



October 4*2*GO Combo

2006 Luna Vineyards Freakout, Napa Valley – Regularly \$17.99

“Taste what happens when inspired winemaking meets unrestrained excitement.”

When Mike Drash, Winemaker for Luna Vineyards in Napa Valley, tasted the innovative wines from Friuli, he *freaked out* and wanted to create similar wines in Napa. This is a blend of 8% Ribolla Gialla (the only Ribolla Gialla planted in the U.S.), 13% Pinot Grigio, 38% Sauvignon Blanc, and 41% Chardonnay. The varietals were treated individually; some aged in oak and others stainless steel, and then married together two months before bottling. This creates a complex wine with multiple layers of exotic fruit, soft citrus, lush honey and spice. *The 2005 vintage received 91 points in The Wine Spectator!*

2005 McWilliams Hanwood Estate Chardonnay, Australia – Regularly \$9.99

Samuel McWilliams planted his first vines in 1877. Six generations and 130 years later, the McWilliams Winery has won a multitude of awards and the respect of many international wine writers. They own vineyards in many southern Australian wine regions but the Hanwood Estate is sourced from their Riverina vineyards. They planted the first vines in that area and now Riverina produces almost one-quarter of Australia's total wine production. The 2005 vintage was warm and dry resulting in an intensity of fruit. It was left on the lees in oak before blending creating a creaminess on the palate. McWilliam's Hanwood Chardonnay is one of the most consistently awarded white wines at its price point.

2005 X Winery Red X, California – Regularly \$14.99

Who is X Winery you say? It's Reed Renaudin, Winemaker and CEO, his wife and friends. X Winery was established in 2000 from a MBA business plan created by Renaudin at Cal Poly- San Luis Obispo. The philosophy of the winery is to produce wines that retail in the super-premium price category of \$10-\$25 per bottle with a quality consistently better than others. The winery specializes in Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc but also produces small lots of Chardonnay, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, and Napa Valley Bordeaux-based wines. Red X is one of his most popular wines. It's an *explosive* blend of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Syrah, 19% Petite Sirah, 5% Grenache, 3% Cabernet Franc! Flavors of blueberry and dark chocolate with a hint a cedar balance the acidity beautifully. A versatile wine that will pair well with many of your favorite recipes.

2005 Castle Rock Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley – Regularly \$11.99

Castle Rock's mission is to produce high quality wines at affordable prices. Their wines are made from grapes grown in the most prestigious areas of the West Coast states - California (Napa Valley, Sonoma County, Mendocino County, Monterey County, Alexander Valley), Oregon (Willamette Valley), and Washington (Columbia Valley). They do not employ a large staff of employees, have no elaborate facilities or real estate, and operate with a very modest promotional budget allowing them to successfully complete their mission. This elegant full-bodied wine has a deep ruby color, has aromas of dark cherry and molasses, and is loaded with nuance and flavor. On the palate it gives flavors of black cherry, ripe plum and spice with hints of light oak and finishes long and smooth. A great value!