



**2003 Tassajara Rouse Rouge Syrah, Paso Robles - Regularly \$24.99**

Tassajara is the tallest mountain in the Santa Lucia Range, which shields Paso Robles from the Pacific Ocean and is also a small family owned winery in Paso Robles specializing in varieties from the Rhone Valley of France. Their winemaking philosophy at Tassajara is simple, "balance". The Rouse Rouge Syrah is a balanced blend of 5% Grenache, 10% Zinfandel from the Reed Family Vineyard and 85% Syrah from the Dove Pond and Millbrook Vineyards. This unique blend of old world and new world varieties makes a fun and spirited wine that boasts flavors of cherry cola, anise, currants and red berries. The wine should be served at room temperature or slightly chilled and enjoyed with well-spiced meat and poultry dishes.

**2004 El Coto Rioja Crianza, Spain - Regularly \$13.99**

This highly acclaimed wine is 100% Tempranillo from one of Spain's coolest wine regions, Rioja, due to its high elevation. The Crianza designation means it has been aged in oak for a minimum of 12 months. Ripe strawberry and raspberry aromas with a note of vanillin. The palate is smooth, balanced, fresh, dry and clean. A great pairing with venison, veal, pork, grilled vegetables, grilled meats, chicken.

**86 Points, The Wine Spectator** - *This plump red has good stuffing, with just enough tannins for backbone. Offers plum, anise and mocha flavors, with a fresh, clean finish. Not showy, but balanced. Drink now through 2011. 40,000 cases imported.*

**2007 Straccali Chianti, Italy - Regularly \$9.99**

Since 1925 the Straccali wine estate in Tuscany, founded by its namesake, Giulio Straccali, has been in the vanguard of progressive Chianti wine producers. An expert enologist, entrepreneur, farmer and wine producer, Giulio Straccali was above all, a man of vision. Then in 1978 the Zingarelli family of the Chianti estate of Rocca delle Macie began a partnership with Straccali that continues to this day. Handpicked grapes from choice vineyards in the historic heart of the Chianti region are used to produce this wonderful wine. Bright, youthful aromas of ripe red fruit flow into a velvety and refreshing wine. Drink this with your next spaghetti and meatball dinner!

**2006 Lockwood "Estate" Cabernet Sauvignon, Monterey - Regularly \$11.99**

First released in 1989, Lockwood Vineyard was developed under the belief that world class estate produced wines are attainable through ideal vineyard location and quality winemaking. The partners, Paul Toeppen, Phil Johnson and Butch Lindley, who have cumulative vineyard management experience of over 90 years, chose a remote area nestled at the base of the Santa Lucia mountain range, what is now part of Monterey County, to plant their vineyard. It is one of the largest premium estate vineyards in the world. The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon expresses the terroir beautifully! Aromas and flavors of black cherry, spice, tobacco and plum finish with an elegant toastiness. This wine can be enjoyed with a thick, grilled steak.