



December 4*2*GO White Wine

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!

2005 Domaines Schlumberger Pinot Blanc Les Princes Abbés, France - Regularly \$13.99

A family vineyard established in 1810 is now in their 7th generation and produces only estate wine. Their vineyards benefit from an exceptional location. Situated on the steep hillsides of the Vosges Mountains, they take advantage of the best sun exposures -southwest, south, and southeast. They practice sustainable, organic and even biodynamic farming, plough with their 4 horses and have their own team of masons to continuously maintain the rock walls on their steep slopes to ensure consistent quality of their wines. This golden colored wine is a blend of 30% Pinot Blanc and 70% Auxerrois (a grape widely grown in Alsace). The bright fresh lemony aromas and flavors are balanced well into the long, crisp finish. A terrific wine for the hors-d'oeuvres you serve at your holiday parties!

2006 Four Vines "Naked" Chardonnay, Santa Barbara - Regularly \$12.99

Four Vines is all about PASSION! Christian Tietje left Boston in 1990 where he was an aspiring young chef to pursue his passion for winemaking. He fell in love with old vine Zinfandel and "Sam" Susan Mahler, his partner. Together they started making single vineyard Paso Robles Zinfandel and "Naked" Santa Barbara Chardonnay. "Naked" is their expression for a No-Oak style of winemaking. The fruit was fermented in 100% stainless steel and not put through malolactic fermentation, in order to maintain the natural acid balance. The Chardonnay exhibits crisp apple, white peach, and pear, finishing long with hints of citrus and mineral. Four Vines wines **all** continue to receive great scores from the top wine reviewers, but more important is their continued passion for creating an excellent wine at an excellent price!

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.