

The Vintage Missive

March –April 2009 : Ah! Spring is in the Air!

We were able to get more of your Favorite Bordeaux and even found a new one to add to the mix. And they are all **\$14.99!**

2005 Chateau Tour d'Auron (reg 16.99)

2005 Chateau Damasse (reg 16.99)

2005 Chateau Moulin de Landry (reg 16.99)

2005 Chateau du Bois Favereau (reg 16.99)

Solid or Mixed Case purchases of these wines are 15% off!

2009, The Year of Events, Classes and Tastings Continues....

So far we've had a jam-packed book-signing with Frank Stitt, a record year for Pinot Camp (thank you everyone involved), a tasting from Lilly Locascio from Regaleali, and it's *only March*.

Why stop now when we're having so much fun and tasting so much good wine!

Bordeaux Open House : March 19, 20 and 21

This past year has definitely been the year of 2005 Bordeaux, and we are very happy to still have some more coming in (just check out our Picks of the Month). And although it is not as memorable as the '05 vintage, the 2006 releases are really good for the money! Wine Spectator is calling 2006

"the sleeper vintage" which is wine-speak for "really good value". So join us on:

Thursday March 19: 5-6:30, Friday March 20: 5-6:30 and Saturday March 20: 3-4:30 to catch the last few of the 2005 and get the first glimpse of the 2006 Bordeaux offerings!

Exploring The Wines Of Spain: Tuesday March 24: 7-9 pm

Please join us this evening as we have two Spanish Wine professionals leading us through a tasting of the major regions and grape varieties of Spain. We welcome Carlos Hubner-Arteta from Winebow, Inc. and Robert Jones MS, from Kysela Pere et Fils for a lively and informative panel discussion and tasting. There is No Charge for this event but SPACE IS LIMITED, therefore reservations are required!

Be sure to call 980-9995 and we'll save you a glass for this event.

Zinned Again!: Thursday March 26: 5-6:30 pm

Taste some old favorites and new Zins from California! No Charge for this tasting!

March-April Cellar Selections:

- **2002 Francesc Sanchez Bas Monsalvat, Priorato** \$73.99 (83.99)
- Made from a blend of 70% Cariñena and 30% Garnacha grapes from 80 to 100 year old vines, aged in new French barriques, with flavors of wild blackberries with a long, mineral finish.
- **2005 Mas Sinen Priorat Negre, Priorato** \$58.99 (68.99) 92WA
- "The 2005 Tradition is a blend of 35% Garnacha, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Carinena, and 10% Syrah. The wine was aged in predominantly French oak... " R. Parker
- **2004 Damilano Barolo, "Cannubi"** \$75.99 (91.99) 90WA, 91WS
- A Tre Bicchieri Winner! Full of Blackberry, mineral and licorice and hints of chocolate. Full-bodied yet refined with fine-grained tannins.

Focus on Spain:

The following wines will all be featured at our March 24th event, "The Wines of Spain:"

Here is a Snapshot :

2007 Itsas Mendi Txacolina, Bizkaiko

\$19.99 (22.99)

Produced from 100% Hondarrabi Zuri grapes, a variety native to the Basque area where this wine is produced. The nose of the wine is explosive, reminiscent of Sardinian Vermentino—herbal and floral at once, even a bit tropical.

2007 Palacio del Bornos Verdejo, Rueda

\$14.99 (16.99)

Fruity notes with anise and minerals, typical of the Verdejo grape. Full in the mouth, well structured, dense and persistent with a lingering aftertaste.

2007 Finca de Arantei Albarino, Rias Baixas

\$21.99 (23.99)

Finca de Arantei, a single estate making a 100% Albariño wine, is among the most refined and elegant examples of its type. It is described as distinctly floral with mineral aromas of the grape.

2007 Palacio de Fefinanes Albarino, Rias Baixas

\$23.99 (27.99)

Owner Juan Gil comments that this is a classic Albariño which is good young, but actually improves over 2-3 years and remains quite drinkable for up to five years.

