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CELEBRATING OUR 25th YEAR

AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER

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OUR AUGUST TASTING

THURSDAY AUGUST 19th FROM 5:30 to 7:30 pm

A TASTE OF ITALY with

GARY MOORE of SIEMA IMPORTS

MONTHLY SPECIALS

	<u>AUG. '10</u>	<u>USUAL</u>	<u>CASE (cs.btl. cost)</u>
*2009 Adria Vini "gPG" Pinot Grigio (Veneto, Italy)	\$ 7.95	\$ 9.95	\$85 (\$7.08)
*2009 Ch. Jouclary Cabardes Rose (Southwest France)	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.95	\$85 (\$7.08)
*2008 Avery Quinn Zinfandel (California)	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$110 (\$9.17)
*2007 Bricco del Tati Dolcetto d'Alba (Piemonte, Italy)	\$ 9.95	\$16.95	\$110 (\$9.17)
2008 Chateau Magneau Graves Blanc (Bordeaux, France)	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$110 (\$9.17)
2008 Marcel Giraudon Bourgogne Aligote (Burgundy, France)	\$10.95	\$13.95	\$130 (\$10.83)
2008 Vinterra Pinot Noir (New Zealand)	\$11.95	\$14.95	\$135 (\$11.25)
2009 Pierre Gauthier "Soif du Jour" Bourgueil (Loire Valley, FR)	\$12.95	\$14.95	\$145 (\$12.08)

A NOTE ABOUT THE MONTHLY SPECIALS CASE:

The **AUGUST** case price is **\$104.95** and is **reduced 25%** from the regular prices. 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.

***2009 Adria Vini "gPG" Pinot Grigio (Veneto, Italy)** – dry white made from a blend of Garganega and Pinot Grigio. Clean and Crisp with aromas of apples and lemons with good texture and weight.

***2009 Ch. Jouclary Cabardes Rose (Southwest France)** – One of our most popular Roses this is a blend of 40% Merlot, 30% Syrah and 30% Grenache and is produced by combining two methods of vinification. The Grenache is vinified using the “saignée” method with skin maceration lasting about 12 hours. The Merlot and Syrah are produced using “pressurage” like white wines where the juice is pressed from the grapes before fermentation begins. The resulting wine has a deep hue and is enticingly aromatic; fresh and fruity through the palate with a dry light finish.

***2008 Avery Quinn Zinfandel (California)**- We all thought this well balanced and not too spicy California Zinfandel was a great bargain at \$11.95 and now it's a real steal as a monthly special. Cedar notes, raspberry, rhubarb and subtle toasted oak.

***2007 Bricco del Tati Dolcetto d'Alba (Piemonte, Italy)**- This is a red-fruited Dolcetto with a gorgeous nose featuring aromas of summer flowers, Bing cherries and red plums. In the mouth, the wine is fresh with plum and tart red cherry fruit lifted by bright acidity. The finish is clean with light tannins and will pair well with pasta, stews, risotto, and lighter meats. Only 3,400 bottles produced!

2008 Chateau Magneau Graves Blanc (Bordeaux, France)- 45% Sauvignon Blanc, 45% Semillon and 10% Muscadelle from 30 year old vines. The grapes are hand harvested and sorted. Crisp lemon and grapefruit peel flavors, with a little pineapple and apricot. Enjoy chilled as an aperitif, with hors d'oeuvres, shellfish or fish.

2008 Marcel Giraudon Bourgogne Aligote (Burgundy, France) - Burgundy's other white wine grape, this Aligote comes from Chitry, about as far north as you can go in Burgundy. Full bodied and crisp with full malolactic fermentation that adds a lovely middle palate to its vibrant fruity and mineral qualities.

2008 Vinterra Pinot Noir (New Zealand)- The wine displays ripe, sweet plum notes with an edge of complexity on the nose. The palate is rich and round supported by fine grain tannins. Strawberry, cherry and dark berry fruit flavors. A Wine Spectator "Smart Buy": "This is bright and beautifully structured, with a spicy edge to the currant and bacon flavors, lingering nicely. Drink now through 2013." (WS Mar. 2010)

2009 Pierre Gauthier "Soif du Jour" Bourgueil (Loire Valley, FR) -100% Cabernet Franc from 20 year old vines. A great quaffing wine intended to be drunk young; it has dark fruit, soft tannins, a refreshing finish and a good mineral component. They use 100% free-run juice (not pressed) and age the wine in tank for 6-8 months. It is bottled unfiltered.

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

We want to remind our customers to use those over-produced and environmentally un-friendly reusable 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 (18 times for plastic).

