

# Big Bang Club Newsletter

## December 2006

Happy New Year from Cork Cellars! The 2006 year in review...

Month	Wine	Price
January	McManis Cabernet	\$9.99
	Argyle Chardonnay	\$9.99
February	Gnarley Head Zinfandel	\$9.99
	La Vieille Ferma - Blend	\$8.49
March	Mano Mano - Temperrillo	\$9.99
	Amador Foothill Sauvignon Blanc	\$9.99
April	Los Cardos Malbec	\$8.99
	Heron Chardonnay	\$9.99
May	Night Owl Merlot	\$10.00
	Darriaud Viognier	\$10.00
June	Caracol Serrano - Blend	\$10.00
	The 3rd bottle - Chardonnay Blend	\$10.00
July	Feudo Monaci Primitivo	\$10.00
	Hugel Gentil Blend	\$10.00
August	Arbor Crest Cliff House Red	\$10.00
	Louis Latour Chardonnay	\$10.00
September	Cotes du Ventoux - Grenache/Syrah	\$10.00
	Ivan Tamas Pinot Grigio	\$10.00
October	Blue Jean Red	\$10.00
	Drepanum Blend	\$10.00
November	Waving Tree Sangiovese	\$10.00
	Clean Slate Riesling	\$10.00
December	Mas Marçal Tinto 2004	\$10.00
	NV Castellblanch Brut Zero	\$10.00

Have a safe and wonderful  
New Years! We'll see you  
again in 2007!

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

**DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE  
FOR NEXT MONTH!  
Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

2004 Mas Marçal  
Tinto - \$10  
Terra Alta, Spain

**About the wine:** A spicy, bright and edgy young red composed of Tempranillo (60%), Garnacha (25%) and Syrah (15%).

**About D.O. Terra Alta:** Terra Alta is located in the northwest region of Spain, and is known for its' variety of landscapes. In the east, it is

rough and mountainous. The valley's boast a Mediterranean climate with a number of rivers which help irrigate the vineyards. There are 28 bottling wineries in this D.O., with just over 9 ha of registered vineyards. This region has only recently been discovered as producing approachable wine, and thus began importing to the United States.

**Tasting Notes:** This wine is a great blend, easy to drink and smooth on the finish. It's a round wine, with good layers of fruit and spiciness, followed by a smooth finish. This wine is very versatile. Sip on its' own, or pair with grilled meats, pizza, or stew.



# NV Castellblanch Brut Zero - \$10

## Spain



Although I'm a firm believer in drinking sparkling wine on more than just special occasions, it is fitting to introduce this fantastic sparkling wine on the eve of New Years, a day in which a majority of sparkling wines are consumed. We go again to Spain, as they produce a great number of cava brut's that show the best complexity for the price. As in this case, the NV (*non-vintage*: a blend from the produce of two or more years; a common practice for winemakers seeking a consistent style of wine) Castellblanch Brut Zero is named so because it has absolutely zero residual sugar. A bone-dry sparkling with great aromas and full of flavor.

**About the wine:** A blend of 30% Macabeo, 60% Parellada, 10% Xarello - three different indigenous white grapes of Spain (and accounts for MOST of the cava brut blends in Spain). This wine spent 2-2.5 years in bottle before release.

**Tasting Notes:** Straw yellow color with some green hints. Very fine abundant sparkle, forming an enticing white crown. In the nose the fruity tones and a pleasant citric background predominate over the biscuity aromas of bottle maturation. In the mouth it is well structured with a fine long sparkle. It is refreshing, very soft, with pleasant sensations of lightness. The aftertaste is clean and elegant. .

**Serving Suggestions:** Ideal as a companion for fish dishes, smoked dishes, light meats, rice and pasta.

## Tasting Notes

**Mas Marcal Tinto 2004**  
Terra Alta, Spain

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

**NV Castellblanch Brut Zero**  
Spain

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### Previous Wine Club Selections

**OCTOBER 2006**

**Blue Jean Red 2004**

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

**Drepanum Bianco 2005**

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

**NOV 2006**

**Waving Tree Sangiovese 2004**

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

**Clean Slate Riesling 2005**

\$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)