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VINTAGE SELECT BUYERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2010 McCARTHY & SCHIERING

The 2010 McCarthy & Schiering Cabernet Sauvignon is now available and it is an exciting wine. Produced for the eighth consecutive year by the Palette Wine Company of Snohomish, Washington, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a bold expression of Washington fruit from some of the state's best vineyards. A total of 400 cases were made.

2010 McCarthy & Schiering Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley 22.95 net

Taste this wine on Saturday,

April 6th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

TRANCHE WHITES

The 2011 Tranche Cellars Pinot Gris shows the classic nectarine hints that come with Pinot Gris grown in the Columbia Gorge. This wine is now finished dry, and makes a great accompaniment to scallops and garlic prawns. In homage to the wines of the southern Rhone Valley, Tranche Cellars produces a series of wines called 'Slice of Pape' using Rhône varieties. The 2010 Tranche Cellars Slice of Pape Blanc is a rich and delicious blend, but has a crisp acidity that keeps it refreshing.

2011 Tranche Cellars Pinot Gris

Columbia Valley (Limited) 18.00 14.94VS

2010 Tranche Cellars Slice of Pape Blanc

Columbia Valley (Limited) 30.00 24.90VS

2010 JASMIN 'LA CHEVALIÈRE'

Patrick Jasmin farms the treacherous slopes of Côte-Rôtie and is known for his 'sélection massale', the preservation of the ancient clones of Syrah. These Syrah plants bear fruit that has smaller berry size, smaller seeds, and opulent aromatics. He makes a 100% Syrah from his third of a hectare in the Vin de Pays de Collines Rhodaniennes. The 2010 Patrick Jasmin 'La Chevalière' bears a striking resemblance to his Côte-Rôtie, having an earthy, mineral scented aroma (*you begin to think you can smell the soils*), a saline note to the dried cherry fruit, and a lovely, complex finish. This is a steal at the price.

2010 Patrick Jasmin 'La Chevalière'

Collines Rhodaniennes 25.00 20.75VS

VISITS 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, April 27th. We will be featuring the wines of the 2011 vintage. This is a great opportunity to have Thibaud sign bottles.

2011 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley 29.00 24.07VS

2010 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Pierre Léon'

Willamette Valley 41.00 34.03VS

2010 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Aliette'

Willamette Valley 53.00 43.99VS

2010 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Emery'

Willamette Valley 53.00 43.99VS

2010 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Kiana'

Willamette Valley 53.00 43.99VS

2010 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Terres Basses'

Willamette Valley 62.00 51.46VS

2010 WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir 'Triple Black'

Willamette Valley 62.00 51.46VS

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Thibaud Mandet will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM

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

2011 DOMAINE DROUHIN PINOT NOIR

It is impressive to see how well the team at Domaine Drouhin was able to stave off the dangers of what was the coolest growing season on record in Oregon and craft the 2011 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir. Selecting from the cleanest fruit, using only 20% new French oak, (*coopered at the family domaine in Burgundy*), and carefully selecting only the best barrels, the finished wine is an achievement. Black cherry-scented, and filled with sweet notes of plum, it is a balanced wine that reminds one of the best of Volnay. Bravo to Veronique and her staff for a job well done! Plan on having this with your Copper River salmon this year.

2011 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills 40.00 33.20VS

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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.

2008 OTIS KENYON MATCHLESS RED

An easy-to-quaff style makes the 2008 Otis Kenyon 'Matchless' Red a fun wine for backyard barbecues. It's a blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon and 47% Merlot from both the Seven Hills Vineyard and Otis Kenyon Estate Vineyard—a true Walla Walla red with lots of spice and pepper.

