

## CLUB 70 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: 2011 December

First and foremost.... Thank You!

The George Family wishes you and yours a wonderful Holiday

Season and only the best in 2012.

## Ramey Claret 2008 Retail - \$39

We are always looking for that \$39.00 wine that tastes like the \$60-\$70 wines. I think I have found it in this Claret. David Ramey has been a gifted winemaker for decades and he knows how to push the right buttons when it comes to great reds. This one received a 92 in the Wine Spectator: Pure, rich, structured and full body with an extensive core of ripe plum, currant, tobacco, sage & cedar flavors. It is cabernet sauvignon, merlot, syrah, petite verdot and cabernet franc.

## Mi Sueno 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Retail - \$65

Many years ago I discovered this unique little winery . . . translated "My Dream." Joseph George Fine Wines was their first customer. Well, times they do change - - What a wonderful reputation Mi Sueno has today. Decanter Magazine and The Wall Street Journal, among others, have touted the fine wines made by Rolando.

This 2007 cabernet sauvignon is big, bold & worthy of this classic vintage. In a blind tasting of top 2007 California cabs, I chose this as my top wine of the day. There were \$225 cabs in that tasting! I hope you enjoy it too!

## Roederer 2002 L'Ermitage Retail - \$55.00

When the French invaded the California sparkling wine industry 30+ years ago, I was very skeptical of what might become of these new wines. Would they try to make a classic French style of champagne or would they use that ripe California fruit to make a sparkling wine that is truly unique to our part of the world?

This sparkler is the answer . . . It's produced in the méthode champenoise style with wonderful Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the Anderson Valley. The bubbles are fine with crisp acidity and a lemon cream taste that I love. Hope you do too!