

# MARCH, 2012

## VISIT AT THE SHOPS

### WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

One of our most popular tastings each year is the arrival of the newest vintage of WillaKenzie Estate single-vineyard Pinot Noirs. Winemaker Thibaud Mandet will visit the shops to personally discuss each wine on Saturday, March 17th. We will be featuring the superb 2009 vintage. This is a great opportunity to have Thibaud sign bottles.

<b>2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir</b>			
Willamette Valley	27.00	22.41VS	
<b>2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Pierre Léon'</b>			
Willamette Valley	36.00	29.88VS	
<b>2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Aliette'</b>			
Willamette Valley	45.00	37.35VS	
<b>2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Emery'</b>			
Willamette Valley	45.00	37.35VS	
<b>2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Kiana'</b>			
Willamette Valley	45.00	37.35VS	
<b>2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Terres Basses'</b>			
Willamette Valley	56.00	46.48VS	
<b>2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Triple Black'</b>			
Willamette Valley	56.00	46.48VS	

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*March 17th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

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

### 2010 ANDREW WILL BLACK LABELS

The mono-varietal wines from Andrew Will Winery are now labelled with black labels to distinguish them from the vineyard bottlings which sport the classic white labels. The fruit for these new black label wines comes from their estate 'Two Blondes' Vineyard. They represent tremendous value and express the winemaking talent of winemaker Chris Camarda at a price that is designed to attract a large audience.

<b>2010 Andrew Will Cabernet Franc</b>			
Columbia Valley	29.00	24.07VS	
<b>2010 Andrew Will Cabernet Sauvignon</b>			
Columbia Valley	29.00	24.07VS	

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*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.*

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### TRANCHE CELLARS

Michael and Lauri Corliss will visit the shops to introduce new vintages of Tranche Cellars wines, including the new Estate Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. Come in and see Michael and Lauri, and taste these terrific new wines on Saturday, March 31st at both shops.

<b>2009 Tranche Cellars Slice of Pape Blanc</b>			
Columbia Valley	30.00	24.90VS	
<b>2008 Tranche Cellars Chardonnay</b>			
Columbia Valley	30.00	24.90VS	
<b>2007 Tranche Cellars Slice of Pape Rouge</b>			
Columbia Valley	35.00	29.05VS	
<b>2008 Tranche Cellars Estate Syrah</b>			
Columbia Valley	35.00	29.05VS	
<b>2007 Tranche Cellars Estate Cabernet Sauvignon</b>			
Columbia Valley	40.00	33.20VS	

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### 2009 BETZ FAMILY REDS

The 2009 Betz Family Big Reds are being released in March and they will sell rapidly, as both wines received scores of 96 points from Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*. We are fortunate enough to have a small allocation of these wines and suggest you reserve an allotment early. The 2009 Betz Family 'Clos de Betz' is a Merlot-dominant Bordeaux-style blend, having 65% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 6% Petit Verdot in the blend. The 2009 Betz Family Cabernet Sauvignon 'Père de Famille' is a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, and 8% Merlot.

<b>2009 Betz Family Red 'Clos de Betz'</b>			
Columbia Valley (Limited)	55.00	45.65VS	
<b>2009 Betz Family Cabernet Sauvignon 'Père de Famille'</b>			
Columbia Valley (Limited)	70.00	58.10VS	

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## DEAL OF THE MONTH 2009 GIRARDIN CHARDONNAY

The Vincent Girardin winery has been sold and the national importer is changing, thus we had a rare opportunity to buy a limited number of cases of the 2009 Vincent Girardin Chardonnay 'Emotion' at a great price. The wine shows the signature hazelnut and apple aroma of Bourgogne Blanc from Girardin, and it has a lovely easy-to-quaff style. This is the deal of the month!

**2009 Vincent Girardin Chardonnay 'Emotion'**  
Bourgogne (Limited) 14.99 net

## FEATURED WINES 2010 MUSCADETS

For the value, it is hard to beat 2010 Muscadets. It is a great vintage, even if short in supply. The wines are a joy to taste, offering much more than simple oyster wine style. They have notes of citrus, with hints of mandarin, quince, and kumquat. The mineral-rich nature of these wines allows them to keep, and we suggest that you stash some for summer dining on the deck. The style of this vintage, complex and long, is seldom seen. It may be some time before we see Muscadets of this quality again.

