

# J. Emerson, Inc.

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## APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

Chassagne- Montrachet Rouge • Clos Cristal Cabernet Franc • New Arrivals

TASTING, THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>. 5:30-7:30pm

Travis Vernon from



THE SPANISH WINE IMPORTERS

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25<sup>h</sup> Doug Banks and the wines of

*Sandhi*

Delicious California  
Chardonnay and  
Pinot Noir

&

**LEVIATHAN**

Andy Erickson's  
Iconic Napa red  
blend

**5:30 - 7:30pm at our store on Grove Ave.**

*Discounts will be offered on all wines tasted.*

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

### Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 4/30/13.]

	<u>April '13</u>	<u>USUAL</u>	<u>CASE(cs.btl.cost)</u>
* 2012 Ch. Les Arromans Entre Deux Mers Blanc (Bordeaux, France)	\$ 9.49	\$10.95	\$108 (\$9.00)
* 2011 Noble Hill "Bloem" Syrah/Mourvedre Red Wine (Paarl, SA)	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$108 (\$9.00)
* 2012 Noble Hill "Bloem" Chenin Blanc/Viognier White (Paarl, SA)	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$108 (\$9.00)
* 2009 DFJ Vinhos "Vega" Douro Tinto (Douro, Portugal)	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$111 (\$9.25)
2010 Bricco dei Tati Dolcetto d'Alba (Piedmont, Italy)	\$ 9.95	\$12.95	\$114 (\$9.50)
2011 Viña Bujanda Rioja Tinto Joven (Rioja, Spain)	\$11.95	\$14.95	\$132 (\$11.00)
2011 Birichino Malvasia Bianco (Monterey, California)	\$14.95	\$17.95	\$162 (\$13.50)
2011 Az. Agr. Fatalone "Spinomarina" Greco Bianco 2011 (Puglia, It.)	\$14.95	\$17.95	\$162 (\$13.50)

**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**

**\$109.95; the regular price would be \$157.00, a savings of over 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.

\* **2012 Ch. Les Arromans** Entre Deux Mers Blanc (Bordeaux, Fr) -(50% Sauvignon Blanc, 50% Semillon)  
From the winery: "Notes of grapefruit, boxwood, blackberry leaf, and citrus jump from the glass. On the palate this wine is round with flavors of dry fruits, almonds, and honey. A lovely crisp, dry white that should be consumed young. Pairs well with poultry, shellfish, grilled fish, and pastas with cream sauces."

\* **2011 Noble Hill "Bloem"** Syrah/Mourvedre Red Wine (Paarl, SA)-(Syrah 66%, Mourvèdre 34%) These grapes are natural partners growing together in the Rhone Valley for hundreds of years. In this blend, black currant and cherry fruit aromas are balanced with exotic spice and earthy undertones. This is a smooth wine with a dry, lingering finish.

\* **2012 Noble Hill "Bloem"** Chenin Blanc/Viognier White (Paarl, SA)- (Chenin Blanc 61%, Viognier 39%)  
We love South African Chenin's and this blend with Viognier balances the fruit with a bit of weight and earthiness. Citrus and stone fruit aromas are followed by creamy peach flavors and a crisp finish.

\* **2009 DFJ Vinhos "Vega"** Douro Tinto (Douro, Portugal- ) "Smooth and wood aged, this has a polished texture. Fruit flavors of blueberry and red cherry combine with the rounded tannins and a spice note to give a

rich feel. Full yet elegant, age this for the next two years.”-R.V. **#1 selection! Wine Enthusiast Magazine Top 100 Best Buys 2012**

**2010 Bricco dei Tati** Dolcetto d'Alba (Piedmont, Italy) - from 80 year old vines that grow on the southwest side of our hill in Piemonte. With characteristic odors of violets and an almond aftertaste, this is a rich wine with lively tannins. Perfect with pasta dishes, risotto and stews. Only 285 cases produced!

**2011 Viña Bujanda** Rioja Tinto Joven (Rioja, Spain)- (100% Tempranillo) Fresh and fruity, it is a perfect sipper and refreshing even in warmer weather (try it with a slight chill!). Aromas of spice, red & Blueberry fruited, it's medium bodied with food-friendly acidity. Try with smoked salmon, or sashimi tuna.

**2011 Birichino** Malvasia Bianco (Monterey, California) – Birichino means impish or mischievous and this California Malvasia teases with orange and tangerines aromatics with hints of honey suckle and pepper but delivers bone dry nervy acidity. Interesting and layered, it pairs well with goat cheeses, Asian food and with patio furniture, outdoors on a nice clear night.

**2011 Az. Agr. Fatalone** "Spinomarino" Greco Bianco (Puglia, It.) - Delicate bouquet of spring flowers, green apple and pineapple, mixed with a mild note of honey. A very versatile wine with great minerality and freshness it is a great match with fried foods, salads, seafood appetizers and grilled vegetables and fish. Outstanding match with pizza and excellent as an aperitif.

### **APRIL “SHORT SIPS” CLASS**

#### ***SOUTH AFRICA – Brief wine history and a tasting of representative wines.***

A FREE 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 12th and 13<sup>h</sup> 5:30 to 6:30pm** —Availability is on a first come first serve basis but you can call and reserve spaces at anytime. (A great idea for your group as a prelude to dinner.)

