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LEONETTI CELLAR

We are selling the new releases of Leonetti Cellar 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 continue to amaze. They are among the best wines made in Washington. Credit card payments are being accepted to guarantee your order.

Please confirm availability before sending payment.

2008 Leonetti Cellar Sangiovese		
Columbia Valley (Limit)	62.95	net
2009 Leonetti Cellar Merlot		
Columbia Valley (Limit)	73.95	net
2008 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon		
Walla Walla Valley (Limit)	93.95	net
2008 Leonetti Cellar Reserve		
Walla Walla Valley		please inquire

WINE OF THE MONTH

Some things are obvious, but when you taste the 2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, a compilation of various barrels from his single vineyard offerings, you may not understand why this costs \$30 not \$50, the price of his single vineyard bottlings.

2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir		
Willamette Valley	30.00	24.90VS

WINERY VISITS AT THE SHOPS 2008 OBELISCO ESTATE REDS

Obelisco Estate is a small, 30-acre vineyard located on the southwest slope of Red Mountain. Partners Doug Long, Paul Kaltinick, and Dick Shaw have over 70 years of grape growing and wine making experience, and currently grow over 2000 acres of grapes in California and Washington.

2008 Obelisco Red		
Red Mountain Estate	22.50	18.68VS
2008 Obelisco Red Malbec		
Red Mountain Estate	30.00	24.90VS
2008 Obelisco Merlot		
Red Mountain Estate	30.00	24.90VS

Taste these wines on Saturday,

February 19th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

*Manny Loya will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM and
at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM*

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.

WINERY VISITS AT THE SHOPS BRUCE NEYERS

Napa Valley legend Bruce Neyers will be at the shops to sample what are some of the best "Values in the Valley". Besides his profession as a winemaker, Bruce is the National Sales Manager for Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant. Come in and meet Bruce, taste these excellent wines, and talk about the wine business—guaranteed to be a great event!

2009 Neyers Chardonnay		
Carneros District	31.00	25.73VS
2007 Neyers Merlot 'Neyers Ranch-Comm Valley'		
Napa Valley	37.00	30.71VS
2008 Neyers Zinfandel 'Pato Vineyard'		
Contra Costa County	32.00	26.56VS
2006 Neyers Cabernet Sauvignon 'Neyers Ranch'		
Napa Valley	50.00	41.50VS

Taste these wines on Saturday,

February 12th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

*Bruce Neyers will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM and
at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM*

PYRAMID VALLEY - NEW ZEALAND

Mike Weersing, owner of Pyramid Valley Vineyards, crafts some of the most amazing wines in New Zealand. He worked for many great estates such as Domaine de Montille, Domaine de la Pousse d'Or, and Nicolas Potel in Burgundy; Jean-Michel Deiss and Marc Kreydenweiss in Alsace; and Ernst Loosen in the Mosel. His wines reflect a passion for purity.

2007 Pyramid Valley Pinot Blanc 'Kerner Vineyard'		
Marlborough	27.00	22.41VS
2008 Pyramid Valley Riesling 'Riverbrook Vineyard'		
Marlborough	23.00	19.09VS
2008 Pyramid Valley Pinot Noir 'Riverbrook Vineyard'		
Marlborough	36.00	29.88VS
2007 Pyramid Valley Pinot Noir 'Eaton Vineyard'		
Marlborough	45.00	37.35VS

Taste these wines on Saturday,

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

*Mike Weersing will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM
and at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM*

2008 GLAZE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Take a few extra barrels of Red Mountain and Horse Heaven Hills fruit, vinified to be a \$35 wine, and offer it for sale at \$15 with a simple, yet non-identifiable label, and you have a success. The magic here is the exceptional fruit sources. The wine has a subdued nose of baker's chocolate, cassis, and currants. On the palate there is a huge hit of chocolate covered cherries and blackberry fruit. Yet it is the finish that sells this wine—a finesse that belongs in wines costing \$35 dollars or more.