2004 Castillo Labastida Labastida Reserva, Rioja, Spain

\$22.99 (25.99)

Made from 100% Tempranillo from vines over 30 years of age. This wine spends 24 months in barriques, and achieves a complete integration of the flavors of grape and wood, plus the mellowness that only time can provide.

2004 Valsacro Crianza, Rioja

\$29.99 (\$34.99)

"The '04 Crianza is a blend of Garnacha, Tempranillo, and Mazuelo. Dark crimson in color, the nose reveals lots of spice, mineral, black raspberry, and black cherry... this Rioja is layered and rich...spicy, satisfying, and lengthy..." R. Parker

2005 Convento San Francisco Crianza, Ribera del Duero

\$43.99 (\$48.99)

A blend of 90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) and 10% Merlot. Very deep in color with a palate shows tobacco, blackberry, anise, black cherry and clove flavors, with the animal overtones typical to the district. Excellent structure and a lingering finish.

2005 Convento Oreja Roble, Ribera del Duero

\$20.99 (\$24.99)

100% Tempranillo. The wine has been aged for 4 months in a combination of 40% French and 60% American oak... ripe flavors of cassis and blackberry... mineral and sanguine notes add depth.

2005 Anima Negra AN2, Mallorca

\$23.99 (\$26.99)

Grapes from old vines of Callet, Mantonegre-Fogoneu and Syrah are hand-harvested. The wine fills the mouth with ripe, round flavors, yet is refreshing on the palate and firmly held together with its soft tannic structure.

2005 Finca Sobrena Crianza, Toro

\$19.99 (22.99)

"Finca Sobreno's 2005 Crianza is 100% Tinta de Toro... enticing bouquet of cedar, mineral, blackberry, and floral notes. This leads to a ripe, supple, full-flavored, spicy wine with excellent depth." R. Parker

For those of you who missed our in-store signing of Frank Stitt's *Bottega Favorita*, and Tony McClung from Rosenthal imports, we have chosen two of our best selling wines from the event for this newsletter! Grab a bottle to cook with your favorite recipe!

PS: We still have *signed* copies of *Bottega Favorita*! Only \$40.00!

2007 Luigi Ferrando Erbaluce di Calusso "La Torrazza", \$19.99 (22.99)

Erbaluce is an ancient white grape found in Piedmont, with a beautiful bright acidity and an elegant mineral-ity all rounded out with a fresh pears and apples.

2006 Grosjean Gamay, Val d'Aosta \$22.99 (24.99) 90 IWC

Who would have thought "A Gamay from Italy"? But this part of Italy has bit more French influence and the Gamay comes out full of pure black fruit and a light body.

Under \$20...Over 90

Who doesn't love a great wine that doesn't break the bank?

2005 Peter Lehmann Cabernet, Barossa \$14.99 (18.99) 90WS

Ripe with great focus and a beam of cherry that slides into savory flavors with hints of white pepper and all-spice. The tannins are gentle and the finish is lingering. Perfect to drink now through 2015.

2007 La Posta Pizella Malbec, Uco Valley \$15.99 (19.99) 91WS

Fresh vibrant red berry flavors with hints of sandalwood and spice. Medium-bodied and well-structured as the deep chocolate flavors marry into raspberry and cherry.

2007 Albert Mann Pinot Blanc, Alsace \$14.99 (19.99) 90WA

Aromas of fresh apricot, tangerine zest set the scene for a mouthful of citrus fruits that add acidity to the richness of the peach flavors. Minerality mingles with the creaminess creating quite a wine!

2006 Perrin Vinsobres "Les Cornuds" \$17.99 (19.99) 91WS

A ripe, racy and rich Rhone with lots of black fruits, fig paste, plum sauce and graphite backed by coffee, smoke and mineral notes. Enjoy the long structured finish.

