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New Tranche & Corliss Estates

The 2010 Tranche Cellars Pink Pape Dry Rosé reminds one of a Rhône Valley rosé, having a bright cherry and watermelon scent and red fruit flavor, with a fully dry finish. This is a wine for garlic shrimp. The 2008 Tranche Cellars Cabernet Franc shows lots of the smoke and minerals. Washington State ripeness levels make this an exciting variety to pair with flank and skirt steaks. The 2006 Tranche Cellars Barbera has a true-to-type style that emulates the best of Piemonte. This is one to serve with braised meats. We will also receive our small allocation of the 2006 Corliss Estates Syrah. Little needs to be said other than the supply is quite little.

2010 Tranche Cellars Pink Pape Dry Rosé						
Walla Walla Valley	17.00	14.11VS				
2008 Tranche Cellars Cabernet F	ranc					
Walla Walla Valley	25.00	20.75VS				
2006 Tranche Cellars Barbera						
Columbia Valley	20.00	16.60VS				
2006 Corliss Estates Syrah						
Columbia Valley (Limited)	55.00	45.65VS				

Wine of the Month 2010 Cadaretta 'SBS'

Think shellfish when you consider the wonderful 2010 Cadaretta Sauvignon Blanc/Sémillon 'SBS'. This marvelous blend of 75% Sauvignon Blanc and 25% Sémillon has great vibrancy and citrusy flavor. The aroma shows hints of Asian pear and tangerine notes. But it is the clean-as-a-whistle acidity that really sets this wine apart from other Washington State whites. This wine recently received a top ten ranking in the 2011 Pacific Coast Oyster Wine Competition.

2010 Cadaretta Sauvignon Blanc/Sémillon 'SBS'
Columbia Valley 20.00 16.60VS

2010 BORDEAUX FUTURES

We will begin offering 2010 Bordeaux wine futures as they become available—stay tuned.

Winery Visits at the Shops Andrew Will Winery

"I believe that an individual piece of property can form a signature - an identity - and it is that face that is the focus of my winemaking. We are trying to let the vineyards reveal themselves." This quote from winemaker Chris Camarda duly expresses the drive behind Andrew Will wines. Chris was among the first winemakers in Washington to recognize the terroir of individual vineyards within the state. The 2008 vintage is a stellar year for vineyard-specific winemaking.

2008 Andrew Will Red 'Ciel du Cheval'

$Red\ Mountain$	49.95	net		
2008 Andrew Will Red 'Two Blondes'				
Yakima Valley	49.95	net		
2008 Andrew Will Red 'Champoux'				
Horse Heaven Hills	53.95	net		
2008 Andrew Will Red 'Sorella'				
Horse Heaven Hills	62.95	net		
Taste these wines on Saturday,				
May 14th 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				

BODEGAS **O**NTAÑON

Bodegas Ontañon is located in Logroño in the Rioja Alta region of Rioja. Founded in 1984, the winery has 180 hectares of vineyard, planted with Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo, and Garnacha Tinta. The emphasis is towards a more modern style of Rioja, but one that lets the varieties show their typicity.

2008 Vetiver de Ontañon Blanco		
Rioja	13.00	10.79VS
2007 Ontañon Crianza		
Rioja	13.00	10.79VS
2004 Ontañon Reserva		
Rioja	22.00	18.26VS
2001 Ontañon Gran Reserva		
Rioja	40.00	33.20VS

Taste these wines on Saturday,
May 7th at both shops from 11AM-5PM
Laine Boswell 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.

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2008 J.K. Carriere Pinot Noir

An Indian summer extended the 2008 growing season providing a window of warm days and cool nights that allowed grapes to have hang time of over 110 days. This extended time on the vines provided peak ripeness levels, yielding deep, concentrated wines. The 2008 J.K. Carriere Pinot Noir shows plenty of dark cherry and ripe cassis aromas, with hints of smoke and forest floor. The palate is complete, having cherry, blackberry, and dark chocolate notes that linger. The weight and substance of this wine are impressive and it is built to age.

2008 J. K. Carriere Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley 40.00 33.20VS

SHAFER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards has consistently crafted some of Napa Valley's finest wines for nearly four decades. Three new releases are now available that demonstrate their quality.

