

HAVE YOU SEEN THE UPDATED TASTING BAR SECTION OF OUR NEWSLETTER?

The tasting bar information in this newsletter is *de minimus*, because of space constraints. But the tasting bar section of our website has been revamped and updated recently, and now conveys significantly more information, including bottle prices, tasting prices, and often tasting notes. So if the information in this flyer piques your interest, be sure to check out the expanded information online.

RED WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH **2010 Ventoux (Chateau Saint Sauveur)**

Fans of prior vintages of this wine will not recognize it this year. They've changed from a Burgundy bottle to a Bordeaux bottle, and completely redesigned the label. I did not find the new package appealing. I let the sample bottle sit on my counter for more than a week before deciding, "Oh well, let's see if they screwed up the wine, too."

Au contraire! This is the best Saint Sauveur yet, and a sensational bargain of a Southern Rhône red. For those of you not familiar with it, the Ventoux district lies to the east of Avignon and the Côtes-du-Rhône, on the countryside surrounding the imposing slopes of Mont Ventoux. As always a blend predominately of Grenache and Syrah, Saint Sauveur's 2010 is juicy and mouth filling, just packed with delicious Rhône flavors and spices. It saturates the palate with a meaty, sumptuous fruitiness, without being heavy or cloying. It's the best under \$10 red (after discount) we've found in months.

2010 Ventoux "Cuvée Passion" (Chateau Saint Sauveur) \$11.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$56.00
(\$56.00/6 bottles = \$9.33/bottle)

WHITE WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH **2009 Petit Chablis (Roland Lavantureux)**

Lavantureux's Petit Chablis comes from the rolling hills just outside the Chablis district, where the monoculture of Chardonnay vines extant in Chablis starts to give way to grains and other field crops. Generally Petit Chablis is less distinctive and more delicate than Chablis, as the soil has less of the Kimmeridgian fossilized limestone than in Chablis proper. But Lavantureux's doesn't fit this depiction. It can hold its own against virtually any Chablis villages. And in 2009 it is especially generous.

Chardonnay like this can only come from Chablis. You know it as soon as you smell it. The austere fruit, almost more like dry hay than fruit, and the obvious minerality. And then, as you expect after the aroma, it is austere and lively and dry on the palate, with a long mineral-tinged finish. It's a textbook version of Chablis, the quality is thrilling, and the price makes it a steal.

2009 Petit Chablis (Roland Lavantureux) \$20.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$102.00
(\$102.00/6 bottles = \$17.00/bottle)

RICH SEDUCTIVE RHÔNE RED **2010 Gigondas "Vieilles Vignes" (Domaine du Cristia)**

Here is another fabulous Rhône bargain from Baptiste Grangeon of Domaine du Cristia, an old vines Gigondas that is bursting at the seams with juicy, delicious Rhône fruit. It comes from a sixty-five year old vineyard, 75 percent Grenache and 25 percent Mourvèdre. Some wines are thought-provoking, some are esoteric, but this one is a hedonist's delight, a slurpable, fruit-laden red that's tasty beyond description. If you have an affinity for Rhône reds, be sure to give this one a try.

2010 Gigondas "Vieilles Vignes" (Domaine du Cristia) \$28.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$142.50
(\$142.50/6 bottles = \$23.75/bottle)

