



June 4*2*GO Red Wine

2004 Monte Antico Rosso, Tuscany – Regularly \$12.99

This classic Italian wine is a blend of Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and is noted for its medium to full palate where ripe red fruit, violets, leather and black cherry flavors all blend beautifully into the soft tannin finish.

“The 2004 Monte Antico is perhaps a touch more complex than the 2003. It presents a darker, livelier color typical of the cooler vintage along with expressive, perfumed aromatics and plenty of vibrant dark cherry fruit. Its considerable freshness and attractive minerality insure it will drink well for the next three to four years. It is an outstanding value. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2010.” – 88 Points, The Wine Advocate

Foppiano Vineyards Lot 96, Sonoma County - Regularly \$11.99

An easy drinking blend of Zinfandel (40%), Sangiovese (40%) and, of course, Petite Sirah (20%) from the family owned and operated Foppiano Vineyards encompassing 200 acres in Russian River Valley. The name “Lot 96” was chosen to reflect Foppiano’s original roots, dating back to 1896. Although the family wanted to embrace their past, they also wanted to offer a wine that you can simply enjoy with your everyday meals and share with your family and friends. This is a great wine for grilled spareribs or sausages and a plate of meatballs and spaghetti!

2005 Strait Jacket Shiraz, Australia – Regularly \$17.99

The Strait Jacket name was coined by the young winemakers who made some small quantities of wines for themselves. The "Strait Jacket" makes reference 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". Shiraz from the Great Southern (63%), Blackwood Valley (25%) and a small portion from the Margaret River (12%) in the South West of Western Australia were specially selected for the 2005 Strait Jacket Shiraz. Aromas of ripe plums and blackberries are complemented by underlying spice and subtle oak. A full bodied mid palate is driven by concentrated fruit flavors and a savory texture which complements many foods. Soft, fine tannins and extended plum and chocolate characters give this Shiraz a great lingering finish.

2005 Windy Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles – Regularly \$11.99

For red wine, quality, appellation and vineyard source are paramount. The winemaker can only improve the wine slightly with technique. In reality what he is doing is conserving the quality that has been extracted from the grapes. The French use a term called *elevage*, which roughly translates as “educating” the wine. Larry Brooks, Winemaker for Windy Ridge, says that the quality of this wine is a reflection of the vineyard and vintage more than his winemaking efforts. Paso Robles is generally on the warm side so the 2005 cooler season had a noticeable effect on flavor. The wine is very deep in color as a result and the fruit flavors are fresher than in a typical year. They tend more towards red cherry instead of the usual plum. The herbal and cedar notes are subtle and in fine balance with the fruit and barrel. *This is a great new addition to our shelves!*