2008 Glaze Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley 15.00 12.45VS

2009 ACROBAT PINOT NOIR

Acrobat Pinot Noir is made by King Estate and it is a value-priced Pinot Noir. The 2009 Acrobat Pinot Noir is an 18,500 cases production—quite big by Oregon standards—that is remarkable. The wine has a core of red fruit with lots of cherry and blueberry notes. It has medium body, hints of new oak, and a very honest, very true-to-Oregon style.

2009 Acrobat Pinot Noir

Oregon 18.00 14.94VS

FEATURED WINERY: LIOCO

LIOCO is a wine project begun by Matt Licklider, a former wine import specialist, and Kevin O'Connor, ex-wine director at Spago-Beverly Hills, to produce "wines of origin" in California. Their philosophy is simple—find compelling vineyard sites and then shepherd the grapes from bud to bottle in the least intrusive way possible. The 2008 LIOCO Chardonnay 'Charles Heintz' shows cool site character—orange blossoms, acacia scents, firm acidity, and minerality. It has a light saline quality that allows it to complement seafood and savory fare. Their 2009 LIOCO Pinot Noir 'Hirsch Vineyard' comes from Mount Eden-clone fruit grown in this renowned vineyard. It shows hints of framboise, rose petals, and red raspberries, and has a complex finish. These are compelling wines that make one believe there is more to California wines than just bigness.

2008 LIOCO Chardonnay 'Charles Heintz'

Sonoma Coast 42.00 34.86VS

2009 LIOCO Pinot Noir 'Hirsch Vineyard'

Sonoma Coast 62.00 51.46VS

SYNCLINE REDS

James Mantone of Syncline Wine Cellars is refining the flavor of Rhône varieties in Washington, creating wines that resemble wines of the Languedoc and the southern Rhône Valley. His 2009 Syncline Grenache-Carignan (50% Grenache/50% Carignan) is reminiscent of those from the Côteaux du Languedoc region—powerful, deep, and complex, but with prominent fruit. The 2008 Syncline Red 'Cuvée Elena' tastes like a well-made Châteauneuf-du-Pape, being a blend of 48% Grenache, 24% Mourvèdre, 13% Syrah, 10% Counoise, and 5% Cinsault. These wines are taking Washington Rhône varieties to another level.

2009 Syncline Subduction Red

Columbia Valley 18.00 14.94VS

2009 Syncline Grenache-Carignan

Columbia Valley 22.00 18.26VS

2008 Syncline Red 'Cuvée Elena'

Columbia Valley (Limited) 36.00 29.88VS

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

2009 DOMAINE DROUHIN 'ARTHUR'

Fruit for the 2009 Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 'Arthur' was hand-picked into small totes, and then whole-cluster pressed. Half of the juice was fermented in French oak barrels (only 20% new) to create a round, rich texture, reminiscent of Meursault. The other half was fermented and aged in stainless steel to maintain a pure and elegant expression of Chardonnay, similar to French Chablis. The new 2009 Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 'Arthur' shows the lovely honeyed, white flower aromatics that have become the hallmark of the wine, but there is a vibrant core of acidity that gives it a food-friendly nature. The Chardonnay vines on the estate were planted in 1992, using 100% Dijon clones.

2009 Domaine Douhin Chardonnay 'Arthur'

Dundee Hills Estate 30.00 24.90VS

2008 RIDGE REDS

Two of our favorite Ridge Vineyards reds (formerly labeled as Zinfandel) are now in the 2008 vintage. These field blends are both more than 70% Zinfandel and both are aged in 100% air-dried American oak barrels. It is a fine vintage for Ridge and the alcohol levels are slightly lower than usual.

2008 Ridge Geyserville

Sonoma County 35.00 29.05VS

2008 Ridge Lytton Springs

Dry Creek Valley 35.00 29.05VS

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2009 ALOIS LAGEDER WHITES

The 2009 vintage yielded magical whites from the alpine vineyards where Alois Lageder biodynamically farms heavily stressed vines. The balance, between wines that have bracing acidity and minerality, and those with complex and ripe fruit, is the true success of the vintage. There is a purity to these wines that gives them a food-friendly nature, perfect for Northwest shellfish and finfish. The 2009 Alois Lageder Chardonnay is amazing. The varietal character of Chardonnay is perfectly preserved without the use of oak, but with richness that makes one assume it was aged in French barrels. The 2009 Alois Lageder Pinot Bianco 'Haberle' has beautifully knit citrus and stone fruit flavors. These are great wines at prices that remain affordable.

