

## FRENCH CHARDONNAY VALUE 2009 Bourgogne Blanc (François Carillon)

In all the years we sold Louis Carillon's wines, there was never a Bourgogne Blanc. Now we have François Carillon's. François split the Louis Carillon estate vineyards with his brother Jacques, but he is also adding to his base, to increase his output and broaden his offerings. Among the new wines is the Bourgogne Blanc. It exactly fits the old Louis Carillon style. Its Chardonnay fruit is very dry, and not at all fruity. It has a strong stony quality, and a distinct feeling of tension. There is just the barest hint of oak. It is precise, and remarkably fine for a Bourgogne Blanc. It's a way for us White Burgundy enthusiasts to enjoy the real deal at a modest price.

**2009 Bourgogne Blanc (François Carillon) \$24.00**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$122.50**  
(\$122.50/6 bottles = \$20.42/bottle)

## COMPELLING RHÔNE RED BARGAIN 2010 Vin de Pays "Grenache" (Cristia)

The full designation of this wine is "Vin de Pays de Méditerranée." How can you resist that? It's a new wine from Baptiste Grangeon and Domaine du Cristia, pure estate-bottled Grenache from vines that are over 50 years old. It has remarkable intensity for such a moderately-priced red, packed with ripe Rhône fruit, pepper, and spices galore. And it pulls off this intensity with no hint of clumsiness or elevated alcohol. Delicious and satisfying from start to finish, if you are like me, you'll swear the bottle doesn't really hold 750 mls it empties so fast...

**2010 Vin de Pays de Méditerranée "Grenache Vieilles Vignes" (Cristia) \$16.50**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$84.00**  
(\$84.00/6 bottles = \$14.00/bottle)

## Loire Valley Cabernet Francs

### HALF-CASE SAMPLER OF BISTRO REDS

Bistro wine – quite evocative, no? Picture a Paris bistro, plates of delicious, hearty food, and a bottle of delicious, casual red. No formalities. An almost slow-motion hedonism. The perfect wine – unoaked Cabernet Franc from the Loire Valley. Oodles of Cabernet flavor, but the structure and easy access of Pinot Noir. 2009 is a fantastic vintage for these wines. Here you can enjoy three superb versions for less than \$15 a bottle.

1. 2009 Bourgueil "Les Alouettes" (La Chanteleuserie) ..... \$ 15.00
2. 2009 Anjou Rouge (Domaine du Fresche)..... \$ 18.00
3. 2009 Chinon "Terroir" (Charles Joguet) ..... \$ 20.00

**LOIRE VALLEY CABERNET FRANC SAMPLER**  
**2 bottles of each - 15 Percent Off - \$89.50**  
(\$89.50/6 bottles = \$14.92/bottle)

## ARRIVING VIA AIRFREIGHT THURSDAY 11/17 2011 Beaujolais Nouveau (Domaine Dupeuble)

Beaujolais Nouveau – the first juice from this year's harvest – is fruity, fresh, juicy, and irresistibly gulpable. Its debut is an annual rite in France, a holiday at the end of harvest. The French enjoy Beaujolais Nouveau without taking it seriously. It's not great wine, it's just fun and delicious.

**2011 Beaujolais Nouveau "Kermit Lynch Selection" (Domaine Dupeuble) \$17.50**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 10 Percent Off \$94.50**  
(\$94.50/6 bottles = \$15.75/bottle)

## COMING SOON: VVW NEWS 2011 HOLIDAY EXTRA

We are working away on our Champagne and Sparkling Wine selections for the holidays – tasting and negotiating, tasting and negotiating. If all goes according to plan, we'll publish our annual pink pages, **VVW News Holiday Extra**, by the second week of November. It will list all our artisan bubbly selections, along with tasting notes, prices, and specials.

