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## ORIN SWIFT'S STELLAR WINES

The winemaker, Dave Phinney, came upon the idea for these wines while studying in Florence. It must have inspired his genius, because these are staggering creations. Most of you already know them well. If not, grab some while they are available.

**2010 The Prisoner, Napa**, \$38.99: When you ponder this label, you know the originators must have been dazed in Florence. It's a blend predominantly of Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon, with Syrah, Petite Sirah, Charbono and Grenache rounding it out. The wine that put Dave Phinney on the map as a master blender, it has become an American masterpiece. (Also available in 1500ml.)

**2010 Abstract, California**, \$28.99: Here you taste Dave Phinney's version of Grenache, with small amounts of Petite Sirah and Syrah. Don't let the generic California appellation fool you: the grapes here are sourced primarily from hillside vineyards in Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino, which give rich concentration and ripe berry flavors.

**2008 Papillon, Napa**, \$59.99: A classic Bordeaux blend from Napa, this sought-after release offers cedar in the nose and intense cherry, plum, and black fruits on the palate. Sourced from Howell Mountain, Saint Helena, Rutherford, and Oakville, this is, arguably, Orin Swift's most "serious" wine.

**2009 Saldo Zinfandel, California**, \$27.99: This Zinfandel comes from various venues in Northern California. Dense and lush with a sensual texture, this is a strikingly beautiful wine. (Also available in 1500ml.)

**2009 D66, Vins de Pay des Cotes Catalanes**, \$39.99: Orin Swift's first foray outside of California has much in common with its more famous domestic cousins. Comprised of (mostly old-vine) Grenache (80%), Syrah (12%), and Carignan (8%), it is deep, dark, ripe, and concentrated.

## BIG BOYS...LARGE FORMAT BOTTLES

For a memorable wine gift, nothing can beat a big bottle.

**1997 Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon, Private Reserve, Napa**, 1500ml, \$224.99: Approaching prime time. **95 WA, 95 ST**

**1998 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa**, 1500ml, \$229.99/Sale \$199.99: Eminently suave Cabernet Sauvignon, with 4% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petite Verdot from this classic California winery.

**2010 Orin Swift, The Prisoner, California**, 1500ml, \$79.99: The wine that put Dave Phinney on the map as a master blender, it has become an American masterpiece.

**2009 Orin Swift, Saldo Zinfandel, California**, 1500ml, \$56.99: Lush and delicious.

**2009 Canalicchio di Sopra, Rosso di Montalcino** 1500ml, \$51.99: Stupendous price for a wine that is, in essence, "young Brunello."



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**A.E. Dor VS Cognac**, \$49.99

# COALTRAIN WINE AND LIQUOR

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

## 2011 CHRISTMAS SALE

Here we go again... offering some of the year's favorite wines at the lowest prices possible. The world situation for wine this year is much the same as last, i.e., a buyer's market. There is a lot of wine out there and in some places consumption is declining. So, unless your desires are First Growth Bordeaux or other "trophy wines," you will be drinking magnificently and pretty economically this holiday. Drinking like a king, really. Following are the studiously selected wines we have put on sale for Sale. We hope you will be stunned, perhaps even knighted. And, we thank you, as always, for shopping at Coaltrain.

## THE FIRST WINE EVENT OF 2012: DINNER AT THE NEW CONSCIOUS TABLE

Brent Beavers has transferred his superlative cooking skills (how he lit up Sensha) to a brand new restaurant in our downtown. Brent always has something simmering under his chef's "toque," so it only seemed logical to team up and "cook" a wine tasting dinner. Brent's cooking and the wondrous wines of Italy's Piemonte. That means Barolo, Barbaresco, Barbera, Dolcetto and some sensuous whites like Arneis. Yes, it promises to be a unique event that you might only enjoy in the Langhe Hills of Piemonte. This gustatory opera will take place on **Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Conscious Table. Start is 6:30 p.m. Save the date... as soon as we receive the precise menu we'll send you the details and the price. By the way,

## UNITED STATES

**2009 David Arthur Chardonnay, Napa, \$42.99/Sale \$38.99:** You might think you are drinking a Puligny Montrachet when you sip this beauty. It's made in a French manner...that is, the fruit is pressed in whole clusters and fermented in 50% new French oak and 50% neutral barrels. It then goes through a long malolactic fermentation. The result is a beautiful, complex Chardonnay with a creamy texture that does not overpower its mineral acidity. This is a stunning achievement for California.

