

The Best of 2007 @ The Wine Source...

As we close another calendar year here at The Wine Source we give pause to consider the successes and trends of the year. In this edition of Unfiltered you will find the most popular wines of the year, chosen by you: the consumer. For the first year in quite some time, a white wine was our most popular - and an American white wine at that. We observed continued enthusiasm for European wines despite price increases and noted the resurgence of wines from the southern hemisphere, whether they be Australian, Chilean, or Argentine.

Above all we have seen the most interest ever in fine wine of all types and origins. It is an exciting time to be involved in the wine business, and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Our sincerest gratitude for all of your business this year and our best wishes for the season!
(IAS)

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS:

SUNDAY HOURS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30

9AM - 7PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE

MONDAY DECEMBER 31

8AM - 8PM



1. 2006 POMELO SAUVIGNON BLANC

California

Regular \$12.99 **TWS \$9.99**

Frankly, if you haven't tried this wine yet, I might question if you actually shop at the Wine Source. One of our perennial favorites; this year we were able to keep it in stock most of the year so it outsold the other wines on our list by a large margin. Bright and crisp with loads of citrus and grapefruit flavors. (MW)

2. 2006 BORSAO BORGIA GARNACHA

Spain

Regular \$5.99 **Case Price \$57.60**

If your planning a big ol' party and you need some cheap red wine to guzzle, then this is your wine. Fresh, fruity and easy it's sure to please the whole crowd. Maybe that's why it made it to #2 on our list. Buy this one by the case. (MW)

TOP TEN OF 2007



3. 2006 WINNER'S TANK SHIRAZ

Langhorne Creek, Australia

Regular \$14.99 **Currently Out of Stock**

Well over half of this wine was sold in a four-week stretch when we were offering it for the ridiculous price of \$9.99 (Regularly \$14.99). Now if you missed out, I'm sorry to say you're out of luck cause the vintage is entirely sold out and when it returns it won't be at such a low price. But it was great while it lasted. (MW)

4. 2006 PILLAR BOX RED

South Australia

Regular \$12.99 **Case Price \$124.80**

In its third release, this Australian number from winemaker Chris Ringland is a challenge to keep on the shelf. A blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot, this wine is robust enough for those who like their wine to bite back, and enough jamminess for the fruit lovers. Truly a crowd-pleasing wine. (WCS)

5. 2006 KRIS PINOT GRIGIO

IGT Delle Venezie, Italy

Regular \$10.99 **Case Price \$105.60**

Zesty yet full bodied, this Pinot Grigio from Northern Italy delivers high quality wine that far exceeds its reasonable price. Good, inexpensive wine generally does not stay inexpensive for very long, but year in and year out, Kris manages to keep the quality high and the price low. (WCS)

6. 2006 JIM JIM SHIRAZ

Australia

Regular \$10.99 **Case Price \$105.60**

The second Aussie Shiraz on our list, Jim Jim did not get the sexy score, but it has worked its way into the hearts of many Wine Source patrons – and why not? It's got big, dark fruit, a great price, and that cute dog on the label. (WCS)

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7. 2005 CARRO TINTO

Spain

Regular \$9.99 **Currently Out of Stock**

From among the oldest wineries in Yecla, the 2005 Carro Tinto reveals intense sweet red fruit flavors and notes of licorice, chocolate, and spice. This blend of 50% Monastrell, 20% Syrah, 20% Temp, 10% Merlot shows supple tannin and low acidity. A Wine Source bestseller it certainly wins the 'bang for your buck' award. Stock up post-holiday when funds are low and you can finally relax with the in-laws on a plane back to Florida. (CW)



WINE SOURCE SPECIAL

PAPPY VAN WINKLE'S
FAMILY RESERVE 23-YEAR-OLD
KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY
Regular \$200.00 **TWS \$179.99**

Just in time for the Holidays, the perfect gift for whiskey lovers. In its 4th bottling, the Pappy Van Winkle 23 yr. is produced in very limited amounts and will not be available at this very low discounted price for very long.

"Beneath the examination lamp the radiant copper color shines like a new penny; good clarity. The initial aromatic burst is chockfull of pork sausage and sweet spice scents; with aeration, the aroma transforms into a stately, mature, fully integrated whiskey bouquet of the first rank, emitting seamless scents of dark coffee, marzipan, praline, caramel corn, and oaky vanillin; remarkably seductive. The palate entry is passing-gear sap-like and sweet, but elegant at the same time; by the midpalate stage, the flavor components have melded so thoroughly that no one feature leaps out. Finishes warmly, like smoldering embers, on the tongue and tangy, sweet, and resinous. An American distilling masterpiece.

