



McCarthy & Schiering
WINE MERCHANTS, INC.

VINTAGE SELECT BUYERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2016 M&S CABERNET

We have just received our newest private label Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2016 McCarthy & Schiering Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain. It is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon fruit from the Quintessence and Shaw Vineyards that was aged for 20 months in 50% new oak and 50% once used French barrels. Crafted by one of the state's most experienced winemakers, this is a wine to please. The blueberry note of Red Mountain fruit shows, with a big cassis aroma. The fine grain oak barrels add a hint of coffee and vanilla. Needless to say, we are very proud of this new wine!

2016 McCarthy & Schiering Cabernet Sauvignon
Red Mountain 22.95 net

MARK RYAN

The winemaking team of Mike Macmorran and Mark Ryan McNeilly have done it again. The 2018 Mark Ryan Viognier continues to be at the top for this varietal in Washington. Reminiscent of many better Condrieu wines, it shows nectarine and blood orange notes, but there is a cut of racy acidity that keeps the flavor vibrant. The new 2017 Mark Ryan Red 'The Dissident' delivers depth and purity with rich cassis notes at a great price. The 2016 Mark Ryan Syrah 'Lost Soul' showcases the savory style of Syrah grown at Red Willow Vineyard. It is given an extra year of extended barrel age which softens the tannins and rounds out the texture. Huge blueberries come out of the aroma of the 2017 Mark Ryan Syrah 'Wild Eyed'.

2018 Mark Ryan Viognier
Yakima Valley 35.00 29.05VS

2017 Mark Ryan Red 'The Dissident'
Columbia Valley 40.00 33.20VS

2016 Mark Ryan Syrah 'Lost Soul'
Yakima Valley 50.00 41.50VS

2017 Mark Ryan Syrah 'Wild Eyed'
Red Mountain 50.00 41.50VS

2017 POLLARD MERLOT

Brand new and tasting fresh and lively, the 2017 Pollard Merlot is very well priced and perfect for Spring meals on the deck.

2017 Pollard Merlot
Yakima Valley 26.00 21.58VS

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 PASSING TIME

We are pleased to have Damon Huard visit the shops and sample the 2016 Passing Time Cabernet Sauvignons. The 2016 vintage in Washington was one of the longest, with record early bud break and a long, cool harvest lasting into October. The wines are refined and powerful with good acidity, and moderate alcohol levels. Come in and meet Damon and taste his wines on Saturday, May 4th at both shops. Signed bottles make great gifts.

2016 Passing Time Cabernet Sauvignon
Horse Heaven Hills 74.95 net

2016 Passing Time Cabernet Sauvignon
Red Mountain 74.95 net

2016 Passing Time Cabernet Sauvignon
Walla Walla Valley 74.95 net

*Taste these wines on Saturday,
May 4th 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*

SAN FELICE

One could spend an entire day just strolling through the Borgo San Felice and the surrounding vineyards. There is a one star Michelin restaurant, and the Osteria del Grigio for more casual dining on the property. The wines made here are some of the best in Tuscany and represent excellent value. Leonardo Bellaccini will be at the shops on Saturday, May 25th to sample some wines and discuss the estate.

2017 San Felice Chianti Classico
Castelnuovo Berardenga 17.00 14.11VS

2015 San Felice Chianti Classico Riserva
'Il Grigio' 20.00 16.60VS

2016 Campogiovanni Rosso
Montalcino 20.00 16.60VS

2013 San Felice Chianti Classico Gran Selezione
'Poggio Rosso' 60.00 49.80VS

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2016 ROSEROCK ZÉPHIRINE -TWO

It has arrived! Roserock Pinot Noir 'Zéphirine' is a barrel selection cuvée from the Roserock Vineyard that reflects winemaker Véronique Drouhin's dedication to elegance and finesse. The name refers to the Zéphirine Drouhin, a variety of climbing rose, known for its fragrance and beauty. The 2016 Roserock Pinot Noir 'Zéphirine' is a stunning expression of Eola-AmityHills wines—blueberries, raspberries, and lavender. It shows near perfect balance between fruit and texture.