Burgundy Rarities Pre-Arrival Sale
Raveneau – Roulot – Coche-Dury

Please inquire for details

NOW IN STOCK

Les Pallières' 2009 Gigondas

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF

on purchases of six or more bottles of 2009 Gigondas

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2009 Gigondas "Les Racines" (Les Pallières).....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2009 Gigondas "Les Racines" (Les Pallières)..... 375ML	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.25
<p><i>"The deep ruby-hued 2009 Gigondas Les Racines Vieilles Vignes offers a perfumed bouquet of crushed rocks, raspberries, black cherries, currants and hints of garrigue as well as spice box. Velvety-textured, opulent and long, with stunning purity and equilibrium, it should drink well for 10-15 years. 2010-2025 (91-94/100)"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Robert Parker, <i>The Wine Advocate</i></p>		
2009 Gigondas "Terrasse du Diable" (Les Pallières).....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2009 Gigondas "Terrasse du Diable" (Les Pallières)..... MAGNUMS	\$ 98.00	\$ 83.30
<p><i>"The 2009 Gigondas Les Terraces de Diable was cropped at a frightfully low 16 hectoliters per hectare. It boasts wonderful fresh raspberry and black cherry fruit notes intermixed with scents of crushed rocks and flowers. An unmistakable minerality leads to an extraordinarily elegant, dense, rich wine that is seemingly light across the palate despite what must be elevated alcohols. Drink this beauty over the next decade or more. 2010-2020 (90-93/100)"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Robert Parker, <i>The Wine Advocate</i></p>		

PRE-ARRIVAL SALE

2009 Domaine Tempier Bandols

"Talk about on-the-spot reporting—I just left Domaine Tempier after tasting their recently bottled 2009s.

Most 2009 French reds leap out of the glass as if they can't wait to be drunk. Tempier's reds have two identities. The first impression—they seem closed, reticent aromatically with a lovely, balanced palate that stains the taste buds. Then after some breathing time, the noses start to stretch and yawn (yes, a nose that yawns) and wake up. Are they closed down aromatically after the bottling, which often happens, or will they be slow to develop into what I am sure will be masterpieces? Oh yes, that much is certain, and it doesn't take a wine expert to figure it out. The beauty of them is obvious.

Can a wine be immensely flavored? If that works, La Tourtine 2009 is exactly that. The texture is heavenly—the thickest, richest, friendliest texture of any Tourtine so far.

With this beauty, fans of La Migoua will have mouthfuls of Migoua-ness to play with. Broadly textured, penetrating, loaded with classic Migoua flavors, a bottle will live as long as you want it to—I have one here from the tasting that won't last longer than tonight. It'll go with a rabbit that grew up wild, dining on Bandol grape leaves.

Strangely, Cabassaou, the pure old-vines Mourvèdre, is more open than the others. The fruit is amazing, hard to believe. Raspberry and strawberry seemed to flutter all over my tongue. This is my personal favorite Cabassaou, ever."

- Kermit Lynch, Importer

2009 Bandol (Domaine Tempier).....	\$ 37.00
2009 Bandol (Domaine Tempier)..... MAGNUMS	\$ 82.00
2009 Bandol "La Tourtine" (Domaine Tempier)	\$ 54.00
2009 Bandol "La Tourtine" (Domaine Tempier)	MAGNUMS \$ 121.00
2009 Bandol "La Migoua" (Domaine Tempier)	\$ 54.00
2009 Bandol "La Migoua" (Domaine Tempier).....	MAGNUMS \$ 121.00
2009 Bandol Mixed Half-Case (Domaine Tempier)	\$ 324.00
3 bottles – 2009 Bandol "La Tourtine"	
3 bottles – 2009 Bandol "La Migoua"	
2009 Bandol Mixed Case (Domaine Tempier).....	\$ 704.00
5 bottles – 2009 Bandol "La Tourtine"	
5 bottles – 2009 Bandol "La Migoua"	
2 bottles – 2009 Bandol "Cabassaou"	

PRE-ARRIVAL TERMS: Minimum three bottle lots. Half-payment due with order; balance due upon arrival.

