

# Renegade Wines Newsletter

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FINE WINES AT WAREHOUSE PRICES

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**June 2005:** On May 3, 2005 our wine tasting panel, the Wine Profilers met at Olio y Limone to blind taste eight syrahs from around the world. Some of the results were surprising! Here are the top 4 wines from the evening. Pick up a copy of Wine & Dine Magazine for a full discussion written by Gabe Saglie.

1. 2003 Alban Central Coast Syrah \$30 –in stock
2. 2003 Star Lane Santa Ynez Syrah \$34 –in stock
3. 2003 Morambo Creek Shiraz (Australia) –on order
4. 2002 Ojai Roll Ranch Syrah \$52.50 –in stock

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Renegade Wines has all your SUMMER WINES at great prices! Dry Roses, Chardonnays, Sauvignon Blancs, you name it.

## **Let's Begin With Some Favorite Local Tri-County Chardonnays:**

- 2002 Babcock Chardonnay Grand Cuvée \$23
- 2003 Koehler Chardonnay \$15
- 2003 Lafond Chardonnay Santa Rita Hills \$16
- 2003 Melville Chardonnay Estate \$20.50
- 2003 Ojai Chardonnay Bien Nacido Vineyard \$25.50
- 2002 Qupé Chardonnay Block Eleven Bien Nacido Reserve \$26
- 2001 Sanford Chardonnay Barrel Select Santa Rita Hills \$26
- 2002 Sanford Chardonnay Santa Rita Hills \$21.50
- 2003 Summerland Chardonnay Bien Nacido Block U Vineyard \$24
- 2003 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Estate \$24.50
- 2002 Tantara Chardonnay Talley-Rincon \$31
- 2002 Three Saints Chardonnay \$15.50

## **A Few Excellent Chardonnays From Farther Away:**

- 2003 Bouchaine Carneros Chardonnay \$18.50
- 2003 Martinelli Chardonnay Woolsey Road \$33
- 2002 Newton Chardonnay Unfiltered \$49
- 2003 Patz & Hall Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard \$47

## **More Great Summer Wines:**

- 2003 Duckhorn Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc \$21.50
- 2004 Ojai Sauvignon Blanc Westerly Vineyard \$23
- 2003 Babcock Pinot Grigio \$14
- 2003 Michaud Marsanne \$28
- 2004 Tommasi Le Rosse Pinot Grigio \$14
- 2002 Tablas Creek Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc \$24
- 2002 Tablas Creek Roussanne \$25
- 2003 Stolpman Roussanne L'Avion \$17.50

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**And Of Course Dry Rosé!**

- 2004 Bonny Doon Vineyard Vin Gris de Cigare \$12
- 2004 Château Mas Neuf Costières de Nîmes \$9
- 2004 Château de Pampelonne \$12
- 2003 Pax Rose of Syrah \$16
- 2003 Stolpman Grenache Rosato \$13

**Classic Ojai Wines (and 5 of Parker's Favorites) That You Will Not Find  
Anywhere Else!**

**2000 Ojai Syrah Special Bottling Thompson Vineyard \$75 (RP 95)**

The riveting, inky purple-colored 2000 Thompson Vineyard Special Bottling (200 cases produced) offers up a tremendous bouquet of roasted espresso, melted chocolate, licorice, blackberry liqueur, and a hint of damp earth. This rich, full-bodied, voluptuous wine is massive on the palate, with a mind boggling unctuousity, thickness, and persistence. The essence of Syrah, it can be drunk now or cellared for 12-15+ years.

**2000 Ojai Pinot Noir Pisoni Vineyard \$65 (RP 93)**

From a superb vineyard, the 2000 Pinot Noir Pisoni Vineyard exhibits a deep ruby color plus sweet aromas of blackberry and cherry fruit intermixed with licorice, earth and floral notes. Complex and full-bodied, with a layered texture, this superb Pinot will drink well during it first 7-8 years of life.

**2001 Ojai Syrah Thompson Vineyard \$56 (RP 94)**

The 2001 Syrah Thompson Vineyard is a dense, meaty, rich, full-throttle, virile, expressive effort. This mouthfilling red is for those who like big, intensely flavorful Syrahs.

**2002 Ojai Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard \$61 (RP 95)**

The 2002 Pinot Noir Melville Vineyard reveals a lovely nose of flowers, black cherries and blackberries. Medium-bodied, with excellent concentration, good underlying acidity, and admirable richness as well as intensity

**2002 Ojai Syrah Stolpman Vineyard \$45 (RP 92)**

Structured, tannic, and mineral/scorched earth-dominated, the 2002 Syrah Stolpman Vineyard exhibits blackberry, cassis, acacia flower, black cherry liqueur, chocolate, and mocha characteristics. Full-bodied, with loads of richness, intensity, a stunning finish as well as some unresolved tannin, it should be at its finest between 2006-2016. *Limited to stock on hands. If interested, please call sooner than later!*

**WINERY OF THE MONTH:**



Renegade Wines has their following wines in stock:

- 2003 Summerland Chardonnay Bien Nacido Block U Vineyard \$24
- 2002 Summerland Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard \$28
- 2003 Summerland Pinot Noir Chamisal Vineyards \$31.50
- 2002 Summerland Syrah Highlands Vineyard \$22.50

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## **HOT ITEMS:**

**2003 Margerum Syrah Purisma Mountain Vineyard \$22.00**

## **NEW ARRIVALS:**

2002 Tolosa Winery Chardonnay Edna Ranch \$15.50

2003 Landmark Chardonnay Overlook \$23.50

2004 Belmonte Sauvignon Blanc (*New Zealand, Marlborough*) \$16.50

2004 Villa Maria Sauv Blanc Cellar Selection (*New Zealand, Marlborough*) \$15.50

2004 Villa Maria Riesling Private Bin (*New Zealand, Marlborough*) \$12.00

**Bordeaux:** We went a bit crazy but these wines are fantastic as are their prices.

**1998 Château La Brande** (*France, Côtes de Castillon*) \$10.50

A good Bordeaux for under \$30? How about under \$11!

**2000 Château Le Sergue** (*France, Bordeaux, Lalande de Pomerol*) \$31

**2001 Lamothe Guignard** (*France, Bordeaux, Sauternes*) \$29.50

One of the best vintages for Sauternes in the last 100 years!

**2002 Château Bel Air** (*France, Bordeaux, St. Estèphe*) \$29.50

### Abbreviations (scores are on a 100-point scale):

**WA/RP** Published in The Wine Advocate / Robert Parker.

**WS** Wine Spectator magazine.

**IWC** Stephen Tanzer: International Wine Cellar website.

**BH** Allen Meadows' Burghound.com.

**RW** Renegade Wines

Some of the wines listed above are extremely limited. Prices are good for wines in stores and are available on a first come-first served basis.

Thank You for your support,

Frank Crandall

Stephen Wayne

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