

The Vintage Missive, July - Mid. August 2010

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**Check out our NEW Fortified Wine Selection! Ports, Sherries, Madeiras and Marsalas galore!
Don't know much about Fortified Wines? Come to one of the many classes we are teaching in the
next few months to learn about these exciting wines!**

Picks of the Month:

Badia a Coltibuono or "Abbey of the Good Harvest" is one of Tuscany's most impressive properties. Not only are they a sustainable farm producing amazing wines and olive oils, they also run a cooking school founded by Lorenzo de Medici, mother of wine maker Roberto Stucchi and his sister **Emanuela Stucchi, who will be in Vintage Wine Shoppe on August 5th from 5-6:30 doing an in store tasting of wine and Olive Oil!**

And Food provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill

For our picks, we chose two VERY different Chianti Classicos from Badia a Coltibuono:

2007 Coltibuono Chianti Classico "R.S." \$13.99 (reg. 16.99)

A lovely, fruit forward style of Chianti, with bright red fruits, and spice on the nose. It has great acidity, and aromatics and a lingering finish.

2007 Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico \$18.99 (reg 22.99)

Iris, violet, tobacco black pepper explode from the nose. The palate has supple tannins, mineral notes, deep black cherries and a wonderful acidity.

Cellar Selections:

2008 Adelsheim "Elizabeth's Reserve" \$49.99 (52.99) 92 WS

"Light, focused and impressive for the clarity of its perfumed cherry, raspberry and floral flavors, lingering beautifully against refined tannins".

2007 Shafer Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay \$39.99 (47.99) 92 WA

"Offers loads of tropical fruit, pear and honeysuckle characteristics in its full-bodied personality. The oak component has been downplayed over recent vintages, and the wines is all the better for it, displaying gorgeously pure fruit."

Baker's Dozen

15% discount applies to full or mixed cases of these super-value wines:

Provenquiere Chardonnay \$7.99 (9.99)	Provenquiere Merlot \$7.99 (9.99)
Old School Red Lot 17 \$11.99 (12.99)	Due Torri Pinot Noir \$10.99 (12.99)
Ceviche Sauvignon Blanc \$9.99 (11.99)	Wallace Brook Pinot Gris \$8.99 (12.99)
Coltibuono "Cetamura" Chianti \$9.99 (12.99)	Shooting Star Aligoté \$12.99 (15.99)
Masi "Masianico" \$11.99 (15.99)	Masi "Campofiorin" \$13.99 (18.99)
First Drop "The Red One" \$10.99 (11.99)	Shooting Star Cabernet \$12.99 (17.99)
Pearly Bay "Celebration" Sparkling Rosé NV \$10.99 (12.99)	

Under 20, Over 90 Continues! Even MORE Tasty Wines!

2007 Catena Malbec, *\$19.99 (22.99) 91+ WA, 90 IWC, 91 WS #69 Wine Spectator Top 100*

"A sleek, polished style, with alluring mocha and raspberry ganache notes leading the way, backed by dark plum, hoisin sauce and graphite flavors that push through the finish. This has serious weight, but stays focused and driven." WS

2008 Provenance Sauvignon Blanc *\$14.99 (17.99) 91 WS, #56 Wine Spectator Top 100*

Crisp, dry flavors of tropical fruit and lemon pie are richly textured. A beautifully balanced wine.

2006 Rolf Binder "Hales" Shiraz, *\$19.99 (24.99) 90 WA*

This wine offers an enticing bouquet of wood-smoke, earth, bacon and blueberry. Supple textured, plush, and friendly with gobs of flavor, excellent grip and length.

2008 Domaine Lafond Tavel Rosé *\$19.99 (21.99) 90 WS*

A juicy, rounded style, with nice depth to the tobacco, mulled cherry, strawberry and spice flavors.

2009 Crios de Susana Balbo Torrontes *\$13.99 (15.99) 90 WA*

"It displays a fragrant bouquet of spring flowers, honey, and tropical aromas. Medium bodied and dry on the palate, it has ample fruit backed by vibrant acidity leading to a lengthy finish." WA

2006 Frescobaldi Chianti Rufina Nipozano Riserva *\$17.99 (24.99) 91 WS*

"Sweet blueberry notes with mineral and lilac. Full-bodied with fine tannins and bright fruit." WS

2007 Stephen Ross Edna Valley Chardonnay *\$18.99 (24.99) 90 WS*

"Ripe and full-bodied, with fig, honeydew melon, green apple and spice. Focused and balanced." WS

2008 Bodegas Vinos Pinol "Ludovicus", Terra Alta, Spain *\$9.99 (11.99) 90 WA*

35% Garnacha, 30% Tempranillo, 25% Syrah, and 10% Cabernet. 100,000% Delicious and divine!

2009 Castelo do Papa Godello, Valdeorras, Spain *\$15.99 (13.99) 90 WA*

Mineral, baking spices, melon honeysuckle with ripe concentration and focus. This is superb vintage!

July-August 2010 Tasting Schedule

No Charge!

All Thurs and Fri Tastings 5-6:30

Fri July 9 : Newsletter

Fri July 16: Newsletter

Thurs July 22 and Fri July 23:
South American Open House

Sat July 24 3-4:30: Open House,

Fri July 30: Customer Cook-off

Fri Aug 6: Rosés

Thurs Aug 12 and Fri Aug 13:

Loire Valley Open House

Sat Aug 14 3-4:30: Open House,

July -August Wine Classes:

ALL CLASSES REQUIRE

REGISTRATION and PREPAYMENT

Classes start at 7:00, Call 205-980-9995

Tuesday July 20: The Great Debate \$30

Sauvignon Blanc: New World vs. Old World

Or beyond grapefruit, grass and *pipi du chat*

Tuesday July 27: Tre Bicchieri Part 3 \$40

The Winners keep coming and the are getting better!

Tuesday August 10: 2008 Oregon Pinot Noirs \$35

A beautiful vintage! Best Ever?? Let's see together!

Tuesday August 31: An Intro into Ports \$40

This class is guaranteed to fill up, especially since the class comes with a free Riedel Port glass.

The Great Customer Cook-Off Continues!

Friday July 30th! "Southern Favorites!"

The contestants are ready with their favorite Southern recipes! We have picked out a great selection of wines. All we need now is for YOU TO BE THE JUDGE on Friday July 30 5-6:30 to taste and cast your vote!

South America Open

House July 22-23

5-6:30

And July 24 3-4:30

Wine Tasting & Gift

Sale 25% off

...and...

Loire Valley Open

House Aug 12-14

5-6:30 and Aug 15

3-4:30

Wine tasting & Gift

Sale 25% off!

**Christmas in August! Shop early!
Most gifts 20% off!**

We have a VERY special event Nov 8th! Aldo Vacca, general manager from Produttori del Barbaresco will be here pouring some of the world-famous single vineyards from the stunning 2005 vintage. There is very limited seating for this event, so call 205-980-9995 for more information!

**July Only! 20% off!
Food, Frames, Framed Art and
Football Items!!**