

Big Bang Club Newsletter

October 2006

The weather has turned, the leaves are falling, and there's snow on the mountains. As we embrace another awesome winter here in Central Oregon, my mind usually shifts to hearty red wines to sip in front of the fireplace for the winter, and crazy whites that will pair with my holiday feasts. Preparing yourself with wine for the next few months should be fun and exciting – here are a couple of wine tips to guide you through the season... *Experiment!* Above and beyond the fun and exciting wines you receive through the wine club, stop in to a number of holiday wine tasting events being featured throughout Central Oregon (including Cork Cellars Holiday Wine Tasting Series) and nurture your developing taste buds. *Buy in Bulk!* Don't be stuck without a bottle of wine, but most importantly, save green this holiday season. Cork Cellars offers great discounts when buying in bulk, in addition, you can pick a variety of wines to satisfy all palates. *Think Food!* Some wines just compliment food better than others. Having food friendly wines around ensures you can pair with a variety of meals...or like me, food that you serve all day long!

As always, enjoy your selection this month. Cheers! Emily and Mark Pelletier

DUE TO THE HOLIDAY'S – PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!

Friday, November 17th

Blue Jean Red 2004 - \$10

California



From the same folks that produce Mark West and Rock Rabbit Wines, Blue Jean proprietary red is based on the universal comfort American's have toward a well worn pair of blue jeans. There's nothing like going home after a long day and slipping into your favorite pair of comfortable jeans, and that's the concept of this wine club selection. Like stated on the bottle – "Low rise, boot cut or slim fit; Jeans are easy and ready for any occasion. Blue Jean - relaxed and comfortable, original in flavor" – we think no matter what your style, you're going to love this easy drinking red.

Tasting Notes: A dark, red color with exploding rich and ripe flavors that carry through to a long finish. Unexpectedly layered in complexity with hints of flavors grabbing you at every sip.

About the wine: A blend of Syrah, Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc.

Serving Suggestions: A great sipping wine, this wine will also pair nicely with dark meats.

Join us for

The 2006

HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

Series

Each Saturday 3-7pm

November 4th – December 30th

Look for your special Wine Club Membership Coupons for additional savings!

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Drepanum Bianco 2005 - \$10 - Tràpani Sicily, Italy



Tràpani is a city on the southern tip of the west coast of Sicily, Italy – which happens to be on the same latitude as California’s north coast wine regions, making this area perfect for growing grapes. “Drepanum”, or the ancient name for Tràpani, is a line of value wines from this region.

Varietal Composition: 70% Inzolia, 30% Grillo. These two grape varietals, while fairly obscure outside the region, are very common to most white wines produced in Italy. The Inzolia grape offers characteristics of rich tropical fruits with nuances of ripe pears, pineapple, almonds and apricot. While the Grillo grape is often described as a full-bodied white with the weight of a Chardonnay, but the freshness of a Sauvignon Blanc.

Tasting Notes: The blend of Inzolia and Grilli gives this wine complexity, with aromas of pear and pineapple. The rich mouthfeel adds depth, followed by a nice, anticipated finish.

Serving Suggestions: Pair with light cheeses or other appetizers. Seafood pairs well with this blend.

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Keep warm this fall & winter with **live music events** at Cork Cellars!

experience the joy of wine with us!
ACROSS FROM THE CHAMBER ON W. ELM
DOWNTOWN SISTERS
TU-WED 11-6, THUR-SAT 11-CLOSE

Tasting Notes

Blue Jean Red 2004
California

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

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Previous Wine Club Selections

AUGUST 2006
Arbor Crest Red Blend
\$10/bottle
6 or more: \$9/bottle
12 or more: \$8/bottle

Ardeche Chardonnay
\$10/bottle
6 or more: \$9/bottle
12 or more: \$8/bottle

SEPT 2006
Cotes du Ventoux
\$10/bottle
6 or more: \$9/bottle
12 or more: \$8/bottle

Ivan Tamas Pinot Grigio
\$10/bottle
6 or more: \$9/bottle
12 or more: \$8/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)