**2008 HdV Chardonnay, Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, \$59.99/Sale \$49.99:** Few wines stand so clearly above the crowd as this beautiful collaboration between Hyde Vineyards of Carneros and the de Villaine family of the renowned Burgundy house, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. Among other things, it's the texture that sets it apart. We have no idea why we were able to purchase this at a discount, but why ask why? Just try it.

**2009 Bouchaine Chardonnay, Napa-Carneros, \$27.99/Sale \$22.99:** A lightly oaked Chardonnay almost French in essence, yet rooted in classic California style. A gem many vintages running, including the vibrant 2009.

**2009 St. Francis Chardonnay, Sonoma, \$13.99/\$11.99:** Wow, this is a really nice Chardonnay for the money. It has a smooth, nicely rounded mouthfeel with pretty pear flavor instead of the citrus characteristics you sometimes find in lesser oaked Chardonnays. Great for sipping at parties and a terrific match for chicken pot pie.

**2010 Roth Sauvignon Blanc, Alexander Valley, Sonoma, \$16.99/Sale \$12.99:** Fresh notes of lime and kiwi make this a very enjoyable Sauvignon Blanc. It's zesty and refreshing without being overly aggressive. It's a newcomer to us and we're impressed.

**2010 Tangent Sauvignon Blanc, Edna Valley, \$12.99/Sale \$11.99:** Staggered harvesting brings a complexity rarely seen in wines at this price. Fresh, with bright acidity and ripe flavors, this is a perennial store favorite and fantastic value.

**2009 Aberrant Cellars Conero Pinot Noir, \$37.99/\$32.99:** Conero means "to bring together" which is exactly what Aberrant did in making this wine. They blended grapes from different parcels in Willamette Valley to capture the unique strengths of each parcel with the goal of making a more complex wine. They succeeded, giving us this lovely pinot which has richness without being overly fruity. **ST 89**

**2009 Belle Pente, Pinot Noir, Yamhill-Carlton, Oregon, \$23.99/Sale \$21.99:** The wines from the Yamhill-Carlton district tend to be a little richer than their cousins from Willamette, and this is no exception. Bright, luscious berry fruit, cocoa, and a little spice make this an approachable introduction to the wines of this esteemed producer.

**2010 667 Pinot Noir, Monterey, \$12.99/\$10.99:** This is a great value in Pinot Noir. The grapes are from Dijon Burgundy vine stocks. You won't mistake this for Burgundy but you will love the smooth, rich mouthfeel and the delicious cherry and black pepper flavors.

**2009 Byron Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara, \$17.99/Sale \$13.99:** Lots of cherry fruit in this quaffable Pinot Noir. Very pleasant and not overblown

**2008 Realm, Falstaff Proprietary Red, Napa, \$86.99:** Robert Parker's Wine Advocate called Realm's wines "beautiful, lovingly made, and hand-crafted." It's true. Their entire lineup was outstanding. In the end, we brought in The Falstaff (77% Cabernet Franc, 20% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot) a St.-Emilion-inspired blend rooted in the best of Napa. Rich, complex, yet astonishingly ethereal. A masterpiece. **92 WA**

**2006 Bennet Lane Maximus, Napa, \$37.99/31.99:** Owners Randy and Lisa Lynch came upon their love of wine in Italy and named their initial bottling after the 2<sup>nd</sup> century wine loving Roman emperor, Magnus Maximus. This Bordeaux blend combines blackberry and cherry fruit with nuances of mocha and cedar. Delicious! **Double Gold San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.** By the way, Bennett Lane has received 90 or more points on 26 wines in just seven years.