UNDER \$20 RARITY  
**2010 Val de Loire “Pinot Noir” (Delaille)**

It is wise to approach all Pinot Noirs priced under \$20 with a healthy amount of skepticism. Few bear any resemblance to quality Pinot Noir. Here is the first exception we’ve found all year. This fabulous Pinot Noir bargain comes from the Cheverny district in the Loire Valley, a place where Mother Nature clearly smiled upon this fickle varietal in 2010. Its flavors, texture, intensity, and structure are Pinot Noir just how Goldilocks would like it, not too little, not too much, but just right. Its not Chambolle-Musigny, for sure, but it hits all the right notes with impeccable balance, without any glaring weaknesses or clumsiness, a true rarity in this price range.

**2010 Val de Loire “Pinot Noir” (Delaille) \$18.00**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$91.50**  
 (\$91.50/6 bottles = \$15.25/bottle)

**Dagueaneu’s 2009 Loire Sauvignons**

2009 is the second vintage for Benjamin Dagueneau and his team. They are producing wines that are clearly at the level of those produced under his late father, Didier. These will be open at our tasting bar on November 11.

**NOVEMBER SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF**  
**on purchases of three or more bottles of 2009 Dagueneau wines**

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2009 Blanc Fumé de Pouilly (Dagueneau).....	\$ 78.00	\$ <b>66.30</b>
2009 Blanc Fumé de Pouilly “Buisson Renard” (Dagueneau)* .....	\$ 105.00	\$ <b>89.25</b>
2009 Blanc Fumé de Pouilly “Silex” (Dagueneau).....	\$ 140.00	\$ <b>119.00</b>

\* Very limited availability

**AND AN ANTIDOTE TO DAGUENEAU PRICES**  
**2010 Pouilly-Fumé (Regis Minet)**

Yes, Dagueneau’s wines are world-class collector’s items, transcending the category of Pouilly-Fumé into their own realm. But they are not all there is to Pouilly-Fumé. When you want a classy, vibrant, mouth-tingling Loire Sauvignon, Regis Minet’s delivers solid, satisfying quality at a reasonable price. Minet works toward a different goal, thank goodness, allowing us to enjoy authentic, classically-styled Pouilly-Fumé at less than a third of the price of Dagueneau’s entry-level bottling. For most of us most of the time, that’s a compelling deal.

**2010 Pouilly-Fumé (Regis Minet) \$24.00**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 10 Percent Off \$129.50**  
 (\$129.50/6 bottles = \$21.58/bottle)

**SUPERSTAR RIDGE ZINFANDELS**

**NOVEMBER SPECIAL - 10 PERCENT OFF**  
**on purchases of six or more bottles of Ridge Zinfandels**

	Regular Price	10% Off Price
2009 Zinfandel “Geyserville” (Ridge).....	\$ 35.00	\$ <b>31.50</b>
<p><i>“The 2009 Geyserville is a gorgeous wine. It shows expressive inner perfume, sweet black cherries, menthol and minerals. This is an understated, exceptionally elegant red endowed with considerable finesse and fabulous overall balance. A round, sensual finish makes it impossible to resist a second taste. The blend is 74% Zinfandel, 17% Carignane, 6% Petite Sirah, 2% Alicante Bouschet and 1% Mourvèdre. 2012-2029. (94/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Antonio Galloni, <i>The Wine Advocate</i></p>		
2009 Zinfandel “Lytton Springs” (Ridge).....	\$ 35.00	\$ <b>31.50</b>
<p><i>“The 2009 Lytton Springs is the biggest and most structured of Ridge’s 2009 Zinfandel-based reds, largely owing to the earthier soils and the presence 21% Petite Sirah. Black fruit, plums, tar, licorice and smoke are some of the notes that flow from this generous, inviting red. The Lytton Springs is fairly structured, and can definitely benefit from another year or two (perhaps more) in bottle. The blend is 74% Zinfandel, 21% Petite Sirah and 5% Carignane. 2013-2029. (95/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Antonio Galloni, <i>The Wine Advocate</i></p>		

# ARTISANAL CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIRS

Pinot Noir remains the most invigorated, exciting category of California red wine. Sadly Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel, in general, are train wrecks. Their producers are stuck in fruit-bomb mode, outdoing each other with overripe, over-extracted purple goo. Syrah can't get traction, no matter what the style. Only Pinot Noir has a critical mass of intellectually engaged, artisanal producers, people who care more about the authenticity and quality of their output than its mass-market appeal. Just in time for the holidays, we have a crop of stimulating new selections in stock. All of these will be open at our tasting bar on either November 3 or November 15 and 16.