SPANISH TEMPRANILLO SUPERSTARS

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of Spanish Tempranillos

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2009 Ribera del Duero "Psi" (Dominio de Pingus).....	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
2005 Rioja Reserva "Seleccion Especial" (Muga)	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
<p><i>"(70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha and 10% mazuelo and graciano) Bright ruby. Sexy, oak-spiced aromas of cherry cola and black raspberry, with notes of coconut and baking spices that gain power with air. A fleshy, smooth texture combines with deep dark fruit flavors that show a surprisingly light touch. Packs a solid touch but comes off almost weightless, finishing with excellent clarity and sweet persistence. This drinks very well now but will age on its balance. (93/100)"</i> - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</p>		
2005 Rioja Reserva (Fincas de Ganuza)	\$ 55.00	\$ 46.75
<p><i>"(85% Tempranillo, 10% graciano, 3% Garnacha and 2% "others") Vivid ruby. Flamboyant aromas of candied red fruits, incense and spicecake, with slow-building floral and mineral qualities. Silky in texture and deep in sweet raspberry and cherry flavors, picking up a zesty blood orange note with aeration. Very precise, with outstanding clarity to its spicy, tenacious finish. Definitely put this one away. (93/100)"</i> - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</p>		
2004 Rioja "El Puntido" (Vinedos de Paganos)	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2006 Rioja (Señorio de San Vicente)	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
<p><i>"Inky ruby. Impressively complex, perfumed bouquet of red- and blackcurrant, candied rose, cedar, smoky minerals and dark chocolate; smells like a wine from Pauillac, and a serious one at that. Vibrant red berry and bitter cherry flavors are complemented by notes of rose pastille and cured tobacco, offering refreshing mineral snap and cut. A dry, graceful wine that shows no rough edges and finishes with excellent clarity and persistence. (93/100)"</i> - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</p>		
2005 Rioja Reserva (Ramirez de Ganuza)	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<p><i>"Vibrant purple. Heady aromas of dark berry preserves, rose, bayberry and five-spice powder. Rich and creamy but lively, offering spicy red and dark berry flavors perked up by tangy mineral and cracked pepper notes. Becomes sweeter and smokier with air, finishing with outstanding clarity, focus and length. This is a superb example of the fresh side of this vintage in Rioja. (94/100)"</i> - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</p>		
2009 Ribera del Duero "Flor de Pingus" (Dominio de Pingus)	\$ 105.00	\$ 89.25
<p><i>"Bright violet color. Smoky, mineral-laced boysenberry and blueberry on the nose, with suave oak spice and violet qualities coming up with air. Rich, fleshy and sweet, offering sappy black and blue fruit flavors and a sexy array of floral and spice accents For a rich wine this shows impressive finesse. The long, spice-accented finish features harmonious tannins and leaves sweet vanilla and cola notes behind. (93/100)"</i> - Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar</p>		

2007 BAROLO

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

Note: These 2007s will be featured at our tasting bar on Friday 1/6 and Saturday 1/7. Tasting notes are posted in the tasting bar section of our website.

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2007 Barolo "Castelletto" (Manzone)	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.50
2007 Barolo (Giuliano Corino)	\$ 55.00	\$ 46.75
2007 Barolo "Gramolere" (Manzone)	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
2007 Barolo "Bricat" (Manzone)	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2007 Barolo "La Villa" (Seghesio)	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
2007 Barolo "Giachini" (Giuliano Corino)	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
2007 Barolo "Arborina" (Curto)	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00
2007 Barolo "Arborina" (Giuliano Corino)	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00

CLEARANCE SALE – 25 PERCENT OFF

Vincent Girardin's 2007 White Burgundies

Note: These 2007s will be featured at our tasting bar on Tuesday 1/24 and Wednesday 1/25.

	Regular Price	25% Off Price
2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 60.00	\$ 45.00
2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin) 375ML	\$ 32.00	\$ 24.00
2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Enseignères" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 75.00	\$ 56.25
2007 Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Caillerets" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Folatières" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 110.00	\$ 82.50
2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Combettes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 120.00	\$ 90.00
2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Pucelles" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 135.00	\$ 101.25
2007 Corton-Charlemagne (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 135.00	\$ 101.25

