

# flora Featured Wines

## Spring-Summer 2012

*It is our pleasure to present these wines for your consideration. We regularly complement our cellar with exciting new additions and welcome your suggestions.*

*In our selection of wines we often are able to find Biodynamic Wines, which we highlight on the list. Biodynamic farms are “be closed, self-sustaining systems” that view farming in the context of the wider pattern of lunar and cosmic rhythms. In this holistic view, the soil is seen not simply as a medium for plant growth, but as an organism in its own right.*

*Our dedication to smaller production wineries does result in frequent vintage changes. Our servers will inform you of any of these changes. Please do not hesitate to ask us for assistance with recommending a wine that will enhance your dining experience.*

***Bon Appétit***

*Kenneth J. Mayer, Sommelier*

## CHAMPAGNE and SPARKLING WINE

### **NV Cava, Mont Marcal Brut-Reserva (Spain) 37**

Mont Marcal Brut is made by the 'traditional method' of secondary fermentation in bottle and blended using the classic Catalan grape varieties; Macabeo, Xarello and Parellada. It is aged for 18 months on the lees to add fresh yeasty aromas to ripe apple and creamy flavors.

### **2005/06 Brut, Westport Rivers Cuvée RJR (Massachusetts) 49**

Produced using the traditional method, Cuvée RJR is a delightful blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

### **NV Schramsberg Mirabelle (California) 46**

Mirabelle is a multi-vintage blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Its blend of 25% barrel reserved wines adds depth and roundness to fruitful and lively sparkling wine

### **NV Gruet Rose (New Mexico) 36**

Traditional Methode Champenoise provides this sparkling wine with character rare in pink bubbles. Gruet Rose is lively and refreshing and a delightful way to start or dinner a dinner at flora.

### **NV Champagne, Duval LeRoy 1/2 btl 41**

This is an exceptionally well-balanced champagne; fresh and lively, with light aromas of citrus fruits, a hint of pear and spring flowers.

### **NV Champagne, Nicolas Feuillatte Brut 65**

Feuillatte is traditionally aged for three years and a blend of 40% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay and 40% Pinot Meunier. Its pale gold color is enhanced with a delightful abundance of delicate bubbles.

### **NV Champagne, Veuve Cliquot Yellow Label 75**

Veuve Cliquot is a mélange of the three Champagne grapes: 50% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Meunier and 30% Chardonnay. This blend produces a crisp, toasted and clean wine with pinpoint bubbles.

### **1998 Champagne, Joseph Perrier Brut Royal 92**

The initial greeting from this wine reveals scents of black berries and undergrowth, followed by the emanations of pineapples, candied lychees, old rum, and fresh vanilla. Its flavor profile includes tobacco, leather, honey, candied vanilla and angelica.

# RED

## Spain-Italy

### **2005 Rioja Reserva, Conde de Valdemar (Spain) 38**

This Reserva is a medium-bodied blend of; Tempranillo, Garnacha, Mazuelo and Fraciano resulting in a spirited marriage of bold fruit, and a spicy cinnamon finish. The wine is released after 3 years of aging, with a minimum of one year in oak barrels.

### **2005 Rioja Réserve, Marques de Caceres (Spain) 60**

The Marques de Caceres is a well-structured dark ruby Rioja, with an intense bouquet that gives way to hints of tobacco and spice.

### **2008 Nero D'Avola, *Maretima* (Sicily) 28**

The hot climate of Sicily makes this wine burst with fruit. It is round, lush and very smooth.

### **2008 Palazzo Delle Torre, Allegrini (Verona) 46**

This opulent, generous red is loaded with jammy dark cherries, chocolate, spices and sweet toasted oak. Palazzo delle Torre is a blend of 70% Corvina Veronese, 25% Rondinella and 5% Sangiovese. A portion of the fruit for this wine is left to air-dry on racks in the Amarone style.

