

INDIGO RESTAURANT WINE LIST

All wines subject to availability

Tasting Bottles (half bottles)

The perfect companion.

White Wine- Half Bottles

Champagne

NV Louis Roederer Brut Premier Reims, Champagne 45

Fun and Flavorful White Half Bottles

2007 Dry Creek Fumé Blanc Sonoma 19
2007 Longoria Pinot Grigio Santa Barbara 21
2007 Husch Sauvignon Blanc Mendocino 22
2007 Navarro Gewürztraminer Anderson Valley 23
2007 Husch Chardonnay Mendocino 24
2006 Renard Roussanne Santa Ynez 25

Red Wine - Half Bottles

Pinot Noir

2006 Martinelli Water Trough Vineyard Sonoma 37
2006 Patz & Hall Sonoma Coast 42
2005 Paul Hobbs Russian River 45
2006 Bergström Cumberland Reserve Willamette Valley, OR 49

Cabernet Sauvignon & Bordeaux Blends & Merlot

2006 Selene Merlot Frediani Vineyard Napa 25
2003 Rombauer Napa 29
2005 Ramey Claret (CS 54%, Mer 25%, CF 12%, Syr 7%, Mal 1%, PV 1%) Napa 37
2002 Veraison Stagecoach Vineyards Napa 45
2005 Karl Lawrence Napa 47
2002 Paradigm Oakville, Napa 51
2002 Viader (51% Cab Sauv, 49% Cab Franc) Napa 59
2002 Etude Napa 69

Zinfandel

2006 Robert Biale Zinfandel Black Chicken Napa 35
2006 Ridge Lytton Springs (80% Zin, 16% PS, 4% Car) Dry Creek Valley 37

Rich and Robust Reds

2004 Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant California 25
2006 Unti Grenache (77% Gren, 17% Syr, 6% Morvd) Dry Creek Valley 29
2004 Robert Foley Vineyards Charbono Napa 31
2005 Unti Syrah Dry Creek Valley 33
2005 Robert Biale Petite Sirah Royal Punishers Napa 40
2005 Pride Cabernet Franc Sonoma County 45
2002 Pride Sangiovese (500ml bottle) Sonoma County 65

This page features:

☞ HALF BOTTLES

Ask For Help!!!

When we expanded this list to include everything in our cellar, we weren't trying to scare anyone. We know big lists can be intimidating, but we've spent a lot of time and effort gathering some of the most interesting wines made in California and want to share them. While we love collecting wine, we also love to talk about it. So whether you want to buy our least expensive bottle (\$18) or our most expensive (\$800), don't be afraid to ask for advice. Our servers are very knowledgeable and there's always someone in the restaurant named Greg who'd rather talk about wine than do real work!

About our Vino List:

You won't find much in the way of Old World wine on this list. We just don't see a reason to import wine from half way around the world when San Francisco is close to so much fantastic vineyard land.

To easily find a type of wine, just look at the upper right hand corner of each page to see what 'categories' are included on that particular page. In general, the list starts with wines by the glass, half bottles, bubbly, then goes from full white bottles to red ones and ends with large format bottles and dessert wines. New to the list, we've included sections devoted to Riesling and Pinot Gris, two varieties that go particularly well with our cuisine.

Each side column discusses different producers, vintages, varietals and unique wine 'tales.' Read what you like, ignore it if you can.

Some wines are limited in quantity and may have already been consumed by Greg.

WE LOVE HALF BOTTLES!

Besides being cute, Half Bottles should be considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Perfect when you can't decide if you want red or white, or if you don't like the wines by the glass! Half bottles are also great for pairing different wines with each course.

Bubbly!

