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## VISIT AT THE SHOPS

### 2013 PASSING TIME CABERNET

The 2013 vintage of Passing Time Cabernet Sauvignon is affectionately called "Danny's Vintage" because Dan Marino will forever be known as number 13. Passing Time is the joint venture between football stars Damon Huard and Dan Marino, and the wines are made by Chris Peterson of Avennia. The 2013 Passing Time Cabernet Sauvignon is 97% Cabernet Sauvignon from Mays Discovery Vineyard and 3% Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Franc. It has a huge aroma of black fruits with a hint of lavender. This is a big wine filled with notes of vanilla and cacao from new oak surrounding deep, dark Cabernet fruit. Come in and meet Damon and taste this wine on Saturday, May 7th at both shops.

#### 2013 Passing Time Cabernet Sauvignon

Horse Heaven Hills (Limited) 74.95 net

*Taste this wine on Saturday,*

*May 7th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

*Damon Huard will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM*

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

## G.D. VAJRA

The G.D. Vajra winery was opened in 1972, producing Piemontese wines from vineyards planted by Aldo Vaira's father in 1947. Today, the family has 40 hectare under vine. The estate produces wines showing finesse and elegance. Giuseppe Vaira will be in the shops to pour his wines on Saturday, May 14th.

#### 2013 G.D. Vajra Barbera d'Alba

Alba 20.00 16.60VS

#### 2013 G.D. Vajra Dolcetto d'Alba "Coste & Fossati"

Alba 25.00 20.75VS

#### 2014 G.D. Vajra Nebbiolo

Langhe 22.00 18.26VS

#### 2011 G.D. Vajra Barolo 'Albe'

Alba 40.00 33.20VS

#### 2011 G.D. Vajra Barolo 'Bricco delle Viole'

Alba 75.00 62.25VS

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## VISIT AT THE SHOPS

### àMAURICE CELLARS

àMaurice Cellars is owned and run by the Schafer family. It is situated on a beautiful slope in the Blue Mountain foothills of Walla Walla. The winery is a family affair, with each member taking a role in the production, marketing, and organization. Anna Schafer is the winemaker, and oversees all vineyard and winery decisions. The current releases show just how pure her winemaking is. Come meet Anna, and taste these wines on Saturday, May 21st at both shops.

#### 2015 àMaurice Cellars Viognier

Columbia Valley 28.00 23.24VS

#### 2015 àMaurice Cellars Viognier/Marsanne

'Boushey Vineyard' 35.00 29.05VS

#### 2014 àMaurice Cellars Grenache

'Boushey Vineyard' (Limited) 38.00 31.54VS

#### 2014 àMaurice Cellars Syrah

'Boushey Vineyard' 42.00 34.86VS

#### 2012 àMaurice Cellars Red 'Night Owl'

Walla Walla Valley 47.00 39.01VS

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*Anna Schafer will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM*

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

## 2013 QUILCEDA CREEK CABERNET

Paul Golitzin, director of winemaking writes: "The 2013 growing season started with a warm spring that promoted early bud development. The excellent weather continued through April providing good canopy growth and a hot and dry August allowed for perfect ripening conditions. The 2013 Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley is one of the finest wines we have made to date. It has an opaque purple color with vibrant flavors of raspberry, plum, cassis and fig fruit with nuances of violets, graphite, cedar and spice. This decadent wine coats the entire palate with its richness and generous flavor profile due to its wonderful silky texture and purity."

*(100% Cabernet Sauvignon)*

#### 2013 Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley (Limited) 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.*

## WINE OF THE MONTH 2014 M&S RED

Our newest private label is the 2014 McCarthy & Schiering Red, a blend of 90% Grenache (*Block 23*) and 10% Cinsault from Olsen Vineyards in Yakima Valley. It was made for us by Morgan Lee of Two Vintners. The Grenache and the Cinsault were produced using 30% whole cluster fermentation and native yeasts. It was aged in neutral French oak for 18 months. This is a big wine with a bold fruit character. Dark purple in color, it has lots of cassis and currant flavor. The Cinsault adds lift, and a faint black plum flavor, giving the wine a European style—think Vacqueyras.

