

## BURGUNDY, BURGUNDY, AND MORE BURGUNDY

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This month we have dozens and dozens of newly-arrived 2009 Red Burgundies, from Robert Chevillon, Mongeard-Mugneret, Jean-Marc Boillot, Camus-Bruchon, and Thierry Matrot. These are featured in four February tastings. We'll also have two tastings of 2009 White Burgundies. But if Burgundy isn't your thing, we'll also show 2009 Loire Cabernet Francs, Sonoma Pinot Noirs, 2001 Barolos, 2010 German Rieslings (Kabinetts and Grosses Gewächs), and 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Papes, among others. Check out the tasting bar section of our website for complete details.

### WHITE WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH

## 2010 Macon-Villages (Joseph Drouhin)

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We have offered many earlier vintages of Drouhin's classy, value-priced Macon-Villages, so its not easy to declare this the best one yet. But it just might be. It is spectacular for the price. It is immediately attractive, with delectable, fresh Chardonnay fruit, a lovely, mouth filling texture, bright acidity, and a dry, refreshing finish. It is balanced from start to finish. What is surprising is how much depth it has, how much palate presence, really what you would expect from a good \$20 or \$25 white. But you can take it home for less than \$12.00!

**2010 Macon-Villages (Joseph Drouhin) \$14.00**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$71.50**  
(\$71.50/6 bottles = \$11.92/bottle)

### RED WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH

## 2010 Vin de Pays "Cabernet Sauvignon (Fontanes)

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Over the years we've come to love proprietor Cyriaque Rozier's humble Vin de Pays from Pic Saint Loup in the Languedoc. His formula is simple, but ultimately profound: one hundred percent Cabernet Sauvignon, unblended and unoaked. It is as pure and straightforward as it sounds. The silky, medium-bodied 2010 is remarkably delicious, vibrant on the palate, and refreshing on the finish. User-friendly Cabernet Sauvignon. Try it, and you'll wonder why you've spent so much more on Cabernets that provide way less pleasure.

*"Dark, bright – it looks healthy, if you know what I mean. Straightforward aroma – clean Cabernet with no over- or under-ripeness. Medium-bodied, perfect acid/tannin balance, classy composure – a treat!"*  
- Kermit Lynch, Importer

**2010 Vin de Pays d'Oc "Cabernet Sauvignon" (Les Traverses de Fontanes) \$14.00**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$71.50**  
(\$71.50/6 bottles = \$11.92/bottle)

### AMAZING PINOT NOIR BARGAIN

## 2009 Pinot Noir "Sonoma Valley" (Leveroni)

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High-quality, inexpensive Pinot Noir is devilishly hard to find. Here is one not to miss, Leveroni's superb 2009, from their estate vineyards in southern Sonoma Valley. It has a rich, immediately enticing aroma, lovely, just-ripe Pinot Noir flavors, exciting depth and intensity, a firm backbone, and superb length. Sneak this into a tasting of more expensive Pinot Noir or Burgundies and watch it hold its own. Its the best we've tasted at this price in quite awhile. Only a dozen barrels made, so there is not a lot of it.

**2009 Pinot Noir "Sonoma Valley" (Leveroni) \$21.00**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 10 Percent Off \$113.00**  
(\$113.00/6 bottles = \$18.83/bottle)

### EARTHY LOIRE VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

## 2009 Bourgueil "Nuits d'Ivresse" (Breton)

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Loire Valley Cabernet Francs are not to everyone's taste. Their pungency and earthiness attract some, and repel others. This 2009 from Catherine and Pierre Breton will thrill those of you who love these wines. It flaunts its lack of subtlety, starting with its moniker, "Nights of Drunkenness." It is sturdy, earthy, and packed with flavor and character, a wine its fans will enjoy drinking now and for years to come.

