

2014 ABEJA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Ken and Ginger Harrison restored a century-old farmstead in the foothills of Walla Walla's Blue Mountains to pursue making extraordinary Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon. Surrounding the winery are seven private cottages with verdant gardens, meandering creeks, and panoramic views. Their 2014 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, and 3% Cabernet Franc from a variety of Washington's top vineyards—Sagemoor's Bacchus, Dionysus, and Weinbau. It is an exceptional vintage for this highly sought after wine.

2014 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley 55.00 45.65VS

DOMAINE DROUHIN TURNS 30

The adventure began in 1987 when Robert Drouhin purchased 222 acres in the Dundee Hills, of which 124 acres were devoted to the production of wine. Robert's vision of an Oregon estate that could rival the great vineyards of Burgundy has been realized. The winery now encompasses 130 acres planted in the Dundee Hills and 124 acres planted in the Eola-Amity Hills. All their vines are farmed sustainably and tended by hand when leaves and fruit are thinned. Harvesting is also done entirely by hand. The 2015 Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 'Arthur' reminds us of fine white Burgundy with its delicious French clones. The 2014 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir showcases the sweet plum flavor of the Jory soils in the Dundee Hills, and the 2013 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir 'Laurène' is an ageworthy wine capable of lasting for two decades—who knows, maybe three!

2015 Domaine Drouhin Chardonnay 'Arthur'
Dundee Hills 35.00 29.05VS

2014 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir
Dundee Hills 42.00 34.86VS

2013 Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir 'Laurène'
Dundee Hills 59.95 net

VISITS AT THE SHOPS CLASSICAL WINES FROM SPAIN

Classical Wines was founded in the early 1980s to import top quality, individual family vineyards from Spain. Their beginning coincided with the burst of artistic energy which typified the first decade of Spain's reborn democracy, and they have been an industry leader ever since, pioneering undiscovered regions in Spain. Come in and taste a set of their newest finds with sales manager, Ole Thompson.

2016 K 'Pilota'
Txakolina 20.00 16.60VS

2015 Vina Reboreda Godello
Ribeiro 14.00 11.62VS

2016 Díaz Bayo Roble
Ribera del Duero 15.00 12.45VS

2014 Viña Magna
Ribera del Duero 32.00 26.56VS

2010 Valenciso Reserva
Rioja 35.00 29.05VS

*Taste these wines on Saturday,
August 5th at both shops from 11AM-5PM
Ole Thompson will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM
and at the Queen Anne shop from 2:30PM-5PM*

SCARPETTA

Bobby Stuckey and Lachlan Patterson worked together at The French Laundry—Bobby as a Master Sommelier and Lachlan as a Chef de Partie. Eventually they left to begin their own business, falling in love with Italian wines and starting Scapetta. Chris Zimmerman (*aka The Professor*) is now their national sales manager, and he will be at the shops Saturday, August 26th to sample their wines.

Scarpetta Brut Rosé
'Timido' 15.00 12.45VS

2015 Scarpetta Friuliano
Friuli Colli Orientali 36.00 29.88VS

2015 Scarpetta Sauvignon
Friuli Colli Orientali 36.00 29.88VS

2015 Scarpetta Barbera del Monferrato
Friuli Colli Orientali 17.00 14.11VS

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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 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 EFESTÈ 'TAYLOR MAG'

From the estate vineyard Taylor Mag on Red Mountain, the 2014 Efestè Cabernet Sauvignon 'Taylor Mag' is made with 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from clone 191 and clone 2 fruit. Farmed by Dick Boushey, everything about this vineyard is a no-expense-spared project. A system of high density planting and single cordon trellising is utilized in order to develop high flavor concentration. The wine shows major red currant and plum fruit, with the telltale blueberries of Red Mountain vineyards. This is an attractive price for a wine with this pedigree.

2014 Efestè Cabernet Sauvignon 'Taylor Mag'
Red Mountain 28.00 23.24VS

FEATURED WINES: 2015 DOLCETTO

The perfect wine to sip at the end of a long day, Dolcetto from Piedmont is aromatic, fruity, and friendly. 2015 was an exceptional vintage. A cold winter with plenty of snow, and a long cool and rainy spring left the ground full of moisture. July was the hottest in 135 years. High diurnal temperature swings in September provided perfect conditions for ripening sugars and tannins. Come in and taste a selection of these delicious wines on Saturday, August 19th at both shops.

2015 Cantina del Pino Dolcetto d'Alba	16.00	13.28VS
2015 G.D. Vajra Dolcetto d'Alb	17.00	14.11VS
2015 Altare Dolcetto d'Alba	18.00	14.94VS
2015 Borgogno Dolcetto d'Alba	20.00	16.60VS
2015 Ca' Viola Dolcetto d'Alba 'Vilot'	22.00	18.26VS
2015 Sandrone Dolcetto d'Alba	23.00	19.09VS
2015 Roagna Dolcetto d'Alba	22.00	18.26VS
2015 Brovia Dolcetto d'Alba	23.00	19.09VS
2015 Pio Cesare Dolcetto d'Alba	25.00	20.75VS

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DELILLE CELLARS WA WINE MONTH

August is Washington Wine Month and the folks at DeLille Cellars are celebrating by offering some attractive prices for the month. We have five different wines all at reduced prices to offer. But don't wait too long, as prices go back up on September 1st!