Spirit Journal Rating: *****/Highest Recommendation"
Review by F. Paul Pacult *Spirit Journal* Volume 15, Issue 3



8. 2005 JOEL GOTT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa, California

Regular \$17.99 Case Price \$172.80

Got Gott? Sorry, couldn't help myself. If you're one of the few who haven't delighted in a bottle, what are you waiting for? Loaded with blackberry, cassis, plum and spicy oak, it's gott everything you could want in a California Cab. A full body style, it's bright and assertive with lean tannins and a killer finish. Enjoy with grilled steak and veggies. (CW)

9. NV RENE BARBIER WHITE

Catalunya, Spain

Regular \$4.99 Case Price \$48.00

If you're popping in for a light white to cook with, the Rene Barbier is your go to, but it doesn't stop there... this invigorating white, with grassy notes and melon flavors, is the perfect accompaniment for whatever you're cookin' up. There's no doubt this is the most versatile wine in the store. Serve it up- in the dish or in the glass- year round for a refreshing taste that won't burn a hole in your pocket! (CW)

10. 2006 KENDALL JACKSON CHARDONNAY

California

Regular \$14.99 TWS \$11.99

Does this inclusion really surprise anyone? This is solid, textbook California Chardonnay at a highly competitive price. Thank you KJ for helping us keep the lights on! (IAS)



BRIAN'S BEER PICK

The winter is just getting started, but the winter beers are beginning to wind down. Many of the Belgian and English beers have already gone, and what used to be mountains of domestic winter beer are now down to just low stacks. Make sure to get your favorites before this much loved season of beer is gone. If you are still trying to decide what that favorite winter ale is, try some of these 'must have' beers before it is too late.

For many years the beers from Ridgeway Brewing Company have been filling the stockings of beers lovers. You know the ones with the funny names, Lump of Coal, Santa's Butt, Bad Elf, and Very Bad Elf and so on. Well there is a new elf with a funny name - Insanely Bad Elf. This ale is by far the biggest and fullest beer of the bunch. It is an English Strong Ale that clocks in at 11.2% abv. The color is ruby amber with slight carbonation. The taste is malty and sweet with light juicy fruit. It finishes with a warming alcohol affect, perfect for the winter nights.

As a late arrival to the winter beer market, Southern Tier Old Man Winter Ale should not go unnoticed. This perfectly balanced beer is a dry hopped old ale. Old ales are simply ales that have been brewed and aged longer. This gives the beer full, round, and smooth characteristics. The dry hopping technique used to finish this beer lightens and brightens the body as well as the overall taste. This beer is one of the finest the winter season has to offer.

The brewers at Mikkeller brewing in Belgium really love their winter beer, releasing four in the American market this year. The most unique is the Mikkeller Big Worse. Big Worse is a Belgian Barelywine. The Big Worse has big tangy flavors that are traditional to Barleywines. While other barleywines are all tang and no body (read Bigfoot) the Mikkeller has a big robust and hoppy body. With wonderful, bright flavors and a huge body, the Mikkeller will make a great beer to open right away or put in the cellar for a future Christmas.

The beer team would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and a great new year!

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BEST OF THE REST

....AND ONE MORE SPARKLING WINE SPECIAL

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN BRUT

by the bottle
Regular \$51.99 **TWS \$36.99**

by the case
Regular \$623.88 **TWS \$430.99**

30% off



The Clicquot champagne house was founded in 1772 but the real story began when the founder's son's widow, Nicole Barbe Ponsardin, took over the business in 1805. In a Europe torn apart by war, Veuve (Widow) Clicquot shipped her champagnes to Russia and presented them in all the great European courts. She was involved in the innovation of new production methods, bought plots of land in the best vineyards and when she died, left behind an empire devoted to the enjoyment of fine food and wine. Veuve Clicquot with its trademark orange label is now one of the most famous champagnes in the world.

CRISTALINO BRUT	JANASSE CNP 02
SAN PIETRO GRIGIO	GATAO VINHO VERDE
GNARLY HEAD OV ZIN	WOOPWOOP SHIRAZ
AVALON NAPA CAB	REVALO CASAMARO
ALTOS MALBEC	AVINYO CAVA BRUT
LAS ROCAS GARNACHA	PETITE CASSAGNE ROSE
MARK WEST CAL PINT NR	CHARVIN CDR POUTET**
MARQUIS SARAH RED	SIN-LEY M5
MOLLYDOOKER BOXER	GRUET BLANC DE NOIRS
MAGANA DIGNUS	AVELEDA VINHO VERDE
NINO FRANCO PROSECCO	MARQUIS SHIRAZ
GOUGUENHEIM MALBEC	PROTOCOLO TINTO
RAYO SELECCIONADO	LAGEDER RIFF GRIGIO
MOLLYDOOKER LEFT FEET	PERRIN CDR ROSE
STEP ROAD BW SHIRAZ	CASSAGNE ROSE
ANTIGUA SANGIO/BONAR	MONTIRIUS CDR ROUGE
CATENA MALBEC	ALAMOS MALBEC
CASTANO MONASTRELL	AMEZTOI TXAKOLI
ZARDETTO PROSECCO	PERRIN CDR ROUGE
BOGLE PETITE SIRAH	MARQUIS CABERNET