2006 Pillar Box Red, Padthaway, Australia \$10.99 (12.99) 91WA

Mainly Shiraz with a lot of Cab and Merlot, this wine offers an enticing fruity nose with layers of black cherry, black raspberry and blueberry. Ripe and full-bodied with layers of flavor.

Special on Dom. Triennes Wines

Founded by the owner of Dujac and Romanee-Conti (two of Burgundy's most famous Wineries), these wines from Provence and great values for the dollar!

St. Auguste Cabernet/Syrah

\$16.99 (18.99)

Ste. Fleur Viognier *\$16.99 (18.99)*

2006 Bordeaux... Sneak Peek !

Ch. Cote de Baleau, \$29.99 (33.99) 90WS

Dense and rich, with plum and wet earth and chewy tannins. A lovely introduction to the 2006 Bordeaux vintage.

Loire Valley Open House!

Friday April 24th 5-6:30 and
Saturday April 25th 1-4!

Website Only Sale!

www.vintagewineshoppe.net
2006 Chateaufeuf-du-Pape sale!
Check out the great sale prices
with 15% off mixed cases!

Baker's Dozen

15% discount applies to full or mixed of these Bargain Wines:

Almira Los Dos \$9.99 (10.99)

Dom. Roux Macon-Villages \$13.99 (14.99)

Hugo Gruner Veltliner \$11.99 (12.99)

Eyzaguirre Merlot \$8.99 (9.99)

Terra Rosa Malbec \$11.99 (12.99)

Los Cardos Sauvignon Blanc \$9.99 (10.99)

Lagaria Pinot Grigio \$10.99 (13.99)

Dom de Beauregard Muscadet \$11.99 (13.99)

Calcu Red \$12.99 (13.99)

Domaine Uby Gascogne Blanc \$8.99 (10.99)

Tres Ojos Old Vine Garnacha \$10.99 (11.99)

Garafoli "Anitca Osteria" Rosso \$7.99 (9.99)

Quattri Mani Montepulciano d'Abruzzo \$12.99 (14.99)

Vintage Wine Shoppe Events

March-April Tasting Schedule

No Charge, but bring a canned good. All tastings are from 5 until 6:30 unless otherwise specified!

Fri Mar 6th:

Exploration & Discovery

Fri Mar 13: Newsletter

Thurs Mar 19th : Bordeaux

Fri Mar 20th : Bordeaux

Sat Mar 21st 3-4:30: Bordeaux

Thurs Mar 26th: Zinned Again!

Fri Mar 27th : Newsletter

Fri April 3rd:

Italy: Off the Beaten Path

Fri April 10th:New Spring Wines

Fri April 17th: Staff Picks

Fri April 24th:

Loire Valley Open House

Sat April 25th: 1-4:00:

Loire Valley Open House

**March
And
April
Sale! 20% off**

Candles,
Crystal and
Ceramics

Vintage Art work
at
Vintage Wine!
We've got our
hands on some
original Old
World prints
varying in age
from 290 to 146
years!

Wine Classes:

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

Call 980-9995 for Reservations

March 17: The Great Debate: Merlot \$45

Great Merlot: France vs. Italy

April 7th: Wine Component Class \$30

Finding the parts n' pieces in a glass of wine!

April 21st: Cabernets from around the World \$30

From France to Cali to South Africa to Australia.

May 5th: Tre Bicchieri Part 3 \$40

More and more winners!

May 19th: 2004 Brunello \$40

An unbelievable Vintage!

Congrats to Robbie Cameron

Winner of the Customer Cook-Off!

See his recipe on www.vintagewineshoppe.net

Did you know we have a Bridal registry? Just ask us!

We have great gifts for the Groom, too!

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Save the Date! 24th Annual Evening of Wines benefitting the Multiple Sclerosis Society!

Friday May 8, 2009 Rosewood Hall, SoHo Square.

VWS is partnering up with the MS Society, and we encourage you to search in your cellar or buy wines from our Shoppe to donate to this very worthy cause .

We also encourage you to buy a ticket (available at 205-879-8546)!