2015 DeLille Cellars Chaleur Estate Blanc	Columbia Valley	33.00	27.39VS
2016 DeLille Cellars Roussanne	Columbia Valley	33.00	27.39VS
2014 DeLille Cellars 'D2'	Columbia Valley	40.00	33.20VS
2015 DeLille Cellars Red Métier	Columbia Valley	33.00	27.39VS
2014 DeLille Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 'Four Flags'	Columbia Valley	60.00	49.80VS

2016 VIETTI ARNEIS

Arneis means 'rascal' in Italian, named for its difficult nature to grow and harvest correctly. At Vietti, Arneis grapes come from vineyards located in the middle of Roero, in Santo Stefano Roero. The vineyards are approximately 25 years old, and are densely planted. Harvest starts around mid-September and the grapes are pressed, clarified, and fermented in stainless steel at low temperatures. The 2016 Vietti is a gem, having an aroma of tart apples and pears with a hint of anise. The flavor is again apple and pear, with vibrant acidity.

2016 Vietti Arneis
Roero 25.00 20.75VS

2015 REALE 'ALISEO' - TRAMONTI

Tramonti on the Costa d'Amalfi of Italy has a small number of dedicated producers who make wine from vines as old as 250 years. Reale is run by the brothers Gigino and Gaetano, and their vines average about 100 years in age. 'Aliseo' is the name of the wind that brings good weather to the Amalfi. The 2015 Reale 'Aliseo', an exotic blend of 50% Biancolella, 40% Falanghina, and 10% Papella, has plenty of acidity to ensure long aging potential. Acacia flowers and an earthy, herbal note fill the aroma. The wine is fully dry with great structure, and reminds us of fine white Burgundy.

2015 Reale 'Aliseo' Tramonti Costa d'Amalfi
Campania 25.00 20.75VS

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2016 NEVEU SANCERRES

The Neveu winery is located in the heart of the Chavignol vineyards, where Valérie and her husband Thomas run the domaine of 13 hectares. They produce racy, vibrant Sancerres from different soils, each with its own personality. Come in and taste these wines on Saturday, August 12th at both shops.

2016 Neveu Sancerre

'Le Grand Fricambault' 27.00 22.41VS

2016 Neveu Sancerre

'Les Longues Fins' 28.00 23.24VS

2016 Neveu Sancerre

'Le Manoir' 30.00 24.90VS

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2016 SAINTE COSME BLANC

The 2016 Saint Cosme is a delicious blend of 33% Viognier, 33% Marsanne, and 34% Picpoul de Pinet that is picked early to preserve maximum freshness, promoting minerality over fruit. It shows hints of apricots, violets, and licorice.

2016 Saint Cosme Côtes du Rhône Blanc

18.00 14.94VS

2016 SECRET SQUIRREL WHITE

The 2016 Secret Squirrel White is a blend of Marsanne, Roussanne, Viognier, Grenache Blanc, and Picpoul from vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley and is a great wine to sample side by side with the 2016 Saint Cosme Blanc. It shows a good cut of acidity, keeping the varietal flavors fresh and bright.

2016 Secret Squirrel White

Walla Walla Valley 18.00 14.94VS

2015 LE CALCINAIE VERNACCIA

Tenuta Le Calcinaie is a small estate three kilometers from the town of San Gimignano, in the province of Siena. It is named after the composition of the soil in this zone ('calce' is lime in Italian) having layers of limestone originating from marine deposits of the Pliocene epoch. The 2015 Tenuta La Calcinaie shows a nice combination of richness and minerality. There is a hint of sea breeze in the aroma, and a solid core of acidity on the palate. This is a near perfect wine for serving with local clams and mussels.

2015 Tenuta La Calcinaie Vernaccia

San Gimignano 18.00 14.94VS

2016 HIPPOLYTE REVERDY SANCERRE

The Kimmeridgian limestone-clay soils produce long aging wines, and the small pebble soils provide the fruity elements for the 2016 Hippolyte Reverdy Sancerre Blanc. It is a stunner, as crisp as can be, and yet filled with fruit. This is perfect with Crottin de Chavignol (*the local cheese*) but it works extremely well with local shellfish and prawns.

2016 Hippolyte Reverdy Sancerre Blanc

Verdigny 28.00 23.24VS

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2014 BADIA A COLTIBUONO CHIANTI

During the 2014 vintage in Chianti, the wet and warm climate generated vigorous vegetative growth, which meant complicated management for growers, and rainfall differed from vineyard to vineyard. A rainy, mild winter was followed by a cool spring, with one exceptional patch of high temperatures causing early budbreak and a large fruit set. The growing cycle was long due to cool weather and frequent hailstorms in July and August. An exceptionally mild and dry September and early October turned a potentially disastrous vintage into a surprisingly good one. The color of the 2014 Badia a Coltibuono is bright ruby red. An aroma of violets, tobacco leaf, black pepper, and black cherry leads to a flavor that is well balanced. Supple tannins and mineral notes are supported by a finish of fresh acidity.

2014 Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico

Gaiole in Chianti 20.00 16.60VS

2014 PIERRE MOREY ALIGOTÉ

The grape variety Aligoté has a pale straw color and a floral aroma of acacia. Firm acidity gives it a lemony character—lemon curd and a hint of roasted hazelnuts. It is produced by many famous Burgundian winemakers as family wine, because it seldom fetches high prices. The 2014 Pierre Morey Bourgogne Aligoté has flavors of candied apple and quince. The wine has plenty of fresh acidity, making it perfect with local seafoods.

2014 Pierre Morey Bourgogne Aligoté

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