<b>NOVEMBER SPECIAL - 10 PERCENT OFF</b> <b>on purchases of six or more bottles of California Pinot Noirs</b>
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	Regular Price	10% Off Price
2010 Pinot Noir "Sonoma Coast" (The Forager).....	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.00
2009 Pinot Noir "Sonoma County" (Banshee) .....	\$ 22.00	\$ 19.80
2009 Pinot Noir "Verna's" (Melville) .....	\$ 27.00	\$ 24.30
2009 Pinot Noir "Nevertell" (Cold Heaven).....	\$ 38.00	\$ 34.20
2009 Pinot Noir "Santa Rita Hills" (Brewer-Clifton).....	\$ 38.00	\$ 34.20
2009 Pinot Noir "Trois Filles" (Pey-Marin).....	\$ 40.00	\$ 36.00
2009 Pinot Noir "Russian River Valley" (Freeman) .....	\$ 42.00	\$ 37.80
2009 Pinot Noir "Rancho La Vina" (Samsara) .....	\$ 48.00	\$ 43.20
2010 Pinot Noir "Graham Family" (Loring).....	\$ 50.00	\$ 45.00
2009 Pinot Noir "Cargassachi" (Brewer-Clifton).....	\$ 58.00	\$ 52.00
2009 Pinot Noir "Mount Carmel" (Brewer-Clifton) .....	\$ 58.00	\$ 52.00
2009 Pinot Noir "Pisoni" (Pisoni).....	\$ 75.00	\$ 67.50
2008 Pinot Noir "Jensen" (Calera) .....	\$ 78.00	\$ 70.20

## 40 PERCENT OFF CLEARANCE SALE

### Bruno Clair: Red Burgundy Dinosaur

Self-inflicted harm. It is hard to look at the fortunes of this illustrious domaine any other way. We've enthusiastically sold Bruno Clair wines since the early 1990s, imported by our friend Danny Haas of Vineyard Brands. But over the last decade, prices just kept going up, and up, and up. Past the point where they became unviable. Imported volumes dropped precipitously with the 2006s, then 2007s, then 2008s. Despite the market's feedback, the domaine persists in raising prices. Now another importer has replaced Danny Haas and is offering Bruno Clair wines, at even higher prices. Good luck with that.

We always loved the style of Bruno Clair wines, their emphasis on refinement. Here is a chance to pick up some 2003s, 2004s, 2006s and 2007s at clearance prices of 40 percent off. And you can sample them at our tasting bar on November 8 and 9.

	Regular Price	40% Off Price
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Cazetiers" (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 110.00	\$ 66.00
2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos-Saint-Jacques" (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 135.00	\$ 81.00
2003 Chambertin-Clos de Bèze (Bruno Clair) .....	\$ 195.00	\$ 117.00
2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos-Saint-Jacques" (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 115.00	\$ 69.00
2006 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Verailles" (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 78.00	\$ 46.80
2006 Morey-Saint-Denis "En la rue de Vergy" (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 85.00	\$ 51.00
2006 Savigny-les-Beame "La Dominode" (Bruno Clair) .....	\$ 98.00	\$ 58.80
2006 Vosne-Romanée "Champs Perdrix" (Bruno Clair) .....	\$ 98.00	\$ 58.80
2006 Gevrey-Chambertin "Cazetiers" (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 170.00	\$ 102.00
2007 Savigny-les-Beame "La Dominode" (Bruno Clair) .....	\$ 85.00	\$ 51.00
2007 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos-Saint-Jacques" (Bruno Clair).....	\$ 160.00	\$ 96.00
2007 Bonnes-Mares (Bruno Clair) .....	\$ 225.00	\$ 135.00
2007 Chambertin-Clos de Bèze (Bruno Clair) .....	\$ 240.00	\$ 144.00

**WHITE WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH**  
**2010 Rueda “Verdejo” (Rey Santo)**

This tremendous white wine bargain is a new discovery of Beaune Imports. Pure estate-grown Verdejo, a blend of younger and older vines, it is lively and vibrant through and through, its delicious, dry fruit flavors of citrus and melon backed by freshening acidity and a hint of minerality. As is the goal for our Values of the Month program, this is a sophisticated white that delivers way above its price range.