2009 Red Burgundies

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2009 Red Burgundies

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
CHANDON DE BRIAILLES		
2009 Savigny-lès-Beaune "Les Fourneaux" (Chandon de Briailles).....	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
<i>"The rich, sappy and relatively big-bodied flavors possess plenty of extract on the powerful and muscular finish that displays a mocha and coffee character. The firm tannins will likely require the better part of a decade to soften. (88-91/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Pernand-Vergelesses "Ile de Vergelesses" (Chandon de Briailles)	\$ 55.00	\$ 46.75
<i>"This features roasted plum aromas along with hints of spice, wet stone, earth and a hint of violets. The elegant and fine flavors exude minerality that continues onto the very firm but balanced finish that delivers impressive length. This is built to age and is really quite lovely. (90-92/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Volnay "Caillerets" (Chandon de Briailles)	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
<i>"An extremely ripe nose combines spiced plum, floral, mineral and prune notes that lead to attractively textured, suave, supple and utterly delicious medium-bodied flavors blessed with seemingly endless reserves of extract that buffer the firm tannic spine on the long and serious finish. I very much like the underlying sense of tension and this should be most impressive in 10 to 15 years. (91-94/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Corton "Les Bressandes" (Chandon de Briailles)	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<i>"This is also very ripe but here the cassis, violet and black berry aromas are noticeably fresh. The rich, intense and broad-shouldered flavors display a distinct mineral character. Dense but fine tannins shape the hugely long finish. This has the potential to be outstanding but it will require the better part of two decades to arrive at its peak. (90-92/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		

VINCENT GIRARDIN

2009 Savigny-les-Beaune "Les Serpentieres" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2009 Santenay "Les Gravières" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2009 Volnay "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.50
2009 Pommard "Les Vignots" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
2009 Volnay "Les Santenots" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
2009 Corton "Les Renardes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 98.00	\$ 83.30
2009 Corton "Les Bressandes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 98.00	\$ 83.30
2009 Gevrey-Chambertin "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
2009 Chambolle-Musigny "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2009 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Cazetiers" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 105.00	\$ 89.25
2009 Charmes-Chambertin (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 175.00	\$ 148.25
2009 Echezeaux (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 180.00	\$ 153.00

2009 Châteauneuf-du-Papes

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Papes

	Regular	15% Off
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>CUVÉE DU VATICAN</u>		
2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Cuvée du Vatican)	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.50
<i>"Deep red. Redcurrant, raspberry and floral aromas are complicated by a whiff of licorice. Shows very good depth but there's an attractive sweetness and good energy to its spicy, bright red fruit flavors. Finishes with a fine dusting of tannins and slow-mounting smokiness. Surprisingly elegant for a southern Rhône wine, featuring admirable finishing clarity and length. (89-91/100)"</i>		
<i>- Josh Raynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>		
2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Reserve Sixtine" (Cuvée du Vatican)	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
<i>"Deep ruby. Dark berries and cherry compote on the nose, plus a hint of dried violet. Seamless dark berry flavors are joined by notes of bitter cherry and dark chocolate, accented by building smokiness. Echoes the cherry and smoky notes on a long, sappy, gently spicy finish. I like this wine's blend of richness and energy. (91-92/100)"</i>		
<i>- Josh Raynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>		
<u>BOSQUET DES PAPES</u>		
2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Mon Grand-Père" (Bosquet des Papes)	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00
<i>"Bright ruby. Musky, expansive aromas of raspberry, strawberry compote and fresh flowers. Sweet, juicy and rich, accented by a penetrating quality and impressive grip to the black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors. Finishes with alluring perfume and mounting tannins. This is 100% Grenache, from vines that are about 60 years old; it looks like it will age well. (91-93/100)"</i>		
<i>- Josh Raynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>		
2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Chante Le Merle" (Bosquet des Papes)	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<i>"Inky-ruby. Slightly decadent scents of raspberry preserves, mocha, licorice and potpourri. Rich, broad and spicy, offering suave red fruit flavors and notes of floral pastille and spice cake, but without excess weight. This very supple and seamless wine offers subtle sweetness and lingering spiciness on a persistent, smoothly tannic finish. These vines are between 80 and 90 years old. (92-94/100)"</i>		
<i>- Josh Raynolds, International Wine Cellar</i>		
<u>MAS DE BOISLAUZON</u>		
2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Mas de Boislauzon)	\$ 55.00	\$ 46.75
<i>"The stunning 2009 Châteauneuf du Pape is showing even better than it did last year. This strong, powerful, concentrated effort exhibits a dense purple color as well as loads of blueberry, black currant and black cherry fruit. A blend of 70% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 15% Mourvèdre, it is a sexy, opulent, voluptuous, seductive, head-turning Châteauneuf that should drink beautifully for 10-12 years. (93/100) - Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate</i>		
2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Tintot" (Mas de Boislauzon)	\$ 120.00	\$ 102.00
<i>"The 100% Mourvèdre cuvee, the 2009 Le Tintot is a tiny cuvee of just under 300 cases. It is another great example of the heights Mourvèdre can achieve in Châteauneuf du Pape. Its dense purple color is followed by aromas of spring flowers, blueberries, blackberries, cassis and hints of jus de viande and bouquet garni with extraordinary structure, intensity, power and length. In the finish, the tannins kick in, so this is a cuvee for serious connoisseurs who are willing to give it 5-6 years of cellaring. It will drink well over the following 25-30+ years. (95+/100)"</i>		
<i>- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate</i>		
2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Quet" (Mas de Boislauzon)	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
<i>"The 2009 Cuvee du Quet (80% Grenache and 20% Mourvèdre from 60-year-old vines) is spectacular. Its dense purple color is accompanied by an exquisite bouquet of boysenberries, mulberries, blueberries and other wild mountain blue and black fruits. Possessing great intensity, a full-bodied mouthfeel and superb purity, it is a singular expression of old vine Grenache blended with Mourvèdre. The finish lasts for 50+ seconds, and the wine has a skyscraper-like texture as well as a multidimensional set of aromatics and flavors. This brilliant offering is more evolved and forward than either the 2007 or 2010. (96/100)"</i>		
<i>- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate</i>		

