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Chaleur Estate

2005 DeLILLE CELLARS

What else can we say about the DeLille Cellars 'Chaleur Estate' Red? In previous years we have described it as succulent, delicious, world-class, amazing, and stunning. The 2005 vintage has taken it to yet a higher level. The complexity, perfume, spice, and oak give it a bouquet that is wonderful. Delicious fruit flavors of ripe blueberry, black cherry, and damson plum, and hints of mocha, chocolate, tobacco leaf, and crême brûlée make it a complete wine that will live a long time. Maybe we should say that it delivers a new state of enjoyment for Washington State reds—sublime.

2005 DeLille Cellars 'Chaleur Estate' Red

Yakima Valley (Limited) 66.95 net

LEONETTI CELLAR PRE-SELL

We are selling the new releases of Leonetti Cellar wines in February, prior to their release in March. These wines really need no description to sell, but we feel compelled to say that Leonetti Cellar reds have never been better. These are among the best wines in the state. Please inquire as to how many bottles of each you may purchase. Credit card payments are being accepted to guarantee your order.

Please confirm availability before sending payment.

2006 Leonetti Cellar Merlot

Columbia Valley (Limit) 71.95 net

2005 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon

Walla Walla Valley (Limit) 89.95 net

2005 Leonetti Cellar Reserve

Walla Walla Valley (Limit) 139.95 net

2005 PEDESTAL & PIROUETTE

The 2005 Long Shadows Merlot 'Pedestal' shows intense cherry, blackberry, and pie dough aromas. Ripe tannins make it a full-bodied Merlot with a great concentration of flavor. The 2005 Long Shadows 'Pirouette' is a deeply powerful wine, having a dominant Cabernet Sauvignon flavor profile. It will reward those who cellar it for five to seven years.

2005 Long Shadows Merlot 'Pedestal'

Columbia Valley (Limited) 55.00 45.65VS

2005 Long Shadows 'Pirouette'

Columbia Valley (Limited) 55.00 45.65VS

The two prices reflected in this newsletter are the regular retail and the Vintage Select discount price. The Vintage Select Club is a buyer's club which saves you 17% on wine purchases (paid by cash or check) whether you buy them by the case or by the bottle. In addition, you are mailed this monthly newsletter which details the new releases, special prices and gives you advance notice of the arrival of hot new wines.

Lifetime membership fee is \$100. Be sure that you are getting the most for your money...join the Vintage Select Club.

2005 ANDREW WILL REDS

More delectable 2005 Andrew Will Reds are arriving in February, so as is predictable, we invited winemaker Chris Camarda to visit the shops and showcase his new wines. This is always one of our most popular Saturday tastings. Come in and meet Chris, taste these superb new wines, and have him sign a few bottles on Saturday, February 16th at both shops.

2005 Andrew Will Red 'Two Blondes Vineyard'

Yakima Valley 46.50 38.60VS

2005 Andrew Will Red 'Sorella'

Columbia Valley 67.00 55.61VS

2005 Andrew Will Syrah 'Annie Camarda'

Columbia Valley 45.00 37.35VS

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February 16th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

Chris Camarda will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM

and at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM

2006 SYNCLINE REDS

Two excellent new reds from James and Poppy Mantone of Syncline Wine Cellars have just arrived. The 2006 Syncline Syrah is a blend of fruit from Coyote Canyon and Milbrandt Vineyards. It has a dash of Grenache and hint of Cinsault added that give it a complex aroma. On the palate, it shows oodles of earthy black plum fruit and its finish is complex and as clean as a whistle. The 2006 Syncline Mourvedre 'Coyote Canyon Vineyard' is a beauty as well, having huge black plum and cassis fruit. It picks up a faintly smoky note from aging in French oak. These are their best wines to date, which is really saying something as so many of their previous wines have been so good.

2006 Syncline Syrah

Columbia Valley 22.00 18.26VS

2006 Syncline Mourvedre 'Coyote Canyon Vineyard'

Horse Heaven Hills 25.00 20.75VS

SAVE THE DATES

We will be co-sponsoring two fabulous wine dinners in February. The venues, menus, and wines being served will follow in our weekly email.

Monday, February 25th-Laurent Drouhin from Maison Joseph Drouhin

and

Tuesday, February 26th-Etienne de Montille from Domaine de Montille and Château de Puligny-Montrachet.