**2007 Estancia Reserve Meritage, Paso Robles, \$24.99/\$19.99:** Alluring... with toasty vanilla aromas and deliciously sweet fruit. Flavors of black cherry, cassis and a hint of bittersweet chocolate. The tannins are soft. This red blend goes down easily.

**2007 Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, \$53.99/Sale \$45.99:** Actually a classic Bordeaux blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and a touch of Malbec, this wine is a rare California Cabernet that shows beautifully right out of the bottle. You could cellar it, but why wait?

**2007 Flora Springs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, \$35.99/Sale \$27.99:** A wine of contemplation and gustatory satisfaction. It has the dark fruits, cassis, cedar and creaminess that make California Cabernets so irresistible. Flora Springs is still family owned. In fact, Flora, at the age of 94, is still there...very cool.

**2008 Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa, \$78.99:** Putting this on your Christmas table will truly elevate the meal. Also a perfect gift choice if you want your recipient to be able to drink or cellar a bottle. As Robert Parker put it, "already drinkable, it should age effortlessly for two decades." A beautifully balanced wine made by one of Napa's most esteemed winemakers, Paul Hobbs. **93 WA**

**2008 Sagelands Cabernet, Columbia Valley, \$11.99/Sale \$9.99:** This little gem has been converting fans for the last few months. And at this price, it's bound to please legions of party-goers. It offers a hint of herb on the nose that leads to cherry and cocoa flavors. Balanced, with gentle tannins, it's a crowd pleaser.

**2007 Smith Wooten Cabernet Franc, Napa: \$37.99/Sale \$34.99:** This Cabernet Franc is not only a victory for California; it is a standout on a worldwide scale. It would blow away most French CFs from the Loire Valley, for instance, showing no herbaceous aspects.

**2009 Ruby Trust Bandit's Pass, Grand Valley, Colorado, \$19.99:** Colorado wine has been making baby steps, but the Ruby Trust wines represent a true stride. We challenge you to taste their entry-level Bandit's Pass blind against similar blends from Washington in this price range. This rich and nuanced beauty holds her own. A delicious way to keep your holiday table local.

**2008 Roth Merlot, Alexander Valley, \$21.99/ Sale \$16.99:** A well-balanced Merlot from the rolling hills of Alexander Valley. Made in a style reminiscent of Bordeaux, with beautiful subtle dark fruit flavors and a soft texture. A very stylish wine for this price.

**2006 St. Francis Zinfandel, Sonoma, \$19.99/\$17.99:** Another really good wine from St. Francis. This Zin has delicious, classic Zinfandel flavors (you know: black raspberry and blackberry with a distinct spiciness) without being too jammy or alcoholic. It will be a hit at your Christmas party!

## FRANCE

**2010 Neveu Sancerre, Chavignol, Silix, \$22.99/Sale \$19.99:** Chavignol is the village (also famed for goat cheese) and Silix is the soil (flint). This is a racy wine, made from Sauvignon Blanc, naturally. So, there are hints of gooseberry and citrus. It would be killer with a disk of "crotin de Chavignol" cheese. And what an outrageously low price.

**2009 Domaine Peres l'Eglise Chateaufeuf du Pape Blanc, \$42.99/Sale \$37.99:** If you have yet to experience white Chateaufeuf this would be a choice one to start with. We believe it to have a heavy dollop of Rousanne. A magical mix of grapes is allowed. Brimming with body and flavors. Drink it now and you will feel like you are in the "Pope's castle."

**2009 Domaine des Espiers Gigondas, \$28.99/Sale \$23.99:** This could duel with the very finest from Gigondas. Made from 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah. With hints of "garrigue" and "herbs de Provence," it has grit and style. Pick up some lamb or goat and fire up your grill.

