



December 4*2*GO Combo

2007 Strait Jacket Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, Australia - Regularly \$17.99

The Strait Jacket name was coined by the young winemakers who made some small quantities of wines for themselves. "Strait Jacket" refers to how crazy things become at vintage time. This is a result of 3 years of neurotic planning, where everyone put their mind, heart and soul into creating "something that is close to pure genius." To be enjoyed by the young and young at heart, the crazy and the sane. This is serious wine made for no ordinary occasion. The 2007 vintage was considered near perfect! The Sauvignon Blanc exhibits aromas of citrus and herbs with the delicate floral fragrance provided by the Semillon. The wine is fresh and bright with clean fruit flavors and a crisp, dry finish. This is not a wine for your cellar - drink it now!

2006 Sebastiani Vineyards Chardonnay, Sonoma County - Regularly \$12.99

Sebastiani sources their grapes from Carneros, Dry Creek Valley, Russian River, Sonoma, and Alexander Valleys for this Chardonnay. They are all sub-appellations of Sonoma County which is one of the BEST regions in California for Chardonnay! This vintage has more minerality than usual due to the cool weather and extended harvest. It is 99% Chardonnay with 1% Roussanne, originally a blending grape from the Rhone Valley of France, which adds a floral note to the aroma and a bright acidity on the finish. The wine is aged for 9 months *sur lie* (*those who frequent my wine tastings will know what this means*) in French, Hungarian, and American oak which creates a less "heavy oak" flavor than in previous vintages. While sipping this delicious Chardonnay, see if you can detect flavors of praline, butterscotch, banana, baked apple and vanilla.

2007 Estancia Pinnacles Vineyard Pinot Noir, Monterey - Regularly \$16.99

Augustin Huneus, Chilean born, was in the international wine business 25 years when he became a partner and acting president of Franciscan Vineyards in 1985. In 1986, he purchased the former Paul Mason vineyard ranches in the Monterey town of Soledad and established it as the home of Estancia Winery. Estancia is roughly translated from the Spanish word for "estate". He planted cool climate varieties, growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes in the Pinnacles Vineyards. The Pinnacles Pinot Noir is a light - medium wine with flavors of ripe black cherry and wild red berry with hints of spice and oak.

2006 Gini Chianti, Italy - Regularly \$10.99

Cantine Gini is located in the centre of Tuscany and produces quality wines, such as Chianti, Chianti Classico and Vernaccia di San Gimignano. This is a family winery dedicated to keeping Tuscan traditions alive! This Chianti is distinguished by a bright ruby red color, turning to garnet with age, an intense grapey aroma and a light fragrance of violet. Balanced and dry, slightly tannic, it refines to a soft velvetiness with time. Produced with a minimum of 80% Sangiovese-grapes, Black Malvasia from the Chianti-region, along with Canaiolo and Ciliegiolo.