

DISTINCTIVE FRENCH CHARDONNAY 2015 Chablis (Gilbert Picq)

"A ripe but super-fresh nose features cool aromas of yellow orchard fruit, grapefruit and iodine nuances. There is good richness to the generously proportioned flavors that possess good mid-palate fat, all wrapped in an agreeably dry but not austere finale. This should drink well almost immediately. Careful readers know that I have been beating the drum for the quality that Picq consistently achieves and for the prices, they offer almost unbeatable value. Note that the house style is ultra-pure with no wood. 2017+ (87-89/100)"
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

2015 Chablis (Gilbert Picq) \$30.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$153.00
 (\$153.00/6 bottles = \$25.50/bottle)

NEBBIOLO, BARBERA AND THE ART OF LIVING 2012 Langhe Rosso "Ars Vivendi" (Seghesio)

We bought two superb Barolos from Renzo Seghesio earlier this year. Here is another of his gems, this one a moderately-priced Nebbiolo and Barbera blend from Monforte d'Alba. It is drinking perfectly at five years of age, with a gorgeous balance between its enchanting fruit flavors and its just right structure. Ars Vivendi means the art of living, and you'll be living well with a case of this to enjoy over the summer.

"As a young man Renzo studied the sciences and the teachings of Pinot Gallizio. He mapped the vineyards of Monforte and became the mayor. He learned much, and has a great deal to show for himself. But do you know what animates him now? It's the life that surrounds him: the gentle life of the Langhe, of Monforte, its people and its cuisine. Ars Vivendi comes from this passion of Renzo. It means the art of living. Renzo takes equal parts Nebbiolo and Barbera from the hillside of Ginestra for a wine that blends seamlessly with cuisine and good life. It gets exactly the same cellar treatment as his Barolos. The results are moving. The Nebbiolo and Barbera sing in harmony, the perfume is elegant and complex, offering up ripe berry, rich spice and the beguiling Nebbiolo scents of tar and roses. Enjoy life "Langhe style" at table with family and friends. It's all here with Ars Vivendi
- Alan Sobczak, Importer

2012 Langhe Rosso "Ars Vivendi" (Renzo Seghesio) \$30.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$153.00
 (\$153.00/6 bottles = \$25.50/bottle)

New Arrivals: 2016 French Rosés

Here are our first arrivals of 2016 French Rosés. It turns out all of our early-arriving selections are from the south - Provence, the Rhone Valley, the Languedoc, and Corsica. Each of them is dry and vibrant, and ready to slake your thirst. As always, they take a chill well and taste great in warm weather. Our advice - pick out a mixed half-case, get the 10 percent discount, and enjoy the variety.

SUMMER SPECIAL - 10 PERCENT OFF
 on purchases of six or more bottles of 2016 rosés

	Regular Price	10% Off Price
2016 Pays de L'Herault Rosé (Moulin de Gassac).....	\$ 9.95	\$ 8.96
2016 Cotes de Provence Rosé (Chateau de Brigue).....	\$ 11.00	\$ 9.90
2016 Languedoc Rosé (L'Hortus).....	\$ 15.00	\$ 13.50
2016 Ile de Beauté Rosé "Nielluciu" (Domaine Poli).....	\$ 16.00	\$ 14.40
2016 Luberon Rosé (Chateau La Canorgue).....	\$ 17.00	\$ 15.30
2016 Languedoc Rosé "Garrigue" (Chateau de Lascaux).....	\$ 17.00	\$ 15.30
2016 Cotes de Provence Rosé "Tentations" (Chateau Cibonne).....	\$ 18.00	\$ 16.20
2016 Tavel Rosé (Chateau de Trinquevedel).....	\$ 19.00	\$ 17.10
2016 Patrimoine Rosé (Yves Leccia).....	\$ 28.00	\$ 25.20

PRE-ARRIVAL SALE - A GREAT VINTAGE
2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Télégraphe)

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DELICIOUS PINOT NOIR BARGAIN
2015 Cheverny Rouge (Pascal Bellier)

It is remarkably difficult to find Pinot Noir of any quality for under \$20. All sorts of faults dominate this territory – too clumsy, too ripe, too dilute, an absence of any discernable Pinot Noir character, etc., etc. Even the \$20 to \$25 range is fraught with subpar versions. So it is no small discovery to find a delicious Pinot Noir at \$15.