**2010 Rueda “Verdejo” (Rey Santo) \$12.50**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$64.00**  
 (\$64.00/6 bottles = \$10.67/bottle)

**2007 BAROLOS**

*“The 2007 Baroli are some of the most viscerally thrilling young wines I have ever tasted. The 2007s are similar to the 2004s, but with more substance. The wines are radiant, intensely perfumed and totally seductive, yet not at all heavy, in a style that offers the textural richness of a warm vintage with the aromatics of a cool year. In 2006 and 2007 readers will find the finest back to back Barolo vintages since 1989 and 1990.”* - Antonio Galloni, *The Wine Advocate*

**NOVEMBER SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF**  
**on purchases of six or more bottles of 2007 Barolos**

	Regular	15% Off
	Price	Price
<b>RENATO CORINO – LA MORRA</b>		
2007 Barolo (Renato Corino).....	\$ 55.00	\$ <b>46.75</b>
<i>“Renato Corino’s 2007 Barolo is an excellent choice for near-term drinking. An open, inviting bouquet leads to ripe fruit and dried flowers in this forward, attractive Barolo. 2011-2019 (89/100)”</i>		
<i>- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate</i>		
2007 Barolo “Rocche” (Renato Corino).....	\$ 78.00	\$ <b>66.30</b>
<i>“The 2007 Vigneto Rocche strikes a beautiful balance between the juicy style of the vintage and the vibrant, well-delineated aromatics that are typical of this historic vineyard. Dark red fruit, licorice, minerals and French oak are some of the nuances show off its considerable pedigree. 2017-2027 (94/100)”</i>		
<i>- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate</i>		
2007 Barolo “Arborina” (Renato Corino).....	\$ 80.00	\$ <b>68.00</b>
<i>“Proprietor Renato Corino has crafted one of the most accessible wines of the vintage in his 2007 Arborina. Rich and seamless, the Arborina offers up gorgeous varietal fruit with tons of persistence and a long, harmonious finish. In 2007 the slightly hard tannins of this site are beautifully balanced by the sheer depth of the fruit. 2015-2027 (92/100)”</i>		
<i>- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate</i>		
<b>LUIGI PIRA – SERRALUNGA D’ALBA</b>		
2007 Barolo (Luigi Pira).....	\$ 45.00	\$ <b>38.25</b>
<i>“The 2007 Barolo is a hugely promising entry-level wine graced with fabulous inner perfume and tons of vintage character. The fruit is wonderfully open and expressive at this stage, and there is plenty of the house’s trademark richness, but it all comes together in what appears to be an approachable, totally delicious Barolo. 2012-2020 (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate</i>		
2007 Barolo “Margheria” (Luigi Pira).....	\$ 68.00	\$ <b>57.80</b>
<i>“The 2007 Vigna Margheria, typically a powerhouse, shows an unusual level of finesse and elegance without losing its essential intensity and richness. The tannins, which can sometimes be a touch dry here, are very nicely balanced. This, too, offers plenty of vintage and house character. 2015-2022 (92-95/100)”</i>		
<i>- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate</i>		
2007 Barolo “Marenca” (Luigi Pira).....	\$ 85.00	\$ <b>72.25</b>
<i>“The 2007 Vigna Marenca flows with layers of sensual dark fruit, menthol and tar in a typical expression of Serralunga richness and power. The wine’s intensity carries through beautifully to the enveloping, textured finish. 2015-2027 (93-96/100)”</i>		
<i>- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate</i>		
2007 Barolo “Rionda” (Luigi Pira).....	\$ 125.00	\$ <b>106.25</b>
<i>“The 2007 Vigna Rionda is notable for its sweet perfume, silky tannins and expressive, layered fruit. Still, it seems the heavy use of French oak may not be especially well suited to coaxing the full elegance and nobility this great vineyard is capable of. 2015-2022 (92-95/100)”</i>		
<i>- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate</i>		