**2009 Bourgueil "Nuits d'Ivresse" (Catherine and Pierre Breton) \$32.00**  
**HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$163.50**  
(\$163.50/6 bottles = \$27.25/bottle)

AGEWORTHY BOTTLEINGS FROM A SUPERB VINTAGE  
**2009 Loire Valley Cabernet Francs**

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF**  
**on purchases of six or more bottles of 2009 Loire Valley Cabernet Francs**

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2009 Chinon (Bernard Baudry) .....	\$ 24.00	\$ 20.40
2009 Chinon "Les Grezeaux" (Bernard Baudry).....	\$ 28.00	\$ 23.80
2009 Bourgueil "Nuits d'Ivresse" (Breton).....	\$ 32.00	\$ 27.20
2009 Chinon "Le Clos Guillot" (Bernard Baudry) .....	\$ 35.00	\$ 29.25
2009 Chinon "Varennes du Grand Clos" (Charles Joguet) .....	\$ 40.00	\$ 34.00
<i>"A great bottle in every sense – deep color, bottomless aroma, a broad-shouldered red that is supple enough to down the night you get it home."</i>		
- Kermit Lynch, Importer		
2009 Chinon "Clos du Chêne Vert" (Charles Joguet) .....	\$ 55.00	\$ 46.75
<i>"The nose is black magic – deep and noir-ish – is it from another planet? I've never had a wine similar to it. Well, the great old clarets pre-1982 always had a green streak running loose inside the black fruits and truffles, and so does this one."</i>		
- Kermit Lynch, Importer		
2009 Chinon "Clos de la Dioterie" (Charles Joguet) .....	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
<i>"Masterful. Great aging potential – but open one before you cellar the other bottles, because you'll love seeing what is in store for you in the years ahead. The depth is truly impressive, and I consider it one of the most exciting wines ever produced chez Joguet."</i>		
- Kermit Lynch, Importer		

**2009 Red Burgundies**

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

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
<b><u>DOMAINE MATROT – MEURSAULT</u></b>		
2009 Meursault Rouge (Thierry Matrot).....	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
<b><u>DOMAINE CAMUS-BRUCHON – SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE</u></b>		
2009 Savigny-les-Beaune "Les Narbantons" (Camus-Bruchon) .....	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.50
2009 Beaune "Clos du Roi" (Camus-Bruchon) .....	\$ 55.00	\$ 46.75
<b><u>DOMAINE JEAN-MARC BOILLOT – POMMARD</u></b>		
2009 Volnay (Jean-Marc Boillot) .....	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
<i>"Good deep red with ruby highlights. Very pure aromas of blackberry and violet. Sweet and creamy, with very ripe flavors of black cherry and chocolate. This has real pulp for village wine. This should make for delicious early drinking. (87-89/100)"</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		
2009 Volnay "Carelle Sous La Chapelle" (Jean-Marc Boillot) .....	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
<i>"Good bright, dark red. Complex aromas of very dark berries, violet and minerals. Very suave and silky on entry, then tight and energetic in the mid-palate, with a pungent crushed-stone minerality and an almost medicinal reserve. A distinctly brisk and delicate style of 2009. The tannins are marked by minerality on the long, subtle aftertaste. (89-92/100)"</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		
2009 Volnay "Les Pitures" (Jean-Marc Boillot).....	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
<i>"Good deep red with ruby highlights. Pungent minerality enlivens aromas of dark chocolate and violet. More robust and structured than the Carelle, but also with lovely clarity and freshness of fruit. Sweet but not chocolaty. This boasts excellent volume and medicinal reserve. Finishes with fine-grained tannins and excellent length. A strong Volnay in the making. (90-93/100)"</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		

2009 Pommard “Les Jarollières” (Jean-Marc Boillot) .....	\$ 85.00	\$ 72.25
<i>“Good full red. Fresh, youthfully tight aromas of dark berries, flowers and spices. Rather clenched in the mouth today, showing less personality and sweetness than the Volnay premier crus. Hints of licorice, menthol, spices and mint lead to firm-edged tannins. (89-91/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		
2009 Pommard “Les Rugiens” (Jean-Marc Boillot).....	\$ 120.00	\$ 102.00
<i>“Good medium red. High-pitched aromas of cassis, blackberry and violet. Juicy and imploded, with dark berry and violet flavors complicated by a saline element. The tannins are quite firm but broad and fine. Finishes with excellent length. This will probably need six to eight years of cellaring. (90-92/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar		

