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## VISIT AT THE SHOPS BISOL PROSECCO

Bisol is located in the heart of the Prosecco appellation in Valdobbiadene, near the foot of the Cartizze hillside, and the winery dates back to 1875. Bisol is one of the top producers of Prosecco, working 16 different vineyards. Their six cru wines; Crede, Fol, Garnei, Salis, Cartizze, and Molera form the base of their Glera production. We are pleased to have Stefano Marangon, the export manager, at the shops to showcase these Prosecco wines on Saturday, February 13th just in time for Valentines Day!

<b>Desiderio Jeio Cuvée Rosé</b>		
Valdobbiadene	15.00	12.45VS
<b>Desiderio Jeio Prosecco Brut</b>		
Valdobbiadene	15.00	12.45VS
<b>2014 Bisol Prosecco Crede</b>		
Valdobbiadene	26.00	21.58VS
<b>2014 Bisol Prosecco Cartizze Dry</b>		
Valdobbiadene	48.00	39.84VS

*Taste these wines on Saturday,*

*February 13th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

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

## LEONETTI CELLAR - PRE-ARRIVAL

We are offering the new releases of Leonetti Cellar in February, prior to their release in March. Leonetti Cellar reds continue to deliver outstanding quality. The new vintages show the complex tannin structures and subtle oak of these estate wines. The talented winemaking of Chris Figgins assures that they are among the best wines made in Washington. Credit card payments are being accepted to guarantee your order.

*Please confirm availability before sending payment.*

<b>2013 Leonetti Cellar Sangiovese</b>		
Walla Walla Valley	79.95	net
<b>2014 Leonetti Cellar Merlot</b>		
Walla Walla Valley	79.95	net
<b>2013 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon</b>		
Walla Walla Valley	99.95	net
<b>2013 Leonetti Cellar Reserve</b>		
Walla Walla Valley	149.95	net

*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 emailed this monthly newsletter which details 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 CASAS DEL BOSQUE CHILE

Casas del Bosque is a boutique winery in Chile's Casablanca Valley, producing only 90,000 cases of wine per year. This demonstrates how the scale of production varies in growing regions, as that would be a big winery in Washington. Casablanca Valley is 70 kilometers from Santiago, and is one of the coolest regions in Chile. They produce fantastic Sauvignon Blanc, great Pinot Noir, a superb Syrah, and great value Carmenere and Cabernet Sauvignon. Winemaker Grant Phelps is an extraordinary educator, wonderful palate, and very funny fellow. Come meet Grant, and taste these wines on Saturday, February 6th at both shops.

<b>2015 Casas del Bosque Sauvignon Blanc Reserva</b>		
Casablanca Valley	12.00	9.96VS
<b>2015 Casas del Bosque Sauvignon Blanc Gran Reserva</b>		
Casablanca Valley	17.00	14.11VS
<b>2014 Casas del Bosque Cabernet Gran Reserve</b>		
Maipo Valley	17.00	14.11VS
<b>2013 Casas del Bosque Pinot Noir Gran Reserva</b>		
Casablanca Valley	20.00	16.60VS
<b>2014 Casas del Bosque Carmenere Reserva</b>		
Rapel Valley	12.00	9.96VS
<b>2014 Casas del Bosque Syrah Gran Reserva</b>		
Casablanca Valley	20.00	16.60VS

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## 2013 QUILCEDA CREEK 'CVR'

The 2013 Quilceda Creek Red 'CVR' (Columbia Valley Red) is a blend of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, and 3% Malbec. It shows lots of red fruits and licorice, a bit of game, minerals, and chocolate. It is a lovely wine with the fine tannins always present in Quilceda Creek wines. On Saturday, February 20th, we will open two bottles per shop and offer tastes while it lasts.

<b>2013 Quilceda Creek Red 'CVR'</b>		
Columbia Valley (Limited)	49.95	net

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*February 20th at both shops*

## WINE OF THE MONTH 2014 TERRE NERE ETNA ROSSO

In Sicily, 2014 started with a mild winter followed by spring rains. The summer months were warm with a few showers to cool things off. The vines were never stressed. In August, veraison began and it took a long time for the grapes to turn color completely. This pushed back harvest for the Nerello grapes well into early October. An Indian Summer in October completed the ripening period. The 2014 Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso shows fine tannins, resembling a cross between Nebbiolo and 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Pinot Noir from Burgundy. It pairs well with a wide variety of foods. As winemaker-owner Marco de Grazia states on their website, "It is an aristocratically liberal wine."

