

## ***Notes From The Cellar (NFTC); Winepairings e-letter December 4,2008***

### **Barrot's Traditional Chateauneuf -his best ever**

I hope everyone got to spend some quality time with family & friends over the past weekend. The week after Thanksgiving gives us a chance for a quick regroup before the year end craziness. With the nervous economy I am seeing a lot of offers on wine coming out of the wood works – the good stuff, if priced right -moves swiftly. I am being very careful with selections since I am convinced that we will see some amazing deals into the new year. In the mean time if the iron is hot -we will strike. Just so this newsletter doesn't get too long, I will suspend the Events section until the new year unless I see something truly monumental -as is, “Tis the season” for too many events in most people's lives ...

Recently I have had a record number of new subscribers sign up to the newsletter -hopefully this is an endorsement for the value in our service, especially during these times -I would like to thank everyone for their referrals as well as welcome all the new recipients -a quick reminder back issues are posted on the web site.

Please pay attention to the “Did You Know Section” -featuring info on wine delivery as gifts available in many states.

Also if you are a fan of **German Wines** which are some of my favorites to enjoy over the holidays, I have good news -some excellent selections are in stock at very favorable prices (especially in comparison with the new releases; quantities are limited -I will try & post a list next week but you may want to contact me beforehand if you want to get the jump on this.

### **Today's Wine Deal \$\$\$**

#### **LUCIEN BARROT & FILS Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2005 \$30-**

Long considered by those in the know to be one of the best values In CDP; Barrot is still a bit of an insider's wine. Very traditional, it will appeal especially to those who like wines with an earthy complex character. This is a mouth filling wine full of dark fruit but also roast meat, smoke as well as forest floor, tobacco and herbs the French call Garigue.

One of the few producers who still put all their harvest into a single cuvee, so the finest grapes don't get dedicated to a premium wine at 4 times the price. The other bonus is the ability of this wine to age- a recent bottle of the 1998 vintage I had from my cellar was just plain delicious -and the extra bottle time resulted in smoothing out that burly country wine style of this house.

The 2005 Barrot is in a word a: stunner. It received a whopping 93 points from Wine Spectator magazine (the highest rating ever for a Barrot CDP ) and fortunately for us a small quantity was brought in directly by a small Colorado importer. Quantities were limited and I had to wait a long time for it to arrive but the price was great. (In these days of \$50 + Chateauneuf, If there is a better CDP out there for this kind of price please let me know, as I am not aware of it) I don't want to over promote this as I only have bottles not cases so I expect this to be a quick sell out.

Wine Spectator Nov 15,2007: **93 points and “Highly Recommended” :**

*Dark and muscular, this is layered with lots of plum, blackberry and black cherry fruit backed by mocha, game, plum sauce and graphite notes. The long, fleshy finish lets the fruit and*

*minerality sing. The best in a long time from this producer. Best from 2008 through 2022. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 4,000 cases made. –JM*

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**Thanks again for all your support and referrals, tell your friends,  
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