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VINTAGE SELECT BUYERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## 2007 BETZ FAMILY

The 2007 Betz Family Rhône variety reds are their best to date. The 2007 Betz Family 'Bésoleil' is mostly Grenache with a bit of Mourvèdre and Syrah that shows a beautiful bouquet of rose petals and violets, and hints at garrigue. Well balanced, it is a mouthful of fresh berry fruits. The 2007 Betz Family Syrah 'La Serenne' shows bold flavors of blueberries and blackberries and has the most forward appeal of these wines. The 2007 Betz Family Syrah 'La Côte Rousse' is complex and brooding, wild and gamey, dense and tannic. It will do well with aging and it clearly takes time to open.

### 2007 Betz Family Red 'Bésoleil'

Columbia Valley 41.95 net

### 2007 Betz Family Syrah 'La Serenne'

Yakima Valley 52.95 net

### 2007 Betz Family Syrah 'La Côte Rousse'

Red Mountain 52.95 net

*Taste these wines on Saturday,  
September 19th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

## 2007 ANDREW WILL

Winemaker Chris Camarda will be in the shops on Saturday, September 26th to sample his new 2007 Andrew Will Red 'Two Blondes' and his 2007 Andrew Will Red 'Champoux'. Always a great event, Chris will be available to discuss his techniques, give his impressions of the wines, and sign bottles. Come in and taste these superb new wines.

### 2007 Andrew Will Red 'Two Blondes'

Yakima Valley 41.95 net

### 2007 Andrew Will Red 'Champoux'

Horse Heaven Hills 49.95 net

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## 2007 SYNCLINE 'CUVÉE ELENA'

A complex blend of 70% Grenache, 17% Mourvèdre, 9% Carignan, 2% Cinsault, and 2% Syrah, dark fruit flavors converge in this stylish red from winemaker James Mantone. Black currants, blackberries, and black plums fill the opulent aroma. The wine reminds us of Vacqueyras with its slight saline element and powerful tannins. This is a wine to cellar until winter and enjoy on a stormy night. (Only 275 cases produced.)

### 2007 Syncline Red 'Cuvée Elena'

Columbia Valley 35.00 29.05VS

*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're getting the most for your money...join the Vintage Select Club.*

## BUTY WINES

Nina Buty and Caleb Foster of Buty Winery have been perfecting their winemaking with each new vintage and their new wines are exceptional. We are pleased to have Nina visit the shops and pour these wines on Saturday, September 12th. Come in and taste these terrific new wines.

### 2008 Buty Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc

Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

### 2008 Buty Chardonnay 'Comer Lee Vineyard'

Columbia Valley 36.00 29.88VS

### 2007 Buty Red 'Columbia Rediviva'

Horse Heaven Hills 52.00 43.16VS

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## OWEN ROE

The motto of David O'Reilly is "at Owen Roe we do not compromise: only the best is good enough." It is clear that David has taken the wines of his favorite Washington vineyards and chosen to express their fruit purely and precisely. His wines sing of the berries of summer, the plums at the turn of the season, and the licorice and sweet spices of children's candy. The masculine weight of the palate, dense black currant, boysenberry, and chocolate flavors, is always balanced by a feminine note of sweet cassis, red grape, and Damson plum in the finish. But let us not be the judge. Come in and sample the wares of this Irish wizard on Saturday, September 5th at both shops.

### 2008 Owen Roe Red 'Sinister Hand'

Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

### 2008 Owen Roe Pinot Noir 'Kilmore'

Yamhill Carlton 43.00 35.69VS

### 2008 Owen Roe Red Pinot Noir 'Chehalem Mountains'

Chehalem Mountain 43.00 35.69VS

### 2007 Owen Roe Red

Yakima Valley 43.00 35.69VS

### 2008 Owen Roe Syrah 'Lady Rosa'

Yakima Valley 46.00 38.18VS

### 2008 Owen Roe Chardonnay 'Du Brul Vineyard'

Yakima Valley (Limited) 50.00 41.50VS

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## 2008 SINEANN PINOT NOIRS

Peter Rosback's newest collection of Pinot Noirs will arrive in early September and we are excited to taste them. Preliminary reviews from those who have visited the winery have all been very positive.