Pascal Bellier makes this wine in Cheverny, a backwater district in France’s eastern Loire Valley. It is actually 80 percent Pinot Noir and 20 percent Gamay (such blends are the custom in Cheverny). The majority Pinot Noir provides a fresh and zesty structure and tasty Pinot flavor, and the Gamay adds fruit and depth. It may not be complex or profound, but it displays true Pinot Noir character and style, has enough depth to be delicious, and is an easy drinking, casual bottle at an unbelievable price.

2015 Cheverny Rouge (Pascal Bellier) \$15.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$76.50
 (\$76.50/6 bottles = \$12.75/bottle)

2015 Chablis

MAY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2015 Chablis

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2015 Chablis (Gilbert Picq).....	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.50
2015 Chablis (Laurent Tribut)	\$ 38.00	\$ 32.30
<i>“A fresh, cool and pure nose is composed by notes of pear, apple and citrus before giving way to delicious, round and relatively opulent flavors that coat the palate with dry extract on the acceptably complex and persistent finale. This should drink well on the young side. 2018+ (86-89/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Chablis “Montée de Tonnerre” (Charlene & Laurent Pinson)	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
<i>“An ultra-pure and markedly floral nose reflects additional notes of citrus and iodine. There is excellent richness to the concentrated and relatively full-bodied flavors that display focused power while remaining relatively refined, all wrapped in a luscious and sappy finale. While this should reward a few years of cellaring, this is clearly quite ripe and thus could easily be approached young. 2019+ (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Chablis “Montmains” (William Fèvre)	\$ 55.00	\$ 46.75
<i>“There a whisper of exoticism to the peach, apricot, acacia blossom and ocean breeze scents. Otherwise there is good energy and detail to the elegantly textured middle weight flavors that exhibit minerality and depth on the refreshing and lemony finale. 2020+ (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Chablis “Vaillons” (William Fèvre)	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
<i>“Notes of mineral reduction, floral and white pepper nuances introduce detailed, precise and vibrant flavors that possess a really lovely mouth feel before terminating in a rich, zesty and sneaky long finale. 2020+ (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Chablis “Bougrons - Cote Bouguerots” (William Fèvre)	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
<i>“A reserved but ripe nose features white fruit and floral notes that are set off by deft touches of classic Chablis character and wood. There is both good richness and power to the concentrated, vibrant and mineral-driven medium plus weight flavors that also possess ample amounts of dry extract that confer a textured feel to the impressively intense and mouth coating finish. 2021+ (91-94/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Chablis “Les Preuses” (William Fèvre)	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
<i>“There is a subtle but not invisible application of wood setting off the more elegant aromas of green fruit, citrus, floral, spice and quinine. The super-intense, delineated and vibrant middle weight plus flavors possess both good richness but also the hallmark refinement of a fine Preuses, all wrapped in a more complex and sneaky long finish. Lovely. 2023+ (92-94/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Chablis “Les Clos” (William Fèvre)	\$ 145.00	\$ 123.25
<i>“There is just enough wood present to warrant mentioning on the strikingly fresh, cool and pure nose of mineral reduction, ripe pear, sea water and floral aromas. There is flat out remarkable power to the highly energetic flavors that also display ample amounts of dry extract that imparts a sappy texture to the intensely mineral-driven, explosive and hugely long finish. 2023+ (92-94/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		