**2009 Domaine Fenuillet Beames de Venise, \$21.99/ \$19.99:** There is a reason that Beames de Venise was elevated from just Cotes du Rhone Villages to its own personal appellation like Gigondas and Chateaufeuf-du-Pape. The wines have a certain suave style. We would guess it is the singular soil. Whatever, this is a pleasure to drink and has more depth and finesse than the usual Cotes du Rhone.

**2009 Perrin Cotes-du-Rhone Villages, \$14.99/Sale \$10.99:** "Mon Dieu quelle bon marche!" A round and fine Rhone that we believe is impossible to beat for the price. Get this for daily drinking ... it will go with many different red meat dishes.

**2008 Dom. St. Martin de Garrigue, Languedoc, \$17.99/Sale \$14.99:** "Garrigue" refers to the small hills and plateaus in the southern Rhone Valley and Provence that are covered with scrub-brush and herb outcroppings. It has now become a descriptor for wines which reflect that terroir in their aromas and flavors. This blend of 50% Cab, 40% Merlot and 10% Syrah definitely does so ... it's very intriguing.

**2009 Puech-Haut Prestige, Languedoc, \$22.99/Sale \$19.99:** An outstanding red wine composed of 55% Syrah and 45% Grenache. Well-integrated with beautiful flavors of black currant, blackberry and licorice. 93 Points and a "Bravo!" from Robert Parker and our Courtesy Clerks.

**2009 Chateau du Basti Beaujolais, \$14.99/Sale \$13.99:** A Beaujolais with all the sateen seduction one could dream of. A wine of fruit fantasy. It would be a pretty good set-up for a turkey based dinner or in the morning with a breakfast quiche.

**2007 Domaine Thenard Givry, Clos Saint-Pierre, Premier Cru, \$26.99/Sale \$24.99:** Givry was the favorite wine of King Henri IV. This one will show you why. It has succulent cherry fruit aspects, along with some structure. Givry provides some of Burgundy's best value reds.

**2006 Clos La Madeleine, St. Emilion, \$53.99/Sale \$48.99:** If you want something that is very close to Chateau Ausone, at a tenth the price, this is your baby. You see, the vineyards of Clos La Madeleine are next door to Ausone. Drinking well now with a soft feel, but has years ahead to unfold its pleasures.

**2007 Chateau Labastide Dauzac, Margaux, \$43.99/Sale \$38.99:** When you smell this wine, you know you're drinking Bordeaux. And the flavors confirm it. The dark cherry fruit is more subdued than that of its Californian brethren and is framed with a bit of earth, tobacco and cedar. An elegant wine that is worthy of its Margaux appellation.

## GERMANY

**2009 Schmitges Kabinett "Red Slate," Mosel, \$21.99/Sale \$17.99:** Significant concentration. Ripe fruit on the palate. A grand success for Andrea Schmitges and his Erdener Treppchen vineyard. What a site.

**2010 Leitz Out Riesling, Rheingau, \$12.99/Sale \$11.49:** The Leitz family are German superstars and have been doing it since 1744. This nearly dry white is delightful. We don't know how they do it at the low price. And we love the "Leitz Out" play on words. Check out the label.

**2010 J.J. Christoffel Erdener Treppchen Kabinett, \$26.99/ Sale \$22.99:** Year after year, Christoffel produces some of the greatest wines in Germany. This staggering Riesling gives remarkably clear fruit and some befuddling beautiful spice. Remarkable work.

**2010 Merkelbach Kinheimer Rosenberg Riesling Auslese, \$23.99/Sale \$19.99:** Not only does Merkelbach make lovely wines, they sell them at lovely prices. Precise fruit, sugar and acid here, make it a shining example of a sweetish wine.

## SOUTH AMERICA

**2008 Catena Malbec, Mendoza, \$19.99/ Sale \$17.99:** Everybody loves this wine! We do too. It has more depth and finesse and is not quite as bold as most of the Malbecs we've tasted. Made by the Catena family, which has been at the forefront of quality wine production in Argentina since the beginning. **91 WA, 91 W&S, 90 WS, 90 ST**

**2010 Root 1 Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua Valley: \$11.99/ Sale \$9.99:** No root canal on the 1<sup>st</sup> tooth. But a dandy Chilean Cabernet, grown not too far away from Santiago in the Colchagua Valley. Though young, it's smooth and drinkable with some fetching dark fruits and a bit of garrigue. A great value.



