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TRANCHE CELLARS - WALLA WALLA

Sporting a completely updated label, the new Tranche wines are beautiful both on the inside and outside! The 2016 Tranche Pinot Gris from Lawrence Vineyard' (*sadly the last vintage of this wine*) is near perfection for the variety. The 2015 Tranche Pape Blanc combines six different white grapes to make a Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc-like wine. The 2017 Tranche Rosé is at the top for the state, and the new 2015 Tranche Pape Red is simply superb.

2016 Tranche Pinot Gris

Lawrence Vineyard' 16.00 13.28VS

2015 Tranche Pape Blanc Estate

Blue Mountain Vineyard' 21.00 17.43VS

2017 Tranche Pink Pape Estate Rosé

Blackrock Vineyard' 17.00 14.11VS

2015 Tranche Pape Rouge Estate

Blackrock Vineyard' 29.00 24.07VS

WALTER SCOTT - OREGON

The man with the plan, Ken Pahlow, winemaker extraordinaire and resident genius at Walter Scott Wines, will be in the shops on Saturday, April 21st to sample his newest set of heavenly wines. We highly recommend that you find time to come in and sip a bit of his magic, and discuss the best of Oregon and Burgundy (*his other passion*).

2016 Walter Scott Chardonnay 'Cuvée Anne'

Willamette Valley 43.00 35.69VS

2016 Walter Scott Chardonnay 'X Novo'

Eola-Amity Hills 59.95 net

2016 Walter Scott Chardonnay 'Freedom Hill'

Willamette Valley 55.00 45.65VS

2016 Walter Scott Pinot Noir 'Sojourner'

Eola-Amity Hills 55.00 45.65VS

2016 Walter Scott Pinot Noir 'Seven Springs'

Eola-Amity Hills (Limited) 59.95 net

Taste these wines on Saturday,

April 21st at both shops from 11AM-5PM

Ken Pahlow will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM

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

VISIT AT THE SHOPS

POGGIO LA NOCE - TUSCANY

The husband and wife team, Enzo Schiano and Claire Belliard, are passionate about their Poggio La Noce estate in Fiesole, Tuscany, taking it to new levels of greatness with each consecutive vintage. From outstanding olive oil to amazing red wines, and now a Vin Santo, everything they produce is at the top of its class. Come in and meet Enzo on Saturday, April 7th at the shops.

2016 Poggio La Noce Falanghina 'Bàja'

Campi Flegrei 25.00 20.75VS

2016 Poggio La Noce Rosé 'Pinko Pallino'

Fiesole 20.00 16.60VS

2013 Poggio La Noce 'Gigino'

Fiesole 30.00 24.90VS

2013 Poggio La Noce 'Paonazzo Rosso'

Fiesole & San Casciano 75.00 62.25VS

2011 Poggio La Noce Vin Santo 'Elia'

Fiesole 375ml 42.00 34.86VS

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April 7th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

Enzo Schiano will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM

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

EVESHAM WOOD - OREGON

Erin Nuccio, owner and winemaker of Evesham Wood, the iconic winery founded by Russ Raney in 1986, will be in the shops to sample his amazing 2015 Pinot Noirs. Take time to drop in and sample these expressive Pinot Noirs from Oregon.

2015 Evesham Wood Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills 25.00 20.75VS

2015 Evesham Wood Pinot Noir 'Illahe Vineyard'

Willamette Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2015 Evesham Wood Pinot Noir 'Temperance Hill'

Eola-Amity Hills 35.00 29.05VS

2015 Evesham Wood Pinot Noir 'Le Puits Sec'

Eola-Amity Hills 40.00 33.20VS

Taste these wines on Saturday,

April 14th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

Erin Nuccio will be at the Ravenna shop from 11:30AM-2:00PM

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

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.

2016 LINGUA FRANCA - OREGON

The 2016 Lingua Franca wines are stunning! As their website states, "French adventures in Oregon". Few wines have shown such terroir driven elements from Oregon as these wines possess. Think French, think acidity and vibrancy, think balance and elegance, and think long lingering delicious finishes. These are wines for local foods, cooked with a French cuisine in mind—Coquilles Saint-Jacques, cassoulet, boeuf bourguignon, and pissaladière. Are you hungry yet?

