

APRIL, 2012

2009 BORDEAUX

The weather in Bordeaux was unusual in 2009, and one has to go back to the 1940's to find comparable conditions. A mix of warm days and cool, dry nights just prior to harvest was reminiscent of the conditions in 1949. Cool nights prevented the grapes from becoming overripe. There was some hail in Entre-deux-Mers and parts of the right bank, but otherwise 2009 was a year that produced wines of exceptional character across the range of producers. We have a selection of new wines to offer.

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| 2009 Château de Costis | | | |
| Bordeaux | 10.00 | 8.30VS | |
| 2009 Château Barrabaque 'Cuvée Antoine' | | | |
| Canon-Fronsac | 14.00 | 11.62VS | |
| 2009 Château Lestrille Capmartin | | | |
| Bordeaux Supérieur | 15.00 | 12.45VS | |
| 2009 Château Marjosse | | | |
| Bordeaux | 15.00 | 12.45VS | |
| 2009 Château Rauzan Despagne | | | |
| Bordeaux | 18.00 | 14.94VS | |
| 2009 Château La Sacristie de la Vieille Cure | | | |
| Fronsac | 25.00 | 20.75VS | |
| 2009 Château Cap Léon Veyrin | | | |
| Listrac-Médoc | 30.00 | 24.90VS | |
| 2009 Château Haut-Beausejour | | | |
| Saint-Estèphe | 34.00 | 28.22VS | |
| 2009 Château Bel-Air | | | |
| Pomerol | 39.00 | 32.37VS | |

Taste a selection of these wines on Saturday, April 14th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

2010 OWEN ROSE 'EX UMBRIS'

After gaining exceptional visibility by being named one of the Wine Spectator's Top 100, the 2009 Owen Roe Syrah 'Ex Umbri' disappeared nearly immediately. We feel that the 2010 Owen Roe Syrah 'Ex Umbri' is a better wine and we fully expect that it will sell out rapidly. Loaded with red fruits—raspberry, boysenberry, and currants—it is a powerful wine. Lots of glycerin keeps the tannins in balance, and it is easy to enjoy even at this early age.

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| 2010 Owen Roe Syrah 'Ex Umbri' | | | |
| Columbia Valley (Limited) | 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.

VISIT AT THE SHOPS CANTINA TERLANO

Cantina Terlano is located north of Bolzano, in the town of Terlano. One of the first cooperatives in Sudtirolo, it was established in 1893 when 24 local growers united to jointly produce, sell, and market their wines. Today, more than 120 members farm just over 20,000 hectares, making it one of the region's smaller producers. Judith Unterholzner from Cantina Terlano will be in the shops on Saturday, April 21st to showcase some of the best wines from Italy's Alto Adige.

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| 2010 Terlano Pinot Bianco Classico | | | |
| Alto Adige | 18.00 | 14.94VS | |
| 2010 Terlano Terlaner Classico | | | |
| Alto Adige | 18.00 | 14.94VS | |
| 2010 Terlano Pinot Grigio | | | |
| Alto Adige | 20.00 | 16.60VS | |
| 2009 Terlano Pinot Bianco Riserva 'Vorberg' | | | |
| Alto Adige | 32.00 | 26.56VS | |
| 2009 Terlano Sauvignon 'Quartz' | | | |
| Alto Adige | 55.00 | 45.65VS | |

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

DOMAINE TEMPIER

We are pleased to be able to offer the new vintages of Domaine Tempier at the shops. When tasted, these wines showed exceptional flavor and concentration. We recommend reserving some early, as the supplies are not large.

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| 2010 Domaine Tempier Bandol Blanc | | | |
| Plan du Castellet | 40.00 | 33.20VS | |
| 2009 Domaine Tempier Bandol Rouge | | | |
| Plan du Castellet | 45.00 | 37.35VS | |
| 375ml | 28.00 | 23.24VS | |
| 2009 Domaine Tempier Bandol 'La Migoua' | | | |
| (Limited) | 65.00 | 53.95VS | |
| 2009 Domaine Tempier Bandol 'La Tourtine' | | | |
| (Limited) | 65.00 | 53.95VS | |

WINE OF THE MONTH 2010 DOMAINE DROUHIN 'ARTHUR'

The 2010 Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 'Arthur' is produced from all-Dijon clones, grown on the Drouhin Family Estate in the Dundee Hills. These unique clones were first planted in 1992, and are now among the oldest Dijon-clone vines in the new world. The first vintage was made in 1996. After 2002, this complex Chardonnay was renamed in honor of Véronique Drouhin-Boss' son Arthur. The 2010 Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 'Arthur' is truly Burgundian in style—bright, with crisp acidity, and a distinct mineral character reminiscent of Meursault. It has a lovely finish and lingers on the palate.