**DOMAINE MONGEARD-MUGNERET – VOSNE-ROMANÉE**

2009 Savigny-lès-Beaune “Les Narbantons” (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
<i>“This offers a refined aroma with a complex range of red currant, blue pinot and earth undertones that can also be found on the rich, supple and very generous medium-bodied flavors, all wrapped in a nicely powerful and focused finish that possesses dusty tannins. 2015+ (88-91)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2009 Pernand-Vergelesses “Premier Cru” (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2009 Beaune “Les Avaux” (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2009 Bourgogne Rouge-Hautes Côtes de Nuits (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.25
2009 Fixin (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 42.00	\$ 35.70
2009 Gevrey-Chambertin (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
2009 Vosne-Romanée (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
<i>“Discreet but not invisible wood sets off the notably ripe blue berry and cassis aromas that are in keeping with the velvety, ripe and seductively textured medium-bodied flavors that possess good power and solid length. 2015+ (88-90)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2009 Vosne-Romanée “Les Orveaux” (Mongead-Mugneret).....	\$ 75.00	\$ 63.75
2009 Vougeot “Les Cras” (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
2009 Vosne-Romanée “Les Petits Monts” (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 85.00	\$ 72.25
<i>“Generous wood still allows the cool red and blue pinot fruit to reveal itself. The stony, precise, ripe and fleshy medium-bodied flavors possess excellent intensity and length. 2017+ (89-92/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Boudots” (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
2009 Vosne-Romanée “Les Suchots” (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
2009 Echezeaux (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50
<i>“A moderately toasty nose displays plenty of both natural and wood spice together with very ripe red cherry and cassis aromas that merge into dense, seductively textured and opulent middle weight flavors that possess a good amount of tannin-buffering sap and fine length. 2019+ (89-92/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2009 Clos Vougeot (Mongead-Mugneret).....	\$ 160.00	\$ 136.00
<i>“Temperate wood influence allows the fresh and intensely earthy red currant and humus suffused aromas to shine and does not alter the texture of the sappy, focused and overtly powerful flavors that possess fine complexity and excellent length. This is a classic Clos de Vougeot. 2021+ (90-92/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2009 Grands Echezeaux (Mongead-Mugneret) .....	\$ 175.00	\$ 148.75
<i>“The big-bodied flavors are admirably concentrated and quite serious with a brooding character as well as a very firm yet ripe tannic spine that is well-buffered by the ample sap. 2024+ (91-93/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2009 Richebourg (Mongead-Mugneret).....	\$ 350.00	\$ 297.50
<i>“A notably floral, spicy and very cool nose is trimmed in noticeable but reasonable wood and leads to very rich, round and velvety big-bodied and powerful flavors that culminate in a moderately oaked but strikingly long finish. The oak is not subtle on the palate but there appears to be more than enough concentration to handle it. 2024+ (91-94/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		

# 2009 White Burgundies

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF**  
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2009 White Burgundies

