

# The Vintage Missive

August-September 2011: The Temperature outside isn't as HOT as  
*OUR AWESOME WINE SPECIALS!*

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## August-September Pick Of The Month:

### 2009 Vincent Girardin St. Veran Vieilles Vignes, \$19.99 (reg 23.99)

It is no secret that we are big fans of White Burgundies, especially those from world-renowned winemaker Vincent Girardin. He is, after all, an 11th generation producer in Burgundy. And the 2009s are showing beautifully right now, this one is no exception! It has a nose of lime, ripe peaches and butterscotch. The palate has hints of soft floral, baked apples and lovely acidity. This wine is a "serious" St. Veran, one that can be enjoyed as an aperitif with cheese, shrimp, crab, or a rich dish of lobster, or salmon en papillote. However you choose to drink it, this wine tastes like a \$40 Chardonnay. So, we encourage you to revel in this good fortune and pick up a bottle or two to help finish out these dog days of summer.

## Baker's Dozen

**In case you haven't checked out this section of the store, these are our "Green Stickered" wines that get you an extra 15% off on full or mixed cases**

Leyda Pinot Noir \$10.99 (12.99)	Mirth Chardonnay \$8.99 (13.99)
Castle Rock Cabernet \$9.99 (10.99)	Yealands Sauvignon Blanc \$10.99 (12.99)
Buzz Cut White Blend \$11.99 (15.99)	Riff Pinot Grigio \$10.99 (12.99)
Picard Cotes du Rhone \$9.99 (12.99)	Hout Bay Shiraz \$8.99 (12.99)
Les Garrigues Grenache Blanc \$10.99 (12.99)	Frisk "Prickly" Riesling \$10.99 (13.99)
Boomtown Chardonnay \$9.99 (15.99)	Frescobaldi Remolé \$9.99 (12.99)
Ordinary Wine "Boneshaker" Red \$9.99 (11.99)	

## Back by Popular Demand: Over 90, Under 20!

A feature of some great scoring wines, with super-affordable prices!

### ★ 2005 Tenuta Vitalonga "Terra di Confine", Umbria \$17.99 (24.99) 91 WA

★ "Sweet red cherries, spices and earthiness are some of the nuances that emerge from this beautifully balanced, yet full red. The finish is long, sweet and finessed. 80% Montepulciano and 20% Merlot"

### ★ 2009 Sigalas Asyrtitiko/Athiri, Santorini \$16.99 (18.99) 90 WA

★ Steely, piercing and mouth gripping, this wine should age well. A blend of 75% Asyritiko and 25% Athiri, two grapes found on Greece's beautiful island of Santorini. Sigalas is one of Greece's finest wine producers.

### ★ 2009 Crios de Susana Balbo Malbec \$13.99 (\$15.99) 90 WA

★ The aromas are a mix of freshly crushed black cherries and toasty/smoky oak—just enough to frame the exuberant fruit. On the palate, the flavors of cherries and spice are obvious, and the jammy fruit quality just keeps coming on strong with hints of spice and sandalwood lurking in the background.

### ★ 2007 Bodegas Castana Solanera \$15.99 (\$18.99) 90 WA, 90 IWC

★ 65% Monastrell, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Garnacha Tintorera. An opaque purple color with a powerful, seductively perfumed bouquet that displays scents of blackberry, blueberry, dried flowers, incense and minerals. Deep yet lively, offering sweet red and dark berry flavors and a sexy violet pastille quality. Supple tannins gain strength with air and add grip to an impressively sweet, persistent finish."

### ★ 2009 Bodegas Olivares Altos de la Hoya Monastrell \$11.99 (\$13.99) 90 WA

★ This wine delivers high-toned black and blue fruit flavors and aromas framed by a ripe wine with lively acidity, followed by a smooth texture, and a pure, silky finish.

### ★ 2009 Bodegas Botani Moscatel Seco, Malaga Spain \$16.99 (\$19.99) 91 WA

★ Sourced from 70 year old Moscatel Seco vines this wine is fermented mainly in stainless steel (about 30% in neutral French oak). Hints of mineral, spring flowers and tropical aromas. Dry, but very fruity and refreshing with an exceptionally long finish.