NV	Louis Roederer <i>Brut Premier</i> (Half Bottle)	Reims, Champagne	45 (half bottle)
NV	Caposaldo <i>Prosecco Brut</i>	Italy	35
NV	J Winery “Cuvee 20”	Russian River	54
NV	Perrier Jouët <i>Grand Brut</i>	Champagne	75
NV	Veuve Clicquot <i>Yellow Label Brut</i>	Champagne	85
2000	Dom Pérignon	Champagne	185

Sauvignon Blanc

2008	Casa Lapostolle <i>Crisp with flavors of citrus and melon.</i>	Rapel Valley, Chile	27
2008	Frenzy from Marlborough <i>Vivid aromatics with hints of peach, grapefruit, lime and melon. A very classic, crisp New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.</i>	New Zealand	29
2008	Adelaide Hills <i>Vineyard Select by Angove</i> <i>This cool region produces a delicious combination of light tropical fruit flavors and clean herbaceous gooseberry. Long clean finish.</i>	Australia	33
2007	Morlet Family Vineyards <i>La Proportion Dorée</i> Sonoma <i>A harmonious blend of the three classic white Bordeaux varietals grown in the Golden State's Sonoma County, this unique cuvée was handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques inspired from Pessac-Léognan. As in architectural arts, it is 'The Golden Ratio' or 'La Proportion Dorée.' Bright yellow. Intense bouquet of candied lemon, muscat, and honeysuckle flavors intermixed with sweet notes of ripened apricot and fresh quince. Full-bodied, seamless, refined and complex. Made by the former Peter Michael Winemaker! 62% Semillon, 36% Sauvignon Blanc, 2% Muscadelle</i>	Sonoma	57
2006	Peter Michael <i>L'Après-Midi</i> <i>Fresh, lively, and exhibiting notions of honeyed grapefruit, melon, and quince, this beautiful white wine will offer uncommon flexibility with an assortment of foods.</i>	Sonoma	69

This page features:

- 🍷 BUBBLY!!!
- 🍷 SAUVIGNON BLANC

Bubbly from two Hemispheres:

The major Champagne houses in France were founded long before the first commercial vineyards were planted in California. While the French are the unquestioned masters of sparkling wine, Californians have developed a distinctive take on the French approach. In general, the flavors of French Champagne come from the rigorous *Methode Champenoise*. This process focuses on toasty and yeasty flavors while the fruit remains subtle.

Like most California wine, our bubbly is very fruit forward featuring friendly flavors of pear, apple and cherry while toning down the other elements.

To Vintage or Not to Vintage:

The tradition of producing Non-Vintage wines comes from the individualism of the Champagne Houses. The producers in Champagne wanted the consumer to focus on the style of each house rather than the variation from vintage to vintage. This creates one of their greatest challenges; producing a blend from multiple vintages that retains the house style, regardless of what vintages are used. Vintage Champagnes are then only produced in years with exceptional harvests.

Rhône Style Whites

2008	McManis Viognier <i>Aromatically complex with citrus and honeysuckle notes and a fine balance of natural acidity.</i>	California	33
2006	Pride Mountain Viognier <i>Rich in mouth-feel, yet balanced with bright acidity, this 100% Viognier expresses mountain terroir with fresh flavors of white stone-fruits and enticing aromas of citrus blossom and gardenias. Exclusively neutral barrels were used for fermenting and aging to maintain the focus on the beautifully articulate mountain-grown Viognier fruit. A delicious spiciness lolls on the tongue in a long, lingering and unforgettable finish.</i>	Sonoma County	65
2006	PAX “Nepenthe” Alder Springs Vineyard <i>Amazingly only 7 barrels of this wine were made! 50% Roussanne, 40% Marsanne, 10% Viognier blend. White flowers, wet stones, lychee and Anjou pears on the intense and focused aromatics. The palate is pure and precise with minerals, pear pulp and honeyed flowers. The weight of the wine is dense but balanced by creamy acidity and the finish is heady and lengthy, sweetening up with more acacia and honey aromas. We only received 2 bottles of this gem!</i>	Mendocino	75

Pinot Gris/Grigio

2007	Monte Vina Pinot Grigio <i>A wonderful PG from our friends: simple, crisp and clean.</i>	California	28
2007	Robert Pepi Pinot Grigio <i>An “easy-going” Grigio with nice acidity and aromatics.</i>	California	31
2008	Etude Pinot Gris <i>Made using Alsatian Clones, wonderful fruit purity, minerals and length. Awesome with food.</i>	Carneros	37
2007	Swanson Pinot Grigio <i>Crisp with firm acidity and mild tartness in the finish. “Tastes like chicken.”</i>	Napa	39

