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IF YOU BUILD IT, WE WILL COME!

You've probably all seen the movie Field of Dreams and are familiar with the quote "If you build it, they will come". In that case they are referring to a baseball field... our dream is liquid...a wine cellar. If you build your wine cellar we will be more than happy to help you fill it. Two years ago to the month, we launched a very special wine club called the Kahuna Club. We had limited allocations of so many stellar, sought-after wines that the idea to form a wine club around them was exactly what needed to happen. The club is very popular and a few memberships are available in our 36 person club. This year, our new club idea was formed largely in part because we have many clients who ask us for advice relating to building a great wine cellar. The questions range from "Which wines will age the best?" to "How do I acquire the best bottles?" to "How long can they be cellared?". Our answer to these questions?

January 2009, the Cellar Builder Club is launched.

The Cellar Builder club will be:

- 12 bottles per month [4 bottles each of 3 different labels]
- Primarily California Cabernet Sauvignon with imports included
- Always Red
- Hand selected with Aging and Quality as benchmarks
- Cellaring notes included with each shipment.

Membership is now open, however, limited due to availability of wines. Please let us know if you have questions regarding the parameters as we would be happy to discuss our new program with anyone looking to build a stellar cellar.



WINE

RED LION, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CALIFORNIA 2006 \$19

Did you get a chance to try the Green Lion Merlot we had last summer? Same project gone Cabernet. Chris Ringland, Alastair Rimmer, and Douglas Danielak are kings of great winemaking and popular pricing. This wine over, uber, beyond, in excess of, delivers... and then some. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petite Sirah, this rich, intoxicatingly delicious wine brings home the bacon. We are so thankful to have been shown this wine---you are going to LOVE IT! Whether you are the one stashing away the inexpensive wines for your guests at your house so they don't drink your "good stuff" or you are the unsuspecting guest who gets served the inexpensive stuff at someone else's house, you should find a different wine for the non-connoisseurs because this one is "the good stuff". It's shocking.

SABINA VINEYARDS, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE 2006 \$75

This is a new project to us, to the world and to our Cellar Builder club members! Here is the lowdown: Just released by owners David and Susan Sabin, Oakville Cabernet, David DeSante - winemaker, 100% Cabernet, and 225 cases produced. The privileged grapes are sourced from two small vineyard sites. One vineyard is planted on an extremely rocky mountain slope, while the other is from a 25-year old valley floor vineyard. The blend of grapes from these two sites produces an extremely complex wine with the signature of luscious black cherry and black currant aromas. These are the projects we so eagerly await. Beautifully focused people finding meticulously grown fruit and a highly-skilled winemaker (Tierra Roja, DeSante, Ell white wine-- Herb and Jennifer Lamb's project) who takes it from there to us. Eureka!

ARNOT ROBERTS, SYRAH, GRIFFIN'S LAIR, SONOMA COAST 2006 \$65

Meet Duncan Roberts and Nathan Arnot. Barrel cooper meets winemaker and the fruits of both of their labors make for an impressive project. Nathan has been coopering barrels at Demptos since 1979 and Duncan was the assistant winemaker at Pax for years. There is more that goes into the greatness of their wines than these two pieces of factual information, but what is important to note here is that their Syrah fruit, sourced from 3 different famed vineyards, is INCREDIBLE! They believe that no new oak is necessary in the winemaking of this wine; it would only hide the qualities that make this syrah so intense. The location to the coast offers the iron-rich soils a windy environment yielding small berries with thick skins. What a great scenario---then add qualities like inky, savory, saline, iodine, blackberry, smoky bacon---and you'll be begging for a fix! 3 barrels produced. Wow!!!

BROMAN, SAUVIGNON BLANC, NAPA VALLEY 2007 \$17

We cannot tell you to buy this wine, but we can suggest it pretty aggressively. This is a 265 case production, Rutherford Sauv Blanc, citrus-driven, round mid-palate wine that shouldn't be ignored by any lover of white wine. This is truly lovely and elegant made exclusively for sheer pleasure. We're pretty sure this limited vintage won't last long, but we've got some this week if you let us know you'd like some.

LA FINETRE, À COTÉ, CHARDONNAY, LOS ALAMOS VINEYARD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 2007 \$30

If it's delicious wine you are after, look no further than this email. We've already found a great Oakville Cab, Sonoma Coast Syrah and Rutherford Sauv Blanc, and a show-stopper \$19 Cabernet for you. Now it's time for a SBC Chardonnay that'll charm your socks off. This wine has texture and subtle creaminess replete with a slight toasty character and a tiny 70 case production which to us shows an artisan style with the focus on quality. All these characteristics without a whopper price tag make us happy, what about you? A slam-dunk Chard, folks. Run, don't walk, to get some of this.

BIALLA, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY 2006 \$93

Craig MacLean makes this tightly allocated, 190 case production Cabernet with all the aging potential of a world-class wine---guess this may end up in the Cellar Builder club, too! Honestly, if you've never had a wine made by Craig, know this: he crafts his wines with the intention of letting all the nuances evolve in the bottle for several years before they coalesce into what wine-lovers dream a wine can be. The complexities and layers that are dying to get out of this bottle of wine will send you over the edge. At 1700 feet above sea level, the soils and aspect to nature must be at a harmonious stand still when the grapes are harvested, as it truly shows in the bottle. You can open up the wine now, but please, please, please decant it for a solid hour at the very least before you enjoy it. You will not be sorry and what you will reap is the ability to name the wine that turned you from wine lover to serious wine appreciator.

FAIRCHILD ESTATE, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY 2006 \$125

When we find a wine that completely overwhelms us with intrigue, joy and astonishment, we let you know about it immediately. The consensus amongst our discerning Acme staff is that Fairchild Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the best new wines to hit the market. Paul Hobbs is behind the one year old project so it really is no wonder. Owner, Larry Fairchild, did his homework when planning to launch a wine primarily consisting of fruit from his property located near Lake Hennessy in St. Helena. Who should farm the pristine land and who should shepherd the project? Vineyard manager is none other than Jim Barbour whose name is associated with other projects such as Amuse Bouche, Barbour Vineyards, Blank, Blankiet, Husic, Fleming, Keever, Grace Family, D.R. Stephens, La Sirena, Parallel, Revana, Policy and Wolf Family. WOW!!!!!! Hobbs is already known for his stellar consulting gigs and his own Paul Hobbs labels from California and Cobos wines of Argentina. So, what is so great about Fairchild? What isn't? -is how we retort. Under the watchful eyes of Barbour and Hobbs, Larry Fairchild is able to showcase his project to a select group of wine lovers as the production level hovers around the minute 100 case figure. If finding wine that embodies perfection is something you desire, we highly, highly recommend finding the time to let us know how much you would like of this wine. With only 100+ cases made, the demand is surely going to exceed the supply sooner than later. Pre-orders for the March 1st release date are being taken today. We have 6 bottle allocations available.

LAST CALL:

Kobalt "Port Style Wine" 500ml \$75 (MADE BY MARK HEROLD----GOTTA TRY IT!)

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