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Author	Topic: 21st century solution	
Bob Webb New Member Member # 6380	posted December 10, 2004 08:23 AM	
	For a 21st century solution to the age old problem of how to hold both your wine and your plate of hors d'oeuvres go to www.webbswoods.com!	
	----- Robert L Webb	
	From: Lake Stevens, WA Registered: Dec 2004 IP: Logged Report Post	
Vijay Bhattar Oenophile Member # 6392	posted December 12, 2004 07:00 AM	
	Hi Bob,	
	When I click on the link your site is not opening. Can you please edit the post and update the URL.	
	Then tried it without "!" and it worked 😊	
	Good to see your website. Incase you looking for some nice Wine to go with it why not check the website www.grapeswine.com 😊	
	Cheers,	
	----- Vijay Bhattar Vijay Bhattar Personal Homepage	
	Registered: Dec 2004 IP: Logged Report Post	

Rob Klafter



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 741

posted December 12, 2004 07:17 AM



wow, is the owner of the famous Grapes the wine company of Connecticut we have heard so much about over the years?

Nice insinuation of your website along with helping us to see a great product from Bob.

Let me be the first to welcome both of you. Particularly Vijay, since Robert is merely showing us a nifty item he invented. I won't be the last to say that while this is not a closed community at all, a new member who comes in a-selling is oft looked at crookedly.

Am I wrong in confusing you for a store that has been widely commented on here for many years?

If so I sincerely welcome you to the board. Remember though, even the guys from Idaho didn't fall off the turnip truck yesterday.

Rob Klafter MD SEO

Everything you get, you gotta work hard for it- Method Man

From: **NYC** | Registered: **Feb 2002** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Rob Klafter



Senior Executive
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Member # 741

posted December 12, 2004 07:21 AM



Please await Victor, Raney and Raffle amongst others who will be up soon to welcome you to our little corner of the net.

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childsaintvincent



Senior Oenophile
Member # 2407

posted December 12, 2004 08:55 AM



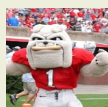
Rob,

I don't think Bob invented this. The boys & Girls club tasting that is held every year in Green Bay has been using a plastic version of this plate for the last three years.

timothy j linders

From: **green bay wi** | Registered: **Jan 2003** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Rob Klafter



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 741

posted December 12, 2004 08:57 AM



just being nice to Robert

Rob Klafter MD SEO

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From: **NYC** | Registered: **Feb 2002** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Vijay Bhatler

Oenophile
Member # 6392

 posted December 14, 2004 11:57 AM



Hi Friends,

Thanks for the welcome. I understand it

Just a clarification I take care of the Grapeswine website and in the process of getting updated on wine and also participating in the several great discussion on wine on this great Forum.

Grapes is jointly owned by: Ash Caplan & John Caplon.

Cheers,

Vijay Bhatler

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Registered: **Dec 2004** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Victor Hong



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

 posted December 14, 2004 02:36 PM



quote:

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Cheers,

I tried to reach you there, but the nice folks said you did not work there. Thanks for the clarification. Please feel free to join our NYC offlines.

My understanding is that this store is totally unaffiliated with the same-named place in Rye, NY. To take up your recommendation, I just ordered a bunch of wines from this store for Christmas and New Year celebrations. Thanks.

"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Steve Manzi




Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 122

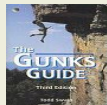
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From: **NJ** | Registered: **Jan 1999** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Dan Teng



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 1969

posted December 15, 2004 03:00 AM

Sorry - I just can't take the website seriously. "Little Piece of (Jack)ass??" Good grief.

What's great about wine is that with each new vintage, you basically go back to school, you're forever a student. - RMP

...and often times you flunk and are held back a grade. - DT

From: **Spokane, WA** | Registered: **Nov 2002** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Victor Hong



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

posted December 22, 2004 10:50 PM

According to my relatives, the d'Armhailac 2000 seemed to arrive, although we will not open the case until Christmas. Thanks, to Grapes Wine of CT. I eagerly await the remainder of my confirmed purchases. 😊

"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

PIR



Executive
Oenophile
Member # 3457

posted December 23, 2004 10:24 AM



Never confuse your career with your life.
paul ragheb

From: **birmingham mi usa** | Registered: **Aug 2003** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Randy Wear

Oenophile
Member # 4805

posted December 24, 2004 12:39 PM

Bob: I love your canape trays. Thanks.

Life without wine is like a year without sunshine.

From: **Chicago** | Registered: **Apr 2004** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Victor Hong



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

posted December 25, 2004 08:14 AM

quote:

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Cheers,

Thank you for your formal business assistance/cooperation/affiliation with Grapes Wines of CT, in soliciting us to buy from the store. The d'Armhailac 2000 arrived fine, and my family enjoyed a wonderful bottle with Christmas Eve dinner. I will post TN's about this, along with my Lafleur (Pomerol) and La Mondotte (St. Emilion) purchases when soon delivered.





"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Victor Hong



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

 posted January 04, 2005 09:13 AM     

Have other folks bought collectible wines here before? I cannot believe that three bottles of the d'Armhailac have already been drunk. They seemed much more forward than expected....quite Old-World styled but not shutting down yet. Thanks.

