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La Cartuja Priorat 2007

\$12.99 per bottle **or \$140.29** per case

Our good friend Patrick Mata at Olé Imports went in search of an affordable Priorat, and find one he did. When he introduced us to his discovery, we knew it had to be a Wine of the Month! This is a great expression of Priorat, Spain... rich, dry red wine with a spicy, herbal note at the end. It has tremendous balance and is a versatile red wine for enjoying with just about anything cooking in the kitchen.

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Les Piliers Viognier 2008

\$14.99 per bottle **or \$161.89** per case

Limestone helps grapes achieve ripeness and retain acidity and aromatics.

Les Piliers Viognier is a great example of the perfumed Viognier grape grown in limestone soil. It is clean and balanced, and just what the doctor ordered for all of you who are "Chardonnayed" out. Enjoy this wine as an *apéritif* or with spicy food.

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Corte alla Flore

Rosso di Montepulciano 2007

\$13.99 per bottle **or \$151.09** per case

This new estate, at least new to us, is a very exciting discovery and we start with their most basic wine in their traditional style. This wine is a blend of the local clone Sangivese, and 5% of Colorino, another local variety used to give wines a deeper color. This is a stunning effort! Ripe and forward, it is quite easy to like and enjoy. We're thinking of pairing this with a pasta course topped with an onion rich sauce. It's just begging for food.

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