Riesling

2007	Foggy Bridge “Tradewinds” <i>Off-Dry with bright floral characteristics and crisp acidity from the acclaimed Columbia Valley.</i>	Columbia Valley, Wa	35
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Rosé

2008	Etude Rosé of Pinot Noir <i>Sourced from their Estate Vineyard, whole berry pressed, fermented dry. Vibrant aromas of fresh frambois strawberries, red cherries and sweet blood oranges. Flavors of strawberry, rhubarb and cherry with a touch of minerality.</i>	Carneros	35
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- 🍷 RIESLING
- 🍷 PINOT GRIS/GRIGIO
- 🍷 ROSÉ
- 🍷 RHONE WHITES

The grape with two names.

Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio are actually the same variety. The difference in the two names seems to be a matter of style. Pinot Grigio refers to the classic Italian style. These wines show dry pear and apple flavors with tart acidity and a light body. On the other hand, when the name Pinot Gris is used, the wines are usually closer to those made in the Alsace region of France. Pinot Gris is known for funky, earthy aromas, pear and apricot flavors with a pronounced spiciness and less bracing acidity than found in Pinot Grigio. Oregon is one of the leading new world regions producing this style. While Pinot Gris will sometimes have some residual sugar, all the wines on our list are balanced enough to pair well with food.

California’s love affair with France’s Rhône Valley has brought attention to some previously little known varieties. Of these, Viognier has made the biggest splash among the white grapes. Viognier is a low acid grape with beautiful floral aromas. By itself it makes viscous wine showing honeyed and apricot flavors, but Viognier also shines when blended with other varieties. Adding it to other white grapes adds texture and roundness to the wine; but Viognier is also blended with red varieties. The town of Cote-Rotie in the Rhone is famous for blending Viognier with Syrah. Another creative use of Viognier is found in the blending of Storybook’s Eastern Exposures Zinfandel.

Chardonnay

ON SALE: The Wonderful World of Steve Kistler and Mark Bixler

We have limited quantities of these Kistler wines, sold at a great value

2001	Kistler Vine Hill Vineyard	Russian River	65
2004	Kistler Durrell Vineyard	Sonoma Valley	85
2002	Kistler Hudson Vineyard	Carneros	79
2003	Kistler Kistler Vineyard	Sonoma Valley	105

More Chardonnay

2007	Summerfield	California	33
2007	Foggy Bridge	San Francisco Bay	35
2002	Littorai Charles Heintz Vineyard	Sonoma Coast	49
2006	Dehlinger	Russian River	52
2005	Williams Selyem Allen Vineyard	Russian River	59
2004	Peter Michael Ma Belle-Fille	Knights Valley	60
2006	Patz & Hall Dutton Ranch	Russian River	69
2004	Kistler Durrell Vineyard	Sonoma Valley	85
2003	J. Rochioli River Block	Russian River	99
2004	Aubert Ritchie Vineyard	Sonoma Coast	155
2004	Marcassin Zio Tony Ranch	Sonoma Coast	185

Peter Michael

2004	Peter Michael Ma Belle-Fille	Knights Valley	60
2004	Peter Michael Mon Plaisir	Knights Valley	65

Rochioli

2003	J. Rochioli River Block	Russian River	99
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 CHARDONNAY &
MORE CHARDONNAY!

Regional Chardonnay Profiles:

Napa: Generally a warmer area with rich fruit flavors that can withstand oak aging and winemaker handling.

Sonoma Coast: With proximity near the ocean, unique Burgundian-Styled Chards recently met with much success.

Russian River: A cool, damp climate located in the center of Sonoma. Wines show complex but delicate flavors with great concentration.

Carneros: Straddling the southernmost portion of Napa & Sonoma, this cool, windswept region sees a long growing season with little rainfall. Bright, lively fruit with earthy apple and crisp citrus flavors.