"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Doug Millowitz

Executive
Oenophile
Member # 2201

 posted January 05, 2005 09:47 AM     

I've had nothing but NEGATIVE experiences with Grapes CT. They claim they have a wine on their website or winesearcher.com and then you call them and they say they are all sold out. They will then try and sell you some crappy wine they are trying to get rid of.

I am still waiting for my 2000 Lafite and Mouton from them! Vijay, any idea when they will be delivered? I can't wait to try them out.

P.S. Everyone should stay away from Grapes CT, a complete waste of time.







Doug

From: **NYC** | Registered: **Dec 2002** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Victor Hong



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

 posted January 05, 2005 11:28 AM     

quote:

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In general, if any store takes your credit-card information, engages in bait-and-switch website marketing, and refuses to deliver sold goods, both state and federal authorities can investigate for wire fraud, credit-card fraud, and Internet fraud.

As the recent arrests of Barry Silver at Silver Spirits and Ron Wallace at Rare LLC starkly demonstrate, law enforcement in this arena has become vastly stricter. Apparently, when unscrupulous businesses operate via the Internet, its electronic trail can document their actions, as prosecutorial evidence. I wonder if the website administrators of such businesses can also be held accountable, as willing accomplices. 🙄

"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Rob Klafter



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 741

posted January 05, 2005 11:29 AM " "

ah, the very slow burn begins to heat up 🍷

Rob Klafter MD SEO

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From: **NYC** | Registered: **Feb 2002** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Doug Millowitz

Executive
Oenophile
Member # 2201

posted January 05, 2005 11:34 AM " "

Fortunately they never took my credit card, they just took the order. They said once they send out the order they would charge my card.

I've heard the same story from many other people. Good ole bait and switch

Doug

From: **NYC** | Registered: **Dec 2002** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

Victor Hong



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

posted January 12, 2005 11:39 AM " "

The friendly customer-service staff at Grapes promised to let me know today. 🍷🙄

"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

A. Saha

Oenophile
Member # 6669

posted January 12, 2005 10:56 PM " "

Dear Friends,

As lovers of wine around the world, we take great pride in sharing our experiences with wines, wine stores and the wine industry, with fellow wine connoisseurs. This forum on Mark Squires has been a very active, bubbling storehouse of knowledge that has immensely helped all of us who have frequently felt the need to reach out to like-thinking individuals. Wine stores, and wine reviews can only tell so much about wines, but, a personal word from a friend about the great wine he tasted last week delivers more confidence than any of these rather venereal alternatives.

Grapes of CT realizes that there have been instances in the past, specifically in 2002, when, due to a major issue with one of it's primary wine distributors, several orders of wines had to be cancelled. Over the past couple of years, we have worked hard to correct this. We urge the wine-loving community to understand the cause of this

apparent failure in service. Wine retailers work with wine distributors, who in turn provide them with inventory details on a periodic basis. Sometimes, not all the wines are available at the point of sale. In particular, the case with 2000 Bordeaux in the year 2002, was a classic example of when a distributor completely failed to provide wines as promised.

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We have hand-selected distributors who have a track record of over 90% delivery per inventory they provide to us. This means, that over 90% of the time wines will be available as promised on www.grapeswine.com. According to our research, this is by and far superior to several other sites that have misguided inventory information, but due to their lower sales volume, seldom gets noticed as often.

We have also noted your comments on bait-and-switch. It is not our intention to drive a wine-lover away from the wines that he or she is most interested in. Each and every member in our team are just as much a wine enthusiast as many of you out there. However, due to the issues we have had with a couple of our distributors, and with our high sales volume, we had encountered out-of-stock and unavailable situations. And, as noted above, our diligent and keen focus on selecting the finest distributors has eliminated this problem.

Please do let us know if you have any concerns. We would like to help you and understand your needs in order to provide you with the best service possible. With over 15 years in this industry and as one of CT's leading fine wine specialists, we have sufficient command over the wine market and believe that we are one of the superior venues that can provide you with the wines that are high quality and hard-to-find. We would also like to thank every one of you for sharing your thoughts with us. Rob, Steve, Victor and Doug - we would like to thank you all specifically for your words - it is only through mutual exchange of thoughts that we can work out an ideal model of satisfaction for everyone alike.

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Sincere Regards,


- Angie
- Grapes of Norwalk, CT
- 1 (800) 434 WINE

From: **Connecticut** | Registered: **Jan 2005** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Victor Hong




Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

 posted January 12, 2005 11:46 PM



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"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) |  Report Post

Victor Hong



Senior Executive
Oenophile
Member # 310

 posted February 03, 2005 01:46 PM



quote:

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Sincere Regards,

Your forthrightness and accessibility to discuss this matter will be helpful, as others take up the baton on this matter. I am pleased to report that independent fact-finding has quietly continued, enabling my pursuit of a fair resolution to reach a more elevated phase. Thanks.

"WineHunter."

From: **Noo Yawk** | Registered: **Apr 2000** | IP: [Logged](#) | Report Post

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Senior Executive
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