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NOW OPEN SUNDAY 12noon to 6pm.

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

ON SUNDAY, MAY 19th anytime between 1:30pm & 4:30pm
you will be attending OUR 10th annual

ROSÉ-A-PALOOZA an often imitated, but never equaled
event with food & all the great pink wines plus discounts. Thank-you.

Join us on THURSDAY MAY 23rd from 5:30 to 7:30 pm as we welcome

Winemaker, Bill Easton

TERRE ROUGE  EASTON

An iconic, artisan winery growing Zinfandel and more from Amador County since 1986

Whatever we feel like tasting - every Saturday from 2pm to 7pm.

Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 5/31/19.]

MAY 19 USUAL CASE (cs.btl.cost)

*2018 MDZ Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina	\$9.99	\$11.99	\$108	(\$9.00)
*2018 Domaine de Puilacher Rosé, Pays d'Oc. Languedoc, France	\$9.99	\$11.99	\$108	(\$9.00)
*2017 Casa Ferreirinha Tinto "Esteva", Douro, Portugal	\$9.99	\$11.99	\$108	(\$9.00)
*2018 Domaine de la Bastide Blanc, Cotes du Rhone, France	\$10.99	\$13.99	\$120	(\$10.00)
2017 DeAngelis Pecorino, Offida, Le Marche, Italy	\$9.99	\$11.99	\$108	(\$9.00)
2017 Armas de Guerra Mencia Tinto, Bierzo, Spain	\$9.99	\$12.99	\$108	(\$9.00)
2018 Nortico Alvarinho, Minho, Portugal	\$12.99	\$14.99	\$144	(\$12.00)
2017 Domaine Boudau Cotes du Roussillon "Le Clos", France	\$12.99	\$16.99	\$144	(\$12.00)

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 May case-of-the-month is **\$109.99**; the regular price would be \$157, a savings of over 30%! (Are we crazy or what??)*

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.*

***2018 MDZ Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina** – 100% Malbec, raised without oak, from a 35-acre vineyard planted in 1995, situated at 3,000 ft. of elevation and composed of rocky, sandy soils. Aromas of mocha, blueberry and cherries that leads to a rich texture with blackberry, cocoa and cola nut flavors on the palate. The finish is long and smooth with hints of dried herbs and cedar.

***2018 Domaine de Puilacher Rosé, Pays d'Oc. Languedoc, France** – 50% Grenache and 50% Cinsault from the south of France in the Languedoc, west of Provence. Generous aromas of strawberries and black currents. Fresh and lighter bodied with good acidity.

***2017 Casa Ferreirinha Tinto "Esteva", Douro, Portugal** - An equal blend of Tinta Roriz and Tinta Barroca with 30% combined of Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional filling out the blend, all unoaked and coming in at 13.5% alcohol. A clean and fresh bistro styled red blend with a good core of spicy red fruits. Nicely balanced and not overly polished, it finishes with ripe tannins.

***2018 Domaine de la Bastide Blanc, Cotes du Rhone, France** - (60% Viognier, 20% Roussanne, 20% Bourboulenc) Beautiful, expressive floral notes of honeysuckle and gardenia plus ripe pear, apricot, mandarin orange and white nectarine. Rich and full bodied with a long crisp finish.

2017 DeAngelis Pecorino, Offida, Le Marche, Italy - An ancient grape variety of the Marche, Pecorino (NO relation to the cheese of the same name) is now reemerging as wine of some character. The commune of Offida was awarded DOC status in 2001 and DOCG in 2010. From 50 year old vines, fermented and aged in stainless steel with aromas of citrus and apple finishing with a lemon/lime freshness and salty minerality. A perfect wine for any type of seafood.

2017 Armas de Guerra Mencia Tinto, Bierzo, Spain – “Smoke-accented aromas of blueberry, blackberry and dark chocolate. Displays bitter cherry and dark chocolate flavors and a hint of candied flowers. Building tannins come on late and add grip to the finish, with the blueberry and floral notes echoing. Mencia is grown in Spain's northwestern Bierzo, Ribeira Sacra and Valdeorras, regions known for seriously old vines and slate and granite soils that give the wines balance and minerality.” (Winemaker notes)

2018 Nortico Alvarinho, Minho, Portugal - This 100% Alvarinho (Albarino) is from sustainably grown vines on granite soils. The wine features fresh, bright acidity supported with notes of peach and ruby grapefruit wrapped into a beautiful, mineral finish.

2017 Domaine Boudau Cotes du Roussillon "Le Clos", France - Elegant, fruity wine with plenty of supple red and black fruit backed up with ripe tannins. This is mainly Grenache with 20 per cent Syrah from an individual low yielding parcel to the north of the town of Rivesaltes.

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.

MAY “SHORT SIPS” CLASS – White Wines of Spain

From crispy Getariako Txakolina to luscious white Rioja, the white wines of Spain are perfect for warmer weather as well as great values. A 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 MAY– FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 10th and 11th from 6:00 to 7:00pm —There is a \$7 per person class fee and availability is on a first come first serve basis but you can call & reserve spaces at any time.

