

Vintage Wine Shoppe Events

July-August Tasting Schedule
 No Charge, Tastings are from 5 until 6:30 unless otherwise specified!

Thurs July 2: Jim n' Nick's
Fri July 3: Great Values for the 4th
Fri July 10: Newsletter
Thurs July 16: Bastille Day
Fri July 17: Newsletter
Thurs July 23: The Wines of Greece
Fri July 24: The Wines of Italy
Sat July 25 3-4:30: Spanish Wines
Fri July 31: Great Customer Cook-Off! Wine and Seafood!
Sat Aug 1 3-4:30: Coming Out Party (Our month-long, welcome-back to wines over 15%)
Fri Aug 7: California MIA
Thurs Aug 13: Zins
Fri Aug 14: Welcome Back Aussies!
Sat. 15th 3-4:30: Other Regions!

July Gift Sale:
Food, Frames, & Framed Art 20% off! (except Cheese)

 July 4 Kick-Off!
 Thurs. July 2, Jim n' Nick's BBQ paired with wines!
 Free! 5-6:30!

We like to Celebrate Christmas in August, too! Most Gifts 20% off all month!

Wine Classes:
 ALL CLASSES REQUIRE REGISTRATION and PREPAYMENT
 Classes start at 7:00
 Call 980-9995 for Reservations
July 14th: Basics of Wine \$25
 Learn about tannins, acidity and basic grapes
July 21st: 2007 Rhones Part 1 \$35
 "The Vintage of Our Lifetime"
August 11th: Tre Bicchieri Part Tres \$40
 More of Italy's Best Wines of the Year
August 25th: Cheese and Wine \$35
 Pairing Two of our Favorite Things: Cheese & Wine!

Special Riedel Vinum Class! Tues. Sept 8, 7-9:00
 hosted by a representative from Riedel. Learn about the different styles and take home 5 Glasses! **Class is only \$75** (glasses are a \$140 value!)
 Call 980-9995 for reservations

Customer Cook-Off, Friday July 31: Seafood & Wine!
 Call 980-9995 to sign up to cook your best dish!

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Attention! Awesome Sale! July 2-6
All cases of wine are 15% off (Full or Mixed cases!)
 (Does Not include End of Bin Box, Pre-sales or wines previously ordered).
 Are you checking our website? If not, you are missing out on our MONDAY SPECIALS! Go to www.vintagewineshoppe.net for more info.! And ...We are now on FACEBOOK! Friend us!

The Vintage Missive

July—Mid August Newsletter

Stop in sometime! We have Air-Conditioning and Chilled Wines!

The May-June Newsletter was a runaway success! You, our valued customer, responded to our AWESOME Picks of the month so well, that we decided to stick with the super-exciting Rhone Valley for our picks for this month's newsletter. Again, there are SO many great values out there to choose from, we thought we should offer you THREE really great wines! Try them all!

2007 Perrin Cairanne Peyre Blanche, 91WS
Only \$19.99 (reg 25.99)

A Blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre, this Cotes du Rhone Villages comes from the heart of the Cairanne area which is near Rasteau. From clay and gravel terraced soils, this wine is expressive, rich and full bodied. Chock full of fig preserves, blackberry and a bit of smokiness. This is a Vintage Wine Shoppe exclusive!!!

2007 Kermit Lynch Vacluse
Only \$9.99 (reg 11.99)

The grapes are grown by the Leydier family (they also produce Domaine Durban), and then carefully blended by Kermit Lynch, who strives to produce a mouth-filling, fruit and spice-focused, terroir-driven wine that still leaves you some change in your wallet. The result is spectacular. A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Marsellan (there's a new grape for you), from the outskirts of Cotes du Rhone. Enjoy!