### 2014 McCarthy & Schiering Red

Yakima Valley 22.95 net

*Taste this wine on Saturday,  
May 28th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

## 2014 BLUE MOUNTAIN PINOT NOIR

The new vintage of Blue Mountain Pinot Noir has arrived. Made from vines ranging from 10 to 30 years of age, the 2014 Blue Mountain Pinot Noir is all French Dijon clone fruit, with six different clones blended together. The wine has a slight toast from wood, lots of dark cherry fruit, and a lovely, fruit filled finish. Stash this for the Copper River King salmon.

### 2014 Blue Mountain Pinot Noir Estate

Okanagan Valley 30.00 24.90VS

## FEATURED WINES:

### 2015 KERLOO CELLARS WHITES

Winemaker Ryan Crane of Kerloo Cellars has produced three delicious whites from the 2015 vintage. The 2015 Kerloo Cellars Grenache Blanc is crisp and clean, and a perfect complement to poultry dishes. The 2015 Kerloo Cellars Sauvignon Blanc comes from Boushey Vineyard in Yakima, and it's a bright, zesty wine perfect for Northwest finfish. The 2015 Kerloo Cellars Chardonnay comes from Celilo Vineyard in the Columbia Gorge. Complex and long, it has a trademark nectarine component typical of Celilo Vineyard wines.

### 2015 Kerloo Cellars Grenache Blanc

'Blue Mountain Vineyard' 20.00 16.60VS

### 2015 Kerloo Cellars Sauvignon Blanc

'Boushey Vineyard' 22.00 18.26VS

### 2015 Kerloo Cellars Chardonnay

'Celilo Vineyard' 48.00 39.84VS

## 2015 ROSÉS ARRIVE

The 2015 vintage has yielded some lovely rosé wines, as more and more producers chase the illusive "Provençal style". The colors are lighter than the previous vintage, and the wines are finished drier, the key to a great rosé.

### 2015 Château Bas Rosé 'L'Alvernègue'

Côteaux d'Aix en Provence 10.00 8.30VS

### 2015 Château Grande Cassagne Rosé

Costières de Nîmes 11.00 9.13VS

### 2015 Domaine Sainte-Eugénie Rosé

Corbières 12.00 9.96VS

### 2015 Sorin Rosé 'Terra Amata'

Côtes de Provence 12.00 9.96VS

### 2015 Domaine de Fontsaïnte Gris de Gris Rosé

Corbières 15.00 12.45VS

### 2015 Domaine de la Fouquette Rosé

'Cuvée Rosée d'Aurore' 17.00 14.11VS

### 2015 Gassier en Provence Rosé 'Espirit'

Côtes de Provence 17.00 14.11VS

### 2015 Casanova della Spinetta 'Il Rosé di Casanova'

Toscana 20.00 16.60VS

### 2015 Château La Canorgue Rosé

Luberon 22.00 18.26VS

### 2015 Pascal & Nicolas Reverdy Sancerre Rosé

'Terre de Maimbray' (Limited) 23.00 19.09VS

### 2015 Neveu Sancerre Rosé

Loire 25.00 20.75VS

### 2015 Domaine Philippe Gilbert Menetou-Salon Rosé

Loire (Limited) 28.00 23.24VS

### 2015 Mas Redonne Rosé

Bandol 30.00 24.90VS

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## 2014 NICOLAS JAY PINOT NOIR

A joint partnership between California music executive and wine enthusiast, Jay Boberg, and Burgundian winemaker Jean-Nicolas Méo of Domaine Méo-Camuzet, Domaine Nicolas Jay has released their 2014 vintage in the Seattle market. The 2014 Domaine Nicolas Jay Pinot Noir shows the bold, complex fruit of the vintage. There is a distinctive African violet aroma. Lots of black cherry and hints of new oak fill the palate with complexity. The finish is deep and lasting.

### 2014 Nicolas Jay Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley 65.00 53.95VS

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## 2014 SARRAZIN BOURGOGNE ROUGE

Burgundy's Côte Chalonnaise is located between the southern tip of the Côte d'Or and the Mâconnais to the south. A respected appellation is Givry, a village known for savory Pinot Noir. The Sarrazin estate traces its origins in Givry to the 17th century, but it's Michel Sarrazin who established the reputation for quality in the late 1970s and '80s. Today his sons, Guy and Jean-Yves, are following in the father's footsteps working to elevate the region's reputation. For a clear glimpse of this progress, taste the 2014 Michel Sarrazin Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Les Vieilles Vignes'. Duck breasts with cherries anyone?