#### **2009 CLOS CRISTAL Hospices De Samur, Samur Champigny (Cabernet Franc)**

Since 1928, Saumur Hospital has owned the 10 hectares (25 acres) of vineyard growing Cabernet Franc grapes bequeathed by Antoine Cristal. The Clos Cristal is historically symbolic for Saumur wine growers, not only because its creator was the first to develop red wines in Saumur, but also because in about 1900, he conceived of an ingenious project. He built three kilometers (2 miles) of walls along which, and through which, the vines grow. Close to the walls, the vine takes advantage of the heat accumulated by the stone, which enables a greater level of ripeness in the fruit. This 100% Cabernet Franc from the Loire River Valley is a richer, more expressive Cabernet Franc than Chinon, but still evocative of the Loire Valley with crushed stone, violets and a bit of funky sauvage. Oh yes – it's good! **Reg. Price \$24.95 now \$16.95**

### **CHASSAGNE MONTROCHET ROUGE**

**The Burgundy village appellation of Chassagne-Montrachet is best known for its white wines made from the Chardonnay grape. But this was not always the case, the red wines made from the Pinot Noir grape were once as easy to find (and drink) as the whites. Now you will rarely, very rarely, find red Chassagne anywhere. But we carry Chassagne rouge from two Domaines, different vintages, different styles, but both excellent and renowned Burgundy producers. Once each of these wines would make for a great tasting and drinking experience at a small party. – This month buy one each and save 10%**

**2003 Domaine Château de Maltroye Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos du Château" 1er Cru Red** – “Almost always Cournut's best red and so it is again as this displays an aromatic profile of dark fruit and intense earth aromas that harmonize beautifully with the intense, dense, concentrated and wonderfully sappy flavors that possess flat out superb length and depth. This is a really impressive effort and highly recommended.

Comments: Outstanding Top value” (Burghound) **\$62.95**

**2010 Domaine Ramonet Chassagne- Montrachet** - The bouquet offers lovely crisp fruit with red cherries and strawberries – interlinked with a quite filigree stony minerality. It's very forward and expressive. On the palate good concentration with a delightful balance. The fruit is cool and crisp-a joyful glass of pinot.” **\$39.95**

## NEW ARRIVALS

**2010 Mendel Malbec Mendoza, Argentina** –“The 2010 Mendel Malbec comes from un-grafted 82-year-old vines in Mayor Drummond and Perdiel that undergoes a tripartite aging in new, second and third year oak (Taransaud). It has an expressive bouquet with scents of blackberry, raspberry and dark plum infused with thyme and touches of wild mint. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp, beautifully defined tannins. This is a very natural Malbec, imbued with finesse and poise, with an almost effervescent freshness and vitality on the finish. *It encapsulates everything great about Mendoza Malbec.* Drink now-2020+.” WA #203 **\$29.95**

**2010 Domaine Nicolas Rossignol Pernand-Vergelesses "Fichots" 1er Cru Red** – “An intensely earthy nose of notably ripe dark berry fruit and black cherry aromas slides into energetic, full-bodied and delicious flavors that are quite firmly structured on the almost painfully intense finish. This is an explosive if not refined wine that offers terrific depth and length and about the only nit is a barely visible touch of backend warmth. Definitely worth considering for a value appellation built in an ageworthy style. Comments: Sweet spot Outstanding.” (Burghound #46) **\$52.95**

### **2011 Reichstrat VON BUHL PINOT NOIR ROSE.**

It's almost time for Rose Season (although many would argue that you can and should drink rose ANY season) and here is a German Pinot Noir teaser to get you in a Rose frame of mind. Great aromatics with a lovely red fruit nose of strawberry and watermelon; nice light salmon color, organic, with a touch of minerality and lively acidity; finishes bone dry, really floral and pretty too. **\$19.95**

## VALUE WINES

We love us some world class Virginia Viognier but for sheer value to taste ratio it is hard to beat the

**2011 Laurent Miquel Nord Sud Viognier** - From grapes grown in a north south orientation for optimum sun exposure (hence the Nord Sud title) the wine is partially fermented in oak and has typical Viognier aromatics of white flowers, apricot and honeysuckle. This is a wine that delivers above it's price point. **\$14.95**  
California Merlot has not gotten much love over the last few years but the

**2010 Wilson Daniels Central Coast Merlot** is another overachiever. Made predominantly from Paso Robles grapes, the wine is full-bodied and silky yet robust, with aromas of black cherry and plum and a palate of blackberry, raspberry and blueberry jam laced with vanilla and toast. **\$12.95**

### **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.

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOW OPEN SUNDAYS, 12noon-6:00pm**

### **GET YOUR BEER HERE and save 15% on a mix and match 6-pack**

We're offering all of our beers now as individual bottles or in 6-packs (or 4-packs, depending on the item), and extending a 15% discount on a mix-and-match six-pack of beer.

### **THE FLOUR GARDEN – The worlds best Baguette>(\*in our opinion)**

Every Friday and Saturday we receive fresh Baguettes (\$3.49) and Focaccia (\$2.95) from arguably the best wholesale baker in Richmond. If you want to order several loaves, give us a call on the prior Wednesday.

### **EMERSON'S 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