WEEKEND SAMPLER TASTINGS

Every Friday and Saturday, in addition to the tasting in the schedule below, we present a Weekend Sampler Tasting. Consisting of five or so selections, the focus will be on diversity, recent arrivals, and moderately-priced wines, though there will be no hard and fast rules other than these will be wines we are excited about. In order to keep the selection as timely and spontaneous as possible, we will pick the lineup by the Wednesday prior to the tasting, and publish it on our website that day.

SANTA BARBARA PINOT NOIRS

TUESDAY 1/3 & WEDNESDAY 1/4

'Vertical' is now released, Rex Pickett's sequel to 'Sideways.' It is unlikely to have the same dramatic impact on the Santa Barbara Pinot Noir scene as 'Sideways' did, but at this point how much more publicity does Santa Barbara need? The area's Pinot Noir bona fides are well established, as demonstrated in this flight of seven of our favorites. Spanning three vintages, they range in price from \$32 to \$58.

2009 Pinot Noir "Santa Barbara" (Ojai); 2008 Pinot Noir "Santa Barbara" (Rusack); 2009 Pinot Noir "Santa Rita Hills" (Brewer-Clifton); 2009 Pinot Noir "Rancho La Vina" (Samsara); 2007 Pinot Noir "Perfect Set" (Hartley-Ostini); 2007 Pinot Noir "Sanford & Benedict" (Roessler); 2009 Pinot Noir "Cargasacchi" (Brewer-Clifton).

CLAPE'S CORNAS "RENAISSANCE"

THURSDAY 1/5

Auguste Clape's Renaissance bottling is the little brother to their frontline Cornas. It generally comes from younger vines, and doesn't need as much age to be approachable. It often gets overlooked, which is unfair, as its neither lightweight nor uninteresting. It is still 100 percent Syrah from Clape's steep hillside vineyards in Cornas, and it definitely packs a punch. Here is a chance to get to know it, a flight of six recent vintages.

2008 Cornas "Renaissance" (Auguste Clape); 2007 Cornas "Renaissance" (Auguste Clape); 2006 Cornas "Renaissance" (Auguste Clape); 2005 Cornas "Renaissance" (Auguste Clape); 2003 Cornas "Renaissance" (Auguste Clape); 2002 Cornas "Renaissance" (Auguste Clape).

2007 BAROLOS

FRIDAY 1/6 & SATURDAY 1/7

Barolo is the most undervalued of the wine world's great collectible reds. Here are eight wines from the stupendous 2007 vintage, available after discount for \$42.50 to \$68.00! The wines from Manzone, Curto, and Seghesio are new arrivals, and those from Giuliano Corino are among the very best of the vintage.