2016 Roserock Pinot Noir 'Zéphirine'

Eola-Amity Hills (Limited) 49.95 net

2006 VIÑA TONDONIA RESERVA

A beautiful blend of 70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, 5% Graciano, and 5% Mazuelo, the 2006 Lopez de Heredia Viña Tondonia Reserva was aged in American oak barrels for more than six years. It has shed the rough tannins and is fruit-filled and silky. This is a tremendous single vineyard Rioja wine that is perfect for spring lamb.

2006 Lopez de Heredia Viña Tondonia Reserva

Rioja 45.00 37.35VS

FEATURED WINES:

LA SPINETTA - GIORGIO RIVETTI

La Spinetta, or "top of the hill" dates back to 1977. Founded by Giuseppe and Lidia Rivetti, their first wine was a Moscato, and they were the first to produce a single vineyard version of Moscato d'Asti. In 1985, they created the Barbera d'Asti 'Ca' di Pian', another great success! Then the expansion—a second winery in Barolo, followed by a winery in Tuscany, that eventually led to the purchase of Contratto (sparkling and vermouths). The Rivetti family seem to each have "purple thumbs", turning all the various wines they make into success stories.

2018 Casanova della Spinetta Rosato

Toscana 20.00 16.60VS

2018 Casanova della Spinetta Vermentino

Toscana 20.00 16.60VS

2015 La Spinetta Barbera d'Asti

'Ca' di Pian' 25.00 20.75VS

2015 Casanova della La Spinetta Rosato

Toscana 20.00 16.60VS

2015 La Spinetta Barolo

'Vigneto Garretti' 75.00 62.25VS

ROSÉ ALL DAY IN MAY

It is time for a 2018 dry rosés tasting. These wines are early drinkers, showing nicely already. As Spring arrives, we want to celebrate 'Rosé All Day in May'!

2018 Domaine Vetriccic Rosé

Ile de Beauté 12.00 9.96VS

2018 Ju de Vie Rosé

Vin de France 12.00 9.96VS

2018 Domaine Poli Sciaccarellu Rosé

Ile de Beauté 15.00 12.45VS

2018 Domaine Poli Nielluciu Rosé

Ile de Beauté 15.00 12.45VS

2018 Henri Bonnaud Rosé 'Steff'

Méditerranée 15.00 12.45VS

2018 Saint Roch Les Vignes Rosé

Côtes de Provence 16.00 13.28VS

2018 Commanderie de la Bargemone Rosé

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 18.00 14.94VS

2018 Moulin de La Roque Bandol Rosé

'Les Hauts du Vallon' 20.00 16.60VS

2018 Clos Alivu Nielluciu Rosé

Patrimoine 22.00 18.26VS

2018 Minuty Rosé 'M'

Côtes de Provence 21.00 17.43VS

2018 Hecht & Bannier Rosé

Côtes de Provence 23.00 19.09VS

2018 Commanderie de Peyressol Rosé

Côtes de Provence 25.00 20.75VS

2018 Château Peyrassol Rosé

Côtes de Provence 35.00 29.05VS

*Taste a selection of these wines on Saturday,
May 11th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

2017 MON P'TIT PITHON

We used to joke about this wine as being the Monty Python's Flying Circus red, and we were truly shocked to learn from winemaker/owner Olivier Pithon that it was exactly the inspiration for the name. Olivier began his career in the Loire Valley, but chose to relocate to Calce, in the south of France. His love of crisp, clean wines led him to produce a very young cuvée of Grenache. Vibrant and juicy, the 2017 Mon P'Tit Pithon may just be your Holy Grail!

2017 Mon P'Tit Pithon Millésime Rouge

Côtes Catalanes 16.00 13.28VS

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2017 RIDGE VINEYARDS

Vintage 2017 in much of California saw a return to normal ground moisture after a series of drought years. Winter storms provided the water, but a cooler flowering with intermittent rains, reduced the yields significantly. Smaller clusters than usual resulted in concentrated wines. We have four new releases that showcase the vintage from Alexander Valley to Paso Robles.