	Regular	15% Off
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price</u>
<b><u>MACONNAIS</u></b>		
2009 Macon-Villages (Henri Perrusset) .....	\$ 17.50	\$ 14.88
2009 Macon-Fuissé "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 22.00	\$ 18.70
2009 Macon-Villages (Comte Lafon) .....	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.25
2009 Macon-Vergisson "La Roche" (Daniel Barraud).....	\$ 32.00	\$ 27.20
<i>"An airy and attractive nose of spiced pear and white flower aromas precedes detailed, racy and minerally flavors that possess slightly prominent acidity, especially on the tension-filled, dry finish. This is really very pretty. 2012+ (89/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Pouilly-Fuissé "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 33.00	\$ 28.05
2009 Saint Véran "Los Pommards" (Daniel Barraud) .....	\$ 39.00	\$ 33.15
<i>"This notably ripe effort is aromatically elegant though there is good complexity to the ever-so-mildly exotic yellow fruit and honey nuances. The medium weight flavors are even richer, more concentrated and brimming with dry extract that buffers the solid acid spine and citrusy finish. This mineral-inflected beauty is certainly opulent but not at all heavy or clumsy and should be excellent with just a few years in bottle. 2013+ (90/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Pouilly-Fuissé "La Roche" (Daniel Barraud) .....	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
<i>"A ripe nose of peach, apricot and acacia blossom marries into extract rich, intense and detailed big-bodied flavors that possess real punch and depth on the citrusy, balanced and impressively persistent finish. Excellent juice and worth your attention. 2013+ (92/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Pouilly-Fuissé "En Buland" (Daniel Barraud) .....	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
<i>This is also quite ripe and mildly exotic yet with outstanding aromatic complexity that is also reflected by the well-muscled, intense and concentrated medium plus weight flavors. They possess ample dry extract and culminate in an opulent, powerful and driving finish of stunning length. This is an impressively scaled and altogether dramatic wine for the appellation but well-balanced. 2014+ (93/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
<b><u>PULIGNY-MONTRACHET</u></b>		
2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Francois Carillon) .....	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Jean-Marc Boillot) .....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2009 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Enseignères" (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Louis Carillon).....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
<i>"A notably ripe yet fresh nose of yellow orchard fruit and floral aromas leads to rich, full and naturally sweet medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a delicious, complex and moderately dry finish. This should offer several years of upside development. 2014+ (87-90/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Etienne Sauzet).....	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
<i>"A slightly riper nose features notes of acacia blossom, citrus and lightly spiced pear that dissolves seamlessly into rich, generous and quite fleshy medium-bodied flavors that possess good volume on the delicious finish. 2013+ (89/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2009 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Jean-Marc Boillot).....	\$ 90.00	\$ 76.50
2009 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Combettes" (Etienne Sauzet) .....	\$ 165.00	\$ 140.25
<i>"Very mild wood influence allows the notably ripe aromas of white peach, pear liqueur and acacia blossom aromas to shine without any material hindrance. The rich, powerful and impressively concentrated large-scaled flavors possess an opulent yet fine mouth feel along with a palate staining, explosive and hugely long finish of almost painful intensity. As it often does at this address, the '09 Sauzet Combettes delivers grand cru level quality. 2015+ (94/100)"</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		

# 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges Domaine Robert Chevillon

The Chevillon wines have a long history of offering some of the best value wines in all of the Côte d'Or and deservedly so. Readers should know however that **the 2009 vintage produced, in several cases, the best examples that I have ever seen from cask chez Chevillon**, which is saying something given how many great wines I have reviewed at this address.”

- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

<b>FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF</b> <b>on purchases of six or more bottles of 2009 Red Burgundies</b>
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	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2009 Bourgogne Rouge (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 36.00	\$ 30.60
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Vieilles Vignes” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
<p><i>“A discreet hint of wood sets off an equally expressive and also very fresh nose of animale infused red and dark berry fruit aromas. The rich, mouth coating and intense middle weight flavors are blessed with ample amounts of dry extract that confers a velvety palate impression on the mildly rustic and persistent finish. Solid quality here. 2015+ (87-89/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Bousselots” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 90.00	\$ 76.50
<p><i>“Subtle but not invisible wood frames relatively high-toned red berry fruit, especially red currant, that introduces delicious, round and unusually fine middle weight flavors thanks to the refined tannins and impressively long finish. The ‘09 is the best example of this wine that I have ever tasted from cask chez Chevillon. 2016+ (90-92/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Chaignots” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 90.00	\$ 76.50
<p><i>“Mild reduction compromises the expressiveness of the nose but the attractively textured and very rich flavors are supple, round and also relatively fine. I like the balance and overall sense of harmony though a bit more depth would be a plus. 2016+ (89-91/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Perrières” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<p><i>“A more elegant nose of ultra fresh though restrained red berry fruit and cassis blossom precedes rich, concentrated and palate staining mineral-driven medium-bodied flavors that are quite serious on the linear, focused and impeccably well-balanced finish. Excellent. 2017+ (90-93/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Roncières” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<p><i>“Moderate wood influence does not unduly hamper the attractiveness of the otherwise fresh and bright earthy and high-toned red pinot fruit suffused nose. The rich and solidly structured medium-bodied flavors possess copious amounts of mid-palate sap, which is a good thing because the impressively persistent finish is firm to the point of being chewy. This is potentially the best example of the Chevillon Roncières that I have ever seen from cask though note that patience will be required. 2019+ (90-93/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Cailles” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<p><i>“Reduction makes the nose impossible to fairly evaluate. However the serious, brooding and powerful medium weight plus flavors possess buckets of extract that confer a seductive and velvety mouth feel to the driving, palate staining and explosively long finish. This is another extraordinary vintage for this wine in a long line of them. 2021+ (92-94/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Vaucrains” (Robert Chevillon) .....	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<p><i>“Here too there is a subtle touch of wood that does not interfere with the clear expression of the intensely earthy and sauvage character of lightly spiced red berry and cassis aromas. The supple yet quite concentrated broad-shouldered flavors are supported by very firm tannins before culminating in a tension filled, serious and notably austere finish that is intense to the point of being borderline painful. This should be very long-lived because despite being a very big wine, the balance is faultless. 2024+ (92-95/100)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		

## TASTING BAR SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2012

### **2010 AUSTRIAN WHITES: SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG**

**TUESDAY 1/31 & WEDNESDAY 2/1**

Please see last month's issue for the teaser on these intense 2010s.

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).

### **SONOMA PINOT NOIRS**

**THURSDAY 2/2**

We'll be having four Red Burgundy tastings this month, as we revel in new arrivals from the 2009 vintage of Burgundian Pinot Noirs. But we'll start the month showcasing our well-loved, homegrown Pinot Noirs, with this flight of eight superb Sonoma bottlings.

2010 Pinot Noir "Sonoma Coast" (The Forager); 2009 Pinot Noir "Sonoma Valley" (Leveroni); 2008 Pinot Noir "Russian River Valley" (Vin, Vino, Wine); 2009 Pinot Noir "Trois Filles" (Pey-Marin); 2009 Pinot Noir "Russian River Valley" (Freeman); 2007 Pinot Noir "Russian River Valley" (Scherrer); 2010 Pinot Noir "Graham Family" (Loring); 2009 Pinot Noir "Neblina" (Radio-Coteau).

### **2009 PULIGNY-MONTRACHETS**

**FRIDAY 2/3 & SATURDAY 2/4**

We love the intensity and concentration of these 2009s. After two vintages of prominent acidity and minerality, it's great to have Puligny-Montrachets that have some heft, some meat on their bones, Puligny-Montrachets that taste like Puligny-Montrachets, not Chablis. This flight includes five villages wines and two impressive Premier Crus.

2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Francois Carillon); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Enseignères" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Louis Carillon); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet (Etienne Sauzet); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Combettes" (Etienne Sauzet).

### **2009 LOIRE VALLEY CABERNET FRANCS**

**TUESDAY 2/7 & WEDNESDAY 2/8**

We are giving a lot of attention to the 2009 Red Burgundy vintage at the tasting bar this month, but it's hardly the only French wine district with exciting 2009 reds. For Loire Valley Cabernet Francs, 2009 is the most compelling vintage since 2005. Last year most of the "drinking" wines arrived. Now the "ageing" wines are here, and they are the focus of this tasting: eight pungent, earthy, grippy Cab Francs from Chinon and Bourgueil.

