



May 4*2*GO Red Wine

2006 Cellar No. 8 Merlot, North Coast - Regularly \$9.99

In 1881, Andrea Sbarboro founded the Asti Winery in northern Sonoma County. Applying time-honored methods and expertise from the old country, Sbarboro and a group of Italian immigrants formed an entire community around the art of winemaking. The original Cellar No. 8 is an actual cellar at the Asti Winery where Sbarboro would age his red wine barrels. Today, Cellar No. 8 wines honor this tradition of winemaking in a series of rich, complex wines from carefully chosen vineyard sites throughout California. The majority of the grapes for this Merlot come from the vineyards surrounding the Asti winery. Merlot grapes from Alexander Valley and Napa Valley are blended in to add dark fruit and blueberry flavors with soft tannins. The finished bottling boasts round, velvety flavors of mocha and roasted coffee with deep blueberry and plum fruit.

2007 MontGras Carmenere Reserva, Chile - Regularly \$12.99

MontGras was started in 1990 by brothers Hernán and Eduardo Gras in the Colchagua Valley which is situated in Chile's Central Region at the heart of the country's premier wine-producing zone. Their goal is to create modern Chilean wines of exceptional quality and originality. Santiago Margozzini, Head Winemaker, with renowned California winemaker Paul Hobbs acting as consultant have produced wines that have received critical acclaim and over 200 awards! With deep violet red color, intense aromas of spices, herbs and vanilla, this Carmenere Reserva has a rounded palate and soft finish. A good choice for rich cheese or steak.

2007 Tamari Malbec Reserva, Argentina - Regularly \$13.99

"Tamarí," in the Huarpe language of the indigenous people of the Mendoza region, means to do everything with passion. This terrific wine from Tupungato is a blend of 95% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Bonarda and completely exudes the passion that Argentina is all about. It is expressive and intense with aromas of violets and jasmine, plums, cherries and chocolate. Flavors of hazelnuts, almonds and cinnamon result from the French and American oak aging. Tamari is very fruity, concentrated and complete, with sweet ripe tannins and a persistent and elegant finish that lingers on for a very long time.

2006 X Winery "X3" Cabernet Sauvignon, California - Regularly \$17.99

X Winery was created in 2000 by an MS/MBA candidate with the idea of creating niche wines to satisfy needs in the marketplace. At X Winery, their goal is to create noteworthy wines that are distinctive in style. The wines display the innovations of years of experimentation and represent their passion for excellence. This blend of 80% Lake County, 10% Sonoma County, and 10% Napa County grapes is a perfect example of their quality winemaking. The X3 Cabernet has flavors of dark fruit, white pepper, lavender and dark cherry, is very well balanced, and has elegant tannins and a lingering oak finish.

89 Points Editor's Choice - Wine Enthusiast - *"Deserves its score on the basis of its dry, classic structure, and the way the currant, olive, mint and oak flavors come together in complexity..."*