Anderson Valley: Cool maritime influence makes Mendocino Valley a great place for crisp, high acid Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

Sir Peter Michael:

“Mountain vineyards, classical winemaking and limited production.”

That is the philosophy of this winery.

Only premium hillside vineyard fruit is selected for Peter Michael wines. Vineyards from the estate are located on the slopes of Mount St. Helena in Eastern Sonoma County, the Alexander Mountain Estate above Alexander Valley, and the Morelli Vineyard seven miles from the Pacific Ocean. These sites provide the foundation for the intense flavors and aromas in their wines. Each wine is a single-vineyard bottling representing the unique characteristics of its site.

The Kistler Way:

By replicating the best of traditional Burgundian winemaking practices, Mark Bixler and Steve Kistler have put California Chardonnay on the global map. Starting in the vineyard, they work closely with growers to keep fruit yields low, thus concentrating flavor and depth. Bixler and Kistler use the same Chardonnay clone in each vineyard allowing the fullest expression of each vineyard's terroir. Their “natural” approach to handling of the wine, combined with unique Sonoma vineyard designate wines, creates bottlings of tremendous flavor and character.

Pinot Noir & Gamay

2007	McManis Family Vineyards	California	35	
2007	Cep	Sonoma Coast	42	bin 262
2006	Navarro	Mendocino	45	bin 205
2007	Brickhouse <i>Gamay</i>	Oregon	49	bin 206
2007	Siduri	Russian River	56	bin 201
2006	Dehlinger <i>Estate</i>	Russian River	67	bin 124
2006	Peay <i>Pomarium</i>	Sonoma Coast	75	bin 202
2005	Littorai	Sonoma Coast	85	bin 637
2006	David Family <i>Pisoni & Garys' Vineyard</i>	Santa Lucia	87	bin 208
	<i>Proceeds of this velvety & aromatic David family Pinot go to Bay Area Habitat for Humanity.</i>			
2006	<i>Pisoni Estate</i>	Santa Lucia	95	bin 202
2004	Hirsch Vineyards	Sonoma Coast	97	bin 206
2000	Kistler <i>Hirsch Vineyard</i>	Sonoma Coast	99	bin 622
2006	Williams Selyem	Russian River	109	bin 615
2006	Sea Smoke 'Southing'	Santa Rita Hills	129	bin 119
2004	Peter Michael 'Le Moulin Rouge'	Santa Lucia	145	bin 631
2003	Rochioli <i>Little Hill</i>	Russian River	175	bin 207
2003	Marcassin <i>Bondi Home Ranch</i>	Sonoma Coast	195	bin 206
<u>Littorai-Pinot Noir</u>				
2005	Littorai	Sonoma Coast	85	bin 637
<u>Kistler – Pinot Noir</u>				
2000	Kistler <i>Hirsch Vineyard</i>	Sonoma Coast	99	bin 622
2001	Kistler <i>Kistler Vineyard</i>	Russian River	170	bin 623
<u>Williams Selyem – Pinot Noir</u>				
2006	Williams Selyem	Russian River	109	bin 615
2003	Williams Selyem <i>Ferrington Vineyard</i>	Anderson Valley	115	bin 631
1999	Williams Selyem <i>Coastlands</i>	Sonoma Coast	135	bin 629
2002	Williams Selyem <i>Coastlands</i>	Sonoma Coast	140	bin 629
2001	Williams Selyem <i>Allen Vineyard</i>	Russian River	145	bin 632
<u>Dehlinger – Pinot Noir</u>				
2006	Dehlinger <i>Estate</i>	Russian River	67	bin 124
2002	Dehlinger <i>Octagon</i>	Russian River	73	bin 123
2004	Dehlinger <i>Reserve</i>	Russian River	79	bin 125

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PINOT NOIR

Regional Pinot Profiles (very general):

Napa: The best wines show very ripe/baked fruit with great depth and body. Not shy.

Sonoma / Sonoma Coast: Great acidity and backbone with ripe cherry and raspberry fruit & Asian Spice.

Russian River: Hello! Finesse and Elegance with bright cherry notes. Great growing climate.