**2014 Michel Sarrazin Bourgogne Pinot Noir**  
*'Les Vieilles Vignes'* 26.00 21.58VS

## OLGA RAFFAULT CHINONS

Since Olga's death a few years ago, Domaine Olga Raffault is currently run by her granddaughter Sylvie and Sylvie's husband Eric de la Vigerie. The estate has terrific vineyards in the Savigny-en-Véron district, by the banks of the Vienne River. The 2013 Olga Raffault Chinon Chinon 'Les Barnabés' comes from a vineyard of sand and gravel, and has a perfumed Cabernet Franc aroma. The 2011 Olga Raffault Chinon 'Les Picasses' vineyard has 50-year old vines on a steep slope rising directly from the river bank. The soil is alluvial clay and chalk limestone. The aroma is cassis and dark cherries and there is a strong mineral component. These are great wines for serving with roast chicken.

**2013 Olga Raffault Chinon**  
*'Les Barnabés'* 18.00 14.94VS

**2011 Olga Raffault Chinon**  
*'Les Picasses'* 22.00 18.26VS

## BLANC-ETY BLANCS

Pinot Blanc has an identity crisis for many reasons, not the least of which is the many names by which it is known. It's called Weissburgunder (*in Austria and Italy*), Klevner, or Pinot Bianco, as well as just Pinot Blanc. But it does represent great value, and many lovely, dry wines are produced from the variety.

**2014 Villa Wolf Pinot Blanc**  
*Pfalz* 11.00 9.13VS

**2014 Domaine Allimant-Laugner Pinot Blanc**  
*Orschwiller* 16.00 13.28VS

**2015 Wildstock Pinot Blanc**  
*Oregon* 20.00 16.60VS

**2014 Domaine Weinbach Pinot Blanc Réserve**  
*'Clos des Capucins'* 24.00 19.92VS

## 2014 MOREAU CHABLIS

The Moreau family has lived in the heart of Chablis since 1814. The Domaine holds a total of about 12.5 hectares with vines averaging 45 years of age. Fabien Moreau, the sixth generation of the family, is the current winemaker and has taken their wines to new levels of quality. The 2014 Christian Moreau Chablis has the seashell aroma of classic limestone soils, a lovely texture, and a racy and lasting finish that is impressive.

**2014 Christian Moreau Chablis**  
 28.00 23.24VS

## 2013 LEFLAIVE 'LES SÉTILLES'

The 2013 Olivier Leflaive Bourgogne 'Les Sétilles' is sourced from vineyards within Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault, with each being half of the final blend. The grapes are from various plots in each village to maximize complexity. The 2013 is a beauty, showing a touch more Puligny-Montrachet like notes.

**2013 Olivier Leflaive Bourgogne Blanc**  
*'Les Sétilles'* 25.00 20.75VS

## 2014 DOMAINE VETRICCIE BLANC

Domaine Vetriccie (the name of the local wicker of Corsica) is a 300 acre estate located on Costa Serena about 45 miles south of Bastia. The Costa Serena, also called the Oriental Coast, is located on the Eastern part of the island on a valley floor, between the mountains and the sea. Daniel Barcelo is the owner/winemaker who oversees this large estate. The 2014 Domaine Vetricciae is a treat to taste. Zesty, fresh, and aromatic it is an ideal complement to Northwest seafoods.

**2014 Domaine Vetriccie**  
*Île de Beauté* 11.00 9.13VS

## 2013 DÖNNHOFF OBERHAÜSER

The Dönnhoff family has been making wine since 1750, in Germany's Nahe region. A full 80% of their production is Riesling. The wines are filled with white peach, almond, and stonefruit flavors, and are creamy on the palate. The lovely mineral-rich finish combines with a juicy refreshing acidity to give great pleasure.

**2013 Dönnhoff Oberhäuser Leistenberg Kabinett**  
*Nahe* 30.00 24.90VS

**2013 Dönnhoff Oberhäuser Brücke Spätlese**  
*Nahe* 55.00 45.65VS

**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*



