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JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER



WINES OF SICILY

For many years the Sicilian wines of Alcesti have been a staple in our store so please join us on:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th from 5:30 to 7:30pm

as we welcome:

Gianfranco Palladino - Owner and Winemaker

ALCESTI



A Tasting with Patrick Eagan from
EARLY MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

Madison Virginia

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th from 5:30 to 7:30pm

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

Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 6/30/14.]

	<i>June. '14</i>	<i>USUAL</i>	<i>CASE(cs.btl.cost)</i>
*2012 Dry Canyon Chardonnay, (California)	\$ 8.95	\$10.95	\$ 96 (\$7.00)
*2011 Bodegas Iturbide "9 novem", DO Navarra, (Spain)	\$ 8.95	\$10.95	\$ 96 (\$8.00)
*2012 Moulin de Gassac "Guilhem", Pays D'Herault, (France)	\$ 8.95	\$11.95	\$ 96 (\$8.00)
*2013 Ricci Curbastro IGT Sebino Pino Bianco (Italy)	\$11.95	\$13.95	\$129 (\$10.75)
2011 Esporao "Assobio" DOC Douro Tinto (Portugal)	\$12.95	\$14.95	\$144 (\$12.00)
2011 Munoz de Toro Valle Perdido Pinot Noir (Patagonia, Argentina)	\$12.95	\$15.95	\$144 (\$12.00)
2013 Dom. Villargeau, AOC Coteaux du Giennois Blanc (France)	\$13.95	\$15.95	\$156 (\$13.00)
N/V Cleteo Chiarli Brut de Noir Rose	\$14.95	\$18.95	\$156 (\$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 June case-of-the-month is **\$114.95; the regular price would be **\$161.00**, a savings of over 28%!**

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 Dry Canyon Chardonnay, (Cal.) - notes of pineapple and tropical fruits, rich, round and balanced with a nice finish and no noticeable oak. At this price it is one of the better Chardonnay's we have tasted.

*2011 Bodegas Iturbide "9" novem", DO Navarra, (Spain) - A blend of 60% Tempranillo, 30% Grenache and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. This "young", nicely structured wine has dried cherries and notes of licorice with drying tannins on the finish. This is a great little value from Spain that plays above its price point. Pair it with a steak or roasted meats.

*2012 Moulin de Gassac "Guilhem", Pays D'Herault, (France) - Quite a rustic offering, with a real 'goût de terroir' (taste of the soil), this distinctive Syrah-blend has a fragrant, earthy nose of black fruit and herbs, and a fresh, moderately-tannic palate of baked blackberry pie, nutmeg and cedar.

*2013 Ricci Curbastro IGT Sebino Pinot Bianco (Lombardy, Italy) - Best known for Franciacorta (sparkling Italian wines) they also use some Pinot Blanc to make still wines. This is a crisp fresh light wine with plum and floral aromas, mineral notes on the palate and good acidity.

2011 Esporao "Assobio" DOC Douro Tinto (Portugal)- “ a blend of 40% each of Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca, with 20% Tinta Roriz, sourced from vines averaging about 15 years in age. About 20% of the blend was aged for six months in a mixture of French and American oak. Smooth, crisp, fresh and beautifully constructed for its modest price level, this has ripe tannins on the finish and a bright demeanor. It becomes livelier with aeration. It is impressive for the price, a wine you can love to just drink. Completely approachable now, it may yet improve just a bit over the next few months, too. This is a smart buy for a house pour. Drink now-2018.” (WA 210)

2011 Munoz de Toro Valle Perdido Pinot Noir (Patagonia, Argentina) – Medium bodied, mature Pinot Noir that reminds me be a bit of Pinot from the south of France. A bit of ripe cherries on the nose but, overall, a sense of earthiness with a bit of structure and light tannins. A very drinkable, straight forward Pinot Noir.

2013 Dom. Villargeau, AOC Coteaux du Giennois Blanc (Loire Valley, France) The Côteaux du Giennois is a small appellation just north of Pouilly Fumé. This is clean and racy Sauvignon Blanc with flinty mineral characteristics reminiscent of its neighbor Pouilly-Fumé.

N/V Cleteo Chiarli Brut de Noir Rose (Emilia-Romagna, Italy) – (A Pinot Noir and Grasperossa blend.) From the oldest producer in the Emilia-Romagna DOC. This dry sparkler has a lovely creamy texture and a fine mousse with notes of red currants and strawberries.

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.

JUNE SHORT SIPS CLASS – WINE SMELLS

Wine Aromas, a primer. We'll use a wine aroma kit to help identify some common wine characteristics. A one hour educational program, limited to eight people and held in our fine wine room. There is a \$5 per person class fee. The class will be held twice in JUNE–**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 27th and 28th, 5:30 to 6:30pm** — **There is a \$5 class fee per person and** 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.)