Monterey: Can be spicy, with cola notes and stewed fruit flavors.

Carneros: Often bright strawberry and cherry flavors with spices and good backbone.

Oregon: Oregon is on a run of five great vintages in a row from '98 to '02. While the classic Oregon style is Burgundian, some producers have started pushing the ripeness, creating out of balance wines with high alcohol. We don't carry those.

Williams Selyem Winery began as a simple dream between two friends. Ed Selyem and Burt Williams began pursuing weekend winemaking as a hobby in 1979 in a garage in Forestville California. In less than two decades Williams and Selyem created a cult status winery of international acclaim, setting a new standard for Pinot Noir winemaking in the United States. They aligned Sonoma County's Russian River Valley with the firmament of the best winegrowing regions of the world. In 1998 John and Kathe Dyson purchased the winery, but maintained Ed and Burt's approach to wine making and marketing. The winery carefully executes the Williams Selyem philosophy of "respecting the juice" from fermentation to bottling. There is no pumping and all wines are made filter-free. The winemakers use these processes to insure that the quality of the juice is not compromised.

Red Rhône Rangers & Significant Others

Syrah & Blends

2005	Jade Mountain <i>Snows Lake Vineyard</i>	California	29
2007	Delas <i>Côtes du Rhône</i>	Rhone Valley	34
2005	Unti	Dry Creek Valley	47
2005	Robert Foley <i>Charbono</i> <i>Inky dark, good acid, full bodied unique wine from an acclaimed producer</i>	Napa	49
2004	Kalleske Shiraz <i>Greenock</i> <i>Smoky oak interwoven with black raspberry, blackberry, and cassis fruit flavors. Full-bodied, rich, and spicy, with no hard edges</i>	Barossa, Australia	51
2004	Kaesler Shiraz <i>The Bogan</i> <i>loads of cassis, blackberry, cedar, and spice box</i>	Barossa, Australia	55
2004	Two Hands Shiraz <i>Lily's Garden</i> <i>Full-bodied with stunning, dusty, loamy soil characteristics interwoven with blackberry, cassis, cherry, and plum-like fruit</i>	Mclaren Vale, Australia	57
2005	Alain Graillot <i>Crozes-Hermitage</i>	Rhone Valley	59
2004	Roar <i>Rosella's Vineyard</i>	Santa Lucia	69
2004	Peay <i>Les Titans</i>	Sonoma Coast	75
2006	Kongsgaard <i>Hudson Vineyard</i>	Napa	85

Petite Sirah

2006	Unti <i>Deep aromas of blackberry liqueur, cassis, pepper and toasty oak emerge from the glass if you give it some air. While this is on the riper side of Petite, the wine's acidity makes for a clean finish.</i>	Dry Creek Valley	49
2001	Turley Petite Sirah <i>Library Vineyard</i>	Napa	85
2001	Turley Petite Sirah <i>Hayne Vineyard</i>	Napa	145
2004	Turley Petite Sirah <i>Hayne Vineyard</i>	Napa	125
1995	Turley Petite Sirah <i>Aida Vineyard</i>	Napa	175
1996	Turley Petite Sirah <i>Aida Vineyard</i>	Napa	165
1997	Turley Petite Sirah <i>Aida Vineyard</i>	Napa	185

Malbec

2007	Mil Piedras <i>Malbec</i> <i>From the Eastern slopes of the Andes, this is a balanced and full flavored gem!</i>	Mendoza, Argentina	35
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 RHÔNE RANGERS
 ADVENTUROUS
REDS

Syrah (AKA Shiraz / Sirah)
"The stuff dreams are made of."
Today in California, if your vineyards do not produce expensive Cabernet or Pinot Noir, you're probably ripping out your vines and planting Syrah. While we know the best places to grow Cabernet, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay (though there are many places where each variety makes exceptional wine,) Syrah has not quite found its home. Almost ink black in color; Syrah grows well in a variety of regions. While rich, dark fruit, assertive tannins and spice are the most common characteristics; Syrah from cooler regions will take on earthy, dusty characteristics while maintaining high acidity; warmer regions show riper, juicier fruit.

