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Wine Club

*We hope you enjoy
these wines!*

2004 Buoncristiani O.P.C. Napa Valley Claret - \$39.95

2005 Rosa D Oro Estate Barbera - \$15.99

2004 Fieldsa Syrah - \$14.95

**Retail Value - \$70.89 * Discount - \$7.09 * Price after discount - \$63.80 before taxes
(taxes apply to California deliveries) and shipping**



2004 Buoncristiani O.P.C.

Napa Valley

Claret

The four Buoncristiani brothers — Matt, Jay, Aaron and Nate — founded their winery in 1999 after perfecting their viticultural and winemaking skills at several of Napa's top wineries. They have been gathering well-deserved accolades with every release of their small-production wines.

With the 2004 O.P.C., they are back with one of their finest releases ever! O.P.C. stands for Old Pa's Claret, in honor of their winemaking grandfather and the family tradition of making handcrafted wines that add to the enjoyment of life. The 2004 is a hedonistic proprietary blend of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon with some Merlot and Malbec. The brothers culled the fruit from some of the Napa Valley's finest vineyards including Caldwell, Hyde, Stagecoach, and Bennett. Each component of the wine was harvested and fermented separately, and blending was done during the second year of barrel aging.

The 2004 O.P.C., which was aged in French oak for 20 months, has a rich nose of black currants and beautifully integrated oak with a dusting of sage. In the mouth, it is full and smooth as cashmere with loads of ripe fruit, dark chocolate and complex smoky meaty notes.

The O.P.C. has plenty of stuffing for further evolution in the cellar, and yet it drinks with great gusto now and is a fine companion for hearty meat dishes.



2005 Rosa D'Oro

Lake County

Estate Barbera

The Buttitta family has been growing premium grapes in California since 1953, first in Sonoma County and now in Lake County. They continue to use only grapes from their own vineyards, and they perform all the work themselves to assure the highest quality fruit and wines.

The rich volcanic soils, warm days, and cool nights in Lake County are ideal for growing their favored Italian varietals, and they currently produce a total of 1200 cases per year from their estate fruit.

The 2004 Rosa D'Oro Barbera has a lovely bright nose of blackberry and vanilla, and on the palate it has a plump, juicy, brambly berry fruit character. The brilliant and classic Barbera acidity lends a crisp, tangy mouth-watering quality that cries out for beef bolognese, carpaccio, osso buco. Delizioso!



2007 Etude

Carneros

Pinot Gris

The Etude label has been synonymous with excellence for over twenty years. Tony Soter, founder, calls himself a “winegrower” rather than a winemaker, and is dedicated to coaxing superb wines from the some of the best fruit in the Carneros and the Napa Valley appellations. In collaboration with veteran winemaker Jon Priest and viticulturalist Franci Ashton, the Etude wines continue to evolve and amaze year after year.

So many Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio wines on the market today are bland and forgettable, and Etude shows how distinctive and delicious this varietal can be. The 2007 Etude is a lively delight to the senses. The wine is forward, clean, crisp and zesty with delicate grape scents and flavors enhanced by nuances of peach, kiwi and key lime. The fine acidity and minerality make it a perfect companion for fresh oysters, grilled shrimp and cheese platters, and it's a perfect summer quaffer by itself, too!

Fruit for the wine came from the Etude Estate vineyard in the Sonoma Carneros and Lee Hudson's Napa Carneros vineyard, and both vineyards are planted with Alsatian clones. The grapes are whole cluster pressed, then fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks.

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