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SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



PORTOVINO
GROOVY ITALIAN WINES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th ----- 5:30-7:30pm

JOHN BRUNO *Owner*

PORTOVINO

Importers of heroic wines from high altitudes and everyday drinkers with cut.

TASTING EVERY SATURDAY 2 - 7:00pm ----- "WHATEVER WE FEEL LIKE OPENING"

WHEN AUTUMN MEETS ALSACE – OUR FIRST ANNUAL:

Wednesday
Sept 24th
5:30 to 7:30pm



A collaboration
among distributors
to bring you the
best wines from the
Alsatian region of
France.

Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 9/30/14.]

	<u>Sept. '14</u>	<u>USUAL</u>	<u>CASE (cs.btl.cost)</u>
*2013 VinEcol Santa Irene Malbec, <i>Mendoza, Argentina</i>	\$7.49	\$ 8.95	\$87 (\$7.25)
*N/V Cricova Sparkling Brut, <i>Moldova</i>	\$7.49	\$10.95	\$87 (\$7.25)
*2012 Bodegas Niel "Santofimia", <i>D.O. Almansa, Spain</i>	\$9.95	\$11.95	\$108 (\$9.00)
*2013 "La Galope" Sauvignon Blanc, <i>Côtes de Gascogne IGP, France</i>	\$10.95	\$12.95	\$120 (\$10.00)
2013 Folk Machine Tokai Friulano, <i>Mendicino, CA.</i>	\$12.95	\$14.95	\$132 (\$11.00)
2013 Mazzolino Chardonnay "Camara' ", <i>Provincia di Pavia IGP, Italy</i>	\$12.95	\$14.95	\$132 (\$11.00)
2011 Zonta Merlot, <i>D.O.C. Breganze, Italy</i>	\$15.49	\$17.95	\$174 (\$14.50)
2011 Pheasant's Tears Kakheti Saperavi, <i>Caucasus Georgia</i>	\$15.49	\$18.95	\$174 (\$14.50)

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 SEPTEMBER case-of-the-month is **\$109.95**; the regular price would be \$156, a savings of 30%!*

***2013 VinEcol Santa Irene Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina-** From organically grown grapes this un-oaked Malbec has red fruit and dried plum aromas with an elegant structure and a bit of spice.

***N/V Cricova Sparkling Brut, Moldova** – A huge sophisticated winery with extensive cellars; they produce a variety of sparkling wines. This is their "original" and it's a blend of Pinot Noir/Chardonnay/Sauvignon Blanc and Aligote. Made via the Charmant process (like Prosecco) this is a bright, fresh, sparkling wine with delicate floral aromas.

***2012 Bodegas Niel "Santofimia", D.O. Almansa, Spain** - (85% Garnacha Tintorera, 15% Merlot) "Deep ruby. Smoke-accented aromas of black and blue fruits, incense and licorice. Sappy and smooth on the palate, offering sweet boysenberry and blueberry flavors and a hint of black pepper. A spicy quality builds on the plush, sweet, slightly warm finish." (IWC #170 Sept/Oct 2013)

***2013 La Galope Sauvignon Blanc, Côtes de Gascogne IGP, France** - Bright and fresh with aromas citrus and gooseberry aromas that remind one of white Bordeaux. Light bodied and dry it finishes crisp and clean. A great starter wine with salads or with fish.

2013 Folk Machine Tokai Friulano, Mendicino, CA. - From the Madonna Vineyard, the wine gives off very attractive notes of white flowers and citrus. “A low alcohol, refreshing and dry white wine that's just begging to be with you outside, by the pool or lounging on your hammock as you strategize how not to do anything for the rest of the afternoon. 11.0% alc. 800 cases produced.” (Winemaker notes)

2013 Mazzolino Chardonnay "Camara" ', Provincia di Pavia IGP, Italy - Hand-picked from the Mazzolino Estate's vineyards in the Camarà area this unoaked Chardonnay has floral, peach and tropical fruit notes with a certain richness on the palate and finishing with a bit of minerality. A very balanced wine from Lombardy; ideal as an aperitif, with light starters and fish or white meat dishes.

2011 Zonta Merlot, D.O.C. Breganze, Italy A very drinkable, 100% Merlot aged 15- 18 months in barrels with notes of cherry and spices. Mature and balanced with dark fruits on the palate.

2011 Pheasant's Tears Kakheti Saperavi, Caucasus Georgia – “ Pheasant's Tears is an organic, artisan winery from Kakheti that produces all its wines in Quevri, large stone jars lined with beeswax – a technique that goes back over 6000 years. This popular red is so dark in color it's called black in Georgian. This estate grown Saperavi (the name of the grape) is a bold, earthy, dry red with flavors of blackcurrant and toasted almond with an elegant, natural tannin structure. No oak is used in this wine, to allow the quality of the fruit shine through. This is probably the most traditional and pure wine you will ever drink.” (GWS)

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.

SEPTEMBER SHORT SIPS CLASS – RED WINES FROM THE SOUTHWEST OF FRANCE

Delicious and eclectic red wines that are perfect for the fall. A one hour educational program, limited to eight people and held in our fine wine room. The class will be held twice in **SEPTEMBER–FRIDAY & SATURDAY, September 19th and 20th, 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.

