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Newsletter

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"Get to the point!". We've all heard it before. I can remember one of my Psychology professors telling us not to fear the uncomfortable silence that inevitably ensues around someone unfamiliar. "Silence is good" he taught us. "Respect it and don't ever be afraid of saying nothing. Covering all the empty gaps in conversation with words and noise doesn't make for a more meaningful time spent." Dedicating this email to only the truly appropriate words, we will list the bare minimum necessary to explain our latest favorites!

PARADIGM, CABERNET FRANC, OAKVILLE 2001 \$36

PARADIGM, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE 2000 \$50

Winemaker: Heidi Barrett.

Fact: Some of the best made wines from the Napa Valley come from this quaint and special plot of Mother Nature's finest.

Advise: Don't miss out on either of these current releases from Paradigm Winery.

HOLLYWOOD & VINE, 2480, CHARDONNAY, NAPA VALLEY 2003 \$40

Winemaker: Celia Maszycek (hint: Husic, D.R. Stephens, Rocca, Kelly Martin --2002 Cab now released, look for more information on next newsletter)

Technical Data: 100% Chardonnay from Atlas Peak, 50% new oak, 0% Malo-lactic fermentation, Lees stirred every week for 8 months.

Characteristics: Lemon zest, tropical fruits, slight toasty quality, acidity +.

LAIL, J DANIEL CUVÉE, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY 2001 \$85

Winemaker: Phillippe Melka

History: Robin Lail is 4th generation of the well-known Inglenook Estate. Worked as Robert Mondavi's personal assistant for 5 years

Founded: Dominus

Founded: Lail Vineyards; 1st release 1995

Current: 2001 is first vintage of J. Daniel Cuvee to be made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

PASCAL COTAT, LES MONTS DAMNES SANCERRE, 2003 \$42

Parker quote: "There are no Sancerres greater than those made by Cotat."

Facts: The Cotats harvest later than anyone else in Sancerre for more body and complexity. Cotat Sancerres age fabulously.

Just for fun: All Cotat wines are harvested from grapes on very steep slopes. The steepest can only be worked by sliding down the gradient with a cushion tied to your bottom, with the bucket in front of you. The Cotats invented the system, and fans come from all over Europe every year to volunteer their services for the harvest.

ABRAZO, GARNACHA, CARIGNENA, SPAIN 2003 \$10

Appellation: Carinena, Spain

Composition: 100% old-vine Grenache

Characteristics: Varietally correct. Quality +.

UNTI VINEYARDS, SYRAH, "PETIT FRERE", DRY CREEK ESTATE 2002 \$20

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Composition: 75% Syrah, 25% Grenache

Petit Frere is French for 'little brother'. So named because this wine is more approachable at a young age than its sibling, the 2002 Syrah.

RUSTON FAMILY VINEYARDS, CABERNET FRANC, ST. HELENA 2001 \$30

Production: 267 cases.

Blend: 91% Cab Franc, 9% Merlot

Characteristics: Violets, dusty earth, medium tannins

Fruit sources: Oakville and Oak Knoll

PATZ & HALL, DURELL VINEYARD, 2003 \$40

Fact: Durell Vineyard was made famous by KISTLER.

Characteristics: Balanced with tame oak; buttery, crisp, very long finish.

CULLER, SYRAH, "GRIFFON VINEYARD" 2002 \$35

Fact: The Griffon Vineyard is shared by PAX!!!!

Winemaker: Karen Culler is also known for her successful projects with Ladera Winery and Wolf Family Vineyards.

CROCKER & STARR, SAUVIGNON BLANC, NAPA VALLEY 2003 \$23

Winemaker: Pam Starr

Vineyard sources: Crocker Vineyard-St. Helena and Hyde Las Trancas Vineyard

Style: The aromas are packed with lime, kiwi, guava, and white grapefruit.

ATREA, "OLD SOUL RED WINE", MENDOCINO 2002 \$25

Winemaking Team: Dave Ramey, John Fetzer, Alex MacGregor

Blend: 46% Zinfandel, 37% Syrah, 10% Petit Sirah, 7% Malbec

Production: 800 cases.

Characteristics: Juicy, meaty blend.

ARNS, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY 2001 \$tba

Fact: Release date set for this month. Please contact David or Karen for pre-orders. Approximately 1200 six-packs made.

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