2006 CHINOOK CABERNET FRANC

Chinook Cabernet Franc is one of the year's most popular "light" reds. Styled like a fine Loire Valley Chinon, the focus of the 2006 Chinook Cabernet Franc is on its pretty dried cherry, vanilla, and plum flavors. Its food-friendly nature comes from the soft tannins and pleasing acidity. By not trying to compete with big reds, it has garnered a reputation and following that sets it apart from the masses.

2006 Chinook Cabernet Franc

Yakima Valley 21.00 17.43VS

2006 RANDALL HARRIS MERLOT

Pow! Boom! Bang! Randy Leitman has another hit. The 2006 Randall Harris Merlot has lots of the "F" word—fruit! It is a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon from blocks of Hyatt Estate, Cherry Hill, and Three Rocks Vineyards. Every part of it is in balance, an amazing thing for a wine that retails for \$10.

2006 Randall Harris Merlot

Columbia Valley 10.00 8.30VS

THE PARADE OF WASHINGTON WINES

With the number of Washington wineries now over the 500 mark, new wines of sound quality seem to be coming from all over the state. It is a full-time job just keeping track of who's who. See how many you recognize!

2005 Winemakers Loft Red Table

Columbia Valley 13.00 10.79VS

2006 Saviah 'The Jack'

Columbia Valley 15.00 12.45VS

2006 Animale Grenache

Yakima Valley 22.00 18.26VS

2006 Masquerade Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2005 Hightower Merlot

Columbia Valley 28.00 23.24VS

2005 Latitude 46°N Syrah

'The Power & The Glory' 28.00 23.24VS

2005 Covington Cellars Sangiovese

Columbia Valley 29.00 24.07VS

2005 Michael Florentino Tempranillo

Columbia Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2005 Hence Cellars Red 'Cultivar'

Walla Walla Valley 43.00 35.69VS

2006 K VINTNERS

The 2006 K Vintners Syrah 'Milbrandt Vineyard' has the most sedate of all Charles Smith's black and white labels, but the juice inside is anything but sedate. It has crushed raspberries, roasted nuts, hints of that elusive truffle and all the gamey flavors Syrah lovers enjoy savoring. On the other hand, the 2006 K Vintners 'The Boy' is graphically great in the most wacky way and the wine inside is a bit the same. It is an earthy blend of Grenache and Syrah, having plenty of tannin, alcohol, and wild berry fruit flavor. It will get one's attention with its massive structure.

2006 K Vintners Syrah 'Milbrandt Vineyard'

Columbia Valley 28.00 23.24VS

2006 K Vintners Grenache/Syrah 'The Boy'

Walla Walla Valley (Limited) 48.00 39.84VS

CASA VENTURA IMPORTS

Casa Ventura Imports is a local company based in Bellingham that represents fine wines from small, family-owned wineries in Spain. They focus on wineries which use non-aggressive agricultural and viticultural practices. Their goal is to preserve the traditional winemaking methods of each region, especially by using native varieties. We are featuring a selection of their wines that represent great value and delicious flavor. Come in and sample these wines on Saturday, February 9th at both shops.

2005 Agusti Torello Mata Rosat-Trepat (Sparkling)

Sant Sadurni d'Anoia 20.00 16.60VS

2006 Castelo de Medina Verdejo Blanco

Rueda 11.00 9.13VS

2005 Finca La Estacada

La Tierra de Castilla 12.00 9.96VS

2004 Aljibes

La Tierra de Castilla 17.00 14.11VS

2006 Pinuaga Tempranillo

La Tierra de Castilla 16.00 13.28VS

2004 Solpost

Montsant 23.00 19.09VS

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*Laura Stiff will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM
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2006 VERNAY SYRAH

Rustic, unpolished Syrah can be fun to savor on cold evenings, especially when served with spicy stews. The 2006 Domaine Georges Vernay Syrah is a classic example of northern Rhône Syrah. A sort of mini-Côte-Rôtie, it comes from vines outside the appellation, but the winemaking is that of one of the most respected producers in the region.

2006 Domaine Georges Vernay Syrah
Collines Rhodaniennes 22.00 18.26VS

2006 JOHN DUVAL REDS

John Duval was a winemaker for Penfolds for 29 years and was in charge of making Penfolds 'Grange' during the 1990's. He set out to begin his own label in 2003 and the wines have followed a stellar track since then. The 2006 John Duval SGM 'Plexus' is a treat to taste, and in many ways resembles Penfolds 'Grange' with its velvety mouthfeel. It is a dandy for serving with ribs. The 2006 John Duval Shiraz 'Entity' could easily be used as a model for what Shiraz should be. The spice and berry flavors are dialed in perfectly, and there is a flavor in the finish that really tickles the palate.