### **2010 Dolcetto d'Alba, Pertinace (Treiso) 37**

The wine greets with a nose of plum, vanilla, red berry, and cherry. The wine has plenty of dry fine tannins that support the cherry and plum flavors.

### **\*2007 Chianti Classico, Brolio (Tuscany) 42**

The vineyards have been within the stewardship of the Ricasoli family since 1141. The Sangiovese, from these ancient vines, enchants with a bouquet of violets and spice, an elegant palate and a refined long velvety finish.

### **\*2005 Montepulciano Blend, Rivera Il Falcone (Castel del Monte) 60**

30% Montepulciano, 70% Nero di Troia Aged for 12 months in French oak. Dry with a firm structure, rich bouquet and soft tannins. Chocolate and tar Flavors. Il Falcone requires a bit of breathing time to fully exhibit its qualities.

### **2004 Barbaresco, Rabaja, Giuseppe Cortese (Piedmonte) 84**

The high altitude Nebbiolo varietal of this wine produces a brilliant red, with beautiful fruit flavors and well-balanced tannins

## Australia-New Zealand-Argentina-Chile

### **\*2008 Shiraz, Kangarilla Road Estate (McLaren Vale Australia) 42**

This Shiraz introduces itself with a rich crimson hue, and then reveals ripe, dark berry fruits with plum and hints of dark cherry integrated with nuances of oak and spice. The finish is wonderfully full, and long flavored with red and dark complex fruits and soft tannins.

### **2008 Pinot Noir, Seven Terraces (Marlborough New Zealand) 42**

This aromatic and approachable wine exhibits red and black fruits underpinned with sweet spices and forest floor nuances. A very distinctive Pinot Noir.

### **\*2010 Malbec, La Fortuna (Lontue-Chile) 28**

La Fortuna is deep purple/ red with aromas of roses and fresh cherries. Its soft and juicy, profile reveals plums and cherry notes, sweet tannins, and long and pleasant finish.

### **2009 Malbec, Decero (Mendoza-Argentina) 38**

Decero possess a deep ruby color, with bright fruit, violet and spice on the nose. There is a purity of raspberry and red fruit in its flavor profile. The wine has good structure, but remains elegant in the mouth, with a long finish,

## United States

**2009 Pinot Noir, Talbot *Kali Hart* (Monterey) 44**

Kali Hart is layered and fruit-driven and has been aged for several months in seasoned French oak. This Pinot Noir offers lush fruit and lively acidity, with signature floral aromatics and cherry flavors.

**\*2010 Pinot Noir, Montinore Estate (Oregon) 52**

Marchesi family's Willamette Valley vineyards are certified organic. The cooler 2010 vintage produced wines with bright aromatics and a pronounced berry character accented with spice and mocha.

**\*2009 Pinot Noir, Frank Family Vineyards (Napa) 79**

This Pinot Noir is produced from a family owned 200 acre vineyard in Carneros. This estate Pinot Noir features the elegant taste of rich ripe grapes, with cherry and raspberry overtones.

**2009 Syrah, Turtle Creek (Massachusetts) 36**

Lincoln wine maker Kip Kumler produces this barrel aged Syrah. The wine commands attention with its great balance and assertive fruit that mask its relatively high alcohol content.

**2009 Syrah Blend, Beckman *Cuvée le Bec* (Santa Ynez Valley) 40**

Cuvée Le Bec offers explosive sweet fruit flavors and bright, enticing acidity. Aromas of strawberry, rhubarb and herbs de Provence flow into flavors of raspberry, red licorice, grenadine and sweet cranberry.

**2006/07 Syrah Blend, Matchbook *Tinto Rey* (Dunnigan Hills) 44**

A deep and well-structured blend that imparts spicy red berry fruit flavors with rich flavors of black cherry and blueberry. The wine is unfiltered and some sediment is often present.

**2009 Merlot, Wildhorse (Paso Robles) 42**

Wildhorse blends Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, and then ages in French oak. This produces aromas of raspberry, vanilla, and tobacco with accompanying flavors of plum, cherry, toasted oak.

