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APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER



Brancatelli

TAX DAY TASTING
FRIDAY, APRIL 15th, 5:30-7:30pm
GIUSEPPE BRANCATELLI - owner/winemaker at Brancatelli
ADAM RICHARD - president/owner of Uva Imports
Wines of Italy from Chianti, Amorone, Valpolicella and more!
Enjoy Tax day savings on all Uva imports wines!

GAME OF THRONES Season 6 TASTING EVENT
Thursday, April 21st, 5:30-7:30 pm
A selection of wines specific to the series.

Pick up a HOUSE
4 pack at a deep
discount!

WINE TASTING EVERY SATURDAY 2:00pm-7:00pm
'Whatever we feel like opening'

Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 4/30/16.]

April '16 USUAL CASE (cs.btl.cost)

*2014 Castelveto Piemonte Cortese, Piedmont, Italy	\$7.99	\$9.99	\$84.00	(\$7.00)
*2014 Langlois Sauvignon Blanc, Loire, France	\$10.99	\$12.99	\$120.00	(\$10.00)
*2014 Langlois Pinot Noir, Loire, France	\$10.99	\$12.99	\$120.00	(\$10.00)
*2014 Gres St. Vincent CDR Villages Signargues, Rhone, France	\$10.99	\$12.99	\$120.00	(\$10.00)
2013 Ridge Crest Syrah, Columbia Valley, Washington State	\$10.99	\$14.99	\$120.00	(\$10.00)
2014 Gamba Valpolicella Classico "Le Quare," Veneto, Italy	\$10.99	\$15.99	\$120.00	(\$10.00)
2014 Riebeek Cellars Kasteelberg Chardonnay, Western Cape, S. A.	\$12.99	\$15.99	\$144.00	(\$12.00)
2015 Chateau de Roquefort CD Prov. Rose "Corail", Provence, Fr	\$13.99	\$17.99	\$156.00	(\$13.00)

A NOTE ABOUT OUR CASE OF THE MONTH: - *Our case of the month is an excellent way to get real value for your wine dollar and drink wines from around the world, carefully selected by J. Emerson staff. No need to join an Internet wine club with their mystery wines and made up labels – Our case is infinitely more interesting and a better value! The discounted price of the APRIL case-of-the-month is **\$114.99**; the regular price would be \$163, a savings of 30%!*

Here is the line-up and as always, there are 2 each of the first four wines (*) and 1 each of the last four wines.

***2014 Castelveto Piemonte Cortese, Piedmont, Italy**-(100% Cortese Grape- Same grape used in Gavi) "A mix of lemon, honeydew melon and straw flavors gets a boost from the lively structure in this white. Mouthwatering finish. Drink now." (WSWO2015)

***2014 Langlois Sauvignon Blanc, Loire, France**- Aromas of Meyer lemon and a touch of grapefruit; round, fuller bodied and all mineral citrus in the mouth, finishing with bracing acidity. This is a complex and delicious Sancerre-like Loire Valley Sauvignon Blanc.

***2014 Langlois Pinot Noir, Loire, France**- From Pougny, not far from Sancerre, in the Loire Valley, this wine has some Sancerre rouge qualities. Elegant and light bodied with a contrast of bright cherries and ripe red fruits; notes of herbs and black tea on pure stony finish with little or no tannins. A wonderful food Pinot Noir, perfect with a slight chill.

***2014 Gres St. Vincent CDR Villages Signargues, Rhone, France** – (60% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, 5% Carignan.) Aromas of black plum, olives and smoky bramble with ripe black and red fruit flavors, herbs and a hint of meat juice; finishing with supple acidity and subtle tannins.

2013 Ridge Crest Syrah, Columbia Valley, Washington State – Claar Cellars second label produces rich, full, age-worthy reds at an exceptional price point. Sourced entirely from the Claar estate vineyard in the

White Bluffs of Columbia Valley and conditioned for 12+ months in primarily French oak. Muted aromas of black fruit with a touch of pepper; this is a rich and smooth Syrah with mild tannins and pleasant acidity. A great wine for roasted red meats and barbeque.

2014 Gamba Valpolicella Classico "Le Quare," Veneto, Italy- (A blend of Corvina 40%, Corvinone 30%, Rondinella 20%, Molinara 10%) Like all Valpolicellas, this is a medium to light bodied wine with aromas of almond and maraschino cherry. Fresh & juicy, with gentle acid and tannins. A perfect pasta & cheese wine.