<b>2010 Michel Delhommeau Muscadet</b>		
'Cuvée St. Vincent'	10.00	8.30VS
<b>2010 Bonnet Huteau Muscadet</b>		
'Les Dabinières'	12.00	9.96VS
<b>2010 Bonnet Huteau Muscadet</b>		
'Levrandières'	12.00	9.96VS
<b>2010 Michel Delhommeau Muscadet</b>		
'Cuvée Harmonie'	14.00	11.62VS
<b>2010 Domaine de la Pepière Muscadet</b>		
'Sèvre & Maine	14.00	11.62VS
<b>2010 Domaine Pierre de la Grange Muscadet</b>		
'Sèvre & Maine	14.00	11.62VS
<b>2010 Bonnet Huteau Muscadet</b>		
'Les Laures'	15.00	12.45VS
<b>2010 Michel Delhommeau Muscadet</b>		
'Clos Armand' (Limited)	18.00	14.94VS

## 2009 LEONETTI

We are fortunate to have a reasonable allocation of the new Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon and Reserve to feature for a Saturday tasting. But there is a limit. **We will have two bottles of each wine per shop to taste—once they are finished, the tasting is over!** Come in and sample a sip of the 2009 Leonetti Cellar Big Reds on Saturday, March 10th at both shops.

**2009 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Walla Walla Valley (Limited) 97.95 net  
**2009 Leonetti Cellar Reserve**  
Walla Walla Valley (Limited) 152.95 net  
Taste two bottles of these wines on Saturday,  
March 10th at both shops from 11AM-5PM  
(or until we run out!)

## 2008 HARTWELL ESATE CABERNET

The 2008 Hartwell Cabernet Sauvignon 'Misté Hill' is a big wine filled with texture and charm that seems unusually well priced based on its taste. There is a mocha note to this wine that is sexy, perhaps because we know that Bob Hartwell bought the property in 1986 from Harry Sees, heir to the Sees Candy fortune. The wine also has very expensive-to-achieve, long-chain tannins, the textural sensation that one usually associates with wine in the \$150 range of price.

**2008 Hartwell Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 'Misté Hill'**  
Stags Leap District 53.00 43.99VS

## 2010 KEN WRIGHT PINOT NOIR

The 2010 Ken Wright Pinot Noir Willamette Valley is a blend of fruit from Abbott Claim, Canary Hill, Carter, Freedom Hill, Guadalupe, McCrone, Meredith Mitchell, Nysa, and Savoya Vineyards. It has a very pure cherry aroma, with less evidence of barrel use. But it has wonderfully complex aromatics, almost pensive in nature. The fruit flavor is full and again, a distinctive complexity shows through. It is clearly lower in alcohol than the previous vintages, but there are many who will find this wine tremendously refreshing and charming.

**2010 Ken Wright Pinot Noir**  
Willamete Valley 30.00 24.90VS

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## 2011 FRENCH ROSÉS

A fine recommendation for Easter ham, the 2011 Domaine Sorin Rosé 'Terra Amata' is perennially one of our favorites to stand up to the salty nature of the meal. This Sorin Rosé is a unique blend of seven varieties; 40% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 10% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre, 10% Carignan, 5% Rolle, 5% Orgi. The 2011 is very bright in acidity and has a faint blood orange note. The 2011 Château de Campuget Rosé has a bit more of a red currant note, but it also works exceptionally well with the nature of ham.

<b>2011 Domaine Sorin Rosé 'Terra Amata'</b>		
<i>Côtes de Provence</i>	11.00	9.13VS
<b>2011 Château de Campuget Rosé</b>		
<i>Costières de Nîmes</i>	10.00	8.30VS

## 2009 GÉRARD BERTRAND

A spicy blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, the 2009 Gérard Bertrand Corbières is a great everyday red for chilly nights. Priced at \$10, it offers good balance, lots of clean berry fruit flavor, and just enough tannin to give it some grip. Stock up on this while it is available.