**2009 *Justification*, Justin Vineyards (Paso Robles) 92**

The marriage of 67% bold "thick skinned" Cabernet Franc with 33% bright and spicy "thin skinned" Merlot results in a unique blend with soft tannins, notes of blueberries and eucalyptus.

**2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley Vineyards (Sonoma) 46**

This Cabernet Sauvignon is enhanced with small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. The result is a wine with earthiness, spiciness, fruit, and a very smooth combination of elegance and richness.

**2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Twenty Bench (Napa Valley) 42**

The 2009 Twenty Bench is medium bodied with considerable finesse, ripeness, length and structure. It displays wonderful aromas of vanilla, licorice, black cherry and espresso followed by flavors of raspberry, black currants and toasty oak.

**2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, Obsidian Ridge (Lake Country) 64**

The wine's flavors erupt of mouth filling blackberries, cassis, cherries, cola and chocolate, with anise and cinnamon-dusted smoky oak.

**2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, Nicollette Christopher (Napa) 85**

This deep garnet Cabernet Sauvignon presents with aromas of violets, cherry, blackberry, cassis, smoke, citrus, cocoa, spices, and vanilla. The wine is silky and lush with flavors of cassis, blackberry, raspberry, violets, and toasty oak. The long finish is redolent with bright dark cherry, caramel, violets, and citrus.

**2009 Zinfandel, Clos LaChance (Central Coast) 36**

This Zinfandel commences with wild blackberry and raspberry fruit aromas along with rose oil, with a hint of dill. Its flavor profile encompasses blueberry and blackberry jam flavors, touches of red cherry, sweet vanilla and oak spice on the finish.

**2008 Zinfandel *Sonoma County Haraszthy Family* (Sonoma) 47**

From one of the oldest family vineyards in Sonoma, this classic Zinfandel combines intense cherry and raspberry flavors, hints of chocolate, caramel and white pepper. It possess supple tannins, medium body with luscious dark spicy fruit tones and a lush finish that will linger on your palate and your soul.

## **France**

**2008 Beaune, 1<sup>er</sup> Cru, *Domain Bouchard Pere and Fils* (Burgundy) 72**

This rich and full-bodied premier cru from Cote D'Or is fleshy and deep colored with a well defined flavor profile. Notes of black raspberry, and a balanced minerality are present throughout the experience, from initial taste to its warm finish.

**2010 Beaujolais, *Clos de la Roilette* (Burgundy) 38**

The Beaujolais possesses a deep blackcurrant color with a hint of purple, a restrained nose of crème de cassis, a rich, full mouth with aromas of cassis, black cherries, and a nutty character, and finishes with zesty acidity.

**2007 Pauillac Château Artigues-Arnaud (Bordeaux) 66**

This second label from Grand Puy-Ducasse is softer than one would expect from a still youthful Bordeaux. The light touch of oak marries well with the hints of black cherry. The wine's tannins are mild and its structure makes it an excellent pairings for beef and lamb.

**2008 Saint-Émilion, *Les Cadrans, Château Lassègue* (Bordeaux) 66**

*Grand Cru* Lassègue is the essence of opulent ripe and very rich Cabernet Franc with a dense Merlot character plus a hint of Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine expresses a delicacy, elegance and a high complexity. This exceptional Bordeaux has a layered and complex structure, which reflects the limestone and clay of the hillsides.

**2008 Châteauneuf du Pape, *Clos du Mont-Olivet* (Rhône) 68**

Clos du Mont-Olivet has created a ripe, full-bodied wine with moderate tannins and terrific concentration. This brilliant wine with its ruby red color and its provocative aromatics possesses notes of fresh raspberries and cherries.

**2007 Gigondas, *Perrin and Fils, La Gille* (Rhône) 58**

The marriage of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah creates a wonderful purple color and aromas of black fruits, leather and spices. The wine has powerful but ripe tannins in the mouth and excellent length. This Gigondas is ideal with sausages, lamb, duck and cheeses yet versatile enough for pork or hen.

