



MARCH, 2011

FREE LEONETTI TASTING SATURDAY MARCH 12TH

It has been years since the last time we tasted the new wines from Leonetti Cellar in the shops upon release. Limited amounts of the 2009 Leonetti Merlot and the 2008 Leonetti Cabernet Sauvignon will be available for sale. Come in and take advantage of this rare opportunity.

2009 Leonetti Cellar Merlot

Columbia Valley (Limit) 73.95 net

2008 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon

Walla Walla Valley (Limit) 93.95 net

Taste these wines on Saturday,

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

WINE OF THE MONTH 2008 GHOST OF 413 RED

One of last year's most popular wines was the The Ghost of 413 Red. The new 2008 vintage is another major success. A blend of 60% Syrah and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon (*from undisclosed sources*), the wine shows hints of toasty oak, black currant and cassis, and has very rich body for such a well priced wine. The only issue is supply. We suggest sampling this quickly and buying a stash for summer barbecues.

2008 The Ghost of 413 Red

Columbia Valley 15.00 12.45VS

2006 CHESTER KIDDER

The 2006 Long Shadows 'Chester Kidder', named for the grandparents of Allen Shoup, is a blend of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Syrah, 10% Petit Verdot, and 9% Cabernet Franc. The wine shows attractive blueberry and violet aromas. On the palate the wine is powerful, but the tannins are wrapped in glycerin, making for a beautiful mouthfeel.

2006 Long Shadows 'Chester Kidder'

Columbia Valley 50.00 41.50VS

WINERY VISIT AT THE SHOPS DE LILLE CELLARS

The 2008 DeLille Cellars Chaleur Estate is a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot, 95% of this fruit coming from the Red Mountain AVA. The 2008 DeLille Cellars Red 'Harrison Hill' is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot.

2008 DeLille Cellars Red 'Chaleur Estate'

Columbia Valley 65.99 net

2008 DeLille Cellars Red 'Harrison Hill'

Yakima Valley 65.99 net

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

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

BUTY

Caleb Foster has been perfecting his craft, and his newly released reds are a real treat. He has a tremendous following for the wines already, but the current offerings will fuel that fire. The 2009 Buty Merlot/Cabernet Franc combines creamy Merlot fruit with complex and distinctive Cabernet Franc, providing a Bordeaux-esque red that drinks well at this early stage. His 2008 wines are built for the long term; however, the ripeness levels and body are nearing perfection.

2009 Buty Merlot/Cabernet Franc

Columbia Valley 40.00 33.20VS

2008 Buty 'Rediviva of the Stones'

Walla Walla Valley 55.00 45.65VS

2008 Buty Red 'Champoux Vineyard'

Horse Heaven Hills (Limited) 55.00 45.65VS

2009 ANDREW WILL CABERNET FRANC

The black label series from Andrew Will is the new package for wines designated by their variety. The white labels are reserved for single-vineyard blends. The 2009 Andrew Will Cabernet Franc is 85% Cabernet Franc, mostly from their estate Two Blondes Vineyard, with 15% Cabernet Sauvignon from Champoux Vineyard.

2009 Andrew Will Cabernet Franc 'Black Label'

Columbia Valley 29.00 24.07VS

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.

2009 COR RIESLING

For over three decades, we have sampled many Rieslings from Washington State, so it is with a bit of surprise that we state that the 2009 Cor Cellars Riesling 'Underwood Mountain' is one of the best we have ever tasted. It has bracing acidity, great Riesling varietal character, a minerality all too often missing in Washington Riesling, and a lingering, lasting finish that is remarkable. The spicy wines of the Saar River Valley in Germany come to mind when we taste this zesty, citrusy Riesling. Sample this with local shellfish or spicy Vietnamese cuisine.

