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2006 CORLISS ESTATES

The 2006 Corliss Estates Red is a classic blend of the big five Bordeaux varietals—Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. The wine spent 30 months in French oak barrels followed by 30 additional months in bottle, a total of five years mellowing and maturing at the winery. It is a voluptuous wine with terrific texture. The 2006 Corliss Estates Cabernet Sauvignon is made with fruit from several top vineyards in the Columbia Valley including Stillwater, Bacchus, Dionysus, and Weinbau. It is a powerful wine with an aroma of mocha, black currants, and pencil lead—a classic Cabernet Sauvignon nose. Even though it spent 33 months in French oak barrels and two and one-half years in the cellar before release, it is a wine that will reward patience.

2006 Corliss Estates Red

Columbia Valley 65.00 53.95VS

2006 Corliss Estates Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley 75.00 62.25VS

*Taste these wines on Saturday,
October 22nd at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

VISITS AT THE SHOPS 2008 FIGGINS

FIGGINS is a culmination of over nine years of dedication to produce a site-specific wine. All of the fruit is estate grown from a 32-acre single vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley. It is a Bordeaux-style blend that will always be produced in very small quantities, and will represent the best possible blend from the estate. The 2008 FIGGINS Estate Red shows lovely pomegranate, fig scents, and amazing plum flavor. Sexy wood notes add a cocoa note, and the wine is a model of balance. Come in and taste the inaugural wine and meet winemaker/owners Chris and Heidi Figgins. The wine is quite limited in supply, thus we recommend that you reserve a quantity ahead of the tasting.

2008 FIGGINS Estate Red

Walla Walla Valley (Limited) 94.95 net

Taste this wine on Saturday,

October 15th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

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

VIETTI - LUCA CURRADO VISITS

Every year we attempt to have Luca Currado of Vietti visit the shops and taste a range of his wines. This event is one of the most popular tastings each year. Having Luca personally sign bottles makes for great holiday gifts. Come in and greet Luca and see first-hand how magically he transports one to Italy by describing his wines.

2010 Vietti Arneis

Roero 22.00 18.26VS

2009 Vietti Barbera d'Asti

'Tre Vigne' 18.00 14.94VS

2008 Vietti Barbera d'Alba

'Tre Vigne' 25.00 20.75VS

2008 Vietti Nebbiolo d'Alba

'Perbacco' 25.00 20.75VS

2007 Vietti Barolo

'Castiglione' 48.00 39.84VS

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October 29th at both shops from 11AM-5PM
Luca Currado will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM
and at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM*

2009 GRAMERCY CELLARS

The 2009 Gramercy Cellars Syrah Walla Walla Valley could have been labeled as a single-vineyard wine—the fruit is all from the upper slopes of the Les Collines Vineyard. The wine is 100% Syrah and shows exceptional blackberry and plum fruit. The 2009 Gramercy Cellars Red 'The Third Man' is a Châteauneuf-du-Pape-styled blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Mourvèdre. Filled with spices of white pepper, black pepper, and anise, the aroma is dramatic. On the palate, black cherry and blackberry flavors combine with sweet notes of French oak. It is powerful and rich, but round enough to enjoy at an early age.

2009 Gramercy Cellars Syrah

Walla Walla Valley 50.00 41.50VS

2009 Gramercy Cellars 'The Third Man'

Columbia Valley 50.00 41.50VS

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.

DEAL OF THE MONTH 2010 DROUHIN MÂCON-VILLAGES

We have been featuring the Joseph Drouhin Mâcon-Villages since the 2007 vintage and each vintage seems to get better. The 2010 Joseph Drouhin Mâcon-Villages shows apple and pear scents with a hint of lemon blossom. It is all made in stainless steel, which allows it to be exceptionally versatile with food pairings. It is a real deal of the month wine, and is perfect for parties and get togethers.

2010 Drouhin Mâcon-Villages 12.00 9.96VS

FEATURED WINES: SONOMA COAST

The Sonoma Coast appellation borders the Pacific Ocean and its vineyards are exposed to more than twice as much annual rainfall as that of its inland neighbors. Even with morning fog and cooler temperatures than Napa Valley and Russian River, it is still warm enough to ripen grapes to yield exceptional flavors. Most vineyards in the appellation are located above the fogline, on slopes that were originally forest lands. These cool pockets of vineyard land produce excellent Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah. Sonoma Coast Chardonnays show notes of cream and hazelnut. Their Pinot Noirs express black cherry fruit and Asian spices. Their Syrahs show wood smoke, white pepper, game, and brambleberry.