**2007 Cotes du Rhône, *Domaine Montfaucon, Baron Louis* 38**

The grapes for Baron Louis are hand harvested from sustainable family vineyards just across the river from Gigondas. The farming practices combined with traditional fermenting and aging contribute to a soft and wonderful CDR. The wine is a perfect pairing for lighter meat, fishes, roasted or sautéed chicken and tomato based sauces.

**2009 Chinon, *Les Galuches* (Loire) 34**

The Les Galuches vineyard lies near the river on sand and gravel soil made up of old alluvial deposits. This terroir warms very early so the wine attains a sweet and lush texture.

## WHITE Spain and Italy

### **2010 Albarino, Burgans (Rias Baixas) 30**

This Spanish indigenous grape produces one of the most complex, food friendly and delicious wines in the world. The Burgans is a remarkable blend of refreshing citrus and mellow herbs keeping it light but mouth filling.

### **\*2010 Verdejo, Martinsancho (Reuda) 38**

The flavor profiles reveal the essence of pineapple and delicious tropical fruit notes. The wine has a solid structure, great acidity, huge mouth feel and a long lingering finish.

### **2010 Pinot Grigio, Bortoluzzi (Friuli) 39**

Bortoluzzi produces a Pinot Grigio with a soft body, ripe fruit and a light spicy bright finish.

### **\*2010 Vermentino, Melacce (Montecucco) 34**

This medium-bodied wine greets the nose with pear and apricot aromas, embraces the palate with white peach and finishes softly and creamily.

### **\*2008 Verdicchio, dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva, Villa Bucci (Marches) 78**

The wine is delightfully full-bodied, dry and rich with fruit and desired creaminess. Its balanced structure makes it a great pairing for heavier foods

### **2009\* Trebbiano, Lugana, Zenato San Benedetto, (Vento) 38**

Lugana greets with a pleasant floral aroma. The wine is well-balanced, elegant, and intense, with a bright and brilliant structure.

## United States

### **2008 Rkatsiteli, Westport Rivers (Massachusetts) 38**

Rkatsiteli is one of oldest grapes known, dating to 300 BC in the Ukraine. The wine is crisp with rich, bold fruit of pear and ripe apricot.

### **\*2009 Pinot Blanc, WillaKenzie (Willamette Valley, Oregon) 41**

This wine is a pale straw color with a sweet nose of melon and lemon zest. It is smooth on the palate and altogether gorgeously lush. Its freshness goes a long way in pleasing the palate, displaying delightful complexity and a long finish.

### **2010 Flora Springs, Soliloquy Sauvignon Blanc (Napa) 46**

Soliloquy is a dramatic and crisp yet elegant wine. It is well-balanced between minerality and pineapple and melon.

### **2009 Chardonnay, La Crema (Sonoma Coast) 38**

La Crema possesses moderate oak and butter with enough fruitiness to round out the wine.

### **2010 Chardonnay, Un-oaked Clos laChance (Sonoma) 37**

The wine begins with ripe and deep herbaceous fruit, and no oak maturation. Peach and melon combined with malolactic fermentation give the wine a deep but fresh taste. It is full-bodied yet crisp.

### **2008 Chardonnay, Flowers (Sonoma Coast) 72**

The Flowers Vineyard renowned Chardonnay possesses a balanced depth and complexity, light straw to golden color with white peach and lime citrus aromas. A delicious wine with lean acidity, and the essences of minerals and ripe melon.

### **2010 Chardonnay, Rombauer (Carneros) 68**

This golden hued wine greets with seductive aromas of peach, melon and citrus well balanced with honeysuckle and vanilla. On the palate the flavors of pears, peaches and melons are backed with lively acidity.

## Whites continue

### France

#### **2007 Riesling Reserve, Pierre Sparr (Alsace) 42**

This Riesling is bone-dry, but complements the dryness with nice fruit. The palate is embraced with cut flowers, apple and pear, minerals, cut grass and a rich finish.