2008 Shafer Chardonnay 'Red Shoulder Ranch'

Napa Valley Carneros 46.50 38.60VS

2008 Shafer Merlot

Napa Valley 50.00 41.50VS

2008 Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon 'One Point Five'

Napa Valley 71.50 59.35VS

FEATURED WINERY: CROWLEY WINES

Tyson Crowley began working in the Oregon wine trade in 1995. Tyson spent seven vintages at Erath Vineyards, and four at Cameron Winery working with John Paul. He also worked at J.K. Carriere and Brick House to hone his skills. After years of learning from many of Oregon's best, he started Crowley Wines. In his own words, there is no fining, filtering, acidulation, or basically no funny business to his winemaking. He believes that wines are made in the vineyard and dedicates his time to nurturing the vines. The results are easy to taste in these newest releases.

2009 Crowley Chardonnay

Willamette Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2009 Crowley Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley 25.00 20.75VS

LEMELSON SINGLE VINEYARDS

Lemelson owns seven estate vineyard sites that are located in the Yamhill-Carlton, Dundee Hills, and Chehalem Mountain AVA's, and are all Certified Organic. The Stermer Vineyard is planted with Pommard, Wadensvil, and Dijon clones on Willakenzie soils. It shows a big blackberry aroma and lots of dark fruit flavors. The Meyer Vineyard is planted on Jory and Nekia soils, and in contrast shows more raspberry and red fruit flavors. The 2008 Lemelson Pinot Noir 'Jerome Reserve' is a blend of the best lots in the winery.

2008 Lemelson Pinot Noir 'Stermer Vineyard'
Willamette Valley 40.00 33.20VS
2008 Lemelson Pinot Noir 'Meyer Vineyard'
Willamette Valley 40.00 33.20VS

2008 Lemelson Pinot Noir Jerome Reserve'

Willamette Valley 60.00 49.80VS

RAINY DAY WINES #12 & #35 2009 RED BORDEAUX

With the forecast showing rain for the beginning of May, after a period of sustained grey skies that began in January, we thought it would be appropriate to feature a selection of rainy day wines—wines that warm the spirit and soothe the soul. Bisques, soups, and chowders; stews, daubes, and hot pots are the comfort foods for rainy days. Here are our suggestions for wines to weather the climate.

2009 Château Blouin					
Bordeaux	10.00	8.30VS			
2009 Château Vrai Caillou					
Bordeaux Supérieur	15.00	12.45VS			
2009 Château Lande de Bertin					
Bordeaux	12.00	9.96VS			
2009 Château Baby					
Bordeaux	10.00	8.30VS			
2009 Château Couronneau 'L' Ecuyer'					
Bordeaux Supérieur	15.00	12.45VS			
2009 Château Couronneau					
Bordeaux Supérieur	17.00	14.11VS			
Taste a selection of these wines on Saturday,					

May 21st at both shops from 11AM-5PM

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DRY FRENCH ROSÉS

A selection of wonderful 2010 rosé wines have arrived. The 2010 vintage yielded lovely rosés due to cooler growing conditions in France. The crisp, dry style of these wines allows them to match salty foods with ease, and not develop a metallic taste.

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2010 Château de Campuget Rosé	'Tradition	ı'				
Costières de Nîmes	10.00	8.30VS				
2010 Jean Luc Colombo Rosé 'Ca	pe Bleue'					
Pays de Méditerranée	11.00	9.13VS				
2010 Domaine Sorin Rosé 'Terra	Amata'					
Côtes de Provence	12.00	9.96VS				
2010 Saint Roch Les Vignes Rosé						
Côtes de Provence	13.00	10.79VS				
2010 Triennes Rosé						
Pays du Var	17.00	14.11VS				
2010 Domaine de la Fouquette 'Cuvée Rosée d'Aurore						
Côtes de Provence	16.00	13.28VS				
2010 Château Mourgues du Gres	Rosé					
'Fleur d'Eglantine'	11.00	9.13VS				
2010 Domaine Sainte Eugenie Rosé						
Corbières	12.00	9.96VS				
2010 Château Grande Cassagne Rosé						
Costières de Nîmes	10.00	8.30VS				
2010 Château Petite Cassagne Rosé						
Costières de Nîmes	10.00	8.30VS				
2010 Château Rouët Rosé Réserve Tradition						
Côtes de Provence	15.00	12.45VS				
2010 Domaine de la Bastide Blanche						
Bandol	20.00	16.60VS				
Taste a selection of these wines on Saturday,						
May 28th at both shops from 11AM-5PM						