2014 Riebeek Cellars Kasteelberg Chardonnay, Western Cape, S. A. "The 2014 Chardonnay, coming from granite and schist-like soils, shows loads of tropical pineapple, honeydew melons and white peach in a fresh, lively, medium-bodied style with good acidity and subtle background oak. Drink now. " (WA 3/16)

2015 Chateau de Roquefort CD Prov. Rose "Corail", Provence, Fr. - Aromas of ripe red berries and oranges with a touch of dried rose; medium bodied and finely textured with typical Provencal minerality and a hint of bitter herbs. A balanced and exceedingly pleasant wine.

USE YOUR 6 BOTTLE WINE BAGS FROM OTHER STORES AND SAVE 10% (on six bottles)

We want to remind our customers to use wine bags that other stores continue to push on you. Remember they are made from oil and you must use each of those bags 9 times before it equals one paper bag.

APRIL "SHORT SIPS" CLASS – THE RED WINES OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

A one hour educational program, limited to eight people and held in our fine wine room. Because the demand has been so great we are doing the class twice in April – **FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 8th and 9th from 5:30 to 6:30pm** — **There is a \$5 per person class fee** and availability is on a first come first serve basis but you can call & reserve spaces at any time. (A great idea for your group as a prelude to dinner.)

AN OFFER ON: GAUNOUX MEURSAULT & MATHIEU CHÂTEAUNEUF-du-PAPE

Goutte d'Or"(drops of gold), is the smallest 1er Cru sites cultivated by Gaunoux. Conditioned in 15-30% new oak & bottled after 15-16 months; they are neither filtered nor fined, and their aging potential is outstanding.

2011 Domaine Jean-Michel Gaunoux Meursault La Goutte D'Or - "Bright, light yellow. Expressive nose offers peach, soft citrus fruits, honey, yellow flowers and marzipan, plus a touch of vanillin oak. Sweet, round and fine-grained, with a distinctly smooth texture to the exotic soft citrus and stone flavors. Lush and approachable already--and very Meursault." (Stephen Tanzer Vinous 9/13)

Regular price: \$109.99 Sale: \$85.99

Made from sixty-five year old vines, this delicious cuvee is a blend of Grenache and Mourvèdre with a smaller percentage from eleven other permitted grapes in the A.O.C.

2012 Domaine Mathieu Châteauneuf-du-Pape – "A pure, sleek style, with a delicious raspberry pâte de fruit core augmented with light blueberry and cherry fruit as well as subtle licorice, rooibos tea and shiso leaf notes. Long and silky through the finish. Best from 2016 through 2024. 2,250 cases made. " (WS9/15)

Regular price: \$42.99 Sale: \$36.99

The Last Saturday Wine School

Something NEW! The last Saturday of the month will turn from a 'whatever we feel like drinking' tasting event to a mini wine school tasting. We'll pick a topic, theme, etc. and taste with a purpose! The wines we taste will be offered as a package with a discount. This is very informal with no scheduled start or finish time. Each session will be about 10 minutes! **Come anytime between 2 and 5 pm on Saturday, April 30th.**

THIS MONTHS THEME: NEW WORLD vs OLD WORLD

NEW ARRIVALS – The ART OF CHOICE

Les Champs Libres is a small négociant run by René-Jean Dard and Hervé Souhaut. (Two of our favorite growers of Northern Rhone Syrah.) The grapes are sourced from organically tended vineyards, and vinified without manipulation or intervention. "L'art des choix" means the art of choice. "Lard" means lard, so the implication is that these wines go good with pork. Also, when said quickly, "Lard, des Choix" sounds like L'Ardèchois, where both these fine gentlemen are from.

2014 Les Champs Libres "Lard des Choix" VdP de l'Ardeche Rouge – A blend of Syrah and Gamay with a very aromatic carbonic macerated nose of cherry, leather and countryside aromas. Spicy and medium bodied, it finishes clean as a whistle. It's absolutely delightful. **\$24.99**

ROSÉ – Embrace your inner pink.