#### **2009 Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, Château de la Ragotière *Sur Lie* (Loire) 30**

This Muscadet is bright with tones of melon and citrus, with the expected minerality. There's just a hint of almond in the finish.

#### **2010 Vouvray, Champalou (Loire) 42**

This Vouvray is off-dry with a blossom nose, buttery feel on the palate and a tartness to balance.

#### **2009 Vouvray, Francois Chidaine *Les Arglies* (Loire) 42**

François Chidaine produces a dry and crisp Vouvray. The Lemons and minerals seem to burst from the glass.

#### **2010 Sancerre, Chavignol, *les Monts Damnes* (Loire) 42**

The wine opens with delicate fresh spring herbs, a hint of anise and a bright citrus peel edge. Its present fruit is balanced with a long delicate chalky finish.

#### **2010 Sauvignon Blanc, Domaine de l'Aumônier (Loire) 28**

This is a delightful vibrant herbaceous wine with a nice balance of minerality and acid

#### **2007 Pouilly Fumé, Masson Blondelet (Loire) 46**

Masson Blondelet is a magnificent wine layered with lots of gorgeous ripe fruit, minerally, limestone and flint soil-derived fumé, for which the appellation is renowned.

#### **2009 Roussane, Verget du Sud (Rhône) 36**

This delightful wine from Vaucluse greets with a complex nose of fruit and flowers. The palate is embraced with freshness and a bit of sweetness. It offers a classic presentation of the varietal.

#### **2008 Chablis, Corinne et Jean-Pierre Grossot (Burgundy) 45**

This pure and focused Chardonnay reveals flavors of ripe pear, citrus and minerals, pure and focused.

#### **2008/10 Aligoté, Domaine Marc Morey and Fils (Burgundy) 32**

Aligoté is the "other white wine grape of Burgundy". The wine is very fresh and intense. It is delicate but round.

#### **2010 Pouilly Fuisse, Joseph Drouhin (Burgundy) 50**

This is a classic Pouilly-Fuisse with a bright golden color. The nose reveals fresh, presenting ripe fruit scents (peach, apricot, citrus) and a good minerality. This subtly refined wine has a long finish on the palate.

#### **2006 Chassagne-Montrachet, 1<sup>er</sup> Cru-Morgeot, Marc Morey & Fils (Burgundy) 96**

Chassagne-Montrachet opens with clean and bright nose. Flavors of warm spices and pears emerge into rich, full and nicely detailed mouth feel and a pure finish.

#### **2009 Graves, Château Bonnat (Bordeaux) \$37**

The classic blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle grapes creates an almost flowery aroma and taste balanced by very present minerality.

### Germany and Austria

#### **2009 Riesling, Dr. Loosen (Mosel) 46**

This wine is lively and ripe with juicy mango, grapefruit, apples and minerals. A wonderful pairing for: Seafood & shellfish salads, mildly spicy ethnic cuisines with vegetables & shellfish, cilantro and hot peppers.

#### **\*2008 Riesling, Trocken Sybille Kuntz (Mosel) 38**

Sybille Kuntz produces a wonderfully ripe Riesling with an explosive nose, and a tight structure, with a hint of spice.

#### **2010 Gruner Veltliner, Domane Wachau (Austria) 35**

This zesty fresh version of Gruner Veltliner bursts with crisp flavors of green apple, ripe grapefruit, and lime.

## Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

### **2010 Sauvignon Blanc, Mount Nelson (Marlborough, New Zealand) 33**

This well-balanced Sauvignon Blanc possesses a perfect mix of acid and more round fruit than many South Pacific Sauvignon Blancs.

### **2008 Viognier, Shinas *The Innocent* (Australia) 42**

*The Innocent* commences with a seamless blend of orange blossom, apple and honey. It is smooth and lush, with a hint of sweetness and intense orange, almond-like, and mango flavor threads.