# Christmas Sale



## ITALY

**2010 Elio Perrone “Sourgal” Moscato, \$16.99/\$14.99:** White peach, pear and jasmine are some of the many ethereal notes in this lightly effervescent wine. Its sweetness is light and refreshing. Everyone will love it. **90 WA**

**2010 Feliciano Felugan Lugana, \$15.99/Sale \$12.99:** Our Courtesy Clerks discovered this while in a wind surfing regatta on Lake Garda, whence this wine comes. It is likely the best Lugana we’ve tasted. It’s sleek and sexy like a top Soave, which is made about 30 miles away.

**2010 Zenato Pinot Grigio, \$12.99/Sale \$10.99:** Always a step ahead of the legion of Italian PGs. It has some grip and substance, nothing like the all-too-often watery productions. Rarely can you go far astray with a Zenato-made wine.

**2010 Ca del Re Dolcetto d’Alba, \$13.99/Sale \$11.99:** Lordy, what a pretty little red. It’s a basketful of red fruits. You could drink it all day long. Maybe dipping some “biscotti” in wouldn’t be outside decorum. But don’t have Lolita aboard.

**2005 Veglio Barolo, \$37.99/Sale \$29.99:** “Si nonna,” you can buy good Barolo in “Stati Uniti” at prices “bello.” This provides all the cherries and violets, and depth you expect from one of Italy’s greatest wines. Make that one of “the world’s greatest wines.”

**2004 Molino Barolo, Vigna Conca, \$64.99/Sale \$49.99:** This traditionally-styled wine from a classic vintage and the legendary Vigna Conca vineyard is the epitome of Barolo. You’ll find this for much more online. Don’t hesitate – only a few bottles left.

**2007 Pelissero Barbaresco, Nubiola, \$53.99/Sale \$42.99:** If you would like to see why Barbaresco is the “queen of Nebbiolo” this is one to muse over. It has beauty and strength with dried rose, violets and a touch of tar in the nose. The palate is a cherry delight. **93 WA**

**2007 Allegrini Palazzo della Torre, \$21.99/Sale \$18.99:** Technically this is Valpolicella, but it has Amarone added in the mix, which ups the octane. You definitely notice the dried grape aspect of the Amarone. Plus, 2007 was a vintage where the grapes almost dried on the vine. No, this ain’t your dull, bulk “Valpi” from Bolla. **90 WA**

**2007 Tolaini Al Passo, \$25.99/Sale \$21.99:** This is a “Super Tuscan,” thus a wine containing grapes other than the traditional Sangiovese, etc., of Tuscany. Here the interloper is Merlot, at 20 % to Sangiovese’s 80%. The terroir comes through in this wine with a framework of garrigue around the fruit. It all adds up to a plush delight on the tongue. **92 WA**

### WINE SCORE LEGEND:

**ST:** Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
**WA:** Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate  
**WE:** Wine Enthusiast  
**W&S:** Wine & Spirits  
**WS:** Wine Spectator

## SPAIN

**2010 Montenovo Godello, Valdeorras, \$12.99/Sale \$11.99:** As you can tell from our previous raves about this Galician mermaid, we are in love. It’s mid-body in shape and comes with floral perfume, and crisp, dry flavors. It really is thrilling what Spain has done with its white wines in the last decade. Employing grapes like Albarino and this Godello they are producing some of the world’s most sensual wines.

