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2015 TRANCHE CELLARS

2015 was a hot vintage for Washington and yet the intense heat was offset by good vine training, allowing leaf cover to shade the fruit. For Tranche Cellars, many older estate plants offered the ability for their Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Syrah to express the terroir of their Blue Mountain Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley. These are defined, delicious, and deserving wines for the cellar.

2015 Tranche Cellars Cabernet Franc Estate

'Blue Mountain Vineyard' 40.00 33.20VS

2015 Tranche Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Estate

'Blue Mountain Vineyard' 50.00 41.50VS

2015 Tranche Cellars Syrah Estate

'Blue Mountain Vineyard' 40.00 33.20VS

2017 WALTER SCOTT

Fears of smoke taint filled the gossip channels during the 2017 Oregon harvest, but in the end, there was little effect, and the real benefit of cooler daytime temperatures may be the reason the wines are filled with lively fresh fruit. The 2017 Walter Scott Chardonnay 'Combe Verte' shows Meyer lemon crispness with a hint of nectarine, lovely glycerine, and a fruit filled finish. The 2017 Walter Scott Pinot Noir 'Combe Verte' is a candy store of red and black fruits, with hints of chocolate from used oak barrels. These are some steals from the Willamette Valley, and they will make great Thanksgiving selections.

2017 Walter Scott Chardonnay 'Combe Verte'

Willamette Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2017 Walter Scott Pinot Noir 'Combe Verte'

Willamette Valley 30.00 24.90VS

Taste these wines on Saturday,

September 8th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

2010 MOULIN DE LA LAGUNE

The 2010 Moulin de La Lagune is one of the late arrivals from the great 2010 vintage. This wine is filled with cracked black pepper and cassis notes, lots of body and tannin, and a long, lasting finish.

2010 Moulin de La Lagune

Haut-Médoc 45.00 37.35VS

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.

VISITS AT THE SHOPS

FATTORIA DI PETROIO - CHIANTI

Pamela Lenzi of Fattoria di Petroio will be in the shops on Saturday, September 22nd to pour her wines and discuss the harvests, the estate, and the family business. We have new vintages to sample.

2015 Fattoria di Petroio Chianti Classico

Castelnuovo Berardenga 16.00 13.28VS

2013 Fattoria di Petroio Chianti Classico Riserva

Castelnuovo Berardenga 35.00 29.05VS

2017 Fattoria di Petroio Rosé 'Poco Rosso'

Castelnuovo Berardenga 14.00 11.62VS

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

G.D. VAJRA - PIEMONTE

Francesca Vaira will visit the shops on Saturday, September 29th to sample the current releases of her family's wines. G.D. Vajra is becoming a sought after wine among sommeliers around the country.

2016 G.D. Vajra Rosso

Langhe 14.00 11.62VS

2017 G.D. Vajra Dolcetto d'Alba

Alba 16.00 13.28VS

2016 G.D. Vajra Nebbiolo

Langhe 20.00 16.60VS

2015 G.D. Vajra Barbera d'Alba Superiore

Alba 35.00 29.05VS

2014 G.D. Vajra Barolo

'Albe' 38.00 31.54VS

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FEATURED WINES:

2016 BETZ FAMILY RHÔNE STYLES

Our notes for these wines all seem to focus on wild fruit notes—huckleberries, alpine strawberries, sun warmed wild blackberries, and ripe red currants, implying a style of winemaking that is generous and free-flowing. This powerful style shows less new oak, less tannin, and more pure berry fruit flavors. Winemaker Louis Skinner is putting his mark on these wines and letting the beauty of their Washington vineyards speak clearly. The supply is very limited, so consider putting these in the cellar directly.

2016 Betz Family Red 'Bésoléil'

Columbia Valley (2 btl limit) 50.00 41.50VS

2016 Betz Family Syrah 'La Côte Rousse'

Yakima Valley (2 btl limit) 65.00 53.95VS

2016 Betz Family Syrah 'La Seremme'

Yakima Valley (2 btl limit) 65.00 53.95VS

2016 KEVIN WHITE REDS

The 2016 Kevin White Red 'La Fraternité' is a blend of 64% Grenache, 27% Mourvèdre, and 9% Syrah, that sings of lavender, sage, and thyme—Northwest garrigue! The 2016 Kevin White Syrah 'En Hommage' is 100% Syrah from Boushey and Elephant Mountain Vineyards that shows violets, black currants, and plums, spiced with black pepper, and is excellent with grilled meats.