**RED WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH**  
**2010 Vaucluse Rouge (Kermit Lynch Selection)**

Here is a new vintage of one of our longtime favorites. Made by Domaine Durban from their estate vineyards high above Beaunes-de-Venise in the southern Rhône Valley, it is bottled exclusively for importer Kermit Lynch. Mostly Grenache and Syrah, it is for all intents and purposes a Cotes-du-Rhône, a very satisfying and delicious Cotes-du-Rhône. Its seductive, ripe Rhône fruit and spices are so fresh and delicious you'll find yourself taking gulps rather than tastes. It is a tremendous bottle of everyday red, and an exceptional bargain.

**2010 Vin de Pays du Vaucluse (Kermit Lynch Selection) \$12.50**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 10 Percent Off \$67.50**  
 (\$67.50/6 bottles = \$11.25/bottle)

## 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Papes

<b>NOVEMBER SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF</b> <b>on purchases of six or more bottles of 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Papes</b>
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	Regular Price	15% Off Price
<b>2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Cristia) .....</b> \$ <i>"Bright ruby. Fresh cherry and red berry aromas complemented by Moroccan spices and anise. Juicy and brisk, accented by complex flavors of red fruits, licorice and spice cake. Finishes with silky tannins and lingering floral and cured tobacco notes. Already showing complexity, but this wine is balanced to age. (89-91/100)" - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>	42.00	<b>\$ 35.70</b>
<b>2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Télégramme" (Vieux Télégraphe) .....</b> \$ <i>"Bright red. Fresh red fruits, violet and minerals on the pungent nose. Suave and understated in the mouth, offering lively cut and pure redcurrant and raspberry flavors. Packs a good punch but this wine is quite feminine in style. Balanced and harmonious Châteauneuf, finishing with good spicy length and silky tannins. (89-91/100)" - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>	44.00	<b>\$ 37.40</b>
<b>2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Les Hautes Brusquières" (La Charbonnière) .....</b> \$ <i>"Bright purple. An expressive, smoky bouquet evokes candied blackberry and cherry, with notes of rose oil and allspice coming up with air. Sappy, sweet dark fruit compote flavors show a refreshingly bitter quality that buffers the sweetness and adds a serious note. The persistent finish features soft tannins and lingering spiciness. (90-92/100)" - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>	78.00	<b>\$ 66.30</b>
<b>2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Télégraphe) .....</b> \$ <i>"Vivid ruby. Explosive raspberry and blackberry aromas, sustained by hints of star anise and rose; showing an excellent clarity and energy. Silky in texture and alluringly sweet, with palate-coating red and dark berry flavors and no rough edges. Finishes with impressive persistence and lingering sweetness, repeating the dark note. I really like this wine's seamless texture. (91-93/100)" - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>	78.00	<b>\$ 66.30</b>
<b>2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Vieux Donjon) .....</b> \$ <i>"Bright violet. Deep aromas of cherry, black raspberry, garrigue and earth. Broad, spicy and sweet, with a velvety texture and lush dark berry and lavender pastille flavors. Finishes sappy and sweet, featuring fine-grained tannins and excellent thrust. This alluring wine looks like it will be approachable young. (91-93/100)" - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>	85.00	<b>\$ 72.25</b>
<b>2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Renaissance" (Cristia) .....</b> \$ <i>"Opaque ruby. Cherry compote, blackberry preserves and sexy, spicy oak on the highly aromatic nose. Sweet, supple, and high-toned, with explosive dark fruit and spice flavors that show impressive nuance, surprising firmness and superb intensity. Displays real power but retains a light touch. Finishes with lingering sweetness and a suave floral quality. (91-93/100)" - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>	90.00	<b>\$ 76.50</b>
<b>2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Vieilles Vignes" (Cristia) .....</b> \$ <i>"The extraordinary 2009 Châteauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes (100% Grenache from 80-year-old vines, aged completely in small, older barrels) has a dark ruby purple color and an extraordinary nose of framboise, kirsch, blackberry, spring flowers and forest flora. It is deep and full-bodied, with great fruit purity that cascades over the palate with no hard edges. This is a super wine in 2009 and should drink well for 10-15 years, based on how previous vintages are evolving. (92-94+/100)" - Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate</i>	98.00	<b>\$ 83.30</b>