**2014 Tenuta delle Terre Nere Rosso**  
Mount Etna 20.00 16.60VS

## 2014 THE CHIEF

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, with a touch of Petit Verdot, the 2014 Mark Ryan Cabernet Sauvignon 'The Chief' is packed with Washington flavor. Big blackberry, toasted oak notes, black olive, and black cherries fill the aroma. It is a bit of a beast on the palate, but it is packed with balanced components and this should age nicely for three to five years—quite a lot of wine at its price.

**2014 Mark Ryan Cabernet Sauvignon 'The Chief'**  
Columbia Valley 28.00 23.24VS

## FEATURED WINES: 2012 SECRET SQUIRREL REDS

Secret Squirrel, known as "Agent 000", was a 1965 vintage Hanna-Barbera cartoon that parodied the James Bond spy genre. Corliss Estates has produced a new project—wines each bearing frivolous 'Secret Squirrel' labels, however, the wines are very good and need to be taken seriously! These are certainly fun to taste, and the wines truly overdeliver at their prices. Squirrel some away for tasting while waiting for the Corliss Estates wines to mature.

**2012 Secret Squirrel Syrah-Grenache-Mouvèdre**  
Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

**2012 Secret Squirrel Cabernet Sauvignon**  
Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

**2012 Secret Squirrel Red**  
Red Mountain 30.00 24.90VS

## 2015 FRENCH ROSÉS ARRIVE

Maybe the weather isn't sunny yet but folks are champing at the bit to eat a little truffle pâté, a bit of salmon mousse and sip a whisp of the newest vintage of dry French Rosé—a perfect way to wash away the rain. 2015 will be a marvelous year in the wine world, as the vintage was excellent across most of Europe. The quality combined with the better exchange rate should please consumers.

**2015 Château de Campuget Rosé**  
Costières de Nîmes 11.00 9.13VS  
**2015 Jean-Luc Colombo Rosé 'Cape Bleue'**  
Méditerranée 15.00 12.45VS

## DELILLE CELLARS BIG REDS

The flagship wines of DeLille Cellars are being released in February. The 2013 DeLille Cellars Chaleur Estate Red and the 2013 DeLille Cellars Red 'Harrison Hill' are both quite limited and sell out quickly.

**2013 DeLille Cellars Chaleur Estate Red**  
Yakima Valley (Limited) 80.00 66.40VS  
**2013 DeLille Cellars Red 'Harrison Hill'**  
Snipes Mountain (Limited) 95.00 78.85VS

## 2011 CANTINA DEL PINO BARBARESCO

We recently had a chance to taste the full range of Barbarescos from Cantina del Pino with winemaker Renato Vacca and we were blown away by the stunning values that these wines represent. We will taste the 'normale' as well as three single vineyards expressions. The Barbaresco 'Gallina' is a rare opportunity, as it is the only time Renato has produced this wine in quantities large enough to export. Come in and sample these delicious Barbarescos on Saturday, February 27th at both shops.

**2011 Cantina del Pino Barbaresco** 38.00 31.54VS  
**2011 Cantina del Pino Barbaresco**  
'Gallina' (Limited) 50.00 41.50VS  
**2011 Cantina del Pino Barbaresco**  
'Albesani' (Limited) 50.00 41.50VS  
**2011 Cantina del Pino Barbaresco**  
'Ovello' (Limited) 55.00 45.65VS

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**Ravenna Shop**  
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**2013 LES CASSAGNES DE LA NERTHE**

Christian Voeux, winemaker for Château La Nerthe in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, has created an outstanding Côtes du Rhône-Villages wine from La Nerthe's vines on the slopes of the Massif D'Uchaux. A blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, 5% Mourvedre, and 5% Carignan, the 2013 Les Cassagnes de La Nerthe Côtes du Rhône-Villages shows layers of garrigue, white pepper, red licorice, and lavender. It is perfect for winter sipping or serving with chicken or warm sausages with potatoes.