2016 Kevin White Red 'La Fraternité'

Yakima Valley 30.00 24.90VS

2016 Kevin White Syrah 'En Hommage'

Yakima Valley 30.00 24.90VS

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2016 ROC DE SÉGUR

The 2016 Château Roc de Ségur is a blend of 70% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc that features an aroma of blackberry, cassis, cedar, and clove—all scents usually associated with more expensive wines. The vineyard was replanted in 1990 and is located in the eastern portion of Entre-deux-Mers. Aged is stainless, the wine is fresh and fruity with a lovely finish.

2016 Château Roc de Ségur

Bordeaux 12.00 9.96VS

2014 ANDREW WILL REDS

The 2014 Andrew Will Fall releases are due to arrive in early September. The 2014 Andrew Will Red 'Two Blondes' is a round and delicious blend of 56% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 9% Malbec and features the striking sweet herbs of the Cabernet Franc from this vineyard. The 2014 Andrew Will Red 'Champoux' in contrast is 43% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Malbec, shows more Cabernet Sauvignon notes of cassis and black olive. These are exceptional new wines from the winemaking team of Will and Chris Camarda.

2014 Andrew Will Red 'Two Blondes Vineyard'

Yakima Valley 60.00 49.80VS

2014 Andrew Will Red 'Champoux Vineyard'

Horse Heaven Hills 65.00 53.95VS

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2015 ARTERBERRY MARESH PINOT

In the 2015 vintage, the vines from the Maresch Vineyard were 45 years old, (*having been planted in 1970*). The old Pommard clone in Jory soils yields a striking, plummy red that has tea leaf scents and a core of dried cherry fruit. This is mostly declassified Maresch fruit and the vine age shows. There is very high energy to this wine from the warm vintage.

2015 Arterberry Maresch Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills 30.00 24.90VS

QUERCIABELLA

The 2014 Querciabella Chianti Classico is made with 100% Sangiovese from four villages—Greve, Panzano, Radda, and Gaiole. These are the areas known for powerful Sangiovese, and this wine is no exception. Aging in fine grained French barriques, only 10% of which are new, gives the wine a lovely texture. In contrast, the 2013 Querciabella Rosso 'Mongrana' is a blend of 50% Sangiovese, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot aged in stainless steel vats. The fruit is grown in the Tuscan Maremma region of coastal Italy, and the wine reflects a softer expression of reds from this area.

2014 Querciabella Chianti Classico

Greve in Chianti 32.00 26.56VS

2013 Querciabella Rosso 'Mongrana'

Toscana 25.00 20.75VS

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2015 ISOLE E OLENA

Located in the heart of the Chianti Classico region, just north of the village of Castellina, the estate was named 'Isole e Olena' by the De Marchi family who purchased two adjoining properties, 'Isole' and 'Olena'. Each property dates back hundreds of years. The 2015 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico is a blend of Sangiovese, Canaiolo, and a pinch of Syrah. Filled with dried cherry flavor and a hint of vanilla, it has lovely texture and length. First created in 1980, Cepparello is made using 100% Sangiovese that is aged in French oak barrels. The 2015 Isole e Olena Cepparello was among the original Super-Tuscans, and yet it is such pure Sangiovese, one could label it Super-Sangiovese!

2015 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico

Barberino Val di Elsa 25.00 20.75VS

2015 Isole e Olena Cepparello

Toscana IGT 70.00 58.10VS

2016 MAXIMIN GRÜNHAUSER

The Maximin Grünhauser estate is on the left bank of the Ruwer River, just before it joins the Mosel River. The property is divided into three separate but contiguous vineyards—the Abtsberg, the Herrenberg, and the Bruderberg. Maximin Von Schubert visited the shops to pour three 2016 Rieslings and we were extremely impressed. These are finely structured, subtle, with a racy acidity, and generous fruit. They have delicacy and will age for many years.

