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As requested, here's another issue of The WineWeb newsletter -- to keep you up-to-date with happenings on the site and to alert you to new wines.

Wishing You a Wonderful Christmas / Holiday Season

The WineWeb wishes each of you a Merry Christmas and/or a happy holiday season. May you have wonderful times spent with family and friends.

We especially want to thank those of you who used our site to order wines this holiday season. We hope that you found it efficient and a great way to do some of your shopping. For those of you waiting until the last minute to shop, go to <http://www.wineweb.com/gift/> to buy your wine gifts.

Australian Wines Direct to your Door

Way back in 1994 when we were pondering this business, one of the goals was to find better ways of getting good Australian wine to the U.S. Australian wines were a new thing in the U.S. back then and we were excited by some of the wines we had tasted on a recent trip there. Well, just this month we added a new merchant to our marketplace that makes it easy to get wines from Australia directly to you.

Aussie Wines Online offers about 40 wines and will ship a case to you for \$3 a bottle, including all customs and duties. Considering that it costs almost that much to get wine shipped within the U.S., it seems like a great deal.

Many of the wines are from smaller producers, but you can research them on The WineWeb. For example, they have Red Hill Estates, a winery I visited this summer on our family vacation. Check out their selection on our [wine search](#) .

Interesting Tidbits from the Forums @ WineWeb

Our discussion forum is growing more active each month. We

pride ourselves in running a forum that is used by wine novices and experts alike. If you haven't visited in a while, check out the growing volume of information.

Here are some interesting topics:

Fun Christmas Wine - in the **Value Wines and Great Deals** section

A good discussion about wine glasses - in the **Wine Accessories and Cellars** section

Be sure to vote in our latest forum poll - "What kind of wine consumer are you?"

View the Forums @ WineWeb at www.wineweb.com/forum

Interesting Wines

The following are some wineries that have updated their information on The WineWeb recently or been discussed in our forum. Give them a look and you might discover a new favorite.

Check out the PicNique brand from Ledgewood Creek in Suisun Valley, California--

www.wineweb.com/scripts/wineryframe.cfm/38216

Barlow Vineyards in Calistoga, CA makes a Barrouge, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot --

www.wineweb.com/scripts/wineryframe.cfm/3221

Driftwood Vineyards in Texas makes Viognier and Syrah --

www.wineweb.com/scripts/wineryframe.cfm/11057

A nice selection of wines can be found at Woodward Canyon in the Walla Walla Valley of Washington --

www.wineweb.com/scripts/wineryframe.cfm/2418

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