## TASTING BAR SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2011

### **2009 GIRARDIN WHITE BURGUNDY VALUES**

**TUESDAY 11/1 & WEDNESDAY 11/2**

#### **20% OFF INTRODUCTORY SALE**

We have received our first delivery of Vincent Girardin's impressive 2009 White Burgundies, and to kick things off, we're having a two-day introductory sale on the six wines in this tasting, 20% off on any quantity. Girardin's 2009s are particularly lovely, admirably balancing depth and vibrancy. Showcasing the domaine's diversity, this lineup includes two wines from the Maconnais, one from Cote Chalonnaise, and three from the Cote de Beaune. Taste, pick your favorites, and take home some superb Burgundian Chardonnays at discount prices.

2009 Bourgogne Blanc "Emotion" (Girardin); 2009 Macon-Fuissé (Girardin); 2009 Rully "Vieilles Vignes" (Girardin); 2009 Pouilly-Fuissé (Girardin); 2009 Saint Aubin "Murgers des Dents de Chien" (Girardin); 2009 Meursault "Les Tillets" (Girardin).

### **PINOT NOIR RARITIES**

**THURSDAY 11/3**

There will be something for every Pinot Noir fan in this lineup of rarities, spanning four recent vintages. Anchored by new releases of Pisoni "Pisoni" and Calera "Jensen," it also features two new single vineyard releases from emerging superstar Brewer-Clifton.

2010 Pinot Noir "Graham Family" (Loring); 2007 Pinot Noir "McCrone" (Ken Wright); 2009 Pinot Noir "Cargassachi" (Brewer-Clifton); 2009 Pinot Noir "Mount Carmel" (Brewer-Clifton); 2009 Pinot Noir "Pisoni" (Pisoni); 2007 Pinot Noir "Platt" (Scherrer); 2008 Pinot Noir "Jensen" (Calera).

### **2007 BAROLOS**

**FRIDAY 11/4 & SATURDAY 11/5**

It is mystifying how a wine as renowned as Barolo can be so little known by the American wine buying public. Maybe its dated reputation for prominent, harsh tannins still frightens people away. Too bad. These 2007 Barolos are nothing short of phenomenal, as powerful as expected, but with striking clarity, balance, and outright deliciousness. Among world-class reds, they are relative bargains. This tasting showcases wines from two superb artisan producers, Renato Corino of La Morra and Luigi Pira of Serralunga d'Alba. Even if you haven't been a Barolo fan to date, wines like these rock star 2007s are likely to change your view.

2007 Barolo (Pira); 2007 Barolo (Corino); 2007 Barolo "Margheria" (Pira); 2007 Barolo "Rocche" (Corino); 2007 Barolo "Arborina" (Corino); 2007 Barolo "Marenca" (Pira); 2007 Barolo "Rionda" (Pira).

### **BRUNO CLAIR RED BURGUNDIES I: CLEARANCE SALE 40% OFF**

**TUESDAY 11/8**

As explained elsewhere, we are pulling the plug on our inventory of Bruno Clair Burgundies, putting the wines from 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2007 on 40 percent off clearance sale. Today's first flight showcases six wines.

2006 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Verailles" (Clair); 2007 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos Saint Jacques" (Clair); 2004 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos Saint Jacques" (Clair); 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos Saint Jacques" (Clair); 2007 Chambertin-Clos de Bèze (Clair); 2003 Chambertin-Clos de Bèze (Clair).

### **BRUNO CLAIR RED BURGUNDIES II: CLEARANCE SALE 40% OFF**

**WEDNESDAY 11/9**

Our second session of Bruno Clair clearance sale wines includes seven bottlings from 2003, 2006, and 2007.

