

Big Bang Club Newsletter

January 2008

Happy New Year from all of us at Cork Cellars!

Thank you for a great year! We will continue to make it our top priority to provide you with fun, new, and exciting wines from around the world.

We hope you enjoy learning about these wines as much as we enjoy picking them for you.



California dreamin'...about great wine!

While none of us can deny that Oregon has great juice, it's California that continues to top the charts on wine production, consumption, sales, and exports. Napa Valley, Alexander Valley, the Central Coast; all familiar wine regions in the state – but in fact, wine grapes grow all over California. There are 46 out of 58 counties that grow wine grapes, and over 522,000 acres planted. California produces 90% of all US wine production, and roughly \$16.5 billion of the \$26 billion estimated retail wine values (in 2005) were from California wines. That's a lot of juice! We get great value wines from California, as well as some of the most premium wine sold in the world. And, with the dollar losing value in the world market, California wines are an alternative source for great quality and value. Check out our great California wine selections for this month! For more CA wine statistics: <http://www.wineinstitute.org/>. As always, enjoy your selection this month. Cheers! Emily and Mark Pelletier

Leap Year!

DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!

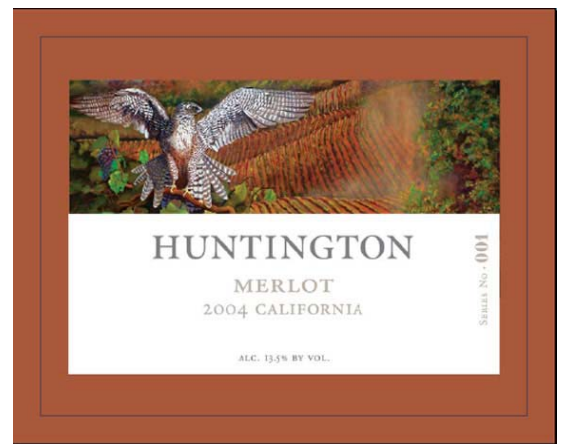
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2004 Huntington Merlot - \$10 California

About the Appellation: This particular appellation is "California", which means Huntington Cellars purchased fruit from all over California and blended the wine.

Tasting Notes: 87% Merlot, 13% Cabernet. This is a perfect melding of fruit, barrel and tannin. The mix of tangy black cherry, raspberry and mocha dominates this open, accessible and thoroughly enjoyable wine. Nicely balanced, it is showing it's youthful freshness in a clean and softly seductive style. 2,500 cases produced.

Serving Suggestions: Skirt steak fajitas, roasted vegetable lasagna, or grilled duck breasts with dried cherry-merlot sauce.



L de Lyeth Sauvignon Blanc - \$10

Sonoma County, California

About the wine: Sonoma County, one of California's most prestigious and historic wine-producing regions, provides the superior fruit used in this wine. In this L de Lyeth Sauvignon Blanc, these flavors are enhanced by the creamy richness of oak barrel fermentation and aging on the yeast ("sur lie"). "Sur lies" stirring during the first three months provides a bountiful, silky mouthfeel.



Tasting Notes: Bright scents of pineapple, lime, white fruits and figs with mineral undertones. Lush tropical flavors of lemon, green apple and a touch of pear with a crisp and refreshing finish.

Serving Suggestions: Caesar salad, grilled swordfish, seared scallops, veal picada and soups of all kinds.

Looking for a particular wine? Call and order from Cork Cellars and have it delivered with your wine club selections! Great prices, great service – always fun!

Tasting Notes

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Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

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Previous Wine Club Selections

NOV 2007

Li Veli Orino Primitivo

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

Simonsig Chenin Blanc

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

DEC 2007

Calcu Red Blend

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

I+I=3 Cava Brut

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

CORK CELLARS DISCOUNT POLICY

10% TUESDAYS

Receive 10% OFF 3 or more bottles of wine every Tuesday (in store only)

10% OFF

Always receive 10% OFF 6 bottles or more bottles of wine (mixed okay)

10% OVER COST

Receive 10% over cost on full case orders (no mixed)