

The Vintage Missive

November 2011

Give Thanks for Friends and Family...and of course, Good Wine!

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	14th Anniversary Sale! Our Biggest Wine and Gift Sale of the Year.	
	Come Stock up for the Holidays!	
	Nov 10th, 11th, and 12th	
	Go to www.vintagewineshoppe.net for a list of the wines.	
	Tasting times:	
	Thursday Nov 11th: 5-6:30; Friday Nov 12th: 5-6:30; Saturday Nov 13th : 3-4:30	

Pick of the Month:

2008 Maysara Estate Pinot Noir , \$30.99
90 Wine Spectator, 91 Wine Advocate

"One of the highlights from our trip to Oregon this summer, was my and Katie's visit to the new winery at Maysara. Tahmiene and Mo Momtazi rolled out the red carpet for us. After a tour of the beautiful vineyards, we visited their brand new winery. Although it was very 'high-tech' it had a warmth and charm that reflected the personalities of its owners. When we tasted through their wines, Katie and I fell in love with the 2008 Maysara Estate Pinot Noir. We found out it was not distributed in our market and begged for some. We hope you enjoy this wine as much as we did. Its hallmark luscious fruit and silky tannins make this a wine we want to share with you and hopefully you'll share it with your family on Thanksgiving. A toast to you, your families and our friends in Oregon." Patti

Speaking of Oregon Pinot Noir.....

If you haven't already marked your calendars, do so now for the 9th Annual Pinot Camp, Tuesday February 21st, 2012, at B & A Warehouse.

*******This year we have 100 tickets available for a "V.I.P." tasting from 5-6:00. These are first come, first served, for \$50. Regular tickets can be purchased for \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. The times for regular ticket holders are from 6-8:00. Please call 205-980-9995 to purchase these tickets today. They make great gifts for all of the Pinot lovers out there!**

November Cellar Selections

2009 Sea Smoke Southing Pinot Noir \$59.99 (64.99)

Each year, the goal for Southing is to create the ideal marriage of complexity and elegance. The seductive nose of the '09 Southing exhibits fresh leather, rose water, black cherry, violets and a hint of cherry.

2009 Xavier Gigondas \$39.99 (46.99) 92-94 WA

"This sensational wine's dense purple color is accompanied by abundant aromas of blueberries, camphor, white flowers and other black fruits. It exhibits terrific fruit intensity, a vivid minerality, a medium to full-bodied mouth feel and superb purity and texture.."

2008 Ancien "Shea Vineyard" Pinot Noir \$51.99 (55.99)

The nose is announced with a deep, spiced fruit aroma and a pronounced earthiness. The fruit on the palate is dark and concentrated, bramble berries, dried cherries, and black raspberries.

Impress your Friends and Family for the Holidays:
Take a wine that is OVER 90 points and UNDER 20 Bucks!

2007 The Originals Merlot, Columbia Valley \$19.99 (22.99) 90 Wine Spectator

“Lithe, supple and elegant, with pretty red plum, rhubarb and spice flavors that glide easily over refined tannins, lingering on the finish. A nice hint of smoke adds to the aftertaste. Drink now through 2015.” WS

2010 Inama Soave Classico \$13.99 (16.99) 90 International Wine Cellar

“Bright straw-green. Floral, high-pitched aromas of stone fruits and fresh herbs on the clean, enticing nose. Shows very good balance and energy to its flavors of lemon icing, green apple, pear and herbs. Richer on the palate than I expected, with lovely concentration and length; this is a very serious entry-level Soave and one of the best versions from Inama in years. Very well done.” S.T.

2009 BenMarco Malbec \$19.99 (22.99) 91 Wine Advocate

“Beautiful deep purple color with perfumed aromas of ripe red fruits and roasted coffee beans. It is lush, full-bodied and penetrating on the palate with loads of chewy, currant jam flavors, bright acidity, and a touch of grip on the almost savory finish. Some Bonarda was blended in for greater complexity and to achieve better balance.” R.P.