NEW ARRIVALS - Domaine Didier Dagueneau

The Loire Valley's most renowned, flamboyant and fastidious wine maker, Didier Dagueneau was tragically killed September 2008 when the ultralight plane he was piloting crashed in the Dordogne, in southern France. His children Louis-Benjamin and Charlotte have taken over the reins of the estate and 2008 is their first vintage without their father's involvement. Those who have had Didier's wines will claim them to be the best Sauvignon Blanc they have ever tasted and reports so far are that the children are faithful to their fathers methods. Dagueneau makes four different dry white wines, all Pouilly Fumés. His basic wine is the En Chailloux, a blend from several vineyards. Next step up is the Buisson Renard, more flinty in style, but still round, and more ageworthy. The remaining two wines are both superstars from single vineyards, and are barrel fermented. Both come from slate soils with one being called Silex, and the other known as Pur Sang. (Pur Sang means "Thoroughbred" in English.) The flavors tend to fall somewhere in between the En Chailloux (which accounts for half his production and is his softest, friendliest wine) and Cuvée Silex (his most structured cuvée). The Pur Sang is said to be a more hedonistic Sauvignon (often on par with the Silex), but less mineral driven. Here are some notes from Peter Liam on barrel tasting the '08's: "I absolutely loved the Blanc Fumé, perfectly balanced and vibrant at 11.5 degrees of natural alcohol. Pur Sang, at a mere 12 degrees, was utterly profound in its expression, precision and sheer class: this is my favorite of Dagueneau's 2008s, and the one I'm going to load up on."

2008 Dagueneau "Pur Sang" Blanc Rume De Pouilly: \$89.95

2008 Dagueneau "Silex" Blanc Rume De Pouilly: \$124.95

NEW ARRIVALS – Domaine Huet

Considered Vouvray's greatest Domaine, Huet vint Chenin Blanc from three vineyards, Haut Lieu, Le Mont and Clos de Bourg. Here are the reviews for "Le Mont" and their delightful sparkling wine "Petillant":

2007 Domaine Huet Vouvray "Le Mont" Demi-Sec – "Lush tangerine, pear and floral scents are complemented by dusty minerals, a hint of honey and green tea. Pliant, expansive citrus and candied flower flavors offer an alluring blend of richness and vivacity, with a sneaky honeycomb quality gaining strength in the glass. Fairly open-knit but focused as well; I'd hold onto this silky midweight for another few years or give it an hour in a decanter. (IWC, May/June 10) **\$42.95**

2007 Domaine Huet Vouvray "Le" Mont Sec - "An expressive, mineral-laced bouquet displays lemon and lime zest, passion fruit, pungent herbs and talc. Juicy but taut, offering tangy citrus and orchard fruit flavors, with a strong mineral spine adding lift. Becomes weightier and spicier with air, finishing on a juicy note of yellow plum, with strong sappy, stony persistence. This is still a baby." (IWC, May/June 10) **\$34.95**

2005 Domaine Huet Vouvray Petillant – "Bright straw with a delicate bead. Intensely perfumed, spicy bouquet displays pear skin, nectarine, honeysuckle and mace, along with a strong mineral undertone. Nervy and precise on the palate, offering lively citrus and orchard fruit flavors and a deeper note of peach pit. The floral quality echoes on the long, spicy, impressively precise finish. This will age and I'd love to stack it up against scores of Champagnes at anywhere near this price." (IWC May/June 10) **\$32.95**

NEW ARRIVALS – California

2006 HALL Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley- “A rich, dense, concentrated style, this is full-bodied, focused and pure, with hints of mocha and black licorice rounding out the core currant, plum and black cherry flavors. Focused and persistent, with a long finish. Drink now through 2017.” (WS 6/15/10) **\$29.95**

2007 Orin Swift Cellars “Papillon” – “The 2007 Papillon is a blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest other Bordeaux varietals. It exhibits supple, sweet tannin in addition to lush black cherry and black currant fruit, cedar, toasty new oak, and spice box. The finish suggests that the wine is still somewhat restrained and closed, but promising. It should evolve for 15 or more years.” (WA # 186) **\$56.95**

AUGUST “SHORT SIPS” CLASS -

A FREE one hour educational program, limited to eight people and held in our fine wine room (we’ve made changes to accommodate). **SATURDAY, AUG. 14th, 5:30 to 6:30 – Deciphering Wine labels – Join Josh George as we taste selected French and Italian wines and discuss how you can use the label to guide your purchasing.** Availability is on a first come first serve basis but you can call and reserve spaces at anytime. Note that the July class filled up early. (A great idea for your group as a prelude to dinner.) If you are a newsletter e-mail subscriber you’ll get more information delivered to your electronic mailbox.

Gallo’s Red Bicyclette “Pinot Noir” Still On Store Shelves

A few months ago we reported that Gallo was involved in a fraud where large amounts of Merlot and Syrah were blended in their 2006-2008 Red Bicyclette Pinot Noir. Gallo’s Red Bicyclette is still on the shelves of various Richmond grocery and big box stores even though Gallo, according to *Wine Industry Insight*, will not /or cannot confirm that the 2008 juice in the bottle is Pinot Noir. With so many options why wouldn’t they demonstrate a bit of integrity and pull the wine off their shelves?

ROSE two bottle SAMPLER SAVE 20% - Regularly \$45.90 now \$36.95

2009 Jean Reverdy Sancerre Rosé Les Villots –from Pinot Noir is “Nicely focused, with watermelon and dried strawberry notes laced with a mineral hint on the finish. Drink now. 800 cases made.” (WS Web Only 2010) \$22.95

2009 Knipser “Clarette” Rose, Ger. – A beautiful, lighter, dry, crisp rose perfect for summer quaffing. \$22.95

SATURDAY WINE TASTING

Every Saturday between 1pm and 7pm we will offer wines to taste and enjoy while shopping. Check out our web site, Facebook or Twitter on Friday to find out what we will be opening.

OUR OWN EMERSON LATE BOTTLE VINTAGE PORT TRUFFLES – \$4.95 and \$5.49