**2007 Muga Rioja Reserva, \$31.99/Sale \$26.99:** This fabulous “bodega” is almost totally artisanal and traditional. Thus you see almost no steel here, all wood. In fact they have their own barrel makers. This wine gives full fruit and earth framed intricately by the oak. It is a traditional grape blend of Tempranillo, Grenache, Mazuelo and Graciano. A Spanish classic “seguro.” **91+ WA**

**2001 Ramon Bilbao Gran Reserva Rioja, \$28.99/ Sale \$21.99:** Soft and elegant on both the nose and palate, this is an excellent opportunity to sample an older vintage of a well-made Rioja. A fun experiment: compare it side by side to the popular 2007 Limited Edition Rioja (\$15.99/Sale \$13.99) from the same producer.

**2006 Castillo de Fuendejalón, Campo de Borja, \$9.99/Sale \$8.99:** Makes us think of Hemingway and Eva Gardner together in the region of Spain. “Papa” inebriated and Eva entertained by her retinue of bullfighters. Si, there is something nostalgic about this wine. And since it has a little age, it is not a fresh, fruity object of desire like many other Spanish wines of its provenance, but a wine with a more subtle approach.

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

**2011 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, \$17.99/\$15.99:** It’s hard to find anything more refreshing than this zesty white wine from New Zealand. You’ll definitely pick up the cut grass notes in the aroma followed by exuberant lime and passion fruit flavors. Fabulous with crab legs, or on its own.

**2008 Razor’s Edge Shiraz and Grenache, McLaren Vale, \$13.99/Sale \$9.99:** Christmas in a bottle! Ripe, bright Shiraz fruit is moderated and balanced by the addition of Grenache. It’s an easy sipper and would complement pork with fruit compote and a range of Mexican dishes equally. **91WS, 90 WE**

**2007 Mitolo G.A.M. Shiraz, McLaren Vale, \$44.99/Sale \$28.99:** This is a “big boy.” One hundred percent Shiraz with scents of blackberry, blueberry and mocha. Its flavors follow the nose with overtones of leather and sweet tobacco. Intriguing. And, at a spectacular price! **91 WA, 94 Wine News**



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## SPARKLERS, PORTS & DESSERT WINES

**NV Camille Braun Brut Cremant d'Alsace**, \$27.99/Sale \$22.99: Actually, this is a vintage sparkler from Alsace. But, perhaps because of regulations, the vintage is not stated on the label. Anyway this wine has a stunning creamy nose and palate. The hypnotic tiny bubbles indicate that it has been a long time on the yeast (40 months to be precise). We've never experienced a sparkling wine so fine for the reasonable price.

**NV A.Margaine Traditional Cuvee, Brut, Premier Cru, \$45.99/ \$41.99 and N V Brut Rose, \$54.99/\$49.99:** Both of these are Chardonnay based Champagnes from one of our favorite small growers. Arnaud Margaine produces just 4000 cases total from his six-hectare plot in the Montagne de Reims. The Rose contains 20% Pinot Noir giving it its lovely, festive color. We have the Traditional Cuvee in half bottles as well for \$25.99. Try one of these rare gems to see why we're devoted to grower champagnes

**NV Taittinger La Francaise Brut Champagne**, \$43.99/Sale \$33.99: Kind of an institution in France. We like it and Bollinger in the "workhorse category" of French Champagnes. The Bollinger is more a stud, this more a pony. **90 WA**

**Bella Costa Prosecco**, \$14.99/Sale \$12.99: If you're looking for a fresh, clean and slightly off-dry sparkler, this is for you. Nothing cloying here, just pure charm.

**Mumm Napa Brut Prestige Sparkling, \$19.99/\$15.99:** Made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, this sparkler is the answer for your holiday parties. An "Editor's Choice" with **92 Points** from the Wine Enthusiast.

**NV Roederer Estate Brut, Mendocino**, \$24.99/Sale \$19.99: Every time we taste this American, French made, "sparkly" we are taken aback by the quality. The dryness and full shape are things of beauty.

**2007 Les Pins Monbazillac**, 500 ml. \$21.99/Sale \$18.99: Basically this is French Sauternes or Barsac from just outside those zones. It shines with the wizardly balance between the fruit, sugar, oak and acid. Deadly good and an amazing value!