2009 G5 Vinos Sin Ley, Garnacha \$13.99 (\$15.99) 91 Wine Advocate

“The 2009 G5 is made from 120 year old Garnacha vines. Dark ruby in color. On the nose, it displays baking spices, wild berries and cherry blossoms. This leads to an intensely flavored, concentrated offering displaying the essence of the Garnacha fruit from which it was made. It contains a bit of structure and might actually deliver a bit more complexity with some aging, however there is no reason to hesitate. This is a superb value.” R.P.

2010 Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc \$11.99 (16.99) 90 Wine Spectator

“Offers a wonderful mix of pineapple, citrus and passion fruit notes that are ripe, fragrant and terrifically refreshing. A beam of acidity keeps the focus and persistence of flavors, with hints of mineral and white pepper.” WS

.....And we have Beaujolais Nouveaux right around the corner!

Manoir du Carra: Domaine Manoir du Carra is located in the small town of Denice, 5 km from Villefranche-sur-Saone, 45 km south of Mâcon and 40 km north of Lyon. The property dates back to 1850, and has been bequeathed from father to son for five generations. It is now owned by Jean-Noël Sambardier and his wife.

Beaujolais Nouveau: \$12.99, Beaujolais Villages Nouveau: \$13.99

Domaine Descroix was founded in 1905 and has been in the family for four generations. Xavier Descroix is the current owner. The winery is located in the village of Lantignié, north of Beaujolais, right next to Beaujeu which is the historic capital of Beaujolais and gave its name to the region. Lantignié encompasses the crus Régnié, Brouilly and Morgon. \$13.99

Join us on Thursday, November 17 th from 5–6:30 for our Nouveaux Beaujolais Tasting!!
Perfect for Thanksgiving. Taste these wines and more!! No Charge!

Baker's Dozen

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

Mohua Sauvignon Blanc \$11.99 (14.99)	Lucky Star Chardonnay \$8.99 (10.99)
McManis Cabernet Sauvignon \$9.99 (13.99)	Mont Tauch Fitou Rouge \$9.99 (10.99)
Fourteen Hands Merlot \$10.99 (14.99)	Vina Borgia, Spain \$6.99 (7.99)
Dr L Riesling \$10.99 (13.99)	Guenoc Claret \$9.99 (19.99)
Glory Days Zinfandel \$7.99 (9.99)	Vinho Verde Ela \$9.99 (10.99)
Cune Rioja Blanco \$10.99 (11.99)	Vinum Pinot Noir \$10.99 (13.99)
Kremser Weinszierl Gruner Veltliner 1 Liter bottle \$12.99 (15.99)	

November Spotlight: Staff Thanksgiving Picks:

It has become one of our favorite yearly traditions: every November the employees' get an opportunity to pick some of their favorite wines to share with family and friends on Thanksgiving. Below are their choices for this November. Pick up a bottle to take home to your family and friends!

Gerald Ware: 2010 Neyers '304' Stainless Steel Chardonnay \$20.99 (24.99)

"This wine is wonderfully aromatic, with a touch of lemon zest and ripe pear. It's crisp and fresh, with loads of flavor. The high natural acidity keeps it balanced and fragrant. We think a glass or two of it before or with dinner may be one of the kindest things you can do for yourself."

2009 Calera Pinot Noir Central Coast \$22.99 (25.99) 92 Wine Advocate

"The 2009 Pinot Noir bursts from the glass with expressive red fruit, flowers, spices and mint. It shows lovely mid-palate juiciness and an elegant, polished finish....it may very well be the single finest value in American Pinot Noir. This is a dazzling wine from start to finish.... Wow!" R.P.

Patti Davidson: 2010 Bethel Heights Pinot Noir Rosé \$18.99 (21.99)

"What could be better with my Mother's Sage Dressing than Bethel Heights Rosé Pinot Noir? The wine has a spiciness and elegance that pairs well with turkey, dressing and even the cranberry sauce. Enjoy!"

2009 Bouchard Pouilly Fuisse \$24.99 (29.99)

"Every now and then you taste a wine that captivates your mind and wins your heart—this wine did that to me when we tasted it this year. Beautiful fruit, honey and a slight lemon quality reminds me of a Meursault, which makes this white Burgundy an excellent value. Don't wait until Thanksgiving to enjoy this beauty."