2009 Chinon (Bernard Baudry); 2009 Chinon "Les Grezeaux" (Bernard Baudry); 2009 Bourgueil "Nuits d'Ivresse" (Breton); 2009 Chinon "Clos Guillot" (Bernard Baudry); 2009 Chinon "Varennes du Grand Clos" (Joguet); 2009 Chinon "Chêne Vert" (Joguet); 2009 Chinon "Clos de la Dioterie" (Joguet).

### **2009 RED BURGUNDIES: MONGEARD-MUGNERET**

**THURSDAY 2/9**

We now have **sixteen** 2009 Red Burgundies from Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret in stock. It sounds like a lot, and it is, but Mongeard's style is very seductive, and most VVW habitués love it. We can't effectively show them all at once, but here's a start: six Côte de Nuits reds, one Bourgogne, four Premier Crus, and one Grand Cru.

2009 Bourgogne Rouge-Hautes Côtes de Nuits (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Vosne-Romanée "Les Orveaux" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Vougeot "Les Cras" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Vosne-Romanée "Les Petits Monts" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Vosne-Romanée "Les Suchots" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Clos Vougeot (Mongeard-Mugneret).

### **2009 RED BURGUNDIES: ROBERT CHEVILLON**

**FRIDAY 2/10 & SATURDAY 2/11**

Mongeard-Mugneret one day, Robert Chevillon the next. February 2012 is a great time to be a Red Burgundy lover. If you are not part of the Chevillon cult (an awful lot of the people you'll meet at our tasting bar are), this is your best opportunity to see what drives their passion. We'll show eight 2009s, including six Premier Crus.

2009 Bourgogne Rouge (Chevillon); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Vieilles Vignes" (Chevillon); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Boussetots" (Chevillon); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Chaignots" (Chevillon); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Perrières" (Chevillon); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Roncières" (Chevillon); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Cailles" (Chevillon); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Vaucrains" (Chevillon).

### **2010 GERMAN RIESLING KABINETTS**

**TUESDAY 2/14 & WEDNESDAY 2/15**

2010 is a very unusual vintage for German Rieslings, unique in recent times, one that combines very high fruit concentration and ripeness and very high acidity. Usually you get one or the other. The wines have an electric quality to them, vibrant beyond belief. Here are nine 2010 Kabinetts from some of Germany's top vintners.

2010 Riesling Kabinett "Wehlener Sonnenuhr" (Kerpen); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Rudesheimer Klosterlay" (Leitz); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Oestricher Lenchen" (Spreitzer); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Zeltinger Sonnenuhr" (Selbach-Oster); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Graacher Himmelreich" (Willi Schaefer); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Graacher Domprobst" (Willi Schaefer); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Dhron Hofberg" (A.J. Adam); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Ockfen Bockstein" (von Othegraven); 2010 Riesling Kabinett "Kanzem Altenbourg" (von Othegraven).

**2001 BAROLO & BARBARESCO****THURSDAY 2/16**

The cool weather months are when Barolo and Barbaresco seem to show their best, so this time of year we try to feature them at the tasting bar at least once a month. Today we'll take a look at the very highly regarded 2001 vintage, now over ten years old. Here are five Barolos and two Barbarescos.

2001 Barolo "Pi Vigne" (Silvio Grasso); 2001 Barolo "Gancia" (Mauro Molino); 2001 Barolo "La Villa" (Seghesio); 2001 Barbaresco "Bric Balin" (Moccagatta); 2001 Barolo "Cannubi Boschis" (E. Pira); 2001 Barbaresco "Gallina" (La Spinetta); 2001 Barolo "Campe" (La Spinetta).

**2009 RED BURGUNDIES:****FRIDAY 2/17 & SATURDAY 2/18****BOILLOT, MATROT AND CAMUS-BRUCHON**

Of all our 2009 Red Burgundy tastings this month, this is the only one showcasing wines from the Côte de Beaune. Jean-Marc Boillot's wines, as rich and sturdy as ever, were big hits at our 2009 pre-arrival tasting last May. There are five in this flight, along with two from Savigny-les-Beaune's Camus-Bruchon and one from Thierry Matrot.

