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APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

Quilceda Creek Vertical- Special Price • Value wines • New Arrivals

Our April Tasting "April Madness"

Please join us as we open some outstanding older wines from our cellar:

1998 Leroy Bourgogne Blanc (Burgundy)

2000 Viader Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley)

2000 Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley)

2002 D'Arenberg "Dead Arm" Shiraz (Australia)

2001 Bocquenet Echezeaux Grand Cru (Burgundy)

Thursday, April 16th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at our Store on Grove Ave.

A list of wines will be available in the store and special pricing will be available for purchases made during the tasting.

MONTHLY SPECIALS

	<u>Apr. '09</u>	<u>USUAL</u>	<u>CASE (cs.btl. cost)</u>
*2007 LA SLINA Bianco (Piedmonte, Italy)	\$ 7.95	\$ 9.95	\$ 90 (\$ 7.50)
*2006 BODEGAS TIKALO "Albaliza" (Tierra de Castilla, Sp.)	\$ 7.95	\$ 9.95	\$ 90 (\$ 7.50)
*2006 100 MARIAS Tinto (Alentejo, Portugal)	\$ 8.95	\$10.95	\$100 (\$ 8.33)
*2007 Ch. PUY SERVAIN Montravel Blanc (Bordeaux)	\$ 8.95	\$10.95	\$100 (\$ 8.33)
2005 ST. JAMES Cabernet Sauvignon (California)	\$10.95	\$14.95	\$115 (\$ 9.58)
2006 ST. JAMES Chardonnay (California)	\$10.95	\$14.95	\$115 (\$ 9.58)
2007 ADEGAS MORGADIO "Legado del Conde" Albarino (Sp.)	\$12.95	\$15.95	\$145 (\$12.08)
2006 MEINKLANG Pinot Noir (Burgenland, Austria)	\$13.95	\$16.95	\$155 (\$12.93)

A NOTE ABOUT THE MONTHLY SPECIALS CASE

The original philosophy behind the monthly specials case is to offer an eclectic mix of wines from around the world at a great price and for the past 10 (15?) years that great price has been \$99.95 for twelve bottles. Over the last two years it has been very difficult to offer the "eclectic mix" we would like and still stay at that price point. Thus we decided to look for wines that fit the original idea of the mixed case and let the price point vary slightly. However this April we were able to find the wines we loved and keep the price at \$104.95 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. This month the case is reduced 28% from the regular price.

***2007 LA SLINA Bianco** – Fresh, medium bodied with aromas of ripe stone fruits and great acidity. A perfect spring wine. A blend of Chardonnay, Cortese and Muller Thurgau (or should we say ThurWOW!)

***2006 BODEGAS TIKALO "Albaliza"** - From younger vines on a higher elevation vineyard in the region of Castilla. A soft, well rounded red wine with intense expression of freshness and fruits. 65% Tempranillo - 35% Garnacha

***2006 100 MARIAS** - A blend of Aragonez and Trincadeira grapes (traditional Portuguese red grapes) Full body with a very delicate and elegant palate with hints of dark fruits and smooth tannins.

***2007 Ch. PUY SERVAIN Montravel Blanc** – 60% Sauvignon Blanc and 40% Semillon. Montravel is about 30 miles east of Bordeaux and this wine matches that style with lemon, green apple and a little grapefruit a bit of white Bordeaux roundness on the palette and good acidity

2005 ST. JAMES Cabernet Sauvignon - From Jim Emerson this is a medium bodied wine with good dark fruit flavors and a very smooth finish

2006 ST. JAMES Chardonnay – Mendocino County fruit with citrus and quince flavors and no oak aging – think Sancerre or Pouilly Fuisse in a California style.

2007 ADEGAS MORGADIO "Legado del Conde" Albarino – “A smoky gunflint note adds interest to this firm white. Ripe peach and light herbal flavors pick up floral and citrus zest notes on the finish.

Shows balance, depth and verve. 90pts” (WS 9/30/08) Number 86 on the 2008 Wine Spectator top 100!

2006 MEINKLANG Pinot Noir – from organic grapes; aromas of strawberries with black cherry fruit on the palette unfettered by oak, soft but firm with lively acidity.

QUILCEDA CREEK – 2004,2005,2006 Vertical

“Quilceda Creek’s Cabernet Sauvignon remains the benchmark

for what can be achieved in Washington and the United States.” – Jay Miller, Wine Advocate

We are pleased to offer a 3 year vertical of Quilceda Creek with a very attractive discount. Arguably the best Washington state cabernet sauvignon producer these wines routinely get 100 or 99 points from Robert Parker. The individual bottle price (listed below with the reviews) would be a total of \$709.95. We are offering this vertical at **\$529.95**, a savings of over 25%. There are 4 three packs available.

