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## VISITS AT THE SHOPS

### 2017 KEN WRIGHT PINOT NOIRS

The 2017 vintage in the Willamette Valley was a throwback to the classic vintages, an end to the exceptionally warm vintages from 2012 until 2016. The area experienced a dry summer from July into August, going 56 days without rain. Cooler, wet weather helped refresh the clusters and whole berries were preserved. The wines are dark in color and have high-toned aromatics. Ken Wright feels that they are reminiscent of the wonderful 1988 vintage wines. Come in and sample a selection of these delicious gems with Sales Manager, Asa Sarver, on Saturday, February 2nd at both shops.

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'Abbott Claim'

Yamhill-Carlton (Limited) 49.95 net

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'Canary Hill'

Eola-Amity 49.95 net

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'Carter'

Eola-Amity 49.95 net

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'Freedom Hill'

Willamette Valley 49.95 net

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'Shea'

Yamhill-Carlton 49.95 net

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'Savoya'

Yamhill-Carlton 49.95 net

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'McCrone'

Yamhill-Carlton 49.95 net

#### 2017 Ken Wright Pinot Noir 'Guadalupe'

Dundee Hills 49.95 net

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### 2015 FIGGINS ESTATE RED

The Figgins Estate Vineyard is now more than 15 years old. It is planted with several clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Merlot. Chris Figgins says that the 2015 Figgins Estate Red is the most compelling wine of his 21 vintages as a winemaker.

#### 2015 Figgins Estate Red

Walla Walla Valley (Limited) 89.95 net

Walla Walla Valley 1.5 Liter 179.95 net

### ANDREW WILL

One of our favorite tastings each year brings the Camarda team to the shops. Never a dull moment, never a lack of banter, always entertaining, and just plain fun. They will showcase the new 2017 Cuvée Lucia Sauvignon Blanc, a field blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon from their estate Two Blondes Vineyard. Come in and taste four new releases with Chris and Will Camarda on Saturday, February 16th at both shops.

#### 2017 Andrew Will Sauvignon Blanc 'Cuvée Lucia'

Yakima Valley 22.00 18.26VS

#### 2016 Andrew Will Cabernet Franc 'Black Label'

Columbia Valley 30.00 24.90VS

#### 2014 Andrew Will Red 'Ciel du Cheval'

Red Mountain 44.95 net

#### 2014 Andrew Will Red 'Sorella'

Horse Heaven Hills 59.95 net

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### 2016 DOUBLEBACK CABERNET

Super Bowl-winning quarterback Drew Bledsoe, and wine-maker Josh McDaniels will visit the shops on February 23rd to sample the new 2016 Doubleback Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is a blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec, and 3% Merlot, from five vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley—McQueen, Bob Healy, LeFore, Pepper Bridge, and Figgins. The balance in this wine is due to the various soil types of these vineyards, each having a specific terroir. Classic Cabernet flavors of cassis, black cherry, mint, and cocoa fill the aroma. The wine has polish, and while it is a young wine, it shows precision and elegance.

#### 2016 Doubleback Cabernet Sauvignon

Walla Walla Valley 99.95 net

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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.*

## 2016 DeLille Cellars 'D2' 25TH VINTAGE

The 25th Anniversary bottling of the iconic DeLille Cellars 'D2' is arriving in February. It is a blend of 59% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, and 1% Petit Verdot, sourced from 15 great Columbia Valley vineyards. The wine shows a bold aroma of pomegranate and blueberry, with hints of cocoa from the barrels. This classic is a Merlot dominant Bordeaux-styled red that is the perfect wine for serving to out-of-town guests.

### 2016 DeLille Cellars Red 'D2'

Columbia Valley 45.00 37.35VS

## 2016 MARK RYAN REDS

Tasting through the new 2016 'Big Wines' from Mark Ryan Winery, one is immediately impressed by the integration of the oak with the wines—no big chocolate or vanilla notes. The wines each showcase the vineyards where they are from, and the lovely, spicy textures offer world-class style.

### 2016 Mark Ryan Red 'Water Witch'

Red Mountain 58.00 48.14VS

### 2016 Mark Ryan Cabernet Sauvignon 'Old Vines'

Columbia Valley 65.00 53.95VS

### 2016 Mark Ryan Cabernet Sauvignon 'Lonely Heart'

Red Mountain 95.00 78.85VS

## FEATURED WINES:

### 2016 DOMAINE CLOS DES ROCS

Olivier Giroux acquired an impressive six hectare of limestone rich, old vine Chardonnay parcels in the obscure village of Pouilly-Loché (*the entire village is 32 hectares*). He works the vineyards with his mother, and lives the life of a farmer, happily making some of the best secrets in Burgundy.

#### 2016 Domaine Clos des Rocs Pouilly-Loché

'Quatre Saison' 31.00 25.73VS

#### 2016 Domaine Clos des Rocs Pouilly-Loché

'Les Barres' 35.00 29.05VS

#### 2016 Domaine Clos des Rocs Pouilly-Loché

'Les Mures' 38.00 31.54VS

#### 2016 Domaine Clos des Rocs Pouilly-Loché

'En Chanton' 40.00 33.20VS

#### 2016 Domaine Clos des Rocs Pouilly-Loché

'Clos des Rocs-Monopole' 45.00 37.35VS

## DUELING FRENCH WHITES SANCERRE & WHITE BORDEAUX

With 2017 shaping up to be a fine vintage for both white Bordeaux and Sancerre, we thought it would be fun to do a comparative tasting of these two bastions of the Sauvignon Blanc grape. Both are located near rivers, both are the leaders for pairing with seafood. So which do you prefer? Come in and taste a selection of these wines on Saturday, February 9th at both shops.