2009 Cor Cellars Riesling 'Underwood Mountain'
Columbia Gorge 16.00 13.28VS

FEATURED WINERY: MIGRATION BY DUCKHORN

Neil Bernardi does Migration's Burgundian varietal winemaking. The 2009 Migration Chardonnay comes from cool-climate regions. It shows white flowers, lemon, white fig, and almond blossom in its aroma, with refreshing acidity adding length and intensity. The 2008 Migration Pinot Noir has a bright cherry nose, with hints of strawberry, violet, and Asian spice. On the palate, it shows plum and white pepper. There is a purity to these wines that comes from outstanding winemaking technique.

2009 Migration Chardonnay
Russian River Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2008 Migration Pinot Noir
Anderson Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2009 COPAIN 'TOUS ENSEMBLE'

Tasted blind, we guessed that the 2009 Copain 'Tous Ensemble' wines were both from the Old World. The 2009 Copain Viognier 'Tous Ensemble' shows a rich, full, dried apple and clove note, with firm acidity, and a minerality that fooled us. The 2009 Copain Syrah 'Tous Ensemble' shows huge plum and cassis notes that accent the meaty notes of the Syrah varietal fruit—reminiscent of Alain Graillot Saint-Joseph. These will impress.

2009 Copain Viognier 'Tous Ensemble'
Mendocino County 20.00 16.60VS

2009 Copain Syrah 'Tous Ensemble'
Mendocino County 25.00 20.75VS

DARBY REDS

Two big reds made by Darby English are now available, but don't wait long to try these. His wines are developing a cult following and they disappear quickly. The 2009 Darby Red 'Purple Haze' is a powerful Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant wine with small amounts of Malbec and Merlot. The 2008 Darby Red 'Chaos' is more of a Bordeaux-style blend, being 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 17% Malbec.

2009 Darby Red 'Purple Haze'
Columbia Valley (Limited) 20.00 16.60VS

2008 Darby Red 'Chaos'
Columbia Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2008 FISTICUFFS

The 2008 Fisticuffs Cabernet Sauvignon is produced by Jeff Smith of Hourglass and winemaker Rob Lawson of Pavi Wines, using only Napa Valley sources. The wine has a pure Cabernet Sauvignon aroma of black olives and currants. On the palate it is rich and full, and it has a seamless texture.

2008 Fisticuffs
Napa Valley 29.00 24.07VS

2010 SCHILD ESTATE BAROSSA GMS

A baronial Barossa estate, Schild wines are crafted exclusively from dry-farmed bush vines of Grenache, Mourvèdre, and Shiraz. The average age of the vines is 70 years-old blocks which are able to withstand Barossa heat. These gnarled old vines are meticulously tended, and yield exceptional quality. The Schild Estate's vineyards include some of the oldest in Australia, including the famous Moorooroo vineyard near Jacob's Creek, which was planted in 1847 by William and John Jacob. The 2010 Schild Estate 'GMS' shows earthy Grenache flavor, plummy Mourvèdre, and peppery Shiraz.

2010 Schild Estate GMS
Barossa 12.00 9.96VS

2009 CHÂTEAU LA CANORGUE BLANC

Château La Canorgue is run by Jean-Pierre and Martine Margan, and their daughter Nathalie. The 2009 Château La Canorgue Blanc is a delicious blend of Provencal grapes—Clairette, Roussanne, Marsanne, and Bourbouleanc, similar to fine Châteauneuf-du-Pape blanc. This is a near-perfect wine to serve with Northwest seafood.

2009 Château La Canorgue Blanc
Luberon 20.00 16.60VS

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2009 BEAUJOLAIS

It is no secret that 2009 is an outstanding year for Beaujolais. The vintage was exceptional because the summer was warm but not hot. The usually high acidity was tamed by rich, berry fruit, and great glycerin. The wines are classic and filled with a cornucopia of fruit flavors. From fried chicken to lightly battered, pan-fried salmon, these wines make a wonderful complement to everyday meals. Come in and taste a selection of these wines on Saturday, March 5th at both shops.

