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NOW OPEN SUNDAY 12noon to 6pm.

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Join us for a tasting on

Sat. 2/10 – 2:00-5:00 pm



Staff Picks for
February!

Join us on Wed. 2/28

From 5:30pm -7:00pm

as we welcome

**Carole Champion
of Roland Champion**

CHAMPAGNE

Roland Champion
A CHOUILLY

WINE TASTING EVERY SATURDAY 2:00pm-5:00pm

‘Whatever we feel like opening’

And 2/24 2:00 to 5:00pm

LAST SATURDAY WINE SCHOOL - “TANNINS”

Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 2/29/24.]

Feb. '24 USUAL CASE (cs.btl.cost)

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| ☉ *Bedouet 2021 Muscadet Sevre et Maine, Loire Valley, France | \$10.99 | \$14.99 | \$120 | (\$10.00) |
| *Terra Dives 2022 Rosso "Cece", Sicilia, Italy | \$10.99 | \$12.99 | \$120 | (\$10.00) |
| *Andeluna Raices 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle de Uco, Argentina | \$11.99 | \$13.99 | \$132 | (\$11.00) |
| ☉ * Brazillier 2022 Coteaux du Vendomois Blanc, Loire Valley, Fr. | \$12.99 | \$14.99 | \$144 | (\$12.00) |
| Remhoogte 2020 Soaring Eagle Red, Stellenbosch, South Africa | \$11.99 | \$13.99 | \$132 | (\$11.00) |
| Barnard Griffin 2022 Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, Washington | \$12.99 | \$15.99 | \$144 | (\$12.00) |
| Nortico 2022 Alvarinho, Minho, Portugal | \$12.99 | \$15.99 | \$144 | (\$12.00) |
| Famille Duveau 2018 Saumur Champigny, Loire Valley, France | \$14.99 | \$21.99 | \$168 | (\$14.00) |

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 for the FEBRUARY case-of-the-month is **\$127.99**; (average btl. price: \$10.63!!) the regular price would be \$181.99, a savings of almost 30%!*

We also offer an ALL RED & an ALL WHITE 8 PACK because, sometimes, 8 is enough! The ALL RED 8 pack is 2 each of the 4 red wines for \$88.99 and the ALL WHITE 8 pack is 2 each of the 4 white wines for: \$79.99.

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.*

☉ ***Bedouet 2021 Muscadet Sevre et Maine, Loire Valley, France** - (100% Melon de Bourgogne) This organically farmed estate Loire White wine is aged on the lees until bottling. It is light bodied with notes of lemon, lime, green apple and pear flavors on a crispy finish. The quintessential oyster wine.

***Terra Dives 2022 Rosso "Cece", Sicilia, Italy** - A mysterious Sicilian red blend (could have some Nero d'Avola, Nerello Mascalese, Frappato, Perricone, Nerello Cappuccio or Nocera). Notes of bright red fruits, a touch of licorice and spice, well balanced, round with good structure and lighter tannins. It sings for a Super Bowl cheese board with olives and charcuterie.

***Andeluna Raices 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle de Uco, Argentina** - (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) Mid-weight pure Cabernet from higher elevation vineyards vinted in stainless with a brief passage in older oak. Classic aromas of peppers, black currant and darker berried fruits finishing with fairly silky tannins.

☉ ***Domaine Brazillier 2022 Coteaux du Vendomois Blanc, Loire Valley, France** – (100% Chenin Blanc) The wine opens with impressions of white flowers, dried apples, bosc pear and quince. There is a freshness to this mid-weight white wine that finishes with good acidity. A perfect aperitif.

Remhoogte 2020 Soaring Eagle Red, Stellenbosch, South Africa - Made from a blend of Pinotage, Merlot and Shiraz. Tobacco, black pepper and riper berried aromas come to mind with notes of cedar and a touch of integrated oak in this structured, full-bodied savory red wine.

Barnard Griffin 2022 Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, Washington – (100% Chardonnay) “Loaded with complex and focused peach, pear and apricot balanced by bright acid and just the right amount of minerality on the finish. Crisp, clean and round.” (Winery notes) “Straightforward and appealing, showing handsome flavors of pear, apple and spices. Drink now. 9,400 cases made.” (WS)

Nortico 2022 Alvarinho, Minho, Portugal – (100% Alvarinho) "A fresh and fruity style of Alvarinho, this wine is young and crisp. It has a green apple and light spice along with acidity and a zesty aftertaste. Drink now." (WE)

Famille Duveau 2018 Saumur Champigny, Loire Valley, France – (100% Cabernet Franc) “With its classic smoky and red-berry flavors, this wine bursts with fruitiness. Tannins give a backdrop to this juicy character that would benefit from further aging. Drink from 2021.” (WE 9/20) Ready to go in 2024!

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.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERS – FROM THE CELLAR (no further discounts)

This is a great value and it has a rose on the label – perfect for Valentine’s Day!

2009 La Rose Pourpre Pauillac, Bordeaux, France – (65% Petit Verdot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet franc) A great vintage from one of the most famous AOC’s of Bordeaux (think Mouton and Laffite Rothschild) but this wine is an anomaly as it is majority Petit Verdot! Very aromatic with notes of dusted cherries, black currant and hints of toasted fennel seeds. A vivacious, savory and slightly meaty wine with surprisingly youthful but refined tannins. **Reg. price: \$64.99, On sale in Feb.: \$29.99 (limit 2 per Customer)**

Here is a wonderful opportunity to explore, in a very good vintage, bottle aged Nebbiolo from the Piedmont DOCG of Roero, across the river from Barolo. There are two reviews, the first from when the wine was released and the second from 2020.