2007 PALACIOS 'LA MONTESA'

Named after the hillside vineyard located on the northeastern slope of the Yerga Mountains in eastern Rioja, La Montesa is produced by Alvaro Palacios from his family estate. La Montesa is a blend of 60% Garnacha, 35% Tempranillo, and 5% Mazuelo. It shows a bold aroma of black fruits cedar, and sweet spices. The wine is fruit forward with a fresh crushed juice character, but despite this primary profile, it works well with most roast meats.

2007 Palacios Remondo 'La Montesa'

Rioja 18.00 14.94VS

2006 LA SPINETTA 'GARRETTI'

The La Spinetta website describes the 2006 La Spinetta Barolo 'Garretti' as having the typical light red color of Nebbiolo, and a bouquet with hints of blackberry and subtle mint. It promises excellent finesse and minerality, with lingering hints of spice and red cherries, fine tannins, and stunning elegance. They call it a thoroughly enjoyable Barolo. We agree completely. For followers of La Spinetta, you will notice that the price is quite a bit less than others in the series.

2006 La Spinetta Barolo 'Vigneto Garretti'

70.00 *58.10VS*

2004 Belezos Reserva

Bodegas Zugober is located in Lapuebla de Labarca, in the La Rioja Alavesa. It was founded in 1987 by two young enologists, Eduardo Gomez and Isabel Bernardo. Their 2004 Bodegas Zugober Reserva 'Belezos' is a blend of 95% Tempranillo with 5% Garnacha and Graciano. It has an opulent aroma of Tempranillo with dusty rose petal and ripe raspberry notes. On the palate, it is rich, yet soft textured, and it is a perfect complement to fried chicken.

2004 Bodegas Zugober Reserva 'Belezos'

Rioja 26.00 21.58VS

2009 CLOS CHANTEDUC

We are proud to feature the wines of Clos Chanteduc, a hilltop vineyard purchased by Patricia and Walter Wells in 1984. Patricia Wells is a journalist, author of eleven books, and a cooking teacher. She has lived in France since 1980. Their winemaker is Yves Gras of the well known Gigondas producer Santa Duc. The 2009 Clos Chanteduc Côtes du Rhône has the signature big fruit of the vintage, yet is has a nice balanced flavor profile that makes it appealing with soups and stews.

2009 Clos Chanteduc Côtes du Rhône

15.00 12.45VS

2010 GOLDWATER SAUVIGNON BLANC

Intense aromas of passion fruit, grapefruit, and melon intertwined with citrus notes make the 2010 Goldwater Sauvignon Blanc a deliciously refreshing wine. It has big fruit intensity without being aggressive.

2010 Goldwater Sauvignon Blanc

Wairau Valley 15.00 12.45VS

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 May 7th 11AM-5PM free Bodegas Ontañon

Laine Boswell will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM and at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM

> Saturday May 14th 11AM-5PM free 2008 Andrew Will Reds

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> Saturday May 21st 11AM-5PM free 2009 Red Bordeaux

> Saturday May 28th 11AM-5PM free 2010 French Dry Rosés

VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES

2010 Rochioli Sauvignon Blanc Estate

Russian River Valley 29.95 net

2009 Rochioli Pinot Noir Estate

Russian River Valley 49.95 net

2007 Antinori Tignanello

Toscana90.00 74.70VS

2006 Garrison Creek Cabernet Sauvignon

60.00Columbia Valley 49.80VS

2008 Lewis Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley 90.00 74.70VS

2009 Robert Biale Zinfandel Estate 'Black Chicken'

Oak Knoll District Napa Valley 40.00*33.20VS*

2004 Henri Bonneau Châteauneuf-du-Pape

'Réserve des Célestins' please inquire

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