2017 Ridge Zinfandel 'Three Valleys' <i>Sonoma County</i>	30.00	24.90VS
2017 Ridge Zinfandel 'Benito Dusi Ranch' <i>Paso Robles</i>	37.00	30.71VS
2017 Ridge Zinfandel 'East Bench' <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	35.00	29.05VS
2017 Ridge Geyserville <i>Alexander Valley</i>	46.00	38.18VS

BOURGOGNE

More and more, the prices for red and white Burgundies with village appellations are increasing, making wines labelled as Bourgogne to look better and better. We have a nice selection of both Bourgogne Blanc and Bourgogne Rouge in the shops now, so we thought a Saturday tasting of some of these values would be fun.

2017 Petit Chapeau Bourgogne Blanc	25.00	20.75VS
2017 Olivier Leflaive Bourgogne Blanc <i>'Les Sétilles'</i>	25.00	20.75VS
2016 Alex Gambal Bourgogne Chardonnay	30.00	24.90VS
2017 Domaine Fabien Coche Bourgogne Chardonnay	30.00	24.90VS
2017 Michel Sarrazin Bourgogne Rouge <i>'Les Vieilles Vignes'</i>	26.00	21.58VS
2017 Domaine Fabien Coche Bourgogne Côte d'Or	30.00	24.90VS
2017 Gérard Raphet Bourgogne Rouge <i>'Les Grands Champs'</i>	32.00	26.56VS
2016 David Duband Bourgogne Rouge	35.00	29.05VS

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May 18th at both shops from 11AM-5PM*

RHEINGAU LEITZ

The Leitz family winemaking history in Rudesheim dates all the way back to 1744. Johannes Leitz owns parcels in the Rudesheim vineyards of Berg Schlossberg, Berg Rottland, and Berg Kaisersteinfels, plus holdings in Berg Roseneck, Magdalenenkreuz, and Klosterlay. He is passionate about returning the wines of Rudesheim to the prominence they enjoyed in the 1970's and 80's. All of his wines have dramatic acidity and length, and a purity of Riesling character that comes from diligent farming and early harvesting. These are exceptional wines.

2016 Weingut Leitz Riesling Trocken Qba <i>'Eins Zwei Dry'</i>	19.00	15.77VS
2017 Weingut Leitz Riesling Qba <i>'Dragonstone'</i>	19.00	15.77VS
2016 Weingut Leitz Riesling Kabinett <i>'Rudesheimer Klosterlay'</i>	26.00	21.58VS
2017 Weingut Leitz Riesling Spätlese <i>'Magdalenenkreuz'</i>	30.00	24.90VS

2017 ANTINORI WHITES

On a recent visit to the new Andare Kitchen & Bar in the Hyatt Regency, we had a chance to taste two Antinori wines by the glass and found two old favorites that are perfect for Spring. Both are varietally correct, and both are wonderful with local seafoods—the 2017 Tenuta Guado al Tasso Vermentino with finfish, and the 2017 Castello della Sala Chardonnay 'Bramito' with salmon, shrimp, and crab.

2017 Tenuta Guado al Tasso Vermentino <i>Bolgheri</i>	25.00	20.75VS
2017 Castello della Sala Chardonnay 'Bramito' <i>Umbria</i>	21.00	17.43VS

2017 DE-COMBEL-LA-SERRE

Made with 100% Malbec, all of the vineyards of Château Combel La Serre lie on a cause, a limestone plateau of 300 meters or more above sea level, in an alluvial plain along the Lot River. The aspect, altitude, temperature, and soil are much different from the lower, warmer vineyards in Cahors. This provides complexity and acidity that are quite remarkable.

2017 De-Combel-La-Serre Cahors <i>'Le Pur Fruit du Causse'</i>	16.00	13.28VS
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Queen Anne Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:30-6:30

Saturday 10-6

Closed Sunday & Monday

Ravenna Hours

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