2010 Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 'Arthur'
Dundee Hills 30.00 24.90VS

FEATURED WINES PENFOLDS AUSTRALIAN REDS

We recently had the chance to taste the new releases of Penfolds 'Big Reds' and were struck by how outstanding these wines are in comparison to the majority of expensive Australian wines. From the pure and intriguing bouquets, to the complex and mouthwatering flavors, and the velvet-like textures, these wines are really in a different league. While they are not inexpensive, they justify their prices with the quality they possess.

2010 Penfolds Shiraz/Mourvèdre 'Bin 2'
South Australia 15.00 12.45VS

2009 Penfolds Shiraz 'Bin 128'
Coonawarra 25.00 20.75VS

2009 Penfolds Cabernet Sauvignon 'Bin 407'
South Australia (Limited) 39.95 net

2009 Penfolds Bin Cabernet/Shiraz 'Bin 389'
South Australia (Limited) 44.95 net

2007 Penfolds Shiraz 'St. Henri'
South Australia 49.95 net

2008 Penfolds Shiraz 'RWT'
Barossa Valley 99.95 net

*Taste a selection of these wines on Saturday,
April 28th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

MOUNT EDEN VINEYARDS

Mount Eden Vineyards is a small historic wine estate located on a 2000-foot peak in the Santa Cruz Mountain appellation, about 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Founded in 1945, it is recognized as one of the original "boutique" California Winery properties, focusing on small lots of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Mount Eden's lineage of estate-bottled Chardonnay and Pinot Noir is the longest in California. Planted in austere, infertile Franciscan shale on a cool, exposed mountaintop, the low-yielding estate vineyards have consistently produced world-class wines for over a half century.

2009 Mount Eden Vineyards Chardonnay Estate
Santa Cruz Mountains (Ltd) 56.00 46.48VS

2008 Mount Eden Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon
Santa Cruz Mountains (Ltd) 56.00 46.48VS

àMAURICE WINES

Anna Schafer crafts elegant wines using top-caliber Washington sources, including Gamache, Boushey, Bacchus, Weinbau, Elephant Mountain, and Conner Lee Vineyards, as well as their estate vineyard in the Mill Creek Valley. The current releases are delicious, show-stopping wines, each well priced and deserving attention.

2008 àMaurice Chardonnay
Columbia Valley 28.00 23.24VS

2008 àMaurice Syrah Grenache
Columbia Valley 34.00 28.22VS

2008 àMaurice Red 'The Tobey'
Columbia Valley 35.00 29.05VS

2010 RIDGE REDS

In 1967, the first wine from the Benito Dusi Vineyard was produced—a Paso Robles Zinfandel vineyard with vines more than 80 years old. Ridge has made their Geyserville bottling as a single-site Zinfandel every year since 1966. The grapes are grown in three adjoining vineyards on a stretch of gravelly soil. The 2010 vintage is a blend of 64% Zinfandel, 20% Carignane, 12% Petite Sirah, 2% Alicante Bouschet, and 2% Mataro.

2010 Ridge Zinfandel Paso Robles
'Benito Dusi Ranch' (Limited) 30.00 24.90VS

2010 Ridge Geyserville
Sonoma County (Limited) 36.50 30.30VS

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2011 FRENCH ROSÉS

A fine recommendation for Easter ham, the 2011 dry French rosés are beginning to arrive and they are quite refreshing. A worldwide study showed that the consumption of rosé wine around the globe has increased by 17% in the past eight years. (*French Wine News*). Our yearly sales of rosé wine are mirroring these results, with many brands selling out very quickly. Come in, imagine warm weather, and sample a selection of these current offerings on Saturday, April 7th at both shops.