2009 Peay Vineyards Chardonnay
Sonoma Coast 42.00 34.86VS

2008 Littorai Chardonnay 'Charles Heintz'
Sonoma Coast 65.00 53.95VS

2009 Failla Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast 36.00 29.88VS

2009 Peay Vineyards Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast 42.00 34.86VS

2009 Cep Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast 29.00 24.07VS

2008 Peay Vineyards Syrah 'La Bruma'
Sonoma Coast 46.00 38.18VS

NEW FROM WOODWARD CANYON

The new 2010 Woodward Canyon Chardonnay is a blend of 87% Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley and 13% Celilo Vineyard in the Columbia Gorge. It has a crisp and racy style with citrus notes from the Celilo fruit and rich body from the estate fruit. This is among the best ever from Woodward Canyon, and they have made many fine Chardonnays over the years. The 2009 Nelms Road Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 8% Syrah, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Mourvedre. It shows complex black currant flavor and is a great value.

2010 Woodward Canyon Chardonnay
Washington State 40.00 33.20VS

2009 Nelms Road Cabernet Sauvignon
Washington State 22.00 18.26VS

DOMAINE DROUHIN PINOT NOIRS

The 2009 vintage will be remembered as an exceptionally long growing season that ended in a relatively relaxed, even harvest. The accumulated heat throughout the season yielded wines with full fruit character — powerful, but balanced. Much like 2004 and 2006, the 2009 will have immediate charm, but will age gracefully. Quoting Veronique Drouhin-Boss, "the 2009 DDO Pinot Noir Willamette Valley is deep and vibrant, with brilliant color and excellent clarity. Aromatically, the wine is quite open, even opulent — a mix of velvety rose petals, violets and spices. On the palate, the texture is lush and mouth-coating, but well-balanced. Together, they provide definition and intensity, followed by refined, silky tannins. The finish is quite long, with beautiful cherry notes, reminding me of fresh cobbler in the peak of summer. While the 2009 will age quite well, it is to my personal taste, delicious to drink today."

For the 2008 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir 'Laurène', we quote Josh Reynolds of the International Wine Cellar. "Deep red. Captivating, highly perfumed aromas of raspberry, pepper, Asian spices, cocoa powder and rose; brighter and more precise than the regular bottling. Then juicy and penetrating in the mouth, with brilliantly fresh raspberry and wild strawberry flavors that stain the palate. Finishes tangy and long, with a whiplash of mineral-accented red fruits and flowers."

2009 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir
Willamette Valley 40.00 33.20VS

2009 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir
Willamette Valley 1.5 Liter 95.00 78.85VS

2008 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir 'Laurène'
Dundee Hills Estate 65.00 53.995VS

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2010 BEAUJOLAIS

Vintage 2010 in Beaujolais was a later harvest than most in recent years, beginning on the 13th of September and ending on the 6th of October. This later harvest provided slower ripening of the Gamay fruit, and dark, complex, and opulent wines were the result. The fruit profile is all about red fruits—raspberry, cassis, and red currant. They don't have the tannin that made the 2009 vintage so dramatic, but all the bold fruit flavor will please those who drink these while waiting for their 2009's to age.

2010 Domaine Dupeuble		
<i>Le Breuil</i>	15.00	12.45VS
2010 Domaine des Chers Juliéna		
<i>Vieilles Vignes</i>	18.00	14.94VS
2010 Daniel Bouland Chiroubles		
<i>Cru de Beaujolais (Limited)</i>	27.00	22.41VS
2010 Daniel Bouland Morgon		
<i>'Corcelette' (Limited)</i>	27.00	22.41VS
2010 Daniel Bouland Morgon		
<i>'De Lys Vieilles Vignes'</i>	27.00	22.41VS
2010 Domaine du Vissoux Fleurie 'Poncie'		
<i>Cru de Beaujolais</i>	28.00	23.24VS
2010 Domaine du Vissoux Moulin-à-Vent		
<i>Cru de Beaujolais</i>	28.00	23.24VS

2009 24 KNOTS PINOT NOIR

The 2009 24 Knots Pinot Noir is named for the afternoon breeze that comes inland from Monterey Bay to the Salinas Valley. The wind whips between the narrow mountain ranges reaching speeds up to 24 knots (*about 30 miles per hour*). This breeze cools the vineyards and allows for longer hang time on the vines, providing an excellent environment to grow Pinot Noir. The 2009 24 Knots Pinot Noir shows a bright black cherry aroma with hints of toasty wood. On the palate, it has a pure raspberry flavor that is wonderful with salmon, duck, and pork tenderloin. This is a find for the price.