2007 Chateau Fortia Chateauneuf-du-Pape, "Cuvée de Baron" 91-94 IWC
Only \$38.99 (reg 43.99)

This historic estate focuses this particular cuvée on a blend made mainly of Syrah with balance of Grenache. The wine is a beautiful, medium red, with an alluring bouquet of fresh red berries, minerals and roses. On the palate, the red fruit flavors are firmed up by tangy minerals and dusty

Cellar Selections:
2005 Doña Paula Selección de Bodega Malbec, Mendoza, 94WA & 91WS
\$36.99 (39.99)
 A splendid nose of pencil lead, plum, black cherry and earth notes. On the palate, expect richness and overwhelming flavors of blueberry sauce, hints of anise, black pepper and violets. The finish is elegant and lingering. While approachable now, it can be cellared for another 4 years.

Spotlight on South America:

Great Values from one of the World's Most Exciting Wine Regions

- 2006 Durigutti Bonarda, Mendoza, Argentina** \$12.99 (15.99)
Big and lush with spice, blackberry, blueberry and a hint of vanilla. The flavors burst on the palate with ripe fruits, finishing with smooth tannins.
- 2006 Chono Carmenere, Maipo Valley, Chile** \$9.99 (12.99) 88IWC
A hearty, deep red wine made from the Carmenere grape. Aged briefly in oak for a hint of spiciness on the palate. A perfect wine for Barbequed fare this summer.
- 2007 Alamos Malbec Seleccion, Argentina** \$17.99 (\$20.99) 90WS
Bouquet is full of ripe. Black fruits with hints of leather, vanilla and spice. Full-bodied and supple on the palate with juicy black cherry and black raspberry, layered black pepper and anise. Great finish.
- 2008 Crios de Susana Balbo Torrontes, Argentina** \$12.99 (15.99) 90WA
Enticing aromas of peaches, white pears, flowers and bright citrus fruit. Beautiful structure on the palate with bright acidity, fruitiness and some white flowers. Pair with smoked meats, cheeses and crab.
- 2007 Marques de Casa Concha Cabernet, Chile** \$17.99 (20.99) 90WA
Alluring aromas of cedar, lavender, black currant and blackberry lead into a palate with gobs of black fruit and ripe tannins.
- 2007 Marques de Casa Concha Chardonnay, Chile** \$17.99 (19.99) 91WA
Toasty oak, butterscotch, pear and tropical fruit notes. The texture is creamy. With full flavors and a lively acidity and good fruit.
- 2008 Rayun Sauvignon Blanc, Chile** \$6.99 (8.99) 87IWC
A great value for this already-really hot summer. Grapefruit, kiwi, lime and pineapple on the nose lead into these same fresh fruits with a firm minerality on the palate.

.....And From Other Parts of the World...

- 2008 Adelsheim Pinot Noir Rosé, Willamette Valley \$16.99 (20.99)**
A Vintage Wine Shoppe Exclusive!!!! Fresh aromas of strawberries and citrus blossoms envelope the bouquet which flow through a zesty, well-textured palate with great intensity and persistence. It is a great porch-sipper, but it will go with almost any summer fare, from BBQ to Grilled Peaches on a salad.
- 2007 Lioco Chardonnay, Sonoma \$17.99 (19.99) 90WS**
This Sonoma Chard exhibits notes of lemon, ginger, crushed seashells and chalk on the nose. It is round on the palate while possessing a crisp, lively acidity with lemons, tart pears and minerals.
- 2006 Carpe Diem Cabernet, Napa Valley \$25.99 (29.99)**
This wine is made by the same winemaking team that brings you Napanook and Dominus, so you know it is made by the best and brightest. It has beautiful, firm tannins and a Bordeaux-style elegance with sage and cedar notes framing deep red strawberries and currants. Perfect for a Rib-eye straight off the grill.
- 2008 Merieau Sauvignon Blanc Touraine "L'arpents Vaudons", Loire Valley \$13.99 (16.99)**
A great Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire Valley. It is lively, crisp with a subtle chalkiness and elegant citrus backbone. Think of this as a baby Sancerre, perfect for shrimp or raw oysters.
- 2006 Poggio alla Guardia Maremma, Toscana \$21.99 (25.99)**
What happens when one of Italy's best winemakers teams up with one of Bordeaux's best winemakers? You get really good wine, pure and simple. From Paolo Panerai and Eric de Rothschild is the lovely Super-Tuscan: a blend of Merlot, Sangiovetto and Cabernet. Spicy with medium body and lively tannins.
- 2007 Cascina Bongiovanni Dolcetto, Piedmont \$17.99 (\$20.99)**
Ruby gem-stone in color, intensely fruity and full, complex, rich and juicy, a great red wine for an easy Friday night dinner of burgers or a rotisserie chicken.