Blending; North vs. South

In France's Rhône Valley, there are two distinct styles of wine making. In the North, red wines are made almost exclusively from Syrah; whites are made from Marsanne, Rousanne and Viognier. In Southern Rhône the red wines tend to be Grenache based and more blending is allowed. This gives the winemaker the opportunity to manipulate wines by using as many as thirteen different varieties, as in the town of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. California winemakers are meeting success making wines by taking the approaches used by both Southern and Northern Rhône.

The history of Petite Sirah (or "Pets.") For a long time, Petite Sirah was thought to be Syrah, however researchers now believe it is an obscure variety from France's Rhone valley called Durif. Regardless of the name, Petite Sirah has not met the level of success it enjoys in California anywhere else in the world. Intense fruit, flavors of tar and spice as well as strong tannins, and an almost jet black color characterize Petite Sirah.

ZINFANDEL MADNESS @ ZINDIGO, YUM!

2007	Peachy Canyon <i>Incredible Red- Bin 118</i>	California	33
2006	Unti (9% Petite Sirah, 3% Barbera)	Dry Creek Valley	46
2007	Ridge <i>Three Valleys</i>	Sonoma	49
2005	Storybook Mountain <i>Eastern Exposures</i>	Napa	57
2001	Robert Biale <i>Old Pato Ranch</i>	Contra Costa	75
2004	Turley <i>Dogtown</i>	Lodi	75
2005	Williams Selyem <i>Feeney Vineyard</i>	Russian River	85

Storybook Mountain Vineyards

2005	Storybook Mountain <i>Eastern Exposures</i>	Napa	57
2001	Storybook Mountain <i>Estate Reserve</i>	Napa	67

Robert Biale

2001	Robert Biale <i>Old Pato Ranch</i>	Contra Costa	75
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Turley Zinfandel

2002	Turley <i>Old Vines</i>	California	89
2003	Turley <i>Old Vines</i>	California	79
2004	Turley <i>Old Vines</i>	California	70
2002	Turley <i>Dogtown</i>	Lodi	90
2003	Turley <i>Dogtown</i>	Lodi	Was 85, On sale 43
2004	Turley <i>Dogtown</i>	Lodi	75
2005	Turley <i>Dogtown</i>	Lodi	69

Williams Selyem Zinfandel

2006	Williams Selyem <i>Bacigalupi Vineyard</i> <i>14.9% alc. Deep ruby. Crushed black fruits, minerals and exotic citrus zest on the nose. Sweeter and more pliant than the Bacigalupi, with riper acids. But this has terrific density and superb fruit, and finishes with a powerful tannic spine. The crop level here was just a ton an acre, says Winemaker Cabral.</i>	Russian River	60
2005	Williams Selyem <i>Feeney Vineyard</i> <i>14.9% alc. Opaque, purple-tinged effort offering an explosive bouquet of blackberries, currants, crushed rocks, underbrush, and incense. Deep, full-bodied, rich, and layered, with spectacular concentration as well as length, this blockbuster should drink well for 5-7 years.</i>	Russian River	85

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🍷 ZINFANDEL (our favorite!)

The history of Zinfandel is twisted and until recently, somewhat uncertain. While this unique variety is not widely produced anywhere else in the world, DNA tests have shown an identical match to the Italian grape Primitivo. The uncertainty came when people tried to figure out which came first. The debate was settled recently, when a study showed Zin is actually a Croatian variety called Crljenak (if you know how to pronounce this word, please tell Greg.) While there is some thought Crljenak originated in either Greece or Albania, it is certain the first cultivation of Crljenak precedes Zin or Primitivo by several hundred years.

Storybook Mountain Vineyards first started producing Zinfandel in Napa's Mayacamas Range in the 1880s. 100 years later, Sigrid and Dr. Jerry Seps bought the winery and refined the tradition, producing wines of great depth and elegance. Dr. Seps is not only famous for producing Zinfandel, but for being one its outspoken advocates. As founder of ZAP! (Zinfandel Advocates and Producers,) Dr. Seps played a significant role in changing the perception of Zinfandel as a sweet pink wine, to its current status; one of California's most exciting and rapidly growing varieties.