2007 Barolo "Castelletto" (Manzone); 2007 Barolo (Giuliano Corino); 2007 Barolo "Le Gramolere" (Manzone); 2007 Barolo "Bricat" (Manzone); 2007 Barolo "La Villa" (Seghesio); 2007 Barolo "Giachini" (Giuliano Corino); 2007 Barolo "Arborina" (Curto); 2007 Barolo Arborina" (Giuliano Corino).

2009 CÔTE DE BEAUNE RED BURGUNDIES

TUESDAY 1/10 & WEDNESDAY 1/11

Our remaining 2009 Red Burgundies will start arriving fast and furious now. This tasting showcases eight superb Côte de Beaune reds, four from Chandon de Briailles and four from Vincent Girardin.

2009 Savigny-les-Beaune "Aux Fourneaux" (Chandon de Briailles); 2009 Savigny-les-Beaune "Les Serpenteries" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Volnay "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Pernand-Vergelesses "Ile de Vergelesses" (Chandon de Briailles); 2009 Pommard "Les Vignots" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Volnay "Les Caillerets" (Chandon de Briailles); 2009 Corton "Les Bressandes" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Corton "Les Bressandes" (Chandon de Briailles).

DÖNNHOFF'S 2010 NAHE RIESLINGS

THURSDAY 1/12

Helmut Dönnhoff is as consistent as they come. Like Leo Alzinger in Austria and Robert Chevillon in Burgundy. Every vintage has its own nuance and story to tell, but Dönnhoff simply doesn't bottle anything not up to his impeccable standards. Here are his 2010s, two Kabinetts, three Spätleses, and two Ausleses.

"In this humble taster's opinion, these are the greatest Rieslings on earth. No other wine, anywhere, exceeds the clarity, polish, complexity, and sheer beauty of flavor of this grower's finest wines."

- Terry Theise, Importer

2010 Riesling Kabinett "Kreuznacher Krötenpfuhl" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Oberhäuser Leistenberg" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Spätlese "Norheimer Kirschheck" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Spätlese Oberhäuser Brücke" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Spätlese "Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Auslese "Oberhäuser Brücke" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Auslese "Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle" (Dönnhoff).

SPANISH TEMPRANILLO SUPERSTARS

FRIDAY 1/13 & SATURDAY 1/14

It has been a long, long time since we've showcased a flight of world-class Tempranillos like this at our tasting bar. Here are seven compelling superstars from Rioja and Ribera del Duero. All will improve with further ageing. Diversify your collection with some of these off-the-charts Spanish reds.

2009 Ribera del Duero "Psi" (Dominio de Pingus); 2005 Rioja Reserva "Selección Especial" (Muga); 2005 Rioja Reserva (Fincas de Ganuza); 2004 Rioja "El Puntido" (Vinedos de Paganos); 2006 Rioja (Señorio de San Vicente); 2005 Rioja Reserva (Remirez de Ganuza); 2009 Ribera del Duero "Flor de Pingus" (Dominio de Pingus).

GIGONDAS**TUESDAY 1/17 & WEDNESDAY 1/18**

Rhône wine lovers will find a lot to love among the five current release Gigondas in this flight, whether it's the bargains from Notre Dame de Pallières and Cristia, or the collectibles from La Bouissière and Les Pallières.

2009 Gigondas "Les Mourres" (Notre Dame des Pallières); 2010 Gigondas (Cristia); 2009 Gigondas "Vieilles Vignes" (La Bouissière); 2009 Gigondas "Les Racines" (Les Pallières); 2009 Gigondas "Terrasse du Diable" (Les Pallières); 2005 Gigondas (Les Pallières).

BARBARESCO AND NEBBIOLO**THURSDAY 1/19**

Nebbiolo is among the least well-known of the world's great red wine grapes, maybe because its never been successfully grown anywhere but its home territory of Piedmont. Anyway, this flight is part of our efforts to increase its profile, to the benefit of our beloved clientele. This flight of three Nebbiolos and three Barbarescos displays a range of styles and densities.

2009 Langhe Nebbiolo (Marchesi di Gresy); 2008 Nebbiolo d'Alba "Valmaggioro" (Marengo); 2010 Langhe Nebbiolo "Capisme-e" (Dominico Clerico); 2008 Barbaresco "Bric Balin" (Moccagatta); 2007 Barbaresco "Bordini" (La Spinetta); 2008 Barbaresco "Cole" (Moccagatta).