2015 rosé wines are beginning to arrive and you should know that the 2015 vintage in the Southern Rhone – (home to Provençal, Tavel and CDR among others) and in the Loire Valley (think Sancerre) was hot and dry producing excellent wines. **Mark your calendars NOW for ROSÉ-A-PALOOZA on SUNDAY, May 15th!**

NEW ARRIVALS

2010 Cap de Faugeres Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France- “The 2010 Cap de Faugeres, a blend of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon from one of the better sections of the Cotes de Castillon known as Sainte-Colombe, was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered by consultant Michel Rolland. It tips the scales at 14.5% alcohol and displays kirsch, black currant, licorice and smoky charcoal/barbecue notes. Medium to full-bodied, lush and very sexy already, this sleeper of the vintage is soft enough to be drunk now or can be cellared for up to a decade. Bravo!” (WA #205) **\$28.99**

2014 Tenuta delle Terre Nere, Etna Bianco, Sicily, Italy- “(a blend of mainly Carricante with small percentages of Minnella, Catarratto and Grecanico): Bright straw. Herbs and honey complement orchard fruits and flint on the enticing, deep nose. Complex flavors of minerals, honey and botanical herbs linger nicely on the rich, tactile palate, with the gunflint quality repeating. Decant this at least 30 minutes ahead if you plan to open it anytime soon. Drink 2015 – 2018” (Vinous 12/15) **\$21.99**

2013 Newton Chardonnay Unfiltered, Napa, CA – “John Kongsgaard told me that when the unfiltered Chardonnay from Newton was first launched in the early 1980s, the fruit came entirely from what is now the Judge Vineyard of Kongsgaard. No wonder that wine was so spectacular in those days. It also had an incredible aging curve as well. This wine continues to be a strong effort. The 2013 Chardonnay Unfiltered exhibits notes of white peach, honeysuckle and some brioche in a medium to full-bodied, lusciously fruity, rich, complex and full style. It doesn’t have the minerality of the old days of the early 1980s, but this is a brilliant Chardonnay, representing one of Napa’s finest efforts.” (WA Dec 2015) **\$67.99**

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When the esteemed British wine journal Decanter ran an article on Pinot Noir from places other than Burgundy, Moorooduc Estate was in the top 5. No Oregon or California wine even made the top 10.

“If there is one winery for Australia to model its future on, Moorooduc is it.” Cornelius Geary

2011 Moorooduc Estate Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula, Australia - Natural malolactic fermentation in barrel. 100% French oak maturation, 30 % new. 15 months in wood with 1 racking. No fining and no filtration. Elegant and lithe with bright cherry fruit underscored by a gentle current of mint and herbs and earth. **\$37.99**

EMERSON DELIVERS!

Consult with us on wines for your party or event and we will deliver directly to your home or office. Our regular deliveries will be made on Friday afternoons. There is no minimum order but there will be a delivery charge of \$10. Our regular service areas are zip codes 23226, 23229 and 23221

RETURN POLICY

J. Emerson, Inc. guarantees that each bottle of wine we sell is in good condition. If you purchase a bad bottle of wine from us, please bring the bottle (with wine) back promptly. We will taste the wine with you to try and ascertain what has gone wrong and we will replace the bad bottle with a good bottle of the same wine. We are not responsible for any damage that occurs after the wine has left the store. This is especially true in the summer. PLEASE do not leave your wine in your car or trunk. It takes less than two hours in 80-90 degree sun to “pop” a cork. We will NOT accept any returns of warm or hot bottles. Returns should come back to us at about the same temperature as our store.

OUR PROTOCOL FOR USING WINE REVIEWS

Throughout our newsletter you will find profiles of wine tastes and flavors written by professional wine reviewers. We use these reviews, when they align with our own tasting notes, because, frankly, these reviewers use descriptors and adjectives that are more interesting and often more on point than what we would write. When we use a reviewers notes we will always use quotes and we will always show attribution, i.e.: WA – Wine Advocate, WS- Wine Spectator, BH – Burghound and Vinous for...Vinous. Three of these review sources are reader subscription only and carry no advertising and they are: WA, WS and BH, and thus

those are primary review sources. Each review source also has reviewers that are better in some specialty than others. For example, Antonio Galoni has a wonderful sense of Italian wines and Allen Meadows of Burghound is a definitive source for the wines of Burgundy. The other key is that these reviews need to align with our tasting notes and if there is a huge discrepancy we will defer to our notes, which may be less interesting in terms of descriptors, but more in harmony with the wine profile. Our tasting notes would be any review without quotation marks.

OUR WINE ENVIRONMENT

If you shop here you already know that we take the condition of the wine environment in the store very seriously. Wines are on their side, we monitor humidity and the temperature on the main floor never rises about 63 degrees. (In the winter we strive for 60.) We use no fluorescent lighting in the wine areas – THE WORST POSSIBLE LIGHTING CONDITION due to the high UV content. Instead we have been using indirect incandescent lighting. Now we are in the process of converting our lighting to LED, a source that produces NO UV light rays! Does your wine retailer care enough to take these quality control steps? Ask questions next time you are in a big box retailer.