CHATEAU SAINT- SATURNIN MEDOC BORDEAUX

Adrien Tramier, owner of Château St-Saturnin in Medoc is unusual in so many ways. He uses no oak from choice. He still has wine in tank (yes, that's right, in tank) from 1975. And while most of his neighbors harvest by the end of September, he rarely picks before the end of October. He then keeps the fermenting juice on the skins for months rather than days or weeks, exposing the young wine outside to the cold of winter and the warmth of summer. Tramier does not bottle every vintage “Some vintages I keep, others I bottle. There are no rules here”. The local wine authorities told him, 'Monsieur Tramier, there are 900 growers here. There is only one that disturbs us: you.”

1986 Château Saint Saturnin Médoc Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon- Notes of menthol, eucalyptus and dried fruit. Fleshy and intense mouthfeel with a fresh complex finish and integrated mature tannins. **\$81.95**

1990 Château Saint Saturnin Médoc - Hot plum nose, soaring sweet spices and dried flowers. Generous, fruity and fleshy. The finish is fresh with a lovely purity of fruit and fine tannins. **\$69.95**

2000 Château St Saturnin Médoc- Nose of underbrush and cocoa, pot-pourri. Complex and ample with flavors of sweet spice and cocoa finishing with silky tannins. **\$39.95**

THE MIND OF MENCIA – a grape from Spain's Bierzo and Ribeira Sacra regions.

You will find outstanding quality at all levels so, why are you not drinking more of these delicious red wines?

2010 Bodegas Y Vinedos Luna Beberide Finca la Cuesta Bierzo, Spain – “The 2010 Finca La Cuesta (meaning the slope vineyard) is pure Mencia aged for 12 months in French oak barrels and bottled unfiltered. It starts off with a dark-ink, licorice and peat nose, but then the palate reveals fresher red-fruit notes, with an overall sensation of an austere, cerebral wine. It should age gracefully, as it has the stuffing and balance to do so. Drink 2014-2029.” (eRP#208) **\$22.95**

2009 Dominio Do Bibei Lalama Ribeira Sacra, Spain - (a blend of 90% mencia, 7% garnacha and 3% mouraton): Bright red. Powerful, mineral-laced aromas of red berry preserves, Asian spices and potpourri. Racy and finely etched, offering crackling redcurrant and strawberry flavors that gain sweetness with air. Shows excellent clarity on the gently tannic finish, which lingers with suave, spicy persistence.” (IWCSep/Oct 13) **\$36.95**

2009 Dominio Do Bibei Lacima Ribeira Sacra, Spain - (a blend of 85% mencia and 15% brancellao):
“Vivid red. More deeply pitched than the Lalama, offering fresh cherry and black raspberry scents with hints of smoky minerals, violet and licorice. Zesty mineral and peppery spice notes add bite to sweet dark fruit flavors, which pick up a blood orange nuance with air. Closes sappy, spicy and long, leaving a sexy floral note behind.” (IWC 9/10 2013) **\$64.95**

2006 Benenti Barolo Monforte d’Alba, Piedmont, Italy

2006 was interesting year in the Piedmont. A hot July, damp August, rain and sun in September; it was a vintage where vineyard management was paramount. The rewards were big, age worthy wines and while some communes fared better the others, the vintage belonged to Monforte d’Alba. We think Barolo is best drunk with bottle age and that is why we were pleased to find this reasonably priced 2006 that you can enjoy tonight. Classic garnet Nebbiolo color with dried fruits, licorice and leather. Refined tannins and food friendly acidity. You can decant this, briefly, for more pronounced fruit. **\$39.95**

NEW ARRIVALS

2010 Shingleback Shingleback The Davey Estate Shiraz McLaren Vale, South Australia- “Deep purple-black colored, the 2010 Shingleback The Davey Estate Shiraz has pronounced notes of warm blackberries and blueberries over cedar, violets and fertile loam plus subtle hints of Mediterranean herbs and game. The palate reveals a good concentration of ripe blackberry flavors with enlivening acid and a medium-firm level of fine grained tannins, finishing long. Approachable now, it should drink well to 2018+”. (WA #198)

2012 Domaine Philippe Milan et Fils Maranges, Burgundy Fr. – Maranges is the most southern village appellation of the Côte d’Or and Milan is located in the hamlet of Valotte in Chassey-Le-Camp (20 kms NW of Chalon-sur-Saone). 90% of the production is sold in France, while export only represent 10%. The 2012 shows nice ripe fruit, and rich and strong flavors. Elegant with some well integrated oak. Some say the wine is reminiscent of a Marsannay Rouge, which is THE northernmost appellation in the Côte d’Or. **\$23.95** (Say, wouldn’t it be fun to try one from each place? Pick up a bottle of Maranges AND a bottle of Latour ’10 Marsanne also **\$23.95**

2012 Domaine Chavy-Chouet Puligny-Montrachet “Enseignères “ Burgundy, France - Although not a 1er Cru, Chavy-Chouet has always been an insider’s wine as it lies directly beneath the Grand Cru Bienvenues-Batard Montrachet and shares much of the same power, richness and style at a fraction of the price. The 2012 offers power and freshness and great balance, with floral notes a hint of honeysuckle pear with Puligny minerality. While this wine can be enjoyed now; it will improve with time. **\$51.95.**

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

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.**