<b>2009 Gérard Bertrand Corbières</b>		
	10.00	8.30VS

## 2009 BUGLIONI VALPOLICELLA

Mariano Buglioni makes his Valpolicella Classico using four varieties, including Corvina, the rare Corvinone, Rondinella, and a bit of Molinara. It is a pure expression of these varieties and is truly a special Valpolicella. The plums and cherries of the aroma are bright and cheerful. The body is silky, and the tannins are fine. It is so smooth that it works very well with seafood, especially classic cioppino.

<b>2009 Buglioni Valpolicella Classico</b>		
	16.00	13.28VS

## 2009 OSTERTAG RIESLINGS

André Ostertag has run the 13-hectare family domaine in Alsace since 1998. There are more than 100 parcels in five villages. André trained in Burgundy under Dominique Lafon and his wines express an almost Burgundian style. They are complex and long, with exotic fruit flavors. The glycerin-rich body and mineral acidity of his Rieslings make amazing wines for the complex cuisine of Alsace.

<b>2009 Domaine Ostertag Riesling 'Vignoble d'E'</b>		
<i>Epfig (Limited)</i>	28.00	23.24VS
<b>2009 Domaine Ostertag Riesling 'Muenchberg'</b>		
<i>Grand Cru (Limited)</i>	65.00	53.95VS

## MASTROBERARDINO

Piero Mastroberardino paid a visit to the shops and showcased a tremendous selection of wines from Campania. The whites were compelling, having great complexity and freshness—perfect with Northwest shellfish. The 2009 Mastroberardino Aglianico has an aroma of violets, berries, and mocha with flavors of plum and black cherry. It is a great bottle for hearty pastas.

<b>2010 Mastroberardino Falanghina</b>		
<i>'Sannio'</i>	21.00	17.43VS
<b>2010 Mastroberardino Greco di Tufo</b>		
<i>'Amirea Genina'</i>	25.00	20.75VS
<b>2009 Mastroberardino Fiano d'Avellino</b>		
<i>DOCG</i>	25.00	20.75VS
<b>2009 Mastroberardino Aglianico</b>		
<i>Campania</i>	25.00	20.75VS

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## 2010 BURGANS ALBARIÑO

Sporting a label that is as bright and zesty as the wine itself, the 2010 Burgans Albariño is a crisp, lime-scented white that works perfectly with seafood dishes of all types. Named for the hills of the same name, these vineyards in the Salnes Valley are close to the Atlantic seaboard, and the influences of the ocean air provide a saline note to the wine.

<b>2010 Burgans Albariño</b>		
<i>Rías Baixas</i>	15.00	12.45VS

## 2009 CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT

Château Beaumont is a left bank property located between the communes of Saint-Julien and Margaux. It is a Cru Bourgeois that is a blend of 53 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Petit Verdot. The wine shows a classic left bank Cabernet black olive aroma, with just a touch of wood. The body is full, and the tannins are supple. This is a great value considering its pedigree. It is worthy of cellaring for up to ten years.

<b>2009 Château Beaumont Cru Bourgeois</b>		
<i>Haut-Médoc</i>	23.00	19.09VS

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

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Phone No. work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**TASTINGS AT BOTH SHOPS**

**Saturday March 3rd** 11AM-5PM *free*  
*Mastroberardino Wines*

**Saturday March 10th** 11AM-5PM *free*  
*Leonetti Cellar Reds*

**Saturday March 17th** 11AM-5PM *free*  
*2009 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noirs*

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**Saturday March 24th** 11AM-5PM *free*  
*2009 Betz Family Reds*  
*2010 Andrew Will Black Labels*

**Saturday March 31st** 11AM-5PM *free*  
*Tranche Cellars*

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**VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES**

<b>2009 Gramercy Cellars Red 'Idiot du Village'</b>		
Columbia Valley	50.00	41.50VS
<b>2009 Gramercy Cellars Syrah 'John Lewis Reserve'</b>		
Columbia Valley	85.00	70.55VS
<b>2009 Mark Ryan Cabernet Sauvignon 'Lonely Heart'</b>		
Red Mountain	80.00	66.40VS
<b>2008 Long Shadows Red 'Pirouette' 1.5 Liter</b>		
Columbia Valley	125.00	103.75VS
<b>2007 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon</b>		
Napa Valley	103.00	85.49VS
<b>2009 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon</b>		
Columbia Valley	47.00	39.01VS
<b>2009 Lafon and Roty Burgundies - please inquire.</b>		