2011 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti – THE ULTIMATE FATHER'S DAY GIFT

Romanee-Conti produces, in tiny quantities, the finest Pinot Noir in the world. They are THE benchmark and, while the wines are ridiculously expensive, if you have more than a passing interest in wine, this is a Domaine you should enjoy, at the very least, once in your lifetime. Here are the remaining wines from this years allocation (we have older vintages available as well):

2011 Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru – “A brooding and still exceptionally primary nose with a wide variety of floral elements on the cassis, plum liqueur scents that display anise, clove and once again sandalwood hints. There is imposing power to the large-scaled but not massive flavors that possess fine mid-palate density as well as an abundance of palate soaking dry extract before culminating in an explosively long finish. I like the balance as well as the notable depth of material though it will require plenty of time for it to reveal its full potential. Drink: 2028+” (BH Issue: 53) (price upon request)

2011 Echézeaux Grand Cru – “A discreet touch of wood sets off the gorgeously floral, ripe and wonderfully spicy nose of red currant, menthol, black cherry and cassis aromas. There is impressive volume and richness to the naturally sweet, silky and mouth coating medium weight flavors that are shaped by fine-grained tannins on the firm, complex, balanced and strikingly persistent finale that really fans out as it lingers on the palate. This wine continues to make really impressive progress.” (BH Issue: 53) (price upon request)

NEW ARRIVALS and UNIQUE FATHERS DAY GIFTS

Galardi produces just one wine from a tiny vineyard on the slopes of the Roccamonfina volcano in Campania.

2011 Fattoria Galardi Terra di Lavoro Roccamonfina Rosso- “(a blend of aglianico and piediroso): Good full ruby. Ripe red cherry, dark plum, licorice, coffee and spicy oak on the nose. Sweet, plush and very ripe, with plum, truffle and milk chocolate flavors framed by adequate acidity. Complex wine with youthfully chewy, building tannins and excellent breadth. In a riper style than some past vintages.” (IWC 3/4 14) **\$71.95**

The visionary husband and wife team of John Wetlaufer & Helen Turley have created, at Marcassin, a largely unprecedented legacy of extraordinary quality that is unsurpassed by anyone else in Northern California.

2010 Marcassin Chardonnay Marcassin Vineyard Sonoma Coast, CA – “Flirting with perfection, the 2010 Chardonnay Marcassin Estate exhibits a serious liqueur of stones along with a greenish hue to its straw color, fabulous density, richness and full-bodied power, but zesty acids and notes of quince, white currants, subtle peach, brioche and apricot marmalade are all present in this multi-dimensional, complex, stunning Chardonnay that will be released in 2014. It should easily last for 10-15 years.” (WA 210) **\$249.95**

Failla is the personal project of Ehren Jordan, who was the long-time apprentice at Turley Cellars.

2012 Failla Chardonnay Estate Sonoma Coast, California – “The 2012 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast exhibits lots of pear, caramelized lemon and apple blossom notes in a medium-bodied, intense yet finesse style with good acidity, purity and texture. Drink it over the next 3-4 years.” (WA #210) **\$37.95**

2011 DO FERREIRO ALBARINO

A Perfect Summer White Wine

We love the wines from Do Ferreira; their Flagship Albarino, “Cepas Vellas”, from 200 year old vines is the finest Albarino we have ever tasted and the “regular” Albarino is a close second.

2011 Do Ferreira Albarino Rias Baixas – “Light, bright yellow. Vibrant, mineral-inflected aromas of citrus zest, quince and agave, with a floral topnote. Bright and taut on entry, then fleshier in the mid-palate, presenting intense orchard and citrus fruit flavors and a deeper nectarine quality. Closes with impressive energy and lift, leaving a candied ginger note in its wake.” (IWC Sep 12)

Regular price ~~\$27.95~~ NOW: \$22.95 (Limit two bottles per person & no further discounts.)

SAKE

We have recently begun to carry, in our cooler, a small selection of Sake.

Yuri Masamune Honjozo – (Honjozo is a style of saké made with the addition of a small amount of distilled alcohol which brings out additional aromatics and flavors and rounds out a saké.) This sake is mellow & rustic & has a firm structure, which makes it enjoyable at a range of temperatures, from chilled to warm. Its nutty & earthy notes are balanced by an underlying fruitiness & it complements grilled meats, stews & fish. **\$21.95**

Hana Hou Hou Sparkling Rosé - This sparkling sake is bottle fermented, like Champagne, and is the highest quality sparkling sake imported into the USA. Infused with rose hips and hibiscus, this rose sake has tea-like phenolics, herbal quality, rosy red fruit and an extra drying sensation on the palate. **\$17.95**

Joto Junmai - Junmai literally means “pure rice,” and refers to a family of saké as well as a grade of saké within that family. Junmai or pure rice saké is made using water, rice, yeast and koji with no distilled alcohol. This junmai is soft, relaxed and mellow, with notes of peaches and strawberries. **\$12.95**

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

WITH THE WARMER WEATHER UPON US; DO NOT LEAVE WINE IN YOUR CAR.

Please remember that in 90 plus degree weather it would take less than 2 hours in a closed car or car trunk for wine to spoil. Wine is a perishable food product, albeit one with a long life span if stored properly. What is proper wine storage? If you were to go to your local market and observe how they present wine, standing straight up under fluorescing UV light, next to the warm prepared foods, this is exactly NOT the way to store wine. Remember do the opposite (wine on its side, low UV light source, cool temperatures) of what you see in the grocery store and your wine will age gracefully for months or years.

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