2006 Morey-Saint-Denis "En la rue de Vergy" (Clair); 2007 Savigny-les-Beaune "La Dominode" (Clair); 2006 Savigny-les-Beaune "La Dominode" (Clair); 2006 Vosne-Romanée "Champs Perdrix" (Clair); 2006 Gevrey-Chambertin "Cazetiers" (Clair); 2003 Gevrey-Chambertin "Cazetiers" (Clair); 2007 Bonnes-Mares (Clair).

### **DOMAINE DAGUENEAU: 2008 & 2009**

**THURSDAY 11/10**

2009 is the second vintage for Benjamin Dagueneau and his team. They are producing wines that are clearly at the level of those produced under his late father, Didier. This flight compares four 2009s with two 2008s.

2008 Blanc Fume de Pouilly (Dagueneau); 2009 Blanc Fume de Pouilly (Dagueneau); 2009 Blanc Fume de Pouilly "Buisson Renard" (Dagueneau); 2009 Blanc Fume de Pouilly "Pur Sang" (Dagueneau); 2008 Blanc Fume de Pouilly "Silex" (Dagueneau); 2009 Blanc Fume de Pouilly "Silex" (Dagueneau).

### **ARTISAN CHAMPAGNES**

**FRIDAY 11/11 & SATURDAY 11/12**

Don't wait until the end of the holiday season to start enjoying Champagne! Here is an exciting selection from some of the very best artisan producers, bubbly whose quality and distinction put those of the big, famous producers to shame.

Champagne "Les Sept Crus" (Agrapart); Champagne "Ambonnay Grand Cru" (R.H. Coutier); Champagne "Les Mesnil Grand Cru" (Pierre Moncuit); Champagne "Bouzy Grand Cru" (Paul Bara); 2004 Champagne "Les Mesnil Grand Cru" (Pierre Moncuit); 2002 Champagne "Ambonnay Grand Cru" (Eric Rodez); Champagne "Grand Cellier" (Vilmart); 2002 Champagne "Special Club" (Henri Goutorbe).

### **CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIRS: NEW ARRIVALS**

**TUESDAY 11/15 & WEDNESDAY 11/16**

Just in time for the holidays, we have a new crop of authentic, stimulating Pinot Noir selections in stock. For the first time we have bottlings from Banshee, Cold Heaven, Pey-Marin, and Samsara. To these we add new arrivals from The Forager, Melville, Brewer-Clifton, and Freeman to present a flight that showcases the state-of-the-art of artisanal California Pinot Noir.

2010 Pinot Noir “Sonoma Coast” (The Forager); 2009 Pinot Noir “Sonoma County” (Banshee); 2009 Pinot Noir “Verna’s” (Melville); 2009 Pinot Noir “Nevertell” (Cold Heaven); 2009 Pinot Noir “Santa Rita Hills” (Brewer-Clifton); 2009 Pinot Noir “Trois Filles” (Pey-Marin); 2009 Pinot Noir “Russian River” (Freeman); 2009 Pinot Noir “Rancho La Vina” (Samsara).

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### **2009 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET PREMIER CRUS**

**THURSDAY 11/17**

Is 2009 a great vintage for Puligny-Montrachets? In these early days, you can make a strong case that it is. The wines present the two elements essential for great Puligny-Montrachets – a clear and transparent presentation of the terroir’s classic minerality and tension, combined with impressive depth and power. And these competing elements stage a dynamic back-and-forth on our palate. What more could a White Burgundy lover want?

2009 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Referts” (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet “Champs-Canet” (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Referts” (Francois Carillon); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Folatieres” (Francois Carillon); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Perrières” (Louis Carillon); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet “La Truffière” (Etienne Sauzet). **Also open: 2011 Beaujolais Nouveau (Domaine Dupeuble).**

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### **2009 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPES**

**FRIDAY 11/18 & SATURDAY 11/19**

Unlike the highly touted but more rugged 2005s and 2007s, the beautiful 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Papes are tasty and delicious in their youth. Time will tell if they age as long as those prior vintages, but the 2009s look to be lovely throughout their lives. This flight of new arrivals includes Vieux Télégraphe’s two 2009s.

