

## **Notes From The Cellar (NFTC); Winepairings e-letter Feb 07, 2008**

### **Some crazy deals on highly rated wines Ausi's & A Super Tuscan**

Today's regular NFTC has been usurped. I just got a Distributor close out offering and these wines will not stick around until next week -so we may as well strike while the Iron is hot. It's always a little strange to see great wines discounted while new vintages, which are sometimes inferior, are offered at ever higher prices. Crazy as it is, I am not here to question the logic - only to offer the deals . Good hunting.

### **\$\$\$ Special wine deals \$\$\$**

I featured the Kilikanoon Shiraz in a recent newsletter. When we got a chance at some of the higher rated wines in the Portfolio, I didn't hesitate. I have always appreciated the great value of this group of wines even at their regular prices, so at blow out prices there's not much to ponder. I have included Mr. Parker's Tasting notes and ratings.

### **Kilikanoon Grenache Prodigal 2004 \$20- (92 point Parker for \$20- no kidding)**

**Rating 92 points From Clare Vale South Australia Drink 2006-2012:***The 2004 Grenache Prodigal possesses a dark ruby color as well as classic kirsch and licorice notes with a background resinous/earthy character. Full-bodied, supple, and deep, this mouthfilling wine should be drunk over the next 5-6 years.*

### **Kilikanoon Shiraz Testament 2004 \$32- (Sug. retail \$45+)**

**Wine Advocate # 167 Oct 2006 Robert Parker 95 Points, Drink 2009 - 2026 :** *From the Barossa sub-regions of Greenock and Vinevale, the fabulous 2004 Shiraz Testament exhibits this varietal's more scorched earth/volcanic side with blackberry liqueur, creosote, pepper, espresso roast, and singed leather characteristics. Opulent, with sensational fruit, a thick, unctuous attack and mid-palate, and a long finish of over a minute, this stunning Shiraz should be at its best in 3-4 years, and age for two decades*

### **Kilikanoon Shiraz Parable 2004 \$36- (Sug retail \$50+)**

**Wine Advocate # 167 Oct 2006 Robert Parker Rating 96 Points Drink 2006 - 2026**

**From McLaren Vale South Australia**

*While it's splitting hairs, I thought the 2004 Shiraz Parable was slightly better than the Testament. Made from two vineyards, 35- and 45-years-old, it was given an upbringing similar to that of the Testament cuvee, but seems to possess slightly more aromatic nuances, and just as much body, concentration, and intensity. It also may reveal more floral, blue, and black fruits in the mouth. This stunningly profound Shiraz should age effortlessly for 15-20 years.*

For all Italian wine fans, here's another outstanding deal: This week we had the Superbowl, Super Tuesday, and now it's time for the Super Tuscan: The following wine was No 61 in the "top 100 wines " of Wine Spectator's magazine 2006. It sold out at most places at around \$40

we are offering this wine at the lowest price in the US !

## **Fattoria Petrolo Toscana Torrione 2004 \$24-**

Wine Spectator Oct 2006 Score ; 93 Points :*Plenty of blackberry and currant bush aromas. Intense. Full-bodied and very chewy, with ripe tannins and a long, powerful finish. A structured Sangiovese. Like the 2001 or better. Best after 2008. 3,100 cases made. –JS*

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