Under \$20...Over 90

Check out these Great Values and Their Great Scores!

- 2008 Neil Ellis Sauvignon Blanc, Groenkloof, South Africa \$13.99 (15.99) 90WS**
"Very fresh and racy, with floral, white peach, fleur de sel and lime notes that crackle all the way through the lengthy finish. Focused and pure, with a nice herb-tinged spine." J.M.
- 2007 Nine Stones "Hilltops" Shiraz, Australia \$12.99 (14.99) 90WS**
"Ripe and generous, this Australian red shows a mineral edge to the blackberry and cardamom flavors, remaining open and inviting through the long, balanced finish." H.S.
- 2007 Au Bon Climat Chardonnay, Santa Barbara \$17.99 (21.99) 91WS**
"Crisp and tightly wound, with sleek pineapple, melon and green apple notes that are firm, focused and full-bodied. This is most impressive on the finish, where the flavors are juicy." J.L.
- 2005 Sociedad Agricola Los Maquis Lien, Colchagua Valley, Chile \$15.99 (18.99) 90IWC**
"Seductively perfumed aromas of black raspberry and smoky Indian spices, with floral and mineral accents adding complexity. Juicy, gentle sweet red berry flavors pack a good punch". S.T.
- 2007 Vissoux Beaujolais Vieilles Vignes, "Cuvee Traditionelle" \$17.99 (19.99) 90WA**
"Pure red berry and cassis fruit, sweet floral notes, citrus rind pungency, saline minerality and an inner intensity that will leave your palate refreshed and invigorated." R.P.
- 2006 Doña Paula Shiraz-Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina \$11.99 (16.99) 90WA**
"The 2006 Shiraz (60%) - Malbec (40%) raises the bar considerably. It has an enticing nose of spice, chocolate, wood smoke, earth notes, blueberry and black cherry. Ripe and layered, this rich effort will

Great Bordeaux Values

- 2005 Chateau Clos de Brague**
\$11.99 (reg 14.99)
- 2006 Chateau Beaumont**
\$17.99 (reg 21.99)
- 2005 Chateau Bel-Air**
\$11.99 (reg 14.99)

It's All Greek to Us!

- Come taste these wines Thursday July 30 5-6:30 and experience some very cool wines!
- 2007 Sigalas Santorini Asyritiko \$19.99 (22.99) 90WA
2007 Sigalas Santorini Asyritiko "Athiri" \$15.99 (17.99)
2007 Skouras Rosé \$11.99 (13.99)
2007 Skouras Chardonnay "Almyra" \$15.99(18.99)89WA
2006 Skouras St. George \$14.99 (17.99)
2005 Skouras "Megs Oenos" \$24.99 (26.99) 88WA

Baker's Dozen

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

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| Falesco Vitiano \$10.99 (13.99) | Viña Borgia \$7.99 (8.99) |
| Stephen Vincent "Crimson" \$9.99 (11.99) | Borsao Campo de Borja \$7.99 (8.99) |
| Shooting Star Aligoté \$12.99 (14.99) | Shooting Star Zinfandel \$11.99 (13.99) |
| Lagaria Pinot Grigio \$10.99 (13.99) | Dom Couron "Little Canyon" \$10.99 (13.99) |
| Terra Robles Chardonnay \$10.99 (13.99) | Cono Sur Pinot Noir \$8.99 (10.99) |
| Terra Robles Cabernet \$10.99 (13.99) | Colosi Rosso \$9.99 (12.99) |
| Dom. Provenquiere Chardonnay \$8.99 (10.99) | |