



My Wine Loop

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The September 4th Vintages release brings us a few exceptional value wines. The wines I recommend I have either tasted the current or a previous vintage.

Glass Mountain 2001 - #727511, \$16.95

A very pretty little wine, a light California Cabernet Sauvignon. Négociant éléveur style, fruit forward, reasonable cost. Drinking now or 1-3 years in cellar.

Syrah 2001 - #606319, \$14.95

Sicily is undergoing a wine renaissance having realized the market potential of their chewy over ripe fruit style wine coupled with modern vinification an excellent product. A fine example of the style I foresee a steep increase in prices of Sicilian wines in the next five years, buy a couple of cases now!! Drinking now, will improve 1-4 years.

Altano 2001 - #579862, Extreme Value \$10.95

Portugal often under prices its wine, here is an example. Vinified from the same grapes used to make the great Ports of the Douro. Great fruit flavours with just enough acidity to support them. This has been a favourite of mine for several years, perfect accompaniment to barbequed fish, spectacular with sardines and garlic flavoured meats. Drink now or will greatly improve 1-4 years.

Taja Reserva 1998 - #243329, Extreme Value \$12.95

From Jumilla, Spain, until recently the wines of Murcia and Castilla – La Mancha were heading downhill, local government money was poured into the Bodegas to improve equipment and modernize vinification methods. Here is the result from Mähler Besse with his Taja. Ripe and dried fruits, an acid spine to carry them. I have been enjoying the 96 vintage for several years, the 98 vintage promises to be even better. Drink now, will cellar 1-5 years



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