Domaine Vincent Morey 2015 White Burgundies

MAY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2015 White Burgundies

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2015 Bourgogne Blanc (Vincent Morey).....	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.25
2015 Chassagne-Montrachet “Les Baudines” (Vincent Morey)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
2015 Chassagne-Montrachet “Morgeot” (Vincent Morey).....	\$ 75.00	\$ 63.75
<i>“Pale, bright yellow. Nuanced if reticent nose hints at pear, clove and minerals. In a rich, round but classically dry style, with pear and citrus flavors firmed by a solid spine of minerality. This rather suave wine finishes with very good subtle, spicy length. Morey's parcel from the 1960s produces millerandé grapes that get ripe quickly and need to be picked early, but they are balanced by young vines planted in 2006, which give this wine what he described as "a necessary juiciness." (89-91/100)”</i> - Stephen Tanzer, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Chassagne-Montrachet “Les Caillerets” (Vincent Morey).....	\$ 85.00	\$ 72.25
<i>“Fresh, inviting aromas of lemon, pear and white flowers. Intensely flavored and quite dry, with citrus peel and floral flavors complicated by menthol and crushed rock. Very laid-back today but the dry, saline, lightly phenolic finish is bright and subtly persistent. (89-92/100)”</i> - Stephen Tanzer, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Puligny-Montrachet “La Truffière” (Vincent Morey).....	\$ 98.00	\$ 83.30
<i>“Tight nose suggests white peach and spices. Densely packed and broad but a touch warm, offering flavors of underripe pineapple and crushed stone. Finishes dry and classic if slightly bitter, with a repeating stony character and sound acidity. (89-91/100)”</i> - Stephen Tanzer, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		

SPECIAL EVENING TASTINGS
2014 Red Burgundies
DOMAINE DE COURCEL & DOMAINE DE LA POUSSE D'OR
Eight Wines - All New Arrivals
TUESDAY MAY 16 7pm & WEDNESDAY MAY 17 7pm
PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED COST \$135

FEATURED AMERICAN PINOT NOIRS

MAY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of these Pinot Noirs

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2014 Pinot Noir “Bien Nacido” (Ojai).....	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
<i>“The 2014 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard opens with exquisite aromatics. Sweet rose petal, red cherry, cinnamon, mint and white pepper are all laced together. Deceptively medium in body, the 2014 possesses striking aromatic nuance and tons of class. Polished, silky tannins wrap around the inviting finish. This is another wine that could use another few years in bottle. 2018-2026 (95/100)”</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2014 Pinot Noir “Eileen” (Cristom)	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
<i>“Brilliant red. Highly fragrant, expansive scents of ripe red berries, Asian spices, blood orange and candied rose; a smoky mineral element builds in the glass. Silky and seamless in texture, offering palate-staining raspberry and floral pastille flavors that show a striking interplay of depth and vivacity. Closes sweet, gently tannic and impressively long, delivering lingering notes of emphatic red berry, spice and floral pastille. 2019-2025 (94/100)”</i> - Josh Reynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2013 Pinot Noir “Mills” (Calera)	\$ 70.00	\$ 59.50
<i>“Calera's 2013 Pinot Noir Mills Vineyard boasts notable intensity, with a sense of linear structure. The tannins need time to soften, so readers will have to be patient. Hints of sweet red cherry, hard candy, mint, herbs, wild flowers and rose petals give the Mills its signature inner sweetness as the flavors continue to brighten up as the wine sits in the glass. White pepper, blood orange and pomegranate add the closing layers of nuance. 2018-2028 (94+/100)”</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		

2014 Cote de Nuits Red Burgundies

The best 2014 Red Burgundies are wonderfully refreshing, highly drinkable and transparent medium-bodied wines that possess solid but not aggressive tannic spines supplemented by sufficient but not high acidities. They are balanced wines built for medium-term aging yet should be reasonably approachable young if youthful fruit is your preference.

Two of the aspects that I like best about the 2014s is their transparency to the underlying terroir coupled with their sheer drinkability. This transparency is enhanced by terrific vibrancy because the wines really do taste alive in the mouth as they've got energy, or what I like to call underlying tension. They're ripe yet they are what the French call digest, or refreshing, where the first sip invites the next which is in fact what makes them so drinkable.

The best 2014s are going to provide a great deal of pleasure and in this strict sense they remind me of such vintages as 1985, 1992 and 2000. Now in saying this I do not mean to imply that the 2014s necessarily closely resemble any of these vintages except in the context of their excellent drinkability at any early age that continues even today.

I would suggest that when the 2014s hit the market that you buy a few and see for yourself what you think. But if you liked the 1985s, 1992s or, 2000s I believe that you will like the 2014s."