### **2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Mulderbosch (South Africa) 37**

This wine is clear, lively green apple hues. It has a tropical nose packed with guava, ripe and green fig, granadilla, gooseberry and a hint of green pepper.

## RED HALF BOTTLE

### **2006 Merlot, Swanson (Napa) 32**

Swanson produces a supple, full-bodied, intensely fruity Merlot, with excellent balance and a long finish.

### **2007 Pinot Noir, Fess Parker (Santa Barbara) 28**

Fess Parker's legacy lives on in this delightful Pinot Noir that bursts with black cherry, cranberry and chocolate.

### **2006 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine Paul Autard 38**

This classic creation from the Rhône Valley is reminiscent of stone and bramble fruit with spice and blackberry.

### **2007 Chianti Classico, San Felice, *Il Grigio* (Italy) 28**

Il Grigio is nicely balanced, fresh and herbaceous.

## WHITE HALF BOTTLE

### **\*2009 Pinot Blanc, Robert Sinskey Vineyards (Carneros) 40**

Robert Sinskey produces a well-balanced yet delicate wine with refreshing crispness and a youthful mouth feel.

### **2008 Chardonnay, Steele (Lake Country California) 21**

This is a fruit forward Chardonnay with a tropical fruit character and flavors and aroma of mango, pineapple, and papaya.

### **2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Duckhorn (Napa) 28**

Duckhorn produces a Sauvignon Blanc with incredible roundness and fullness of texture.

### **2010 Pinot Grigio, Tiefenbrunner (Trentino-Italy) 18**

This delightful Pinot Grigio, from the southern Tyrol region, presents as a light yellow dry wine with a strong harmonious structure.

## Very Special Wines

selected for great years and creative blends, they are often in very limited supply in our cellar

### CHAMPAGNE

#### **1999 Champagne, Moët et Chandon *Dom Pérignon* 195**

Dom Pérignon's nose captures a high-toned minty graphite accent, with a citric edge on the palate. The structure is overlaid with lemon and bread dough notes.

### FRENCH WHITE

#### **2003/06 Batard-Montrachet, Grand Cru Paul Pernot (Burgundy) 250**

This Grand Cru is oak-fermented Chardonnay. It possesses lemon yellow hue, subtle and fresh nose—with hints of vanilla and oak. Palate is a delicious combo of tropical fruit, caramel and oak—full-bodied, round and powerful wine.

### FRENCH RED

#### **2003 Morey-St. Denis, 1er Cru, Les *Chaffots* Hubert Lignier (Burgundy) 175**

You will be greeted by deep, full red color with raspberry, strawberry, brown spices, cola and underbrush on the nose. Les Chaffots is juicy, spicy and penetrating, with a bright, tightly coiled flavor of black raspberry.

#### **1994 Pauillac, Comtesse De La Grand Cru, Pichon Longueville (Bordeaux) 198**

This is a stellar wine from a stellar year. Its crimson color is fabulously scented with exotic soft vanilla and Eastern spice, blackcurrant nose, and toast. This Pauillac is thick, rich and moderately tannic, well-structured, with a pure finish which is revealed by stages.

#### **2005 Pommard, Cyrot-Buthiau**

#### **2009 Chateauneuf du Pape, La Bernardine, Chapetiour (Rhône) \$135**

### AMERICAN REDS

#### **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Nickel and Nickel, Kelham Vineyard (Napa) 160**

Kelham Vineyards, in the Western Hills of Oakville, produces this dark, dense and concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon. It is classic in its profile of blackberry and cassis, with a velvety thickness and long finish.

#### **2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Caymus, (Napa) 125**

Caymus is well known for creating beautifully crafted wines. The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon is rich, intense and powerful, yet supple, graceful and polished, and offers a generous core of spicy blackberry, black licorice, wild berry and light cedar notes.

#### **1998 Cabernet Sauvignon, Library Selection, Burgess (Napa) \$130**

#### **2010 Pinot Noir, Beaux Freres (Oregon) \$120**

#### **2006 Col Solare, (Columbia River Valley) \$106**