2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Cristia); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Télégramme” (Vieux Télégraphe); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Les Hautes Brusquières” (La Charbonnière); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “La Crau” (Vieux Télégraphe); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Vieux Donjon); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Renaissance” (Cristia); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Vieilles Vignes” (Cristia).

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### **1990 VOLNAY AND POMMARD PREMIER CRUS**

**MONDAY 11/21**

What a windfall! Dominique Lafon just released very limited amounts of his three 1990 Volnay Premier Crus, bottles that have been resting in the domaine’s cellar since bottling. To these we’ll add our final magnum of de Montille’s 1990 “Les Pezerolles”. Don’t miss this extraordinary tasting opportunity, a snapshot of the greatest Cote de Beaune red wine vintage of its era, now 21 years old. **Special hours today: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

1990 Volnay “Les Champans” (Comte Lafon); 1990 Volnay “Clos des Chênes” (Comte Lafon); 1990 Volnay “Les Santenots” (Comte Lafon); 1990 Pommard “Les Pezerolles” (de Montille).

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### **2002 CHAMPAGNES**

**TUESDAY 11/22**

2002 is a spectacular vintage for Champagne, the best in a dozen-year span. 1996, now long gone from the market, was the prior great vintage, and 2008, not yet released, is the next. Here are six superb 2006s for your holiday week enjoyment. If you are feeling generous, grab a few for Thanksgiving imbibing.

2002 Champagne “Ambonnay Grand Cru” (R.H. Coutier); 2002 Champagne “Les Mesnil Grand Cru” (Pierre Moncuit); 2002 Champagne “Fiacre” (Chartogne-Taillet); 2002 Champagne “Special Club” (Margaine); 2002 Champagne “Millésime de Collection” (Pierre Gimonnet); 2002 Champagne “Coeur de Cuvee” (Vilmart).

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### **WEINBACH’S ALSATIAN GEWURZTRAMINERS**

**WEDNESDAY 11/23**

Gewurztraminer’s combination of rose petal perfume and intense spiciness is unique and unmistakable. Domaine Weinbach in Alsace is one of its greatest producers, with a style that deftly combines intensity with elegance. Here we present two recent releases, along with examples from four prior vintages.

2009 Gewurztraminer “Theo” (Weinbach); 2009 Gewurztraminer “Altenbourg” (Weinbach); 2007 Gewurztraminer “Altenbourg” (Weinbach); 2006 Gewurztraminer “Altenbourg” (Weinbach); 2005 Gewurztraminer “Altenbourg-Laurence” (Weinbach); 2004 Gewurztraminer “Furstentum-Laurence” (Weinbach).

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### **2002 RED BURGUNDIES: GEVREY-CHAMBERTINS**

**FRIDAY 11/25 & SATURDAY 11/26**

The 2002s from the Cote de Nuits were striking at release, with an impressive combination of delicious fresh fruit flavors, superb depth, and well-proportioned structure. They seemed to have an ideal balance of terroir transparency and power. We’ll use this post-holiday weekend to check in on their current state of development with this flight of seven wines from Gevrey-Chambertin, six of them Premier Crus.

2002 Gevrey-Chambertin “Aux Etelois” (Maume); 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin “Lavaut-Saint-Jacques” (Confuron-Cotetidot); 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin “Les Champeaux” (Maume); 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin “Au Velle” (Denis Mortet); 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin “Lavaux-Saint-Jacques” (Vincent Girardin); 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin “Les Cazetiers” (Bruno Clair); 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin “Lavaux-Saint-Jacques” (Maume).

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### **SUPERSTAR PROVENCAL REDS**

**TUESDAY 11/29 & WEDNESDAY 11/30**

This tasting showcases wines from three of Provence’s most renowned red wine producers, Domaine Tempier, Domaine de Trevallon, and Grange des Peres, along with a gem from under-the-radar superstar Mas Champart.

2009 Pay’s d’Oc (Mas Champart); 2008 Bandol (Tempier); 2007 Vin de Pays des Bouches du Rhône (Trevallon); 2006 Vin de Pays de L’Herault (Grange des Peres); 2008 Bandol “La Tourtine” (Tempier); 2008 Bandol “La Migoua” (Tempier).