The Last Saturday Wine School: Picnic/Summer wines

As Memorial Day kicks off the start of warmer weather and outdoor living; we'll taste some great wines for the season and discuss the attributes that make certain wines perfect for warm weather drinking!

The last Saturday of the month changes from a “whatever we feel like drinking” tasting event to a mini wine school tasting. We'll pick a topic, theme, etc. and taste with a purpose! This is very informal with no scheduled start or finish time. **Come anytime between 2 and 5 pm on Saturday, 5/25.**

MAY SPECIAL OFFER: 2014 Hartford Court Chardonnay, Three Jacks Vineyard, Russian River Ca.

“Hartford Family Winery continues to be one of the great success stories in California viticulture. I have always had fabulous tastings with Don Hartford and his winemaker, but this may have been the best tasting ever, largely because of the strength of the 2014 Chardonnays...” (Robert Parker, Jr.)

Here is a review from Wine Advocate #221: “a relatively small cuvée of about 340 cases, comes from multiple clonal selections, with 43% new French oak used. The result is a wine with striking wet-stone minerality that is reminiscent of a Grand Cru Chablis, a hint of tangerine oil and apple blossom, beautiful freshness, delineation and a medium to full-bodied, intensely saturated mouthfeel. This is a beautiful Chardonnay, and, much like the Stone Côte, probably capable of lasting 5-7 years minimum.”

Regular price: \$72.99, On Sale in MAY: \$49.99 (while supplies last)

MAY SPECIAL OFFER: 2015 Renacer, Milamore, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina

Included in the prestigious UK Wine magazine Decanter list of “12 exciting Argentinian wines under £25” Here is the Decanter review: “This wine is made in the appassimento method, where mainly Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are dried on racks, losing 30% of their weight and concentrating the sugars. An unusual style that works well, with tart cranberry fruit, chocolatey notes and spice from 12 months of ageing. Drinking Window 2018 – 2023”

Regular Price: \$26.99, On Sale in MAY: \$21.99 (while supplies last)

MAY SPECIAL OFFER: 2012 Fratoria Galardi “Terra di Lavoro” Roccamonfina IGT, Campania, It.

This is the wine that put Campania back on the enological fast track in the ‘90’s and is a great reference point for understanding the wines of that region. Here is a review from the Wine Advocate #218:

“From a ten hectare vineyard, the 2012 Roccamonfina Terra di Lavoro touches on many of the glory points that made this such an important cult wine for Campania. Although 2012 was a hot vintage, this wine shows an impressive sense of balance and elegance. This is especially apparent on the nose where it delivers blasts of dark fruit, balsam herb, tar, licorice and volcanic ash with meticulous precision. The fruit is layered, soft and ripe. In fact, the mouthfeel is the wine's best asset. Its fine tannins offer enormous structure, but they are soft and yielding at the same time. This is an open and honest expression of Aglianico (80%) and Piedirosso that has only just begun its long evolution.” **Reg. Price: \$75.99, On Sale in MAY: \$54.99 (while supplies last)**

MAY SPECIAL OFFER: 2015 Ch. Malartic-Lagravière “Le Comte de Malartic” Blanc, Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

Inside the appellation of Graves lies the smaller, renowned sub-appellation of Pessac-Léognan. Here the well-drained gravelly soil on the left bank of the Garonne below the city of Bordeaux produces the most famous white wines of Bordeaux. Le Comte is the second label of Lagravière but it benefits from the 8-meter-deep deposits of gravelly soil dating from the Quaternary period.

A Blend of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon. Richly textured and expressive with lemon lime beeswax and white flower aromas. Medium-bodied, it has a racy palate with loads of citrus and mineral layers on the finish.

Regular Price: \$39.99, On Sale in MAY: \$21.99 (while supplies last)

NEW ARRIVALS

2016 Philippe Zinck Pinot Blanc Alsace, France -A creamy Pinot Blanc, with good cut, this offers a subtle streak of spicy mineral underscoring the apple peel and pear flavors. Drink now. 1,000 cases made, 750 cases imported.” (WS Web only) **\$14.99**

2010 Domaine Jean-Michel Guillon Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, Burgundy, France: Integrated wood frames an impressively complex if decidedly somber nose of plum, cassis and plenty of Gevrey style earth. There is exceptionally good richness to the solidly well-concentrated medium-bodied flavors that possess an abundance of old vine extract that relegates the firm tannic spine to the background on the balanced and strikingly long finish. This delivers excellent quality for its level and is recommended plus it should amply reward a decade of cellar time. (Reviewed 2012)” (BH #45) **\$75.99**

PLUS: New ROSÉ wines from Italy, Austria, France (try the Corne-Loup Tavel) and the US are arriving EVERY day as we build to ROSÉ-A-PALOOZA on May 19th

EMERSON 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, BH and Vinous, 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.