**2013 Les Cassagnes de La Nerthe**  
*Côtes du Rhône-Villages* 25.00 20.75VS

**2014 GIRARDIN SANTENAY BLANC**

In old French 'bievaux' means 'beautiful valley'. Justin Girardin's vines are just above the 1<sup>er</sup> Cru 'La Maladiere' between 1,100 and 1,300 feet of elevation on the steep slopes of Santenay. Justin's ancestors first tended vines in Santenay in 1570. The 2014 Justin Girardin Santenay Blanc 'Les Terrasses de Bievaux' shows citrus and floral aromas. On the palate this 100% Chardonnay wine exhibits hints of lemon peel and lime blossom, qualities one seeks in much more costly white Burgundies.

**2014 Justin Girardin Santenay Blanc**  
*'Les Terrasses de Bievaux'* 25.00 20.75VS

**2014 PABIOT POUILLY-FUMÉ**

Jonathan Didier Pabiot is a rising star in the eastern Loire Valley, making racy Sauvignon Blanc off of four soil types—Kimmeridgian marl, chalky Portlandian, clay-Silex, and flint. The 2014 Jonathan Didier Pabiot Pouilly-Fumé has an aroma of flint and wet stones, with stone fruit scents. On the palate is a mineral driven taste that makes one immediately want shellfish—oysters, mussels, and clams.

**2014 Jonathan Didier Pabiot Pouilly-Fumé**  
 24.00 19.92VS

**MORE 2014 WHITES**

These fresh arrivals to the market are equally deserving but we are out of space to write about them!

**2014 Jean Perrier Abymes 'Cuvée Gastronomie'**  
*Savoie* 10.00 8.30VS

**2014 Domaine Santa Giuletta Vermentinu**  
*Corse* 11.00 9.13VS

**2014 Domaine Pierre Luneau-Papin Muscadet**  
*Vieilles Vignes* 16.00 13.28VS

**2012 CASTELLO DI FARNETELLA**

The Castello di Farnetella is a 56 hectare vineyard located in the commune of Sinalunga in the province of Siena within the Chianti Colli Senesi DOCG zone. The 2012 Castello di Farnetella Chianti has aromas of wild red fruits with hints of star anise and sweet licorice. On the palate it has a velvety mouthfeel and a lingering finish of dried cherry fruit. This is great with herbed chicken and fresh pasta.

**2012 Castello di Farnetella Chianti**  
*Colli Senesi* 15.00 12.45VS

**2014 CAMINS DEL PRIORAT**

The 2014 Alvaro Palacios Camins del Priorat is an easy drinking blend of 50% Garnacha, 15% Cariñena, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah, and 5% Merlot that shows the superb winemaking of the Alvaro Palacios team. This is a wine for sipping with cannelloni shells stuffed with veal or pork in a light béchamel sauce.

**2014 Alvaro Palacios Camins del Priorat**  
*Priorat* 23.00 19.09VS

**2014 DEMORGENZON CHENIN BLANC**

DeMorgenzon, 'the morning sun,' was named because it is the first part of the Stellenbosch Valley to see the sun at its high altitude. The farm rises from about 200m to nearly 400m above sea level and enjoys panoramic vistas including Cape Town and Table Mountain. The 2014 DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc displays aromas of acacia, stone fruits, and honey. On the palate, flavors of pear, orange, and sweet spices abound. The wine has a classy, crisp, mouth-watering acidity, and while true to the variety, it is totally food-friendly.

**2014 DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc**  
*Stellenbosch (Limited)* 35.00 29.05VS

**2012 THE GOOSE SHIRAZ**

The Upper-Langkloof Valley is located 2500ft above sea level along Garden Route of South Africa only 15km from the Indian Ocean. It is a dry, cool climate perfect for growing Shiraz. Renowned golfer Retief Goosen and partner Dr. Werner Roux produce fine Shiraz here. The 2012 The Goose Shiraz shows complex notes of game and spice and is great for serving with hearty stews.

**2012 The Goose Shiraz**  
*Upper-Langkloof* 20.00 16.60VS

**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*