2009 Meursault Rouge (Thierry Matrot); 2009 Volnay (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Savigny-les-Beaune "Les Narbantons" (Camus-Bruchon); 2009 Beaune "Clos du Roi" (Camus-Bruchon); 2009 Volnay "Carolle sous la Chapelle" (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Volnay "Les Pitures" (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Pommard "Les Jarollières" (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2009 Pommard "Les Rugiens" (Jean-Marc Boillot).

**2009 MACONNAIS WHITE BURGUNDIES****TUESDAY 2/21 & WEDNESDAY 2/22**

The Maconnais is a stunningly scenic vineyard area in far southern Burgundy, producing almost entirely white wines, exclusively from Chardonnay. 2009 was a particularly generous and high-quality vintage, and here we line up eight mouthwatering bottlings. Maconnais wines are more similar to Chablis than they are to Côte de Beaune or California Chardonnays, with lithe body and prominent minerality and acidity. They appeal most to those who prize intricacy over power.

2009 Macon-Villages (Henri Perrusset); 2009 Macon-Fuissé "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Macon-Villages (Comte Lafon); 2009 Macon-Vergisson "La Roche" (Daniel Barraud); 2009 Pouilly-Fuissé "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2009 Saint Véran "Les Pommards" (Daniel Barraud); 2009 Pouilly-Fuissé "La Roche" (Daniel Barraud); 2009 Pouilly-Fuissé "En Buland" (Daniel Barraud).

**DRY "GRAND CRU" GERMAN RIESLINGS****THURSDAY 2/23**

This is a whole new category. These are the new heavyweights of the German wine scene. Designated "Grosses Gewächs" ("Erstes Gewächs" in the Rheingau), they are bone-dry Rieslings produced exclusively from Grand Cru vineyards. With no sweetness and alcohol levels in the 13 percent range, they have more in common with Grand Cru Chablis and Dagueneau's Pouilly-Fumes than they do with Kabinett, Spätlese, and Auslese. Here seven 2010s and one 2009.

2010 Riesling Erstes Gewächs "Rosengarten" (Spreitzer); 2010 Riesling Erstes Gewächs "Hattenheimer Wechselbrunnen" (Spreitzer); 2009 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Bockstein" (von Othegraven); 2010 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Felsenberg" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Dellchen" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Hemannshöhle" (Dönnhoff); 2010 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Breumel in Den Mauern" (Muller-Catoir); 2010 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Burgberg" (Diel).

**2009 RED BURGUNDIES: MONGEARD-MUGNERET****FRIDAY 2/24 & SATURDAY 2/25**

This is our second flight this month of Vincent Mongeard's newly arrived 2009s. These seven are also all from the Côte de Nuits, starting with three villages wines and one Premier Cru, and culminating with three glorious Grand Crus. These are gorgeous, sexy Red Burgundies!

2009 Fixin (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Gevrey-Chambertin (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Vosne-Romanée (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Boudots" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Echezeaux (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Grands Echezeaux (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2009 Richebourg (Mongeard-Mugneret).

**2006 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPES****TUESDAY 2/28 & WEDNESDAY 2/29**

*"If holding out isn't your strong suite, 2006 offers a slew of wines that will scratch your near-term itch. Unlike the more obviously structured 2005s, this vintage offers plenty of wines defined by their up-front, supple and sweet fruit and their typically more pliant textures and harmonious tannins. The 2006 vintage rates as very good to excellent for Châteauneuf-du-Pape."*

- Josh Reynolds, International Wine Cellar

Now in their sixth year, the 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Papes continue to be delicious and accessible, and well-priced vis-à-vis the more hyped 2005s, 2007s and 2009s. Here are seven examples.

2006 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Cristia); 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Cuvée du Vatican); 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Mas de Boislauzon); 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Clos des Brusquières); 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Olivier Hillaire); 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Vieilles Vignes" (La Côte de L'Ange); 2006 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Télégraphe).