2009 Alois Lageder Pinot Bianco		
<i>Dolomiti</i>	14.00	11.62VS
2009 Alois Lageder Chardonnay		
<i>Südtirol Alto Adige</i>	14.00	11.62VS
2009 Alois Lageder Pinot Grigio		
<i>Dolomiti</i>	15.00	12.45VS
2009 Alois Lageder Pinot Bianco 'Haberle'		
<i>Südtirol Alto Adige</i>	20.00	16.60VS
2009 Tenuta Lageder 'Beta Delta'		
<i>Dolomiti</i>	20.00	16.60VS

2008 DOMAINE LEFLAIVE MÂCON

The Domaine Leflaive Mâcon-Verzé comes from a nine-hectare parcel of 20-year-old vines in the Verzé district of the Mâconnais. Anne-Claude Leflaive oversees the vinification and treatment similar to that used for their wines from Puligny-Montrachet. The wine shows a decided tangerine note in its aroma, with hints of wet slate and dried apple. It is a complex white that marries well with seared scallops, and would accompany lobster beautifully.

2008 Domaine Leflaive Mâcon-Verzé		
	33.00	27.39VS

2009 MATROT BOURGOGNE BLANC

The newest vintage of a shop favorite is the 2009 Matrot Bourgogne Blanc. The wine shows complex apple and pear scents with no obvious oak notes. It has good body and is rich. The wine has good acidity on the palate, keeping it vibrant. This is a versatile wine that works well with seafood.

2009 Thierry et Pascale Matrot Bourgogne Blanc		
	18.00	14.94VS

2004 CAPRILI BRUNELLO

The Caprili estate was founded by Alfo Bartolommei in 1965. Only grapes grown in Caprili's own vineyards are used in its wines, and only native yeasts from the vines are used in the vinification process. The 2007 Caprili Rosso di Montalcino is made with 100% Sangiovese Grosso and is aged in neutral oak. The 2004 Caprili Brunello di Montalcino was also made using only Sangiovese Grosso, grown in two southwest-facing vineyard parcels, and aged three years in large neutral Slavonian oak barrels. These are pure expressions of the Montalcino terroir and will age beautifully for five or more years. Their olive oil is made from Frantoio, Moraiolo, and Leccino olives that are cold pressed within 48 hours of harvest. It has a very low acidity (0.2%).

2007 Caprili Rosso di Montalcino		
<i>Montalcino</i>	20.00	16.60VS
2004 Caprili Brunello di Montalcino		
<i>Montalcino</i>	45.00	37.35VS
2009 Caprili Olio di Oliva Terre di Siena D.O.P.		
<i>1.0 Liter can</i>	37.00	net

2009 FANTINEL PINOT GRIGIO

Fantinel is a family estate with over 300 hectares of prized vineyards in the Collio, Grave, and Colli Orientali del Friuli DOC zones. The 2009 Fantinel Pinot Grigio is a crisp white, with floral scents and a hint of almond. The fruit is clean and the flavor rich, but it is the racy minerality of the wine that sets it apart. We have been seeking a Pinot Grigio that is complex and long in the finish and one that marries well with seafood soups and risottos.

2009 Fantinel Pinot Grigio 'Vigneti Sant'Helena'		
<i>Collio</i>	21.00	17.43VS

THE 20TH PONCHO INTERNATIONAL WINE AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

The PONCHO International Wine Auction for the Arts will take place on Saturday, May 14th at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel. Now in its 20th year, the International Wine Auction is PONCHO's most exciting and elegant affair for wine and food aficionados, featuring auction lots of big bottles, unique and rare selections, verticals, and special collections from the Northwest and around the world. For more information on donating or attending the auction, please contact Tammie Conder or Sara Addicott, 206.623.6233, ext. 202.

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