# Vintage Wine Shoppe

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## August Tasting Schedule

All Thursday and Friday Tastings 5-6:30

There is **NO CHARGE**, but please bring jelly, peanut butter or condiments to help support

The Oak Mountain Missions!

Fri Aug 5: Newsletter

Fri Aug 12: Iberian Peninsula

Fri Aug 19: Viva la France!

Thurs Aug 25: "Down Under" Open House

Fri Aug 26: "Down Under" Open House

Sat Aug 27, 3-4:30: "Down Under" Open House  
(Australia & New Zealand)

## September Tasting Schedule

All Thursday and Friday Tastings 5-6:30

**NO CHARGE**, Please bring PB Or Jelly for OMM

Fri Sept 2: Pairing wine with Steak (not Cabs!)

Fri Sept 9: Cuvee Cuveliers los Andes

Thurs Sept 15: Bordeaux Open House

Fri Sept 16: Bordeaux Open House

Sat Sept 17 3-4:30: Bordeaux Open House

Fri Sept 23: Oregon Wines

## August and September Classes:

ALL CLASSES REQUIRE  
REGISTRATION and PREPAYMENT  
Classes start at 7:00

**August 16th: Oregon AVA's \$35**

Explore the different AVA's of Oregon and test your "blind tasting skills"! This one promises to be a sell-out!

**August 30t: Tre Bicchieri Part II \$40**

Once again, we have an amazing lineup of winners from the Gambero Rosso!

**September 13: Basics of Wine 101 \$25**

Want to learn about wine, but don't know where to begin? Well, here is your chance!

**September 27: 2006 Brunello \$40**

2006 is "A Vintage for the Ages", according to the wine experts, so come check out some great wines!

## **Thursday August 11th: South African Wine Tasting With Eileen Hallmark of Vineyard Brands**

Featuring the wines of South Africa, a very interesting and intriguing region of the wine world  
**NO CHARGE! 5-6:30!!!**

## **Labor Day Mega Huge Wine Sale...Sept. 1-5**

**15% off!!! Full and Mixed Cases of Wine  
(Does not include previously ordered wine,  
pre-sales or futures)**

**Labor Day Gift Sale  
September 1-5!  
Most gifts 25% Off**

**September ONLY!  
Pottery, Pillows and  
Paintings!  
20% Off**

## **August Open House: Australia & New Zealand "Down Under Open House"**

**August 25-27 Most gifts 25% Off**

**And Wine Tastings on**

**Thurs. Aug 25 and Fri. Aug 26 5-6:30**

**Sat. Aug 27: 3-4:30**

## **September Open House: Bordeaux**

**Sept 15-17 Most gifts 25% Off!**

**And Wine Tastings on**

**Thurs Sept 15 and Fri Sept 16: 5-6:30**

**Sat Sept 17 3-4:30**

**Mark Your Calendar for  
Tuesday, February 21st for our 9th Annual  
"Alabama's Version Of Oregon Pinot Camp"  
Call for details (205) 980-9995**

## **Christmas in August!!!**

**Most gifts 20% off everyday!**

**Does not include Gift Baskets, Cheese or  
already discounted items.**

**Coming Soon: The Vintage Wine Shoppe's  
14th Anniversary Sale!  
Our Biggest Gift & Wine Sale Of The Year!  
Thursday, November 10th thru Saturday, November 12th**

**Congratulations to Carrington Wilson, our winner of this year's Customer Cook-off!  
Find her recipe for *Beef Tenderloin with a Port Wine Reduction Sauce* on our website:  
www.vintagewineshoppe.net**

## **August-September Cellar Selections!**

**2007 Rodney Strong "Symmetry" \$48.99 (66.99) SAVE \$18 A BOTTLE!**

Opens with a generous bouquet of blackberries, black plums and sweet spices.

The palate explodes with black fruits, baking spices and a hint of deep dark cocoa.

**2006 Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino "Etichetta Bianca" \$43.99 (49.99) 93 WS**

Waves of dark fruit caress the palate as this juicy, delicious wine reveals its considerable charm. Lovely weight and richness shine through with a lingering round finish.

**2006 Ciacci Brunello di Montalcino \$68.99 (76.99)**

Rich on the nose with dried cherries and strawberries. Lots of dark chocolate, and hints of freshly brewed espresso. Full and powerful, with rich tannins.