**2009 Heinz Eifel Eiswein Rheinhessen**, 500 ml. \$22.9 /Sale \$19.99: If you thought you need a bank loan to buy a German ice wine, this will be a joyous revelation. The acid/sugar balance is so acute that you hardly notice the wine is sweet. Bravo Heinz Eifel.

**NV Grahams "Six Grapes" Port \$21.99/\$18.99:** There's nothing like a glass of Port on a cold, snowy evening and this one is so well priced, you can have a glass every night. It's beautifully blended with sweet dark fruit and smooth tannins. **91 W&S**

**1983 Graham's Vintage Port**, \$119.99/\$99.99: A magnificent offspring of an historic Port vintage. It has great depth with rich, unctuous fruit and is drinking beautifully now. Parker declared it "one of the top of this vintage". With 28 years of aging, this is your chance to drink a vintage Port at its best!

## BEST OF THE BEST...10% OFF 3 OR MORE BOTTLES!

These are some of the finest wines ever in Coaltrain and some of the finest we have ever tasted. Actually, THEY ARE SOME OF THE FINEST WINES IN THE WORLD. Not cheap, but for Christmas we will take 10 percent off the purchase of any three. And, considering their weighty prices, that is a lot of "dinero."

**2000 Aldo Conterno Gran Bussia Barolo**, \$252.99/3-bottle sale \$281.10: For us, this is the top dog in the 2000 Barolo vintage. A vintage the WINE SPECTATOR awarded with a lowly **100 points**. "Perfection," we recall them calling it.

**2005 J.L. Chave Hermitage Rouge**, \$209.99/3-bottle sale \$188.99: Jean Louis Chave is pretty much the grand master of the Syrah grape. And this will show you why. The style and nuance here are palate boggling. **WS 98**

**2004 J.L. Chave Hermitage Blanc**, \$164.99/3-bottle sale \$148.49: This is one of the most amazing dry white wines in the world, in that it can age for decades and evolve in a majestic way. By the way, these are excellent prices for these two Chave wines. On the world market they would be far more. **WS 97**

**2006 Liger-Belair Vosne-Romanee, Aux Reignots**, \$249.99/3-bottle sale \$224.99: Ligier-Belair is an awakening giant in Burgundy. This is the exemplar of how great Pinot Noir can be rendered. Total sensuality.

**2003 Harlan Estate Proprietary Red Wine, Napa**, \$499.99/3-bottle sale \$449: Robert Parker's description of Harlan is totally accurate: "These wines possess all the elements of greatness ... individuality, power combined with elegance, extraordinary complexity, remarkable aging potential and compelling richness without ponderousness." A masterwork here. **92-95 WA, 98 WE**

**2006 Araujo Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Eisele Vineyard, Napa**, \$259.99/3-bottle sale \$233.99: Impossibly hard to obtain. From the famed Eisele Vineyard. Like Harlan above, a masterpiece. **92 WA**

**2006 Kongsgaard Chardonnay, Napa**, \$109.99/3-bottle sale \$98.99: A cult maker whose wines are personalized. But they are easier to understand than Kierkegaard. And the Chardonnays, like this one, can age "a priori". **91 WA**

**2005 Penfolds Grange, South Australia**, \$369.99/3-bottle sale \$332.99: Interestingly, the Penfolds board had doubt when the Grange was conceived years ago. Today, it is one of the most demanded wines in the world. **97 WA**

**2002 Louis Roederer Cristal Champagne**, \$299.99/3-bottle sale \$269.99: The greatest Champagne in the world? Could be. Especially from a sublime Champagne vintage as 2002. No wonder the rappers demand this at every performance. Oh, the enlightened lives they lead! **96+ WA**

**2000 Quinta do Vesuvio Vintage Port, 1.5 Liters**, \$149.99/3-bottle sale \$134.99: Vintage after vintage this vineyard designate Port is in "the thrown room of the Gods." In this superb vintage, it is another coronation. **94 WS**