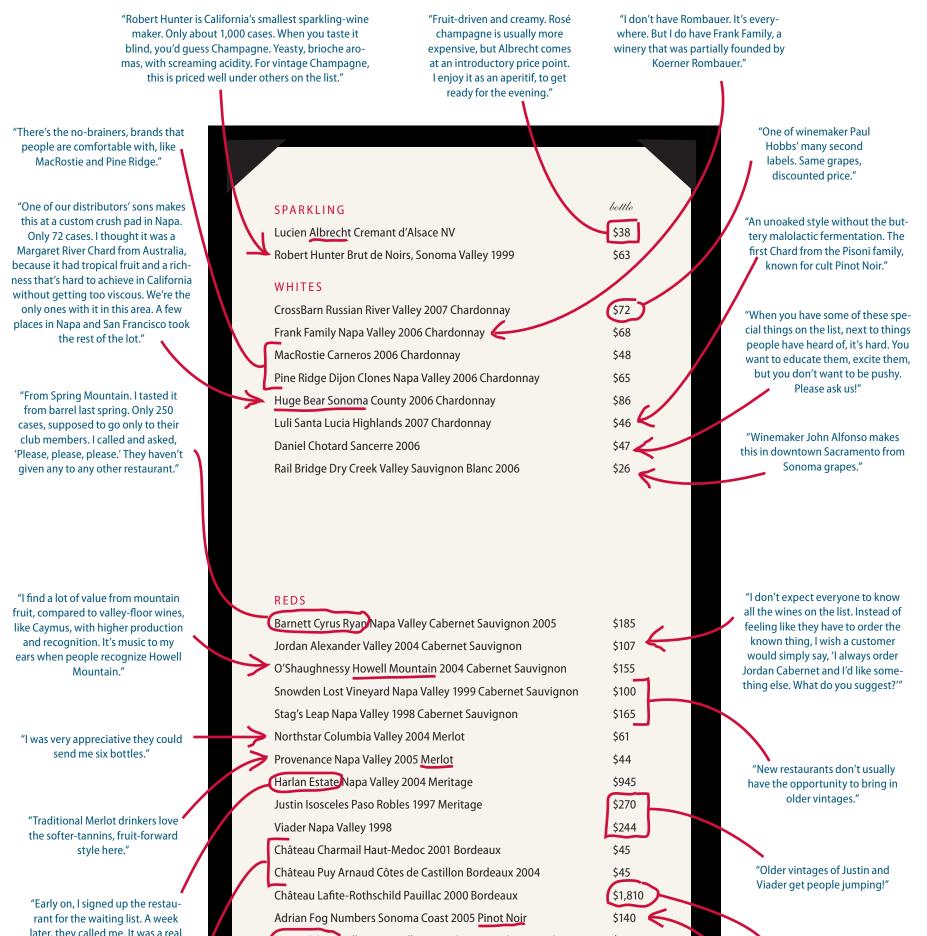
Notes on a Wine List

By Elaine Smith

I plunk myself down in the cushy restaurant booth and reach eagerly for the wine list. All too often, I'm disappointed by generic wines and high prices. But my cup runneth over when I find wines that have been chosen as carefully as the menu. So imagine my joy when I discovered the wine program at Hawks in Granite Bay, owned by Molly Hawk and Michael Fagnoni.

"How did you get it right when so many fail?" I asked the restaurant's wine director, Kevin Tyson. Tyson offered to go through the seven-page list with me and share the thinking behind some of his selections.



later, they called me. It was a real tribute to what [owners Michael Fagnoni and Molly Hawk] have done with the restaurant."

"One affordable right bank and one affordable left bank."

"Beaux Frères is partially owned by critic Robert Parker Jr."

Beaux Frères Willamette Valley 2006 Pinot Noir (magnum) \$190 Kosta Browne Sonoma Coast 2006 Pinot Noir \$145 Sea Smoke Southing Sta. Rita Hills 2006 Bordeaux \$118 Melville Sta. Rita Hills 2006 Pinot Noir \$67 Shea Wine Cellars Shea Vineyard Willamette Valley 2006 Pinot Noir \$93 Siduri Cargasacchi Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills 2006 Pinot Noir \$122 Labouré-Roi Volnay Clos des Chênes 2003 Burgundy \$63 Relic Alder Springs Vineyard Mendocino 2005 Syrah 🧲 \$106 "Absolutely beauti-"In the Pinot category, I'm able to offer more ful, especially when

"We've sold one since opening."

"A husband-and-wife team. Only 1,000 cases split between four Pinot bottlings per year."

"People go for these right away."

"The list ranges in style from the wild cherry/red raspberry of the Santa Rita Hills to the earthiness, black tea and mushroom of the Willamette Valley."

single vineyards."

we get sockeye salmon in."

"One hundred cases, single vineyard. Only four cases distributed in Northern California. We got six cases. A gem."