

May/June 2009 Featured Wine Release

New Releases:

SALDO

Attention fans of Orin Swift's "The Prisoner" and "Papillon" -

owner/winemaker Dave Phinney is pleased to introduce the inaugural release of "Saldo," a California Zinfandel. The name, which can sometimes be used to mean "from here and there" in Spanish, speaks to Phinney's choice to break free of the chains of a single AVA to make a wine that includes grapes from some of the best vineyards in Sonoma, Napa, Amador, Mendocino and Contra Costa Counties. There's a dash of Syrah and half as much Petite Sirah (totaling 15% of the blend) in this nearly-opaque, ruby-colored wine. Raspberry, rhubarb, wood smoke and sweet vanilla dominate the wine's alluring bouquet, carrying over to the palate where they are joined by sweet spring strawberry and root beer. Broad, mouthfilling and long on the palate, this is a wine you'll want to enjoy often over the next five years.

\$28.99



Just Arrived! 2006 Mercury Head from Orin Swift

Winemaker Notes - The 2006 Mercury Head Cabernet marks the 6th vintage of our premier cabernet. The grapes are sourced exclusively from the Taplin Vineyard in St. Helena and the Morisoli Vineyard located in the heart of Rutherford. Both vineyards are low-yielding and impeccably farmed. The 2005 is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and exemplifies the intensity of the Taplin fruit while showing the Morisoli terroir creating a wine of extreme concentration, finesse, structure and balance. A Mercury Head dime is affixed to each bottle making this rare and limited Cabernet extraordinary

\$79.99

Sooo allocated by the time you read this it may have flown from the shelves (assuming it makes it to the shelves)



Yellow + Blue Malbec and Yellow + Blue Torrontes

Certified Organic Grapes, packadged in a lightweight, environmentally friendly TetraPak. Yellow+Blue (makes green-get it?) weighing in at one liter, holds a third more wine than a regular bottle, saves not only money in shipping responsibly, but produces about half the greenhouse gas emissions that it would take to ship the same wine in conventional glass bottle cases. No searching Amarillo for a glass recycling bin. This is a sustainable wine from start to finish.

This same wine if bottled would sell for around \$20.

Your choice of Malbec or Torrontes .. \$11.99....who's in!

New Releases Continued

Domaine Roche-Audran 2006 Cotes Du Rhone Rouge, France...\$16.99
Domaine Roche-Audran 2007 Cotes Du Rhone Blanc, France...\$22.99
Molly Dooker The Boxer Shiraz, Australia RP 93pts, WS 90pts...\$19.99
Saxon-Brown Flora Ranch Syrah, Chalk Hill, California...\$34.99
Ogier-Caves des Papes Cotes du Rhone Heritages 2006, France... \$12.99
Laird Family Cold Creek Ranch Chardonnay 2007, *Winemaker-Paul Hobbs*...\$35.99
Laird Family Ghost Ranch Pinot Noir 2007, *Winemaker-Paul Hobbs*...\$36.99
Robert Sinskey Los Carneros Merlot 2005...\$22.99
Burgans Albarino 2007, Spain, Robert Parker 90 pts... \$14.99
Riff Pinot Grigio, Italy...\$11.99
Les Vins de Vienne 2007 Viognier, France...\$27.99
Chateau Smith Cabernet Sauvignon 2006, Washington...\$23.99
Kathryn Kennedy Lateral, California...reg \$34.99 **SALE \$29.99**
Surh Lachtel Gary's Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia...\$59.99
Pisoni 2006 Estate Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, 95+pts Wine Advocate...\$65.00
Villa Wolf Gewurztraminer 2007, Germany...\$13.99
Borsao Crianza Selection 2006, Spain...\$17.99
Luigi Bosca Reserve Malbec, Argentina, Stephen Tanzer 90pts...\$19.99
David Duband 2005 Nuits-St. Georges 1er cru Les Chaboeufs Pinot Noir, France...\$105
Elderton Tantalus Shiraz/Cabernet 2006, Australia...\$13.99
Domaine Thenard 2006 Givry-Premier Cru, Burgundy, France...\$28.99
Darioush Caravan 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa...\$41.99
Belle Glos *Meiomi* 2007 Pinot Noir by Caymus, Sonoma...\$25.99

Collectable

Molly Dooker 2007 Carnival of Love, Australia- RP 96 WS 95- #9 top100 of 2008....\$95
Molly Dooker 2007 Velvet Glove, Australia-WS 96, RP 98....\$195
2004 Melka "Matisse" ST 93, RP 92...\$140
Chateau de Beaucastel Chateauneuf du Pape 2005, RP 94, WS 96 (#8 on top 100 of 2008)...\$105
Pahlmeyer Proprietary Red, Robert Parker 96pts, Wine Spectator 94pts, Stephen Tanzer 94pts...\$165
Domaine Thenard Grand Echezeaux 2006, Burgundy, France
Gagnard Chassagne Montrachet
Turley *Pesenti* Zinfandel, Paso Robles...\$54.99
Turley *Earthquake* Zinfandel, Napa...\$69.99
Turley *Cederman* Zinfandel, Howell Mountain...\$40.99
Paul Hobbs 2005 *Beckstoffer, Dr. Crane Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon, WS 97pts, RP 95pts...\$185
Robert Biale 2007 *Black Chicken* Zinfandel, Napa...\$44.99
Fattoria Galatrona 20050 Petrollo,(Merlot) Tuscany. WE94 WS 93 WA 93... \$105
Pisoni 2006 Estate Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, 95+pts Wine Advocate...\$65.00

Large Bottle Formats

Because bigger is better

Prisoner Magnum (1.5L)...\$85
Papillon Pagnum (1.5L)...\$140
Far Niente 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Magnum (1.5L)...\$265
Meeker Hand Print Merlot Magnum (1.5L) ...\$85
Panther Creek Pinot Noir Magnum (1.5L)...\$85
Meeker Handprint Merlot Nebuchadnezzar (**15L**)...\$1100
Perrier Jouet Grand Brut Magnum(1.5L)...\$90
Silver Oak Napa Magnum (1.5L)...\$215
Amuse Bouche 2006 Vin Perdu, Heidi Barrett, Napa Merlot (**5L**)..\$1550
Meeker 2004 Kiss Ridge, Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon (**3L**)...\$725