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AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th 5:30- 7:30pm

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from **WILLIAMS CORNER WINE**

Fresh, Delicious and extra-ordinary Selections.

TASTING EVERY SATURDAY 2 - 7:30pm -----“WHATEVER WE FEEL LIKE OPENING”

<i>Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS</i> [Prices valid through 8/31/14.]	<i>Aug. '14</i>	<i>USUAL</i>	<i>CASE(cs.btl.cost)</i>
*2013 Gonnet “Le Plaisir” Chardonnay, <i>VdPays du Gard, France</i>	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$108 (\$9.00)
*2012 Ch. Viranel Cuvee Trilogie Rouge, <i>Pays d'Herault Cessenon, Fr.</i>	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$108 (\$9.00)
*2013 Di Leonardo "Toh!" Tocai Friulano, <i>Friuli Grave, Italy</i>	\$10.95	\$12.95	\$120 (\$10.00)
*2011 Bergevin Lane Vineyards Linen Red, <i>Columbia Valley, WA</i>	\$12.95	\$15.95	\$144 (\$12.00)
2013 Milbrandt Vineyards Traditions Pinot Gris, <i>Columbia Valley, WA</i>	\$11.95	\$13.95	\$126 (\$10.50)
2011 Giovanna Madonia 'Tenentino' Sangiovese, <i>Forli IGT, Italy</i>	\$11.95	\$13.95	\$132 (\$11.00)
2012 E. Kreydenweiss "Les Grimaudes" <i>Costières-de-Nîmes, France</i>	\$12.95	\$14.95	\$144 (\$12.00)
2013 Steininger Gruner Veltliner Classic, <i>Kamptal, Austria</i>	\$13.95	\$15.95	\$144 (\$12.00)

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 AUGUST case-of-the-month is **\$114.95; the regular price would be **\$164**, a savings of over **29%**!**

***2013 Gonnet “Le Plaisir” Chardonnay, VdPays du Gard, France-** From the negociant operation of Chateauneuf-du-Pape's Gonnet family, there is serious value here. No oak but rich and juicy with tropical fruits and fresh pineapple with a touch of thyme on the surprisingly lengthy tangy finish. A great summer/beach Chardonnay.

***2012 Ch. Viranel Cuvee Trilogie Rouge, Pays d'Herault Cessenon, France.** - This Languedoc-Roussillon blend of equal parts Syrah, VERY old vine (1939) Alicante Bouschet and Cabernet Sauvignon has notes of dark red and black fruits a bit of licorice & sauvage; a long finish with mild tannins but food friendly acidity.

***2013 Di Leonardo "Toh!" Tocai Friulano, Friuli Grave, Italy** - Ripe apricots and lemon peel with a characteristic note of bitter almonds on the nose. Delicate and refined, soft and round (with slightly lower acidity than the other whites in the range). Great with shrimp scallops or chicken.

***2011 Bergevin Lane Vineyards Linen Red, Columbia Valley, WA** – “The value- priced Linen is a blend of 57% Merlot/ 43% Syrah that spent 16 months in neutral barrels. Medium-bodied, quaffable and delicious, with plenty of berry fruit, spice, underbrush & damp earth, enjoy it over the coming year or two.” (WA #213)

2013 Milbrandt Vineyards Traditions Pinot Gris, Columbia Valley, WA - The 2013 Pinot Gris is crisp on the palate with lively flavors of white peach, a hint of cantaloupe giving way to a fleshy mid-palate with a clean, bright finish. Pairs perfectly with antipasti, summer salads, ripe white cheeses and simple seafood dishes such as steamed clams and oysters.

2011 Giovanna Madonia 'Tenentino' Sangiovese, Forli IGT, Italy - From Emilia Romagna this medium-bodied wine has cherry and floral aromas and a light peppery note. It has an earthy, herbal finish with moderate tannins and good acidity. This is a great pasta and pizza wine.

2012 E. Kreydenweiss "Les Grimaudes" Costières-de-Nîmes, France - A fresh, balanced older vine blend of Grenache (55 years old), Carignan (45 years old), and Cinsault (25 years old) notes of black fruits and spice with hints of salinity on a supple finish.

2013 Steininger Gruner Veltliner Classic, Kamptal, Austria - Spicy and crisp with pear, green apple and citrus notes and wet stone minerality this is versatile food companion, ideal with appetizers but also poultry, fish (especially salmon) and asparagus.

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.

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.**

AUGUST SHORT SIPS CLASS – WHITE BURGUNDY- *The perfect summer wine (what)!*
Some think wines from Frances’ Burgundy region to be too rich and full bodied for summer fare but we’ll taste through a few interesting, crisp and delicious options. A one hour educational program, limited to eight people and held in our fine wine room. The class will be held twice in AUGUST–**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, August 15th and 16th, 5:30 to 6:30pm** —**There is a \$5 per person fee for this class & availability is on a first come first serve basis but you can call and reserve spaces at anytime.**

Proof that Redheads make better wine.