2009 24 Knots Pinot Noir		
<i>Central Coast</i>	15.00	12.45VS

2008 PRAZO DE RORIZ

A blend of Touriga Nacional, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca, and Tinto Cão, the 2008 Prazo de Roriz is a well made, deliciously balanced Portugese red that has flavors of black cherry, mulberries, and cassis. It is a fine match for hearty stews and cold weather fare.

2008 Prazo de Roriz		
<i>Duoro</i>	15.00	12.45VS

VIAS IMPORTS

We welcome Chris Zimmerman of Vias Imports to the shops on Saturday, October 8th to provide a tour through Italy. Chris is a great educator, and has traveled to Italy numerous times. He will discuss a range of the following wines, providing maps and pictures. You are guaranteed to learn something new, even if you are an expert in Italian wines. His energy and enthusiasm for the subject is truly special.

Whites:

Bisot Prosecco 'Crede' Cru DOCG		
<i>Valdobbiadene</i>	15.00	12.45VS
2009 Vie di Romans Chardonnay 'Ciampagnis Vieris'		
<i>Friuli Isonzo Rive Alte</i>	44.00	36.52VS
2010 Terredora Falanghina		
<i>Irpinia</i>	15.00	12.45VS

Reds:

2009 La Salette Valpolicella		
<i>Veneto</i>	14.00	11.62VS
2007 Fattoria del Cerro Vino Nobile		
<i>Montepulciano</i>	20.00	16.60VS
2007 Produttori del Barbaresco 'Torre'		
<i>Barbaresco</i>	35.00	29.05VS
2006 Argiano Brunello		
<i>Montalcino</i>	60.00	49.80VS

Taste a selection of these wines on Saturday, October 8th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

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

NEW EVENING LAND WINES

Evening Land produces a wide range of wines from Oregon, California, and Burgundy. Along with their well made "blue label" wines, they now have available two superb wines from the 'La Source' portion of the Seven Springs Vineyard in the Willamette Valley. Both the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are exceptional wines, showing the terroir of this near-perfect vineyard. They also make one of the best Gamays in Oregon and a fine Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Étoile'.

2009 Evening Land Chardonnay 'La Source'		
<i>'Seven Springs Vineyard'</i>	63.00	52.29VS
2010 Evening Land Gamay 'Celebration'		
<i>Willamette Valley (Limited)</i>	25.00	20.75VS
2009 Evening Land Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Étoile'		
<i>Côte de Nuits</i>	30.00	24.90VS
2009 Evening Land Pinot Noir 'La Source'		
<i>'Seven Springs Vineyard'</i>	63.00	52.29VS

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





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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.

Name _____ Date _____

Phone No. work _____ home _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

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

Check Enclosed _____ Pick-up at **Ravenna** **Queen Anne**

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TASTINGS AT BOTH SHOPS

Saturday October 8th 11AM-5PM *free*
Vias Imports from Italy

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

Saturday October 15th 11AM-5PM *free*
2008 FIGGINS Estate Red

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

Saturday October 22nd 11AM-5PM *free*
2006 Corliss Estates Reds

Saturday October 29th 11AM-5PM *free*
Vietti

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

VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES

2009 Owen Roe Cabernet Sauvignon 'DuBrul'

Yakima Valley 75.00 62.25VS

2008 Joseph Phelps 'Insignia'

Napa Valley 154.95 *net*

2008 Tenuta San Guido Sassacaia

Bolgheri 179.95 *net*

2001 Heitz Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon 'Martha's Vineyard'

Napa Valley 144.95 *net*

2008 DeLille Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 'Grand Ciel'

Red Mountain 119.95 *net*

2009 Domaine Dagueneau Wines - please inquire.