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CELEBRATING OUR 25th YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dom. A. & P. De Villaine • More=Less • 18 years in Oak • Short Sips Sept.

OUR SEPTEMBER TASTINGS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11th 3:00pm to 6:00pm

NICK STACEY from Vinaceous

Presenting his wines from South and Western Australia

Special pricing will be available for all wines tasted during the event.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17th FROM 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Join us as we welcome Steve (Vincent) Sium of Stephen Vincent cellars

Special pricing will be available for all wines tasted during the event.

MONTHLY SPECIALS

	<u>SEPT. '10</u>	<u>USUAL</u>	<u>CASE (cs.btl. cost)</u>
*2009 Villa d' IGT Campania Rosso (Campania, Italy)	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.95	\$75 (\$6.25)
*2009 Villa d' IGT Campania Bianco (Campania, Italy)	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.95	\$75 (\$6.25)
*2007 Chateau Millegrand Minervois Rouge (Languedoc, Fr.)	\$ 7.95	\$ 9.95	\$85 (\$7.08)
*2009 Gunther-Chereau "Aurore" VdP Chardonnay (Loire, Fr.)	\$ 9.95	\$11.95	\$110 (\$9.17)
2009 Paul Cluver Sauvignon Blanc (Elgin, South Africa)	\$10.95	\$12.95	\$125 (\$10.42)
2009 Furst Pinot Blanc (Alsace, France)	\$11.95	\$13.95	\$130 (\$10.92)
2007 Monchiero Nebbiolo d'Alba (Piemonte, Italy)	\$13.95	\$16.95	\$160 (\$13.33)
2007 "Mercotti's Milieu" Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, OR)	\$16.95	\$29.95	\$195 (\$16.25)

A NOTE ABOUT THE MONTHLY SPECIALS CASE:

The **SEPT.** case price is **\$104.95** and is **reduced 27%** from the regular prices. 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.

***2009 Villa d' IGT Campania Rosso (Campania, Italy)** - 50/50 blend of Montepulciano and Aglianico from Urciuolo's vineyards near Mount Vulture in Campania; this wine has roasted, smoky aromas on the nose, with chewy and medium-full bodied red fruit on the palate.

***2009 Villa d' IGT Campania Bianco (Campania, Italy)**- all estate grown fruit, this cuvee is 100% Coda di Volpe ("Tail of the Fox"), a grape native to Campania. Aromas of white peaches, very fruit driven and fresh, with a gentle, soft finish.

***2007 Chateau Millegrand Minervois Rouge (Languedoc, Fr.)**- (45% Syrah, 25% Carignan, 15% Grenache and 15% Mourvedre.)- rich and fullbodied with hints of pepper and spice mixed with generous amounts of cherries and cassis. Long full finish with soft, gentle tannins. Another terrific value from the Languedoc!

***2009 Gunther-Chereau "Aurore" VdP Chardonnay (Loire, Fr.)** All estate-grown Chardonnay from vines planted in a section of the Muscadet vineyard at *Château du Coing*, this un-oaked, cool climate Chardonnay is always clean and delicious. It is a Chardonnay masquerading as Muscadet; bright fruit excellent balance and a strong mineral streak.

2009 Paul Cluver Sauvignon Blanc (Elgin, South Africa) - Aromas of herbs and green grass with some grapefruit and green pepper. The finish is racy and long with bracing acidity. More like a Bordeaux savignon Blanc than New Zealand. A wonderful wine with soft ripened cheese and fish.

2009 Furst Pinot Blanc (Alsace, France) – Pinot Blanc is the most elegant of the Alsatian grapes, easy on the eye and the palette and the Furst Pinot Blanc is a pale golden color with a delicious nose of white flowers and

pears. A pleasant finish filled with white fruit that harmonizes beautifully with acidity, making this a wonderfully, easy drinking wine.

2007 Monchiero Nebbiolo d'Alba (Piemonte, Italy)- a delicate ruby colored wine with knockout, gorgeous aromas of wild berries and of violets. With one year in medium oak barrels this is a sort of baby Barolo with less structure and more drink-ability.

2007 White Rose Vineyards "Mercotti's Milieu" Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, OR) - This is a blend of various local Willamette blocks, including Durant, Vista, and their own White Rose vineyard. (St. Innocent and Torii Mor buy Pinot Noir from White Rose and bottle it as a single vineyard.) This is an elegant wine with floral aromatics and red fruit flavors of cherry and raspberry with brown spice notes in the finish. Silky texture and bright structure give the wine great mouth feel and balance. Pair with grilled Salmon. Willamette Valley Pinot Noir of this quality is impossible to find for less than \$20.

USE YOUR 6 BOTTLE WINE BAGS FROM OTHER STORES AND SAVE 10% (on six bottles)

We want to remind our customers to use those over-produced and environmentally un-friendly reusable 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 (18 times for plastic).