2016 Lingua Franca Chardonnay 'Avni'		
Willamette Valley	37.00	30.71VS
2016 Lingua Franca Chardonnay 'Bunker Hill Estate'		
Willamette Valley	52.00	43.16VS
2016 Lingua Franca Pinot Noir 'Avni'		
Willamette Valley	37.00	30.71VS
2016 Lingua Franca Pinot Noir Estate		
Eola Amity Hills	52.00	43.16VS

FEATURED WINES: KERMIT LYNCH

Lyle Railsback does National Sales for Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant and is a fun wine educator, and easy-to-chat-with wine guy. He also makes wine with his brother Eric in the Santa Ynez Valley in California. We thought it would be fun to take a look at some less well known Kermit Lynch wine styles, as well as taste his Railsback Frères wines with him on Saturday, April 28th at both shops.

2016 Thivin Beaujolais Blanc		
'Clos de Rochebonne'	30.00	24.90VS
2016 Manni Nössing Kerner		
Alto Adige	29.00	24.07VS
2015 Villa de Geggiano Rosso 'Bandinello'		
Toscana	20.00	16.60VS
2014 Domaine Robert Chevillon Passetoutgrains		
	29.00	24.07VS
2016 Railsback Frères Rosé 'Les Racasses'		
Santa Ynez Valley	25.00	20.75VS
2015 Railsback Frères Rouge		
Santa Ynez Valley	42.00	34.86VS

Taste these wines on Saturday,

April 28th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

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

2016 RIDGE REDS

The 2016 Ridge Zinfandel 'East Bench' (100% Zinfandel) is a classic Zinfandel with blackberry, cocoa, and licorice on the nose, and plums on the palate. The 2016 Ridge Zinfandel 'Paso Robles' (also 100% Zinfandel) shows black cherry and bramble fruit in the aroma and a vibrant palate. The 2016 Ridge 'Geyserville' is a blend of 73% Zinfandel, 17% Carignane, 7% Petite Sirah, and 3% Alicante Bouschet, as complex as can be, with flavors of wild black cherry, bramble fruit, mint, and licorice. The three of these make us want to marinate some spicy ribs and grill them on the 'barbie'.

2016 Ridge Zinfandel 'East Bench'		
Dry Creek Valley	34.00	28.22VS
2016 Ridge Zinfandel 'Benito Dusi Ranch'		
Paso Robles	37.00	30.71VS
2016 Ridge 'Geyserville'		
Alexander Valley	45.00	37.35VS

2016 NEYERS

Bruce Neyers makes some great wines from select sources in many California counties. He produces a tasty unoaked Chardonnay called 2016 Neyers Chardonnay '304', named for the food grade stainless steel in which it is made. The wine has a very French profile on the palate. The 2016 Neyers Red 'Sage Canyon' is a blend of four Rhône varieties, each separately vinified, all foot-stomped (*aka 'pigéage'*), and each from a different region in California. Curiously the wine is named for the Sage Canyon region of Napa Valley where none of the fruit comes from. Easy to quaff and well priced, these wines show the love of French style that Bruce developed as the National Sales Manager for Kermit Lynch.

2016 Neyers Chardonnay '304' (Unoaked)		
Sonoma County	27.00	22.41VS
2016 Neyers Red 'Sage Canyon'		
California	27.00	22.41VS

2013 CHÂTEAU DE PIBARNON ROUGE

A monumental blend of 90% Mourvèdre and 10% Grenache, the 2013 Château de Pibarnon Bandol Rouge is a wine for lamb—specifically a leg of lamb, deboned, and stuffed with olive tapenade (*a la Lu Lu Peyraud*). The estate is more than 300 meters above sea level, where the influence of the Mediterranean moderates temperatures. It has a rare soil called Trias, which is mineral-rich and retains water even in the driest years. This wine has a most impressive flavor that recalls dried savoy herbs, wild game, and mulberries.

2013 Château de Pibarnon Rouge		
Bandol	44.95	net

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MORE 2017 ROSÉS ARRIVE

The season of rosé comes into full swing in April, with new arrivals and old favorites landing. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so that outdoor sipping may start.