2008 BRANDBORG Pinot Noir Love Puppets Umpqua Valley, Oregon

Terry and Sue Brandborg make wonderful cool climate dry farmed Pinot Noir in Umpqua Valley, south of Willamette. We tasted through the Brandborg wines with Sue (Sue is a left handed red head so there is an immediate bond) a few weeks ago and we got to this 2008. Now 2008 is considered to be one of the best if not THE best Oregon vintage and this wine has matured nicely and is drinking perfectly. Here is a review from Josh Reynolds at IWC: “Light, bright red. Cherry-vanilla and blackberry on the nose and palate. Broad, sweet and deep, with slow-building mocha and candied licorice nuances. Finishes smooth and broad, with a touch of vanilla and good length.” (IWC July 2012) It was a standout at the tasting and we now offer the wine at \$21.95/btl. But we liked it so much we negotiated a better deal on quantity and **you can now buy it by the bottle at \$18.95 or by the case at \$16.95/btl.**

2010 Castello di Bolgheri Bolgheri Superiore

Bolgheri is a Tuscan DOC that hugs the coast of the Tyrrhenian (Mediterranean) Sea and is known mostly for wines made from Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux blends. The vineyards of Castello di Bolgheri are located between the famous Ornellaia and Sassicaia vineyards (to whom they once sold grapes) and they benefit from the exact same terroir. There are some who argue that Castello di Bolgheri is every bit as good a wine as their pricey neighbors and it is most certainly the better value. Here is a review from the Wine Advocate: “The 2010 Bolgheri Superiore opens with an inky dark appearance that is laced with vibrant tones of black cherry, Spanish cedar, grilled herb and exotic spice. The wine consists of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Castello di Bolgheri delivers great results in 2010. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. Federico Zileri Dal Verme’s vineyards are a stone’s throw away from the Bolgheri castle tower where his family members live today. WA #208 Drink: 2014 – 2024” **This wine “retails” for \$60/btl. but you can find it around the world for about \$50. Try a bottle at \$35.95 or buy a six bottle case for \$203.95 (\$33.95/btl.)**

VALUE ROSE -2013 Pierrick Harang Le Petit Balthazar Cinsault Rose, Pays d'OC, France
Dave McIntyre thought this was a "GREAT VALUE" and we agree: "Notes of bracing cantaloupe, watermelon and a touch of aromatic herbs make this one of the best roses I've tasted this year. Celebrate summer with this wine as if you were already at the beach." **\$8.95**

NEW ARRIVALS

This delicious Mongeard-Mugneret is as close as you will ever come to true value in Burgundy.

2010 Mongeard- Mugneret Bourgogne-Hautes Côtes de Nuits "Les Dames Huguettes" -Note: this is the only lieu-dit (single area/vineyard) in the Hautes Côtes that is authorized to be explicitly declared. Tasting note: A very attractive sense of freshness and immediacy characterize the pretty red berry fruit, stone and earth aromas that lead to ripe, delicious and solidly precise flavors that possess good energy and a subtle touch of backend minerality on the complex, balanced and lingering finish. This is an excellent Bourgogne. Drink: 2013+ BH Issue: 45 **\$29.95**

We love the wines of Frédéric Magnien and starting in the early 1990s, all of his father Michel Magnien's domaine wine production was entrusted to Frédéric, who one French wine critic called, "one of the most enterprising and innovative vigneronns of his generation."

2011 Michel Magnien Vosne-Romanée Vieilles Vignes -"A somber but very spicy nose of red and black pinot fruit also adds nuances of plum and violets to the mix. There is good volume to the utterly delicious and alluringly complex full-bodied flavors that possess an admirable amount of dry extract as the old vines really show on the mouth coating finish. This is an excellent village. Issue: 49" **\$61.95**

An absolutely wonderful RED wine from Vinho Verde

2011 Vasco Croft Vinhao Aphros Portugal - A relatively rare (in the US), delicious, low tannin spicy red wine made from 100% Vinhao grape grown in Portugal's Vinho Verde DO. Ripe cherries and cassis with a wonderful freshness and smooth tannins. Drink this on a warm day with fish or a chicken salad plate. This is our favorite summer red. **\$24.95**

2006 Azienda Agricola Petrerà Pasquale Primitivo Gioia del Colle Fatalone Riserva – This is a new vintage of our favorite Primitivo (Zinfandel) and if you shop here you've heard the story; how Flippo, known as "Il Fatalone" (meaning irresistible heartbreaker), would drink, every morning, ½ liter of Primitivo and ½ liter of milk until he died at...98. Spicy, rich, slightly funky with ripe cherry and raspberry notes with freshness and moderate tannins. **\$27.95**

2006 Ch Thebaud "Betes Curieuses" Muscadet Sevre et Maine – (from 50 year old vines.) Muscadet with bottle age takes on interesting nuances hence the name "curious beast". There is the expected salinity but the body is softer now with flavors/aromas of spices, plums and pears with a watermark of mineral freshness. **\$24.95**

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.

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

LEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOW OPEN SUNDAYS, 12noon-6:00pm