2011 Château de Campuget Rosé 'Tradition'

Costières de Nîmes 10.00 8.30VS

2011 Domaine Sorin Rosé 'Terra Amata'

Côtes de Provence 12.00 9.96VS

2011 Saint Roch les Vignes Rosé

Côtes de Provence 14.00 11.62VS

2011 Triennes Rosé

Pays du Var 17.00 14.11VS

2011 Domaine de la Fouquette 'Rosée d'Aurore'

Côtes de Provence 17.00 14.11VS

2011 Commanderie de Peyrassol Rosé

Côtes de Provence 20.00 16.60VS

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BERNARD BAUDRY CHINONS

Bernard Baudry has created a 25-hectare estate out of family parcels and purchased land. His precise, mineral-driven Chinons are some of the best of their appellation, having defined flavor profiles of the soils of each site. The top cuvées are Le Clos Guillot and La Croix Boisée, reflecting young vines grown in chalk and limestone soils.

2010 Bernard Baudry Chinon

'Les Granges' 18.00 14.94VS

2010 Bernard Baudry Chinon

'Les Grézeaux' 25.00 20.75VS

2009 Bernard Baudry Chinon

'Le Clos Guillot' (Limited) 28.00 23.24VS

2009 Bernard Baudry Chinon

'La Croix Boisée' (Limited) 35.00 29.05VS

MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE

Nicolas Potel left the company bearing his name in 2005 to open his own estate, Maison Roche de Bellene. The name Bellene comes from Belenos, an ancient Gallic god of sun and beauty. It was the name of Beaune during the Middle Ages. His new wines show the same passion for quality and attention to sources as those he created in his past endeavors. Most of the vines he farms are between 50 to 110 years of age. These old vines add remarkable complexity to the wines. We tasted a selection of 2009 Maison Roche de Bellene wines and found the following to be outstanding.

2009 Maison Roche de Bellene Bourgogne Blanc

'Vieilles Vignes' 21.00 17.43VS

2009 Maison Roche de Bellene Meursault

'Vieilles Vignes' 64.00 53.12VS

2009 Maison Roche de Bellene Bourgogne Rouge

'Vieilles Vignes' 21.00 17.43VS

2009 Maison Roche de Bellene Beaune Cent Vignes

Premier Cru 56.00 46.48VS

2009 SOOS CREEK REDS

Soos Creek was established in 1989 with a goal to focus on the exceptional vineyards in Washington State. That initial year, winemaker Dave Larsen produced only 100 cases. Today this family operation has grown to 1,600 cases, small in comparison to many premier Washington wineries. They work with fruit from vineyards such as Champoux, Ciel du Cheval, Slide Mountain, Elephant Mountain, DuBrul, Dineen, Lewis, Sagemoor, Klipsun and The Benches. The current releases are outstanding, using a mere 40% new French oak and deliberately attempting to reduce alcohol levels to 14% or less. This moderate style allows the top-notch quality of the fruit to express its elegance.

2009 Soos Creek Red 'Sundance'

Columbia Valley 20.00 16.60 VS

2009 Soos Creek Red 'Artist Series #9'

Columbia Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2009 Soos Creek Red 'Ciel du Cheval'

Red Mountain 30.00 24.90VS

2009 Soos Creek 'Champoux Vineyard'

Horse Heaven Hills 40.00 33.20VS

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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TASTINGS AT BOTH SHOPS

Saturday April 7th 11AM-5PM free
2011 Rosés for Easter

Saturday April 14th 11AM-5PM free
2009 Bordeaux

Saturday April 21st 11AM-5PM free
Cantina Terlano

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

Saturday April 28th 11AM-5PM free
Penfolds Australian Reds

VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES

2009 Dominus Estate (Pre-sell for May Delivery)

Napa Valley 169.95 net

2009 Domaine Tempier Bandol 'Cabassaou'

Plan du Castellet 95.00 78.85VS

2009 Buty 'Rediviva of the Stones'

Walla Walla Valley 60.00 49.80VS

2007 Corliss Estates Syrah

Columbia Valley 55.00 45.65VS

2009 Gramercy Cellars Syrah 'Lagniappe'

Columbia Valley 50.00 41.50VS

2010 Owen Roe Syrah 'Chapel Block'

Red Willow Vineyard 60.00 49.80VS

2010 Bernard Moreau Burgundies - please inquire.