<b>2008 Sineann Pinot Noir</b>		
<i>Oregon</i>	30.00	24.90VS
<b>2008 Sineann Pinot Noir 'Pheasant Valley'</b>		
<i>Columbia Gorge</i>	25.00	20.75VS
<b>2008 Sineann Pinot Noir 'Schlindler'</b>		
<i>Eola-Amity Hills (Limited)</i>	43.00	35.69VS
<b>2008 Sineann Pinot Noir 'Wyeast'</b>		
<i>Columbia Gorge</i>	43.00	35.69VS
<b>2008 Sineann Pinot Noir 'Resonance'</b>		
<i>Yamhill Carlton (Limited)</i>	43.00	35.69VS

## 2007 RIDGE VINEYARDS

Three new wines from Ridge Vineyards are now in the market. These are the top wines from one of California's most famous producers. Think ahead to autumn meals and put a few of these in the cellar for serving with family and friends during the holidays.

<b>2007 Ridge 'Lytton Springs'</b>		
<i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	35.00	29.05VS
<b>2007 Ridge Zinfandel 'Pagani Ranch'</b>		
<i>Sonoma Valley</i>	35.00	29.05VS
<b>2007 Ridge Zinfandel 'York Creek'</b>		
<i>Napa Valley</i>	30.00	24.90VS

## 2007 CHÂTEAU DE VAUGELAS

Once part of the Abbaye de Lagrasse, whose vineyards were first planted by Benedictine monks in the 18th century, Château de Vaugelas 'Le Prieure' is an amazing estate in Corbières that has formed an alliance with a Bordeaux estate. The wine is vinified by Georges Pauli of Château Guard-Larose, the classified growth in St. Julien. The 2007 Château de Vaugelas Corbières 'Le Prieuré' has amazing depth and complexity for a wine of this appellation. Dark fruit aromas of black currant and blackberry are striking. The rich texture and velvety tannins are clear signs of the Bordelais hand at work. This is a must-try for those seeking value. It is simply a steal for \$12.

<b>2007 Château de Vaugelas Corbières</b>		
<i>'Le Prieuré'</i>	12.00	9.96VS

## LIOCO WINES

LIOCO is the partnership between Matt Licklider, a veteran wine import specialist, and Kevin O'Connor, the former wine director at Spago-Beverly Hills. They select high-quality fruit from stressed vineyards and as they put it, "we simply shepherd the grapes from bud to bottle in the least intrusive way possible." Their wines show extreme clarity of flavor and stand out from their peers. Record frosts, drought, and fires made 2008 one of the most challenging harvests in California's history, yet their 2008 LIOCO Chardonnay is a cornucopia of fruits and has exceptional character for a wine priced at \$20. The 2007 LIOCO Chardonnay 'Demuth' from the Anderson Valley has a bouquet of acacia flower, citrus peel, and slate. Hints of pear and nectarine abound on the palate. It has a racy, vibrant finish, and an almost Chablis-like character for California Chardonnay. The 2007 LIOCO Red 'Indica' is a blend of 78% old-vine Carignan, 10% Petite Sirah, 9% Mourvèdre, and 3% Grenache. A complex bouquet of cherries and blueberries with black olive and garrigue leads to a pleasing Rhône-like red that has warmth and charm, yet isn't too high in alcohol. LIOCO is setting a new standard for California wines at prices that are very fair.

<b>2008 LIOCO Chardonnay</b>		
<i>Sonoma County</i>	20.00	16.60VS
<b>2007 LIOCO Chardonnay 'Demuth'</b>		
<i>Anderson Valley</i>	38.00	31.54VS
<b>2007 LIOCO Red 'Indica'</b>		
<i>Mendocino County</i>	20.00	16.60VS

## 2007 FOUR VINES ZINFANDEL

It has been quite a while since we tasted a Zinfandel under \$15 that didn't have the taste of grape syrup. The 2007 Four Vines Zinfandel 'Old Vine Cuvée' is a multi-appellation blend from many sites around the state. This marriage of components works better in many ways than single appellation bottlings, in that there is a completeness to the wine. The fresh berry aroma is clearly present but it isn't over-the-top in alcohol, making it taste fresh and juicy without being hot. The body is round and full and the flavor is rich and long lasting. This is a great party wine, and for those looking ahead to Thanksgiving, this is a great family favorite.

<b>2007 Four Vines Zinfandel 'Old Vine Cuvée'</b>		
<i>California</i>	12.00	9.96VS

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## 2007 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Quoting Robert M. Parker, Jr., "Throughout the southern Rhône, 2007 is the greatest vintage I have tasted in my thirty years working in that region...Nearly every producer has attained largely unprecedented levels of quality. Moreover, the vintage is remarkably consistent from top to bottom." Another round of the very popular 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape are now available. These wines are catching attention for their bold flavors and ageworthy style. We recommend stashing a selection of these wines in the cellar for ten to fifteen years.