2009 Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages	12.00	9.96VS
2009 Domaine Dupeuble Beaujolais	15.00	12.45VS
2009 Georges Duboeuf Morgon <i>'Jean Descombes'</i>	15.00	12.45VS
2009 Georges Duboeuf Moulin-à-Vent <i>'Domaine des Rosiers'</i>	16.00	13.28VS
2009 Henry Fessy Régnié <i>'Château des Reyssières'</i>	17.00	14.11VS
2009 Château des Jacques Moulin-à-Vent	25.00	20.75VS
2009 Château des Jacques Morgon	25.00	20.75VS

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2009 FRONTAURA 'NEXUS'

Fans of Ribera del Duero reds will love the 2009 Frontaura 'Nexus', a marvelously rich red with a texture that normally costs much more. It shows a ruby red color with attractive clarity. The aroma expresses the classic rose and dried cherries of ripe Tinto Fino (*Tempranillo*). The flavor is round and bold, and its texture is satin smooth. This is a great wine to serve with roast chicken, veal chops, or pork tenderloin.

2009 Frontaura y Victoria 'Nexus' <i>Ribera del Duero</i>	20.00	16.60VS
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2009 GARCI GRANDE VERDEJO

Bodegas Garci Grande sits on top of ancient Moorish brick caves, dating back to the XIV Century. Their Verdejo, from estate vineyards along the Adaja River, is creamy and complex, offering zesty citrus, fennel, and ripe melon flavors. Drink it with salmon carpaccio or deep fried squid.

2009 Garci Grande Verdejo <i>Rueda</i>	16.00	13.28VS
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ADAMI PROSECCO SUPERIORE

Two small-production cuvées of Adami Prosecco Superiore are available in limited quantities. These both have great complexity, coming from vineyards located very near the famous Cartizze cru. The Adami 'Dei Casel' has a fruity bouquet of stone fruits and melon. The 2009 Adami 'Vigneto Giardino' is vibrant and racy. These are great alternatives to French sparkling wines for parties and gatherings.

Adami Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry 'Dei Casel' <i>Valdobbiadene (Limited)</i>	19.00	15.77VS
2009 Adami Prosecco Superiore Dry 'Vigneto Giardino' <i>Valdobbiadene (Limited)</i>	23.00	19.09VS

2007 ISOLE E OLENA CHIANTI

The aroma of the 2007 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico is all about plums, pomegranates, and roses. It is enticing to just smell the wine. On the palate it continues with more plum and pomegranate flavors. The body is medium weight and the texture is soft. Pasta Bolognese is a tasty pairing.

2007 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico <i>Barberino Val d'Elsa</i>	20.00	16.60VS
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2008 TERRAS GAUDA ALBARIÑO

The Albariño grapes from which the 2008 Bodegas Terras Gauda 'Abadía de San Campio' was made come from an exceptionally high-altitude vineyard where the humidity is low, temperatures are cool, and ripening is slow. The wine is very aromatic with great intensity. Hints of white fruits – golden delicious apples and Bartlett pears, and a sweet note of white flowers – give the wine a lovely profile. Try this with scallops, mussels, and clams.

2008 Bodegas Terras Gauda Albariño <i>'Abadia de San Campio'</i>	15.00	12.45VS
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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 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



TASTINGS AT BOTH SHOPS

Saturday March 5th 11AM-5PM free
2009 Beaujolais

Saturday March 12th 11AM-5PM free
2009 Leonetti Merlot
2008 Leonetti Cabernet Sauvignon

Saturday March 19th 11AM-5PM free
2008 DeLille Chaleur Estate
2008 DeLille Harrison Hill

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VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES

2006 Pepper Bridge Reserve Red Walla Walla Valley	67.95 net
2008 Doubleback Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley	89.95 net
2008 Betz Family Cabernet Sauvignon 'Père de Famille' Columbia Valley	please inquire
2008 Betz Family Red 'Clos de Betz' Columbia Valley	please inquire
2007 Dunn Cabernet Sauvignon 'Howell Mountain' Napa Valley	90.00 74.70VS
2006 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley	89.95 net
2006 Torbreck 'Run Rig' Barossa Valley	174.95 net

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

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