2016 Maximin Grünhauser Riesling Monopole

Ruwer 25.00 20.75VS

2016 Maximin Grünhauser Riesling Kabinett

'Herrenberg' 30.00 24.90VS

2016 Maximin Grünhauser Riesling Spätlese

'Abtsberg' 35.00 29.05VS

2017 PALACIOS CAMINS DEL PRIORAT

A hearty aroma of black currants, new oak vanilla, and cedar, the 2017 Alvaro Palacios Camins del Priorat is brooding and only showing a small amount of its potential. On the palate, there is generous lift and much sweeter spices showing... nutmeg and allspice. The body is supple and round, with glycerins providing a smooth texture, disguising the hefty tannins of the wine. This is a wine to cellar for a few years.

2017 Alvaro Palacios Camins del Priorat

Priorat 25.00 20.75VS

FAST & FURIOUS

2017 REGIS MINET POUILLY-FUMÉ

Limestone and Kimmeridgian clay give the 2017 Regis Minet Pouilly-Fumé 'Vieilles Vignes' its character. The aroma is freshly sliced green apple with rubbed river rock minerality, and tart lemon scents. But it is the tension in this wine that makes it dramatic, arresting the senses and grabbing the palate. Fresh Dabob Bay oysters, Dungeness crab and avocado towers, scallops with saffron cream—all would be perfect with this wine.

2017 Regis Minet Pouilly-Fumé

Vieilles Vignes 25.00 20.75VS

2017 COMTE LAFON MÂCON

Made by Caroline Gon from parcels around the towns of Uchizy and Chardonnay, the 2017 Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon-Villages is a stunning Chardonnay that sees no new wood, yet it is creamy and finely textured.

2017 Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon-Villages

Mâconnais 28.00 23.24VS

2014 ONTAÑÓN BLANCO 'AKEMI'

Akemi translates to 'beauty of dawn', and it is the special 100% Viura wine from Bodegas Ontañón blended by chef Felix Jimenez of Kiro Sushi, a Michelin starred restaurant in Spain. The package looks more like sake than wine and it has a great potential to marry well with sushi. This is unique!

2014 Bodegas Ontañón Blanco 'Akemi'

Rioja 15.00 12.45VS

2016 GRAVEIRETTE CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

The 2016 Domaine de la Graveirette Côtes-du-Rhône is juicy and fresh with powerful tannins. It was made from 100% Grenache from 50 year old vines, grown on a mixture of sand and clay soils in a 4 hectare vineyard located in Courthézon.

2016 Domaine de la Graveirette Côtes-du-Rhône

16.00 13.28VS

2013 GIGETTO

We have a special price on a special wine. The 2013 Poggio La Noce Rosso 'Gigetto', a delicious blend of 90% Sangiovese and 10% Teroldego, has been reduced \$5 a bottle because the next vintage with a newly designed label will be arriving.

2013 Poggio La Noce Rosso 'Gigetto'

Toscana 20.00 16.60VS

Queen Anne Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:30-6:30

Saturday 10-6

Closed Sunday & Monday

Ravenna Hours

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We will call or e-mail you when the wines arrive.

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TASTINGS AT BOTH SHOPS

Saturday September 8th 11AM-5PM *free*
2017 Walter Scott Willamette Valley

Saturday September 15th 11AM-5PM *free*
2014 Andrew Will Reds
2016 Kevin White Reds

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G.D. Vajra - Piemonte

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VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES

2012 Biondi-Santi Brunello		
Montalcino	164.95	<i>net</i>
2015 Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon Estate		
St. Helena Napa Valley	189.95	<i>net</i>
2016 Betz Family Syrah 'Domaine de Pierres'		
Walla Walla Valley	75.00	62.25VS
2015 Joseph Phelps Red 'Insignia'		
Napa Valley	234.95	<i>net</i>
2016 Etienne Sauzet Bourgogne Blanc		
	39.95	<i>net</i>