2008 Otis Kenyon 'Matchless' Red
Walla Walla Valley 20.00 16.60VS

FEATURED WINES: 2012 SPRING ROSÉS

The 2012 vintage in France was a difficult year for most areas, as wet spring weather during flowering had the effect of significantly lowering the crop size. Only the Rhône Valley, Provence, and the Languedoc were spared, and this is great news for French rosé wine lovers. The yields were down, due to on-and-off rains that kept alcohol levels lower, and forced severe selection at the sorting tables. In Washington, we seem to be adding a group of very well-made dry rosés to the fine collection of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, and Mourvèdre reds. The 2012 growing season in eastern Washington was just as even and harmonious as the weather in western Washington. Crisp, dry, and refreshing, these wines are pleasing in style and easy to enjoy with salmon.

2012 Campuget Rosé
Costières de Nîmes 10.00 8.30VS

2012 Commanderie de la Bargemone Rosé
Côteaux d'Aix en Provence 15.00 12.45VS

2012 Saint-Roch Les Vignes Rosé
Côtes de Provence 15.00 12.45VS

2012 Julia's Dazzle Pinot Grigio Rosé
Horse Heaven Hills (Limited) 15.00 12.45VS

2012 Tranche Cellars Pink Pape Rosé
Columbia Valley 16.00 13.28VS

2012 Domaine de Fontsaïnte Gris de Gris Rosé
Corbières 16.00 13.28VS

2012 Triennes Rosé
Pays du Var 17.00 14.11VS

2012 Domaine de la Fouquette Rosé
'Cuvée Rosée d'Aurore' 18.00 14.94VS

2012 Mas de Pampelonne Rosé
Côtes de Provence 20.00 16.60VS

2012 Whispering Angel Rosé
Côtes de Provence 23.00 19.09VS

*Taste a selection of these wines on Saturday,
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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

"The hits just keep on coming." Last month was Washington Wine Month and we featured Andrew Will, Betz, Gramercy, Kevin White, Mark Ryan, Syncline, and Walla Walla Vintners. We still have a parade of hits to introduce, and they are all "solid gold".

2010 Kerloo Cellars Red 'Majestic'
Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2011 Board Track Racer 'Suicide Shift'
Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2011 Board Track Racer 'The Chief'
Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2011 Syncline Grenache Carignan
Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2010 Syncline Grenache
Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2010 Guardian Merlot 'Confidential Source'
Columbia Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2010 J.B. Neufeld Cabernet Sauvignon
Yakima Valley 34.00 28.22VS

2010 Baer Red 'Ursa'
Columbia Valley 40.00 33.20VS

2010 Double Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon
Horse Heaven Hills 43.00 35.69VS

**2011 Buty Merlot/Cabernet Franc
'Conner Lee Vineyard'**
Columbia Valley 45.00 37.35VS

2010 Buty 'Rediviva of the Stones'
Walla Walla Valley 60.00 49.80VS

2010 Buty Cabernet Sauvignon 'Champoux Vineyard'
Horse Heaven Hills 90.00 74.70VS

2010 CEP SYRAH

In 2010, Peay Winery chose not to make their famed Syrah 'Les Titans', and much of the fruit was used for the 2010 Cep Syrah. Cep wines are barrel selections from the single-vineyard bottlings; not a second label, but blends of their estate fruit. The 2010 vintage was challenging—fruit was harvested in November, fully mature at very low brix. This cool-site, cool-vintage wine shows peppers of all colors, lavender and garrigue, smoked meats, but most importantly a silky texture with lower alcohol that lets all the flavors sing. It is a wine that makes us want the Southern-fried chicken from Blueacre Seafood Restaurant.

2010 Cep Syrah Estate
Sonoma Coast 28.00 23.24VS

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2011 RIDGE REDS

The 2011 Ridge Zinfandel ‘Paso Robles’ comes from the Benito Dusi Ranch that was originally planted in 1923, and Ridge has been making this wine since 1967. It has an earthy note with lots of sweet black cherry fruit. The 2011 Ridge ‘Geyserville’ is a traditional field blend, with a majority of the fruit harvested from vines 130 years in age. Since the first vintage in 1966, this has been a mainstay in the Ridge line up.