Why so much Turley? Turley is the winery owned by Larry Turley, brother of legendary winemaker Helen Turley. Helen made only one vintage though; Ehren "Air" Jordan now makes Turley wines. Jordan's wines, whether made under the Chiarello Family, Neyer's, Outpost, Failla-Jordan or Turley labels have developed a fanatical following among those who love their Zins, Syrahs and Petite Sirahs deep and intense. These wines show incredibly dense fruit with astonishing length and enough alcohol to burn a hole in your tongue. Turley's are the only Zins to receive Wine Spectators' Classic rating and are very limited in production. We urge caution when ordering; these wines are not for the faint of heart!

Merlot

2007	McManis Family Vineyards	California	35	bin 433
2002	Duckhorn Vineyards Merlot	Napa	77	bin 727
2001	Blankiet <i>Paradise Hills Vineyard</i>	Napa	105	bin 717

California Cabernet, Red Blends and other Bordeaux Varietals - By Vintage

1994	Robert Mondavi	Napa	95	bin 539
1994	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars <i>Fay Vineyard</i>	Napa	165	bin 539
1994	Diamond Creek <i>Volcanic Hill</i>	Napa	250	bin 538
1995	Dunn	Napa	155	bin 537
1996	Lail <i>Cuvee 73% Merlot, 27% Cabernet</i>	Napa	125	bin 723/524b
1997	Barnett Vineyards <i>Spring Mountain District</i>	Napa	99	bin 537
1997	Forman	Napa	125	bin 537
1997	Beringer <i>St. Helena Home Vineyard</i>	Napa	155	bin 539
1997	Dunn	Napa	175	bin 537
1998	Marston Family Vineyard	Napa	55	bin 525
1999	Von Strasser <i>Sori Bricco Vineyard</i>	Diamond Mt. Napa	79	bin 534
1999	Dunn	Howell Mt. Napa	150	bin 721
1999	Robert Mondavi <i>Reserve</i>	Napa	155	bin 532
1999	Lokoya	Howell Mt. Napa	190	bin 531b
2000	Peter Michael <i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	99	bin 722/527b
2000	Merus	Napa	185	bin 538
2000	Bond <i>Matriarch</i>	Napa	195	bin 538
2001	Veraison <i>Stagecoach Vineyard</i>	Napa	69	bin 530
2001	Dalla Valle Vineyards	Napa	175	bin 537
2002	Seps Winery	Napa	65	bin 537b
2003	Plumpjack <i>Estate</i>	Oakville, Napa	99	bin 536
2003	Altagracia by Araujo, <i>Eisele Vineyard</i>	Napa	110	bin 537
2004	Foggy Bridge	Napa	49	bin 640
2004	Paradigm	Napa	95	bin 404
2005	Pride Mountain	Napa/Sonoma	95	bin 705
2006	Summerfield Cabernet	California	32	
<u>Chateau Montelena</u>				
1998	Chateau Montelena <i>Estate</i>	Napa	170	bin 721
1999	Chateau Montelena <i>Estate</i>	Napa	185	bin 719

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 CABERNET & BLENDS
 MERLOT

Celebrate the 90's!

One great vintage after another makes collecting and consuming 1990's California Cabs a real treat. While most of the wines from these vintages will improve for many years, they certainly taste great now!

1994 Deep, dark wines with enormous structure. One of the great vintages will soon enter into its prime!

1995 Rich, complex wines rivaling the power of 94s.

1996 Elegant with amazing depth and integration. These wines are in their prime and drinking beautifully.

1997 The Big Daddy. Loads of ripe fruit, oak (usually) and alcohol. The best wines show great concentration.

1998 A less consistent vintage, so stick with producers you trust. These wines are also more readily drinkable than other recent vintages.

1999 Another in a long line of great 90's vintages. A warm growing season produced ripe, juicy wines. Critics love vintages like this.

2000 Less critical acclaim than other recent vintages, but top producers made wines with refreshing acidity.

To Blend or Not to Blend?