2017 Villa desANGES Rosé		
<i>Pays d'Oc</i>	12.00	9.96VS
2017 Triennes Rosé		
<i>Méditerranée</i>	15.00	12.45VS
2017 Commandarie de la Bargemone		
<i>Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence</i>	15.00	12.45VS
2017 Château Val-Joanis Rosé		
<i>Luberon</i>	16.00	13.28VS
2017 Espirit Gassier Rosé		
<i>Côtes de Provence</i>	19.00	15.77VS
2017 Âme du Vin Rosé		
<i>Côtes de Provence</i>	21.00	17.43VS
2017 La Spinetta 'Il Rosé di Casanova'		
<i>Toscana</i>	20.00	16.60VS
2017 By.Ott Rosé		
<i>Côtes de Provence</i>	23.00	19.09VS
2017 Miraval Rosé		
<i>Côtes de Provence</i>	28.00	23.24VS

2016 MASSON-BLONDELET POUILLY

Michelle and Jean-Michel Masson created Domaine Masson-Blondelet in 1975. In 1980, in the heart of the village of Pouilly, they built a three level cellar underneath a house to make wine by gravity-flow only. They own 21 hectares of different soils in Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. The 2016 Domaine Masson-Blondelet Pouilly-Fumé 'Villa Paulus' comes from Sauvignon Blanc grown in Kimmeridgian marl soil. It is zesty and racy, perfect for Northwest finfish and shellfish.

2016 Domaine Masson-Blondelet Pouilly-Fumé		
<i>'Villa Paulus'</i>	25.00	20.75VS

2016 MOUTARD CHABLIS

The Moutard family has been making wine since 1642, both in Champagne and Chablis. Their Chablis comes from Chardonnay vines grown in Kimmeridgian soils. The wine has a lovely aroma of white flowers and lime, and a spicy, dry flavor of lemon zest and stone fruits. It is rich enough to stand up to cream sauces, but it works exceptionally well with prawns and lobster.

2016 Domaine Moutard Chablis		
	25.00	20.75VS

ALBARIÑO

The Rías Baixas are a series of four inlets located on the southwestern coast of Galicia, Spain. Rías Baixas is renowned for the Albariño grape, an indigenous variety that produces crisp, citrusy, white wines. Descriptions of white peach, apricot, melon, pineapple, mango, and honeysuckle fill the reviews of these wines, portraying a taste that is more fruity than the wines actually taste. They have a saline quality that allows them to pair with local seafood. Try a lobster, mussel, and rice dish, or Dungeness crab and avocado towers, and you will taste the fresh sea breeze in these wines.

2016 La Caña Albariño		
<i>Rías Baixas</i>	17.00	14.11VS
2016 Granbazán Albariño 'Etiqueta Verde'		
<i>Rías Baixas</i>	18.00	14.94VS
2016 Naches Heights Vineyards Albariño		
<i>Rías Baixas</i>	18.00	14.94VS
2016 Paco & Lola Albariño		
<i>Rías Baixas</i>	18.00	14.94VS
2016 Pazo Señorans Albariño		
<i>Rías Baixas</i>	20.00	16.60VS
2016 Santiago Ruiz 'O Rosal'		
<i>Rías Baixas</i>	20.00	16.60VS

NEW WINES

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Many fine new wines are arriving and there is no particular theme except that they are extremely good. Here is the cream of the crop.

2016 Fouassier Sancerre		
	25.00	20.75VS
2016 Elena Walch Pinot Bianco		
	17.00	14.11VS
2016 Dipinti Pinot Grigio		
<i>Vigneti Delle Dolomiti</i>	13.00	10.79VS
2016 Pecchenino 'San Luigi'		
<i>Dogliani</i>	16.00	13.28VS
2016 Produttori Nebbiolo		
<i>Alba</i>	25.00	20.75VS
2015 Camus-Bruchon Bourgogne Pinot Noir		
	29.00	24.07VS
2015 Patrick Jasmin Syrah 'Le Chevalière'		
<i>Collines Rhodaniennes</i>	22.00	18.26VS
2015 Murgo Rosso		
<i>Mount Etna</i>	18.00	14.94VS

Queen Anne Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:30-6:30

Saturday 10-6

Closed Sunday & Monday

Ravenna Hours

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