



Big Bang Club Newsletter September 2008

FALL HARVEST

By the time you receive your next wine club selections, many wine producers in the Northern Hemisphere will have begun, in the middle of, or finished with fall harvest. Many factors are considered when determining when to pick grapes, and each vineyard may practice or make decisions differently than their next door neighbors! Despite differences in timing, though, the main goal of each producer is to pick wine grapes at their optimum ripeness to ensure the greatest taste in the end product. Mostly this is determined by the sugar and acid levels in the grapes. Historically, this was determined by the color of the grape leaves, the size and color of the grapes, and, finally, tasting each grape. Many producers still use these methods, but there are advanced tech tools that allow to you read the sugars and acids on a more quantitative level. But, if it were only that easy! Unfortunately, Mother Nature, doesn't always cooperate with wine producers, throwing in climate fall weather into the mix. Rain, Indian Summers, early frost - they all keep producers on their toes on scheduling harvest.

GET INVOLVED!

Want to learn more about wine harvest? Many wineries accept help during harvest. If you like hard work, fun people, and a unique learning experience, search online and find wineries that are looking for volunteer help during harvest.

You'll find all of our current and past newsletters are online:
www.corkcellars.com/wine_club.php

Click or Call & Save!

Save gas and email or call us to re-order past wine club selections! Most of our wine club options are available after you've enjoyed them! If you loved your last months, or 4 month ago selection – let us know and we'll save more for you! We can either deliver it with your current selections, or save a trip and pick it up at the same time! With our great discount policy – you can't afford to miss out!

DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!

Friday, October 31st (Halloween)

Special Price!

2005 Skyhawk Cabernet - \$10
Napa Valley, California

Made by Eagle & Rose of Napa Valley, this is second label, affordable Cabernet from the region. But, this is an incredible deal – and the wine won't last! If you love this wine, grab it before it's gone...because once it's gone at this price, it's gone!

Tasting Notes: This dark, rich colored Cabernet from Napa Valley has all the qualities minus the hefty price! Rich, dark berry flavors with hints of coffee and chocolate make this wine perfect for fall evenings in Central Oregon. Pair with steak or pot roast, or enjoy a glass by the fire.



2007 Trumpeter Torrontes ~ \$10

Mendoza, Argentina



Now, we typically don't repeat wine varietals so close together (you had a Torrontes 2 months ago), but this wine was so good we didn't want to pass it up! Also, it lends to an opportunity to compare the wines and realize how two of the same wines can taste completely different.

While the Trivento Torrontes was really clean and crisp, light and refreshing - this wine has more body and, hence, a deeper flavor profile that lends itself well to cooler, fall afternoons. While the grape, Torrontes, is indigenous to Argentina, this comparison is great to show how different winemakers and producers can produce very different flavor profiles from the same grape. This happens in every varietal – making the case that you shouldn't "write-off" one particular varietal just because you tried it once! Give it another shot.

Tasting Notes: A fragrant, floral nose with ripe peach aromas and a touch of rose and lychee. Fresh and smooth on the palate, with citrus fruit flavors, hints of minerals and a mild, pleasing acidity. A nicely balanced wine with a long, rich, and clean finish.

Tasting Notes

2005 Skyhawk Cabernet
Napa Valley, California

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

2006 Trumpeter Torrontes
Mendoza, Argentina

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Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

Previous Wine Club Selections

July 2008

Natura Cabernet

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

Trivento Torrontes

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

August 2008

Independent P. Merlot

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

Independent P. Chardonnay

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

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