



**Reserve Pinot Noir Club™**  
**A Nod to Burgundy**  
**Lachini & Scott Paul Wineries**

**NW Big Reds Club™**  
**Nicholas Cole & Penner-Ash**  
**Meritage & Syrah**

**April**  
**2005**

April 2005 brings the Reserve Pinot noir Club members three outstanding Pinot noirs from two up-and-coming wineries: **Lachini Vineyards**, and **Scott Paul Wines**. The Lachini wines have two different winemakers— Peter Rosback, of **Sineann** fame, made the Lachini “S”, while Isabelle Dutartre, Lachini’s “official” winemaker, made the Estate 03. Scott Wright made the Scott Paul Pinot noir.

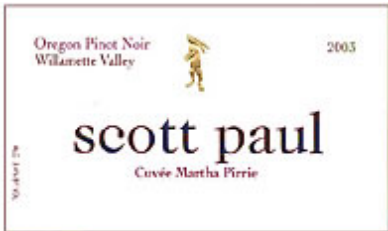
This month’s winemakers have a decided penchant for the Burgundian style of Pinot noir. Lachini’s vineyard was carefully planned and executed by a French winemaker using the latest techniques from both Burgundy and the Northwest. Winemaker Isabelle Dutartre brings experience with Enology and Viticulture from her training in Beaune, France (the heart of Burgundy) to the vineyard, and brings her amazing knowledge of oak to the flavors of the Lachini wines. The flavors, depth, and layering that she achieves with oak are quite special. She worked for a master cooper in France for several years and has an insider’s knowledge of just how to use oak barrels to greatest advantage in developing a wine’s flavors.



Scott Wright, owner and winemaker at Scott Paul Wines, also brings a Burgundian sensibility to his Pinot noirs. “My style of wines are modeled on the wines of the village of Chambolle-Musigny in Burgundy. I like that end of the spectrum of pinot noir: beautiful perfume, hopefully nice silken texture in the mouth, great length, and power without any weight—let’s call it a sort of sneaking concentration and intensity. I look for fruit, and try to make wine, that has the potential to go in that direction.”

As with the wineries profiled in last month’s Club newsletter, the vineyard is all important to this month’s winemakers. Scott Wright says:

“My winemaking philosophy has boiled down to this: get really good grapes and do absolutely nothing if at all possible. ”



Scott calls his winemaking style “old school.” “It’s all about listening to the fruit and letting the fruit go where it wants to go, and trying to let it be the best it can be rather than trying to push it in any one direction.”

To that end, Scott tries to live up to the ideal of the noninterventionist winemaker.

“I destem everything, I ferment in 2-4 ton small batches, I do all wild fermentations—no inoculation, no inoculation for malo—I try to do everything by gravity, don’t do any yeast nutrients—nothing goes in.”

The only time intervention is desirable, says Scott, is when it is necessary to prevent the wine from being faulty.

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Lachini  
“S” 03 \$37  
“Estate” 03 \$40

Scott Paul  
Cuvée Martha Pirrie \$20

**Northwest Big Reds Club™**

Nicholas Cole  
“Camille” 02 \$48

Penner-Ash  
Syrah 02 \$35

**New Discoveries Club™**

Soos Creek  
Sundance 03  
\$24

Viento  
Cuvée Provencal 02  
\$26

**Dessert Wine Club™**

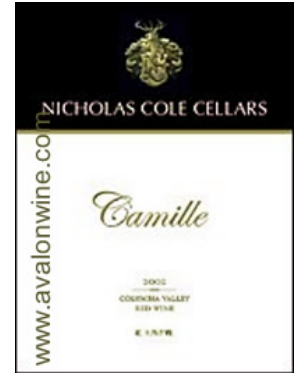
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03 \$16

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Whitman Cellars—Tops in Walla Walla Tasting



## New Discoveries Club

**Old World Style Blend Month**

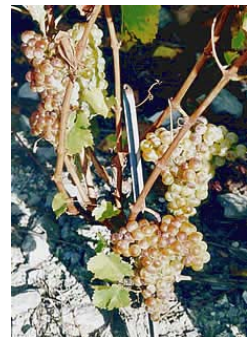
This month the New Discoveries Club receives two wines inspired by European blended reds. The **Viento Cuvee Provencal** is Rich's take on the wonderful rustic, earthy, hearty wines of Provence, in Southern France. France's Rhone Valley inspired the Soos Creek Sundance.

## NW Dessert Wine Club

**St Innocent Pinot Gris**  
**Vendage Tardive 99 \$19**

**Sivan Ridge Early Muscat 03 \$16**

Two delicious white dessert wines for spring are our features this month for the Dessert Wine Club.



**Reserve Pinot noir Club continued....****About Lachini Vineyard**

Lachini Vineyard's 45 acres forty-five acres are located in Newberg, the heart of the North Willamette Valley, approximately 30 miles Southwest of Portland. The sloping Estate Vineyard is comprised of Willakenzie series soils-ranging from 18 to 48 inches in depth. The shallow, fine silt loam over sedimentary rock has lower water capacity due to its sandy consistency and thus forces the vines to compete and develop deep root systems. The emerging terroir of the Lachini Vineyard's dark-brown to yellowish-brown Willakenzie soils seems to tend lend itself to the creation of Pinot Noirs with strong earthy character, chocolate notes, and a definite flavor of anise and spice.

The property was purchased in 1998 by the current owners and they planted the first five acres with Pinot Noir (Pommard clone) in June of 1999, after clearing and natural site preparation. In the following '00, '01, and '02 growing seasons, they planted additional blocks that now encompass just over 20 acres of planted Pinot Noir. Most recent plantings include Dijon and Wadenswil clones, along with more Pommard.

For such a young vineyard, the wines coming from Lachini show much promise.



Isabelle Dutartre, Lachini "Estate" 03 Winemaker

**Scott Paul Wines****Cuvee Martha Pirrie 03 \$20**

From the winemaker: "Named after our daughter (Martha Pirrie Wright – she goes by "Pirrie".) Our goal is for this wine to be the best \$20 Pinot Noir in the New World.

An assemblage of wines from multiple vineyard sites, this wine comes from a combination of young and older vines in the Red Hills district of the Willamette Valley. Clonal selections are also diverse, ranging from own-rooted Pommard to several different Dijon-clones on assorted rootstocks."

This wine is lush, full of black fruit, and deliciously rounded and well balanced, drinking well right now.

From the winery: "from Shea, Stoller, and Ribbon Ridge fruit...bursts of ripe cherries and raspberries, and excellent depth and length."

**Lachini "S" Pinot noir 03 \$35**

Made by Peter Rosback, of Sineann fame, even better than the 02, and peter is delighted with it.. Deeply colored, saturated fruit bomb but true to Pinot noir, I guess I really do like a Pinot noir that is easy to love.

The Lachini Vineyards Willamette Valley Estate 'S' Pinot Noir consists of 100%Pommard clones from our Estates East Block. 'S' - for la Sorella, is therefore the Sister wine in Italian, as made by Peter Rosback of Sineann. The wine is not for the faint at heart as it is a deep saturated ruby bomb with dark fruits, spice and cola flavors. More bold than the Estate, it is rich and extracted, with well-focused layers of currants and wild blackberries. Finishes lively, spicy and firm.