2009 RED BURGUNDIES: VINCENT GIRARDIN**FRIDAY 1/20 & SATURDAY 1/21**

Two villages wines, three Premier Crus, and three Grand Crus comprise this flight of recently-arrived 2009s from Vincent Girardin. Drawn from both the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune, this tasting showcases the entire Côte d'Or. Girardin's reds remain among the better buys in Burgundy.

2009 Santenay "Les Gravières" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Gevrey-Chambertin "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Chambolle-Musigny "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Volnay "Les Santenots" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Corton "Les Renardes" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Cazetiers" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Charmes-Chambertin (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Echezeaux (Vincent Girardin).

**VINCENT GIRARDIN 2007 WHITE BURGUNDIES:
25 PERCENT OFF SALE****TUESDAY 1/24 & WEDNESDAY 1/25**

With the euro now on the verge of collapse, these 2007s, purchased when the euro was at its high point, are simply priced too high. So we've put them on clearance sale at 25 percent off. They are killer White Burgundies, with glorious depth and complexity, and are in their prime drinking window right now. Supplies are limited to stock on hand.

2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Enseignères" (Vincent Girardin); 2007 Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Caillerets" (Vincent Girardin); 2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Folatières" (Vincent Girardin); 2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Combettes" (Vincent Girardin); 2007 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Pucelles" (Vincent Girardin); 2007 Corton-Charlemagne (Vincent Girardin)

VOLNAY SURVEY**THURSDAY 1/26**

If its Volnay, it has to be Pinot Noir. Nothing else is grown in the village – for good reason. Here we will compare Volnay bottlings from a range of vintages: 2008, 2007, 2005, 1999, and 1990. This is Burgundian Pinot Noir at its most interesting.

2008 Volnay "Clos des Angles" (Nicolas Rossignol); 2008 Volnay "Les Caillerets-Anncienne Cuvée Carnot" (Bouchard); 2007 Volnay "Les Caillerets" (Chandon de Briailles); 2005 Volnay "Les Roncerets" (Nicolas Rossignol); 1999 Volnay "Carelle Sous La Chapelle" (Nicolas Potel); 1999 Volnay "Carelle Sous La Chapelle" (Jean Marc Boillot); 1990 Volnay "Clos des Chênes" (Comte Lafon).

2009 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPES**FRIDAY 1/27 & SATURDAY 1/28**

Has Châteauneuf-du-Pape had too many top quality vintages in quick succession? What else (besides the economy, of course) explains the ho-hum reaction of the wine-buying public to such a sexy vintage? Here we showcase the 2009s of three superb producers: Cuvée du Vatican, Bosquet des Papes, and Mas de Boislauzon. Expressive, classy, and seductive, some of these certainly deserve a place in your collection.

2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Cuvée du Vatican); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Mas de Boislauzon); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Reserve Sixtine" (Cuvée du Vatican); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "A la gloire de Mon Grand-Père" (Bosquet des Papes); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Chante Le Merle" (Bosquet des Papes); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Tintot" (Mas de Boislauzon); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Quet" (Mas de Boislauzon).

2010 AUSTRIAN WHITES: SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG**TUESDAY 1/31 & WEDNESDAY 2/1**

Austria's 2010 Grüner Veltliners are incredibly intense, firm and muscular, and destined for long, long lives. This tasting features five Schloss Gobelsburg bottlings, which take you up the scale of ever-increasing complexity and density. Also included is a phenomenal dry Riesling.

2010 Grüner Veltliner "Gobelsburger" (Schloss Gobelsburg); 2010 Grüner Veltliner "Steinsetz" (Schloss Gobelsburg); 2010 Grüner Veltliner "Renner" (Schloss Gobelsburg); 2010 Grüner Veltliner "Grub" (Schloss Gobelsburg); 2010 Grüner Veltliner "Lamm" (Schloss Gobelsburg); 2010 Riesling "Heiligenstein" (Schloss Gobelsburg).