When dealing with 'Big Reds', in the traditional Bordeaux style, winemakers must decide whether the Cabernet Sauvignon can stand on its own, or if it will benefit from the addition of up to four other varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, and Malbec. Some people in the industry feel that 100% Cab Sauv is the best, allowing the varietal to speak for itself. While others tinker with the grape and feel the sum of the parts is greater than the whole.

Cabernet Franc is a more forward variety adding a friendly green herbaceousness and fresh fruit that softens Cabernet Sauvignon's intensity at young ages.

Merlot can bring bright fruit, cola and chocolate notes into the mix.

Malbec and Petite Verdot are used less often, but can add deeper color, structure and more complexity to Cabernet Sauvignon.

Silver Oak

1999	Silver Oak	Napa	155	bin 722
2001	Silver Oak	Napa	150	bin 722
2002	Silver Oak	Napa	165	bin 722
2003	Silver Oak	Alexander Valley	115	bin 709

Peter Michael

1997	Peter Michael <i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	160	bin 722
1998	Peter Michael <i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	125	bin 722
1999	Peter Michael <i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	145	bin 722
2000	Peter Michael <i>Les Pavots</i>	Knights Valley	99	bin 722/527b

Ridge

1998	Ridge <i>Monte Bello</i>	California	175	bin 722/533
1999	Ridge <i>Monte Bello</i>	California	185	bin 722/533

Plumpjack (Large format bottles available)

2003	Plumpjack <i>Estate</i>	Oakville, Napa	99	bin 536
1999	Plumpjack <i>Estate Reserve</i>	Oakville, Napa	210	bin 525

Caymus

1998	Caymus <i>Special Selection</i>	Napa	200	bin 709
1999	Caymus <i>Special Selection</i>	Napa	225	bin 709

Long Meadow Ranch

1995	Long Meadow Ranch	Napa	120	all bin 723
1997	Long Meadow Ranch	Napa	125	
1999	Long Meadow Ranch	Napa	85	

Joseph Phelps

1998	Joseph Phelps <i>Insignia</i>	Napa	170	bin 520
1998	Joseph Phelps <i>Insignia</i> (Magnum)	Napa	350	

Opus One

1997	Opus One	Napa	240	bin 723
1998	Opus One	Napa	150	bin 723
1999	Opus One	Napa	200	bin 723

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The Legend of Silver Oak goes back three decades. Over that time, Silver Oak Cellars has produced top quality Cabernet Sauvignon from both Napa Valley and Alexander Valley. One of the keys to their success, simply put, has been their Barrel Aging Program. The wines spend up to 36 months in American Oak barrels, which allows for controlled oxidation of the tannins and for a deep evolution of the aromas and flavors. Additionally, they blend the wine *before* it is put into barrel to allow the marriage of the various components. The end result is a wine that is drinkable upon release, yet can still benefit from further aging.

Plumpjack Winery is located on fifty acres of Oakville's finest Cabernet plantings. The land was the original site of Villa Mt. Eden Winery but was replanted in 1992 after phyloxera devastated the vineyard. Owned by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and Gordon Getty, the multi-faceted Plumpjack runs a resort at Lake Tahoe, a fantastic wine shop and two great restaurants in San Francisco, however their focus on wine is unquestionable. Winemaker Nils Venge makes deep, extracted wines that walk the fine line between subtlety and power.

Caymus Cabernets are ranked among the finest wines in the world year after year (Wine Spectator made Special Selection their wine of the year twice, in 1989 and 1994.) Third generation winemaker Chuck Wagner produces wines with immense sweet fruit and the earthy, dusty backbone Rutherford Vineyards are famous for.

Long Meadow Ranch Cabernets are handcrafted by winemaker Cathy Corison from Mayacamas Mountain Estate grown fruit located 1100 feet above Napa Valley. Long Meadow Ranch is famous not only for its organically grown wine, but for its award winning olive oil, growing herd of Scottish Highland cattle, organic vegetable garden, egg-producing poultry flock and Appaloosa and POA horses.