NEW ARRIVALS - NV Jacques Selosse Brut Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru "Initiale" Champagne

From Wine Advocate #180 – “Readers will need to drop all preconceived notions about what Champagne is in order to fully experience the wines of Anselme and Corinne Selosse, as these are Champagnes like no other. For the last six years Selosse has been absent from the US market and his wines virtually impossible to obtain, but thankfully that is starting to change. Selosse represents the most poetic voice behind the idea that Champagne is first and foremost a wine before it is anything else. The Selosse Champagnes possess extraordinary aromatics and a very fine mousse that is the result of density and richness in the fruit. With a few minutes in the glass, the bubbles will completely disappear from most of the wines. These Champagnes are best enjoyed with food, and should be served in generous white wine glasses rather than the customary flutes, which will allow for the full range of the wines’ aromas and flavors to emerge. Simply put, these are among the most monumental, profound wines being made anywhere, but like a great novel, painting or symphony, the greatest enjoyment and purest pleasure awaits those who engage the wines fully.” **\$146.95 (Limited availability)**

NEW ARRIVALS - Domaine A. et P. De Villaine

Aubert de Villaine, co- owner of Domaine de la Romanee-Conti settled in the Côte Chalonnaise region immediately south of the Côte d'Or there after his marriage to Pamela Fairbanks in 1971; the two had met in New York. He felt it was necessary to be independent of DRC and wanted to be a vigneron and thus was born Domaine A. Et P. De Villaine. The Domaine makes small quantities of Chardonnay, Aligote and Pinot Noir, all hand harvested and naturally vinted just like their cousins at Romanee-Conti. Only three to five hundred cases of each wine usually get exported to the US and presently we offer his two white Bourgogne offerings.

2008 “Les Clous” Bourgogne, Cote Chalonnaise – *a vin de garde*, a wine meant to be aged. It has vibrant minerality now and it is actually quite beautifully balanced with a certain roundness in the mid palate and stone fruit aromas but this wine will continue developing for 5 to 7 years. **\$31.95**

2008 “Les Saint-Jacques” Rully, Cote Chalonnaise - a village level wine from a single vineyard this is a Chardonnay with finesse and subtlety of aroma that will continue to develop for 5 to seven years. **\$35.95**

NEW ARRIVALS – Uccelliera Brunellos

2005 Az Agr Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino , Tuscany, Italy- “... one of the unqualified successes of the vintage. Dark, vibrant fruit melds into graphite, spices, menthol and minerals as this mid-weight, elegant Brunello opens up in the glass. Deceptively medium in body, the 2005 Brunello packs quite a punch, with tons of super-ripe fruit that caresses the palate and balances the tannins beautifully through to the close. The warm radiance of Castelnuovo comes through in spades. This is another brilliant Brunello that benefits from the inclusion of fruit that usually goes into the Riserva. Drink: 2012-2022. (WA # 188) **\$64.95**

2004 Az Agr Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino Riserva , Tuscany, Italy – “...a deep sensual wine imbued with generous layers of ripe dark fruit that emerge from its medium to full-bodied frame. This gorgeous, expressive Brunello turns richer and weightier in the glass as the fruit begins to emerge, finally building to a

harmonious crescendo of intense flavor. There is more than enough fruit here to support extended cellaring. This is a magnificent effort from Andrea Cortonesi. Drink: 2012-2024.” (WA# 188) **\$119.95**

New Arrival – Outstanding Gran Reserva Rioja from Marques de Murietta

1978 Marques de Murietta Gran Reserva Especial Castillo Ygay Rioja, Spain –“There are just 1250 cases of the exceptional 1978 Gran Reserva Especial Castillo Ygay. Only in the greatest vintages (1917, 1925, 1934, 1942, 1952, 1959, 1964, 1968, 1970, and this 1978) is a portion of the wine held back for extended cask aging. The wine is a blend of 75% Tempranillo, 10% Garnacha, 12% Mazuelo, and 3% Graciano **aged for 216 months in American oak barriques.** The wine was bottled in 1998. Medium ruby-colored, it has a super-expressive bouquet of cedar, leather, Asian spices, mineral, and assorted red and black fruits with the kind of complexity that only extended aging can provide. Remarkably youthful on the palate, the wine shows little sign of age. Ripe, elegant, concentrated, and full-flavored, this beautifully balanced wine can be enjoyed now and should continue to drink well for at least another 12-15 years. Indeed, having recently shared a bottled of the 1952 Castillo Ygay, it seems likely that this 1978 will also have a 50 year lifespan.” (WA # 176) **\$199.95**

SEPTEMBER “SHORT SIPS” CLASS

A FREE one hour educational program, limited to eight people and held in our fine wine room. **SATURDAY , September 25th 5:30 to 6:30pm – The World’s great Wines – A tour of the Fine Wine Room – Join Matt Adkins, Emersion’s wine buyer and manger, for a discussion of what makes these wines so very special. The tasting will include two selections from our fine wine room.** 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.) If you are a newsletter e-mail subscriber you’ll get more information delivered to your electronic mailbox.

MORE WINE = LESS CHOICE

The new Kroger in Short Pump boasts over 3000 Wines – certainly a cornucopia of choice. A recent visit found this: the number of Barolo offerings: 0, Barberesco: 0, village level Red Burgundy: 0, red and white Bordeaux: approx. 15, Rhone: approx 5. The number of factory made Chardonnays, Pinot Grigios, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz [including a California “Shiraz” (what ?)] with kangaroos, bears, footprints, roosters and cute names involving the word “cake” – 2980. Now that’s choice.

SATURDAY WINE TASTING

Every Saturday between 1pm and 7pm we will offer wines to taste and enjoy while shopping. Check out our web site, Facebook or Twitter on Friday to find out what we will be opening.

OUR OWN EMERSON LATE BOTTLE VINTAGE PORT TRUFFLES – \$4.95 and \$5.49