2011 Ridge Zinfandel ‘Benito Dusi Ranch’		
<i>Paso Robles (Limited)</i>	33.00	27.39VS
2011 Ridge ‘Geyserville’		
<i>Sonoma County (Limited)</i>	40.00	33.20VS

CHRISTOPHER IMPORTS

When Michele D’Aprix did an internship in Bordeaux, she was lucky and went to work for Stéphane Derenoncourt at Château Beauséjour on the right bank. Her passion exploded working with wines from Saint-Emilion and Montagne Saint-Emilion. She produced her 2009 ‘Pentimento’ at Château Beauséjour. Michele started a small import company, Christopher Imports, to market her own and her friends’ wines in the USA. We were set back by the exceptional concentration and flavor density of these wines.

2011 Château Monestier La Tour Blanc		
<i>Bergerac</i>	14.00	11.62VS
2009 Château Beauséjour ‘Pentimento’		
<i>Montagne Saint-Emilion</i>	24.00	19.92VS
2010 Château La Bienfaisance		
<i>Saint-Emilion Grand Cru</i>	37.00	30.71VS

2009 TENUTA DELL’ORNELLAIA

Located in Bolgheri on the west coast of Tuscany, Tenuta dell’Ornellaia was founded in 1981. They create a range of wines on the 192-hectare property. The 2009 Le Serre Nuove dell’Ornellaia is made primarily from younger vines at the estate. The wine shows much of the same structure, balance, and intensity typical of this great terroir. The 2009 Tenuta dell’Ornellaia ‘Ornellaia’ is an impressive blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot. The wine shows many layers of complexity, with silky, long-chain tannins providing an amazing texture. It deserves to be cellared for five to seven years.

2009 Tenuta dell’Ornellaia ‘La Serre Nuove’		
<i>Bolgheri</i>	75.00	62.25VS
2009 Tenuta dell’Ornellaia ‘Ornellaia’		
<i>Bolgheri Superiore</i>	200.00	166.00VS

CUVELIER LOS ANDES

The Cuvelier family acquired Château Léoville Poyferré in 1920, and uses Michel Rolland as a consultant. In 1998 Bertrand Cuvelier accompanied Michel to Argentina and saw the ‘Clos de la Siete’ project in which Michel was involved. This led to investment in vineyards and a winery. Today, the Cuvelier Los Andes wines show a rich, fruit-filled style, reminiscent of good Bordeaux. The 2011 Cuvelier Los Andes Malbec shows brambleberry and boysenberry notes, a generous mouthfeel, and a fruit-filled finish. The 2010 Cuvelier Los Andes Cabernet Sauvignon has a velvety texture and a nice hint of vanilla from barrel aging. The 2008 Cuvelier Los Andes Grand Vin is a blend of 65% Malbec, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah, 5% Merlot, and 5% Petit Verdot that was aged in French oak. It resembles the makeup of Château Léoville Poyferré. Come in and sample these wines on Saturday, April 20th at both shops.

2011 Cuvelier Los Andes Malbec		
<i>Mendoza</i>	20.00	16.60VS
2010 Cuvelier Los Andes Cabernet Sauvignon		
<i>Mendoza</i>	20.00	16.60VS
2008 Cuvelier Los Andes Grand Vin		
<i>Mendoza</i>	35.00	29.05VS

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2012 TRISAETUM DRY RIESLING

A very tasty wine with a precision seldom seen in Rieslings produced outside of Germany, the 2012 Trisaetum Dry Riesling comes from the winery’s Ribbon Ridge Estate Vineyard. There is a complexity to this fruit that reminds one of the great wines of the Saar River Valley. This is a fine wine to stash in the cellar until the warm weather arrives.

2012 Trisaetum Dry Riesling Estate		
<i>Ribbon Ridge (Limited)</i>	27.00	22.41VS

BONO OLIVE OIL

A container of cold pressed, extra virgin olive oil was brought into town by a group of local restaurateurs, believing they could easily sell it at their price. Time passed and it became clear that it was time to make a deal. The result is Bono Extra Virgin Olive Oil at \$11.99 for a 750ml bottle. Still fresh and clean, it is great for everyday cooking.

Bono Extra Virgin Olive Oil	11.99	net
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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



