checkerboard since their inception, not to mention a few years as the winemaker at Blankiet Estate. This is nothing short of a winemaking match made in heaven! Between these two they have more 100-point rated wines than almost anyone else on the planet, and their own 6-acre vineyard on Diamond Mountain produces extraordinary fruit for these Levy & McClellan wines. This wine must be tasted to be believed.

LEVY & MCCLELLAN

MORLET FAMILY



Luc Morlet is one of the most highly respected and sought-after winemakers living in California today. His past (and continuing) work at Peter Michael has bolstered his reputation, and since the founding of his own winery several years ago with his wife Jodi, he has enjoyed outrageous winemaking and critical success. Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Blends from some of the great sites in Napa and Sonoma constitute a powerhouse of a lineup.

MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS

The oldest continuously-producing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir producer in California, Mount Eden is still a benchmark winery for these varietals. Proprietors Jeff and Ellie Patterson quietly and expertly tend the vineyards at this tiny and historically significant property, and Jeff crafts some of the most exquisite, age-worthy wines in this country. The Estate Chardonnay has been on Wine Spectator's Top 100 list three out of the last five years! I can't think of another winery that can boast that sort of consistent critical praise!

Mount Eden Vineyards

STAGLIN FAMILY

Shari & Garen Staglin started this cult winery in the mid-1980's with one of the greatest vineyards in Rutherford, indeed in all of Napa Valley. Powerful, complex, and aromatically mind-blowing, these wines are just astounding. Winemaker Frederik Johannson, a Connecticut native, continues a tradition of exceptional winemaking and immaculate organic farming at this impressive estate.



In addition to our usual stock of outstanding Scotch Whisky, check out these special bottlings that are here in small quantities for the holidays! In most cases these are rare and limited, please inquire with your salesperson for stock levels. - All items listed are Single Malt Whisky unless noted otherwise -

select
SCOTCH

**A.D. RATTRAY**

1991 Caol Ila 21 Year Old Cask #8192	\$107.83/btl	1991 Glen Grant 20 Year Old	\$95.16/btl
2000 Cooley 12 Year Old Cask #377	\$86.66/btl	1997 Macallan 15 Year Old	\$86/btl
2001 Cooley 11 Year Old Cask #3443	\$96.50/btl	1990 Mortlach 22 Year Old Cask #5951	\$116.66/btl

**THE BENRIACH DISTILLERY**

12 Year Old Peated Pedro Ximenez Finish	\$42.08/btl	15 Year Old Pedro Ximenez Finish	\$58.67/btl
12 Year Old Peated Dark Rum Finish	\$43.50/btl	15 Year Old Tawny Port Finish	\$62.41/btl
1994 19 Year Old Peated Oloroso Cask	\$111.83/btl	20 Year Old Single Malt	\$81.91/btl
1994 19 Year Old Peated Pedro Ximenez Cask	\$111.83/btl	2000 12 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Cask	\$68.67/btl
1994 19 Year Old Peated Cask 1722	\$111.83/btl	1976 30 Year Old Port Pipe Cask #4469	\$266.58/btl
15 Year Old Madeira Finish	\$65.25/btl	1977 31 Year Old Moscatel Finish Cask #1029	\$211.75/btl
15 Year Old Dark Rum Finish	\$57/btl	1966 40 Year Old Single Malt with Flask & Mini	\$1220.08/btl

**DUNCAN TAYLOR RAREST OF THE RARE**

1973 Ayrshire "Ladyburn" 34 Year Old	\$650.25/btl
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**FIRST EDITIONS**

Bunnahabhain 22 Year Old	\$134.33/btl	Longmorn 19 Year Old	\$111.67/btl
Clynelish 22 Year Old	\$127.67/btl	Mortlach 22 Year Old	\$123/btl
Linkwood 24 Year Old	\$132.33/btl	Tobermory 16 Year Old	\$96.83/btl

**THE GLENDRONACH DISTILLERY**

14 Year Old Virgin Oak	\$59/btl	1996 17 Year Old Pedro Ximenez Sherry Cask	\$102.83/btl
1992 21 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Cask	\$136/btl	21 Year Old Single Malt	\$107.33/btl
1996 17 Year Old Oloroso Sherry Cask	\$102.83/btl		

**THE GLENROTHES DISTILLERY**

1998 Vintage	\$54.50/btl
2001 Vintage	\$46.66/btl
Sampler Pack - 100ml btl each of Select Reserve, 1998 Vintage, 2001 Vintage	\$29.11/sleeve

**KILKERRAN**

WIP #5 Sherry Cask	\$52/btl
WIP #5 Bourbon Cask	\$52/btl

**LONGROW**

11 Year Old "Red" Cabernet Sauvignon Finish	\$73.33/btl	18 Year Single Malt	\$156.33/btl
11 Year Old "Red" Shiraz Finish	\$76.16/btl	1998 14 Year Old Fresh Madeira Cask	\$97.83/btl
14 Year Old Burgundy Wood Expressions	\$92.66/btl	Rundlets & Kilderkins	\$83.33/btl

**THE LOST DISTILLERY COMPANY**

Auchnagie Blended Malt Whisky	\$49.66/btl
Stratheden Blended Malt Whisky	\$49.66/btl

**SPRINGBANK**

12 Year Old Cask Strength	\$63.66/btl	1996 16 Year Old Amontillado Cask	\$121.17/btl
12 Year Old Calvados Finish	\$83.33/btl	1997 15 Year Old Recharred Sherry Butt	\$99/btl
		9 Year Old Gaja Barolo Barrel Finish	\$93/btl

**TOMATIN**

Choice Gift Set - 1x50ml each of 12, 15, & 18 Year Single Malts	\$15.75/sleeve
Decades Single Malt	\$92.33/btl