2005 Malvira Trinita Riserva Roero DOCG, Piemonte, Italy - “The 2005 Roero Riserva Trinità is a gorgeous wine redolent of perfumed raspberries, cherries, flowers and sweet spices. Today the tannins are somewhat unresolved, but with some patience the wines should turn into a gem. The integrity and the purity of the fruit – not to mention the wine’s balance – are all first class” (Galloni, Vinous 10/09)

Now a review from 2020: I am very grateful that Malvirà decided to send me this back vintage, made 15 years ago, because understanding the aging trajectory of these samples is not easy. The 2005 Roero Riserva Trinità—preciously sent to me with plastic wrap to protect its label—shows us the potential of aged Roero. I am impressed. The wine is not totally linear, and in fact, it offers some disjointed tones along the way; but there is a lot of personality with dried blackberry, aniseed, cola, licorice, dried herb and almond. I also get rusty nail and ferrous earth. The tannins are gritty and textured. Tasting this wine was indeed a very special experience.” (WA 20) **Regular price: \$41.99, On sale in February: \$21.99**

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERS

One of our favorite Tavel Rosés and these serious wines are always better with a little bit of age!

2021 Château de Ségriès Tavel Rosé, Rhone, France- "One year older than most of the wines in this report, Ségriès's 2021 Tavel is still a nice deep ruby hue and still nicely floral on the nose, with hints of garrigue and violets accenting cherries and red berries. Full-bodied, round and expansive on the palate, it retains some zestiness as well, with notes of brine and citrus on the lingering finish. It's a blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Cinsault and 10% each Clairette and Syrah." (WA 5/23)

Regular price: \$21.99, On sale in February: \$15.99 (no further discounts.)

Almost forgotten, Freisa is one of the closest relatives to the Nebbiolo grape and Kyé means ‘who is?’: an expression of surprise for this “lost” varietal.

2019 G.D. Vajra Freisa 'Kye' Langhe Rosso Piedmont, Italy –“The 2019 Langhe Freisa Kye is a gorgeous, exquisite wine. Picking a bit earlier has resulted in a Freisa that emphasizes energy over the more dense style that was in place here prior to 2015. Orange zest, raspberry, mint, sage and dried herbs. The style is more

Nebbiolo-like than the more deep, concentrated and at times rustic Freisas of the past.” (Galloni, Vinous11/22)

Regular price: \$46.99, On sale in February: \$31.99 (no further discounts.)

2022 Domaine Lelievre Auxerrois Blanc Cotes de Toul, France - (100% Auxerrois)- Try something different! The Cotes de Toul is a lonely Lorraine AOC that grows Auxerrois, a common variety for the area. A fresh, zippy and aromatic wine with white flowers, lime zest, orange blossoms and alpine herbs. Pair with fish or a variety of goat cheeses! **Regular price: \$21.99, On sale in February: \$16.99 (no further discounts.)**

VALENTINE's Day is a Wednesday– A half bottle perhaps?

We carry a fairly good selection of half bottles and with Valentine's Day falling on a Wednesday perhaps a half bottle is the perfect choice! Here are two that are on sale this month:

N/V Jean Vesselle Brut Reserve Champagne, France–“...the latest rendition of Vesselle's NV Brut Réserve is showing nicely, offering up aromas of pear, honeycomb, freshly baked bread and warm biscuits. Medium to full-bodied, elegantly fleshy and precise, its nicely concentrated core of fruit is girdled by bright acids and complemented by a pinpoint mousse.” (WA) **Reg. price: \$35.99, On sale in Feb.: \$29.99** (no further discounts.)

2021 Benjamin Laroche 'La Manufacture' Chablis Burgundy, France- A native of Chablis, the Laroche family have had vineyards in the Chablis area since 1663. This classic, fresh, medium bodied Chablis with citrus notes is the perfect foil for any seafood or chicken dish. **Reg. price: \$24.99, On sale in Feb.: \$14.99**

STAFF SELECTIONS!

AMANDA - © **2019 Le due Terre 'Sacrisassi' Rosso Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy** – (50% Schioppettino/50% Refosco.) Fermented in cement & aged in used barriques. Native yeasts & no fining/filtering. Lighter, savory style Italian red. Great for simple pasta preparations or pizza with sausage and peppers. Such a great opportunity to try some high quality Friulian wines from a great couple! *Le Due Terre was founded in 1984 by Silvana Forte and Flavio Basilicata in Prepotto, on the eastern hills of Friuli.* **\$41.99**

© **2019 Le due Terre 'Sacrisassi' Bianco Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy**- (30% Ribolla Gialla, 70% Fruilano) 21 months in used French oak. Native yeast, unfining/unfiltered. A rich, expressive aromatic style of white with great texture, high acidity and great minerality. Refreshing. **\$41.99**

PETER - © **2020 Domaine Rimbert Saint-Chinian Les Travers de Marceau, Languedoc-Roussillon, France** Hailing from the Languedoc and made from a classic local blend of Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache and Syrah, this certified organic red wine offers impressions of blueberry jam, currants, black pepper with a hint of licorice and chichory-blended coffee. Dusty and clean finish. Supple tannins and framework. I love the sense of balance and richness despite the welterweight 12.5% alcohol. I enjoyed this with a plate of NC pork BBQ takeout from Virginia Barbecue in Lakeside and the Rimbert served on the cool side was a beautiful accompaniment to the pork, collards, etc. **\$21.9**

The GREEN Spot

As you shop in the store you may see someones displaying a green price sticker. This is our way of letting you know that the wine is organic, biodynamic, sustainable or natural. This is an ongoing process as we research each and every wine in the shop. Verbiage on the bottle may tell you more or you may ask us for further clarification. We are organized by place, not attribute, but as the wine world has made a healthy move toward better farming practices we needed to find a quick way to identify organic, biodynamic, sustainable and natural wines.

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

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 ENVIORNMENT

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.