<b>2007 Mas de Boislauzon Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b>	45.00	37.35VS
<b>2007 Mas de Boislauzon Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b> <i>'Cuvée de Quet'</i>	81.00	67.23VS
<b>2007 Mas de Boislauzon Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b> <i>'Le Tinto' (All Mourvèdre)</i>	85.00	70.55VS
<b>2007 Bosquet des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b>	45.00	37.35VS
<b>2007 Bosquet des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b> <i>'Glorie de Mon Grandpère'</i>	65.00	53.95VS
<b>2007 Clos des Brusquières Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b>	40.00	33.20VS
<b>2007 Cuvée de Vatican Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b>	45.00	37.35VS
<b>2007 Cuvée de Vatican Châteauneuf-du-Pape</b> <i>'Réserve Sixtine'</i>	65.00	53.95VS

## NEW VIETTI WINES

In the middle of the Roero area, in Santo Stefano, Luca Currado farms Arneis, growing 4,000 vines per hectare. The 2008 Vietti Arneis is pale yellow in color, has a fresh floral bouquet with citrus and melon notes, and a faint hint of almond. It is a perfect match for trout almondine or finfish with lemon and capers. Many have been awaiting the arrival of Luca's 2007 Vietti Barbera d'Asti 'Tre Vigne'. The aroma shows lots of primary black plum fruit. The flavor has more black plums and the finish continues the theme. This wine is very young now and a little hard to evaluate, but the core of intense fruit and its fine balance suggest that it will be great to enjoy over the next five to seven years.

<b>2008 Vietti Arneis</b> <i>Roero</i>	22.00	18.26VS
<b>2007 Vietti Barbera d'Asti</b> <i>'Tre Vigne'</i>	18.00	14.94VS

## 2008 MAURIGI BACCA BIANCA

There is a haunting element to the 2008 Maurigi Bacca Bianca. It recalls Mâcon-Villages Chardonnay notes of white flowers, has a Pinot Grigio-like zestiness, and good, crisp acidity reminiscent of Soave. These are descriptors commonly associated with relatively cool growing areas, yet this wine is from Sicily. A modern blend of 40% Inzolia, 40% Grecanico, and 20% Chardonnay, it is a fun wine to serve with local shellfish.

<b>2008 Maurigi Bacca Bianca</b> <i>Sililia</i>	14.00	11.62VS
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## 2008 RAINER WESS

The Wachau is a narrow valley with steep, ascending vineyards on the slopes along the Danube. The wine district is only 15 kilometers long. Cool weather in September and October during the 2008 harvest caused many challenges for winemakers. The resulting wines are crisper, and less rich than the two previous vintages. For Rainer Wess, this offered the chance to make lower alcohol wines with racy, mineral-rich character. The 2008 Rainer Wess Riesling is bright with very pretty floral notes. The 2008 Rainer Wess Grüner Veltliner offers a Chablis-like mineral note and plenty of crisp Grüner flavor.

<b>2008 Rainer Wess Riesling</b> <i>Wachauer</i>	16.00	13.28VS
<b>2008 Rainer Wess Grüner Veltliner</b> <i>Wachauer</i>	18.00	14.94VS

## CORSICAN VERMENTINO

Located in the Reginu Valley of Corsica, Domaine Maestracci produces a delicious white wine from the Vermentino grape (*known as Rolle in France*). The wine is made by winemaker Michel Raoust, who moved to the island from the Rhône Valley. The 2008 Domaine Maestracci 'E Prove' has a smoky note, a light herbal character, and lots of rich glycerin. It has a faint wild note, and is a great wine to serve with fish grilled outdoors.

<b>2008 Domaine Maestracci Bianco 'E Prove'</b> <i>Corse Calvi</i>	20.00	16.60VS
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**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**

**Saturday September 5th** 11AM-5PM *free*

Owen Roe

**Saturday September 12th** 11AM-5PM *free*

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2007 Betz Family

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**VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES**

**2006 Ridge Chardonnay 'Monte Bello'**

Santa Cruz Mountains 50.00 41.50VS

**2006 Ridge 'Monte Bello'**

Santa Cruz Mountains 114.95 *net*

**2008 Rombauer Chardonnay**

Napa Valley 37.00 30.71VS

**2006 Joseph Phelps 'Insignia'**

Napa Valley 174.95 *net*

**2007 Evening Land Pinot Noir 'Carl Myers Vineyard'**

Sonoma Coast 47.00 39.01VS

**2007 Evening Land Pinot Noir 'Two Daughter's Vineyard'**

Sonoma Coast 75.00 62.25VS

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*Just complete this order form and mail it in with your check or credit card #.*

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

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*(Mastercard, Visa or American Express discount is 15%)*

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