Foster Smith: 2009 Shooting Star Blue Franc, \$13.99 (15.99)

"An intriguing, vibrant, purplish red, with a body similar to Pinot Noir. It has bright berry flavors and no evidence of oak. A perfect quaffing wine for parties, great with snacks, cold cuts, pizza, or with roasted pork and poultry."

2010 Cordero di Montezemolo Arneis \$15.99 (18.99)

"Immediately unique, very graceful floral aromas and subtle citrus flavors seamlessly blend with a refined minerality balanced acidity."

Katie Spurlock: 2009 Earthquake Zinfandel, Lodi \$24.99 (\$29.99)

"When I think of Thanksgiving, I picture my mother's kitchen: every inch of counter space is occupied by food. This makes choosing a wine for Thanksgiving difficult, so I thought 'what is a versatile wine?' Well, Zin is. And Earthquake Zin will rock your world. It is big, luscious and jammy. Think coffee, dark chocolate and black cherry with smoky, spicy notes. And 16% alcohol will make your relatives more tolerable. J/K!"

2009 Cardwell Hill Cellars Estate Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley \$19.99, (\$24.99)

"This July I attended the 25th Annual IPNC, so I chose an Oregon Pinot Noir from an emerging winery. The 2009 is garnet color and has ripe cherry, plum & exotic spice on the nose. The mouth is full of black raspberry and pomegranate. This wine pairs with a plethora of foods, making it perfect for Thanksgiving. Enjoy with ham, turkey, pheasant, duck, salmon, venison, shellfish or pork. Drink now-2016. WS 89"

And Everyone's Favorite: KWV Cape Tawny Port, South Africa \$10.99 (\$13.99)

South African Ports have a history dating back to the early nineteenth century. Being a British colony with optimal growing conditions it was only natural for the production of both Ports and table wines. Cape Tawny Port has appealing aromas of coffee and toffee. Because of its extensive barrel aging there is a pleasant nutty character on the palate. The wine is smooth and rich with a long, warming finish. It is delightful when served slightly chilled and is an excellent accompaniment to cheeses and chocolate flavored desserts.

Vintage Wine Shoppe Events

280 Station Shopping Center

432 Cahaba Park Circle

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MEGA HUGE WINE SALE November 25-28!

WOW! All mixed cases of wine 15% off!

This is a perfect opportunity to stock up for Christmas or restock what your relatives drank over Thanksgiving!

(does not apply to presales, futures, newsletter wines or end of bin wines)

Make your Holidays Easy! Order Gift Baskets!

We are your one stop for the Holidays! We have the greatest selection of baskets, perfect for any occasion: hostess gifts, holiday gifts, Christmas presents, thank you gifts, corporate baskets...we can do them all! We have a wonderful selection of wine, cheeses, chocolates and WE CAN ALWAYS INCLUDE A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR WINE!

Check out our website: www.vintagewineshoppe.net for samples of our ready made baskets or for information please call 205-980-9995.



November Tasting Schedule

There is No Charge for the tastings, but we ask that you please remember to bring a canned good for our food drive for the

Oak Mountain Mission. It was a tremendous success last year, and we hope to continue the tradition this Holiday Season!

Friday Nov 4, 5-6:30: Newsletter Wines

Thursday Nov 10, 5-6:30: Anniversary Sale

Friday Nov 11, 5-6:30: Anniversary Sale

Saturday Nov 12, 3-4:30 Anniversary Sale

Thursday November 17 5-6:30: Nouveau Beaujolais

Friday Nov 18, 5-6:30: Thanksgiving Wines with
Gia Bivens

Friday Nov 25, 5-6:30: Wines of the Moment

Special Wine Events to Mark on Your Calendar:

Thursday November 3rd: 5-6:30

Steve Lawrence from

Oregon's Bergstrom Winery

&

Saturday November 5th: 3-4:30 Michael

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(A Birmingham favorite!)

No Charge for these tastings

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Pottery, Pilgrims
Pillows and
Paintings!
20% off!

After Thanksgiving Gift
Sale, Friday Nov 25 thru
Monday Nov 28! Most
gifts 25 % off!

All Thanksgiving items
50% off (all sales final)

This is the last big sale
before Christmas, so get
your shopping lists ready!

We have the PERFECT
gift for you!



Looking for a great Stocking Stuffer?

9th Annual Pinot Camp tickets!