### 2017 Château Ducasse Blanc

Bordeaux 16.00 13.28VS

### 2017 Légende Blanc

Bordeaux 15.00 12.45VS

### 2017 Château Darzac

Bordeaux 13.00 10.79VS

### 2017 Vieille Tour Bordeaux Blanc

Bordeaux 15.00 12.45VS

### 2017 Château Recogne Blanc

Bordeaux 13.00 10.79VS

### 2017 Domaine Tabordet Sancerre

Verdigny 31.00 25.73VS

### 2017 Domaine Bernard Fleuriet Sancerre

'Tradition' 35.00 29.05VS

### 2017 Domaine Riffault Sancerre

'Cortem á Batis' 25.00 20.75VS

### 2017 Domaine Cherrier Sancerre

Cher 25.00 20.75VS

### 2017 Domaine André Vatan Sancerre

'Les Charmes' 27.00 22.41VS

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## 2015 VIETTI CRU PRE-SELL

The 2015 vintage was exceptional in Barolo. Pre-order the 2015 Vietti Baroli now for May delivery. Only small amounts are available.

### 2015 Vietti Barolo 'Brunate'

Castiglione Falletto (Limited) 169.95 net

### 2015 Vietti Barolo 'Lazzarito'

Castiglione Falletto (Limited) 169.95 net

### 2015 Vietti Barolo 'Ravera'

Castiglione Falletto (Limited) 169.95 net

*These are due to arrive around May 15th*

### Ravenna Shop

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### NEW FROM CANTINA DEL PINO

Renato Vacca and his wife Franca fell in love with a property in Mombercelli in the province of Asti. Using six different clones of Barbera, they carefully replanted the south-facing vineyard. The first vintage is the 2016 Cantina del Pino Barbera d'Asti Superiore of which just over four hundred cases were produced. The wine has a wild berry aroma, showing spices of clove and nutmeg. Zesty and bright, it is quite different than their Barbera d'Alba in style. Try this with pappardelle and lamb ragù.

**2016 Cantina del Pino Barbera d'Asti Superiore**  
Asti 23.00 19.09VS

### 2016 LES CRÊTES PETITE ARVINE

For something new to taste, give Petite Arvine a try. Named for the small berries of its cluster, the vine originated in the town of Chamoson in the Swiss Valais. The Valle d'Aosta, located in the Western Alps, is bordered by France and Switzerland. The warm days and cool nights provide for crisp whites. The 2016 Les Crêtes Petite Arvine shows citrus, white flowers, and a hint of orange blossom in the aroma. Crisp and dry with medium body, it works well with finfish dishes featuring lemon and capers. The local cheese, Fontina, is also a perfect match.

**2016 Les Crêtes Petite Arvine**  
Valle d'Aosta 35.00 29.05VS

### 2016 GIOVANNI ROSSO NEBBIOLO

The Rosso family has been farming grapes in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba since the 1890's, focusing on Nebbiolo, with a tiny amount of Barbera, but only red grapes. The 2016 Giovanni Rosso Langhe Nebbiolo is all from the sub-appellation of Roddino, and was fermented in concrete, and aged in neutral oak (0% new wood). It shows the classic aroma of lilac and rose, and could easily be mistaken for Barolo.

**2016 Giovanni Rosso Nebbiolo**  
Langhe 26.00 21.58VS

### 2017 MUGA BLANCO

A blend of 90% Viura, 10% Malvasía and white Garnacha, the 2017 Bodegas Muga Blanco is perfect for pairing with local seafoods. Notes of white flowers and citrus fill the aroma, and a lovely, dry finish makes it a great winter white.

**2017 Bodegas Muga Blanco**  
Rioja 17.00 14.11VS

### HÉRITIERS DU COMTE LAFON

Visiting the rather simple winery located in the village of Milly-Lamartine is romantic. Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon was founded in 1999 by Dominique Lafon, of the famous Meursault estate Comtes Lafon. The facility is functional and well organized, if a bit small for the volume they make. Dominique hired Caroline Gon to be head winemaker in 2006, and she is a wizard. The purity and cut of these wines rises well about the predictable Mâconnais style. Each wine expresses its vineyard and focuses citrus and melon flavors, with aromas of white flowers and honeysuckle. These will please even the most spoiled of oenophiles!

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon-Prissy**  
(Limited) 35.00 29.05VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon**  
'Milly Lamartine' (Limited) 35.00 29.05VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon-Uchizy**  
'Les Maranches' (Limited) 40.00 33.20VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon-Chardonnay**  
'Clos de La Crochette' (Limited) 42.00 34.86VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon-Bussières**  
'Les Monsard' (Limited) 42.00 34.86VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon**  
'Clos du Four' (Limited) 50.00 41.50VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Saint-Véran**  
(Limited) 50.00 41.50VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Viré-Clessé**  
(Limited) 50.00 41.50VS

**2017 Héritiers du Comte Lafon Pouilly-Fuissé**  
(Limited) 65.00 53.95VS

### 2016 TENUTA SAN GUIDO

The 2016 "baby" Sassicaia have arrived and they are delicious. The 2016 vintage in Bolgheri is considered one of the best of the last decade (the 2016 Sassicaia is rumored to have scored 100 points). The 2016 Tenuta San Guido 'Le Difese' is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Sangiovese, and brings a Tuscan note to the wine. The 2016 Tenuta San Guido 'Guidalberto' combines 60% Cabernet Sauvignon with 40% Merlot, for a Bordeaux-like aroma and flavor.

**2016 Tenuta San Guido Rosso 'Le Difese'**  
Toscana 29.95 net

**2016 Tenuta San Guido Rosso 'Guidalberto'**  
Toscana 49.95 net

#### Queen Anne Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:30-6:30

Saturday 10-6

Closed Sunday & Monday

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