2004 Quilceda Creek – “Opaque purple-colored, it delivers a remarkable array of aromas including pain grille, violets, pencil lead, truffle, Asian spices, black currant, and blueberry. This leads to a lustrous, layered, velvet-textured wine with gobs of spicy, ripe black fruits and beautifully integrated oak, tannin, and acidity. The long, pure finish goes on for well over a minute. 99pts” (WA #172) \$229.95

2005 Quilceda Creek – “it has a splendid perfume of violets, wood smoke, truffle, Asian spices, black cherry, and black currant preserves. Opulent and mouth-coating, the layers of complex flavors nearly hide enough tannin to support 8-10 years of additional cellaring. The oak, tannin, and acidity are beautifully integrated and the lengthy finish lasts for well over a minute. 100pts.” (WA #177) \$249.95

2006 Quilceda Creek – Just released and recieved and there are no reviews but indications are that the the wine will be, as always, spectacular. \$229.95

NEW ARRIVALS

2004 Xtant Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon – “The dark ruby/purple-tinged 2004 Xtant exhibits a sexy bouquet of chocolate, smoked herbs, black currants, and blackberries, full body, nicely integrated tannin, acidity, wood, and alcohol, and a seductive, long finish. It, too should drink beautifully for 10 or more years. 93pts.” (WA 180) **\$74.95**

2007 Domaine Raymond Dupont-Fahn Bourgogne – From the importer: “His most unique cuvee is the Bourgogne Chaumes des Perrieres, from a vineyard adjoining Meursault Premier Cru Les Perrieres, but only classified as appellation Bourgogne. 40 year-old vines, low yields and barrel fermentation, in the hands of Raymond, yield perhaps the greatest "Bourgogne" blanc in the world.” This wine has all the pedigree of Mersault but costs 30% less. **\$29.95**

2005 Dominus – “The 2005 Dominus continues to strut its stuff, tasting like a Napa hybrid blend of a St.-Emilion and Pomerol. Its dark ruby/purple-tinged color is followed by notions of cedarwood, spice box, roasted herbs, sweet black cherry and cassis fruit, licorice, and truffles. Full-bodied with excellent fruit intensity, complex aromatics, supple tannins, and a long finish, this 7,000-case blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Petit Verdot should drink well for two decades or more. 95+pts.” (WA 180) **\$142.95**

COOPER VINEYARDS Viognier – The perfect wine for Spring!

Some customers think we don't like Virginia wines but we are very supportive of local wineries and winemakers; we just like to make sure that the wines are good values and well made; not an easy combination. But Viognier is a grape that grows well in Virginia and the 2008 Cooper Vineyards Viognier is, in our opinion, among the very best. Here are the notes from the winery: "initial notes of passion fruit, kiwi and grapefruit on the nose, this excellent vintage greets the palate with flavors of honeydew melon and honeysuckle, then lingers on the tongue and in the mind with a long coconut finish. Fermented and aged for 5 months in select Cadus French oak. 280 cases produced" **\$19.95**

VALUE WINES

Wines we love that are not necessarily the least expensive but offer a great cost to taste ratio.

2007 Strambella Vernaccia di San Gimignano - The 2006 vintage was on the shelf for \$11.95 and was a great wine at that price. We were offered a few cases of the 2007 vintage (a result of the recession?) for a price that would allow us to put it on the shelf at **\$6.95** which makes this the best value in the store. Unfortunately we did not get much.

2008 "Collection J. Mourat" Rosé, Fiefs Vendeens-Mareuil - The first cases of this Loire valley rose blend of Pinot Noir, Negrette and Cabernet Franc were mislabeled as 2007. Salmon colored with hints of strawberry and watermelon and round acidity, the usual price for this delicious rose is \$13.95 but, for a short time we will be offering it at **\$8.95**

2004 Domaine Sainte Croix "Le Fournas" Corbieres France - Red fruits, leather and garrigue aromas. Cherry and plum flavours in the mouth; named after the remnants of a 19th Century lime furnace was discovered in the vineyards. A blend of Syrah, Grenache, Carignan and Mourvedre that delivers taste way above the price. **\$11.95**

SATURDAY WINE TASTING

Every Saturday between 2pm and closing we will offer two wines to taste and enjoy while shopping. Check out our web site on Friday to find out what we will be opening!

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.

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