2006 John Duval SGM 'Plexus'
Barossa Valley 43.00 35.69VS

2006 John Duval Shiraz 'Entity'
Barossa Valley 43.00 35.69VS

2005 DOMAINE DE LA CHAPELLE

With the Euro at an all-time high against the dollar, the idea of finding well-priced white Burgundy is becoming a challenge. The 2005 Domaine de la Chapelle Pouilly-Fuissé 'Vieilles Vignes' is a fine value for an alternative to Meursault or Puligny-Montrachet. It has a wonderful bouquet of green apple and vanilla. The flavor is buttery, the acidity is mineral rich, and the finish lasts solidly for over a minute. This is an excellent example of the special complexity of Pouilly-Fuissé, when it is made from the best sites under optimal growing conditions.

2005 Domaine de La Chapelle Pouilly-Fuissé
'Vieilles Vignes' 36.00 29.88VS

2006 MATROT BOURGOGNE BLANC

Don't miss the excellent 2006 Thierry et Pascale Bourgogne Blanc. Tasting like declassified Meursault, this is a steal. It has a bold aroma of apples and nutmeg, a big round palate impression, and a charming style.

2006 Thierry et Pascale Matrot Bourgogne Blanc
18.00 14.94VS

2006 CALDORA SANGIOVESE

The 2006 Caldora Sangiovese has the fruit character, flavor, texture, and finish of Tuscan reds costing five times as much. Treat yourself to a bottle of this as soon as possible. Although there is a decent supply, most folks are buying cases after sampling a bottle.

2006 Caldora Sangiovese
Terre di Chieti IGT 11.00 9.13VS

TENUTA VALDIPIATTA

The 2005 Tenuta Valdipiatta Rosso di Montepulciano is made from young vines of the Prugnolo Gentile, Canaiolo Nero, and Mammolo. It is a lovely, textured red with a big, dried cherry flavor and soft, yet supple tannins. This is a perfect wine for light meat dishes. The 2003 Tenuta Valdipiatta Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is made from the traditional blend of Prugnolo Gentile and Canaiolo Nero grapes. The wine has similar dried cherry fruit flavor but with the addition of dried rose petal scents. There is no evidence of heat from the 2003 vintage. This wine will age gracefully for up to ten years.

2005 Tenuta Valdipiatta Rosso
Montepulciano 20.00 16.60VS

2003 Tenuta Valdipiatta Vino Nobile
Montepulciano (Limited) 34.00 28.22VS

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February 26th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

2004 FINCA ALLENDE

Winemaker Miguel Angel de Gregorio owns the Finca Allende estate together with his sister Mercedes. He learned his trade at Bodegas Bretón from 1989 until 1997, but he has been making Finca Allende since 1986. The estate is located in the village of Briones in the Rioja Alta, and the 22-hectare farm is divided into more than 90 parcels, each being separately studied to discover its terroir. The 2004 Finca Allende Rioja is a marvelous wine with a bouquet filled with dried cherry, rose petal, tobacco leaf, and plum. On the palate, it has a bold expression of Tempranillo—an earthy combination of fruit and mineral flavors. There is a robust flavor of currants and a long texture-rich finish. This is an excellent example of the modern style of winemaking in Rioja. The focus is on the flavors and textures of the young wine, and not on excessive wood aging.

2004 Finca Allende
Rioja 24.00 19.92VS

Queen Anne Hours
Tuesday-Friday 11-7
Saturday 10-6
Closed Sunday & Monday

Ravenna Hours
Tuesday-Friday 10:30-6:30
Saturday 10-6
Closed Sunday & Monday



TASTINGS AT BOTH SHOPS

VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES

Saturday February 9th 11AM-5PM *free*
 Casa Ventura Spanish Wines
 Laura Stiff will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM
 and at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM

Saturday February 16th 11AM-5PM *free*
 2005 Andrew Will Reds
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Saturday February 23rd 11AM-5PM *free*
 Tenuta Valdiplatta Reds

2005 DeLille Cellars 'Harrison Hill'
 Yakima Valley 66.95 *net*

2005 DeLille Cellars Syrah 'Doyenne'
 'Grand Ciel Vineyard' 69.95 *net*

2005 Pepper Bridge Merlot
 Walla Walla Valley 56.00 46.48VS

2003 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon
 Napa Valley 101.00 83.83VS

2005 Ramey Claret
 Napa Valley 40.00 33.20VS

A selection of 2006 Matrot, 2005 Chandon de Briailles, and 2005 Joseph Roty Burgundies will be arriving – please inquire.

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We will call or e-mail you when the wines arrive.

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