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

MAY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF on purchases of six or more bottles of 2014 Red Burgundies
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	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Chenes Carteaux" (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 75.00	\$ 63.75
<i>"Aromas of black cherry, raspberry, mint and menthol. A step up in sweetness and suppleness; at once more velvety and more facile. Gouges describes this rather suave wine as the estate's "entry-level premier cru of Nuits-Saint-Georges." More red fruits than black. (89-91/100)"</i> - Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Saints Juliens" (de Montille).....	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00
<i>"A discreet application of wood frames the earthy red berry fruit scents that exhibit a hint of the sauvage. There is good richness to the generous, round and supple medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a succulent yet serious finish that suggests that this moderately rustic effort should be at its best after 5 to 7 years of cellaring. 2020+ (87-90/100)"</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Chambolle-Musigny "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
2014 Vosne-Romanée "Les Orveaux" (Mongead-Mugneret).....	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<i>"The 2014 Les Orveaux has impressive delineation and terroir expression on the nose, quite feminine and understated at first, but unfurling in the glass to reveal attractive redcurrant, wild strawberry and cold limestone scents. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, quite firm tannin, crisp and tensile red berry fruit, and a taut, saline finish. This is worth seeking out. (91/100)"</i> - Neal Martin, erobertparker.com		
2014 Morey-Saint-Denis "Les Ruchots" (Arlaud)	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50
<i>"There is yet again excellent volume to the solidly concentrated medium weight flavors that possess more refinement but less muscle and power before culminating in a lingering and harmonious finish where the supporting tannins are dense but fine. Good stuff and worth a look. 2026+ (91-93/100)"</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Vosne-Romanée "Aux Réas" (Liger-Belair).....	\$ 130.00	\$ 110.50
<i>"There is a seductive texture to the solidly well-concentrated medium weight plus flavors that benefit from plenty of structure-buffering dry extract such that this seems more forward than it really is on the gorgeously complex and persistent finish. This is a terrific Vosne villages and unreservedly recommended. 2022+ (89-92/100)"</i> - Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Grands-Echezeaux (Mongead-Mugneret).....	\$ 225.00	\$ 191.25
<i>"The 2014 Grands Echézeaux has a clean, pure and quite intense bouquet with dark plum, raspberry and rose petals scents that are beautifully defined. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, good depth, a slight earthiness underneath the dark berry fruit mixed with black pepper and sage, fanning out gently towards the sturdy, truffle-tinged finish. This is a very sophisticated Grands-Echézeaux. (94/100)"</i> - Neal Martin, erobertparker.com		

NOTE: These 2014 Red Burgundies will be featured at our tasting bar on Friday May 26 and Saturday May 27.

PRE-ARRIVAL SALE

2015 Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Longtime Vieux Télégraphe collectors have come to understand and cherish the remarkable consistency of this iconic wine. Each bottling reflects the nature of its vintage, to be sure - some are lighter, some are richer - but each and every vintage has a window of maturity, generally lasting many years, when the charms of VT are on full display. A rational strategy is to buy some of every vintage, and many of our VT collectors do.

On the other hand some vintages stand out because of particularly advantageous weather - 1978, 1990, 1998 and 2010 to name a few obvious ones. 2015 is the next in line, the sort of vintage to cellar in some depth, so you'll be able to enjoy it time and again during its maturity.

“What especially impresses me about the 2015 vintage in Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the consistently high quality of the wines, from entry-level bottlings up to the limited-production special cuvées coveted by collectors.

As in Beaujolais and Burgundy to the north, the extended, warm 2015 growing season, which began with an early budbreak, presented growers with ideal conditions for achieving optimal ripeness. But it also delivered fruit with healthy acidity thanks to cool nights leading up to harvest, resulting in a large number of stellar wines that smoothly combine ripeness and energy. Indeed, a number of producers in Châteauneuf appear to have made their best wines in recent memory.

At their best - and there are many high points in 2015 - the wines exhibit the classic richness of the region allied to freshness, which will make them appealing to a wide range of Châteauneuf lovers, from those with cool, deep cellars who can be patient to readers with itchy corkscrews and/or a lack of long-term storage options.”

- Josh Reynolds, *Vinousmedia.com*

“Vieux Télégraphe’s greatest strength is undoubtedly its consistency. I am not referring to the consistency resulting from now four generations of Bruniers who know the plateau of La Crau stone for stone, as crucial as this is. Rather, I am alluding to the timeless power of this terroir, which allows for wines of noble character, profound complexity, and unrivaled typicity year in and year out. There is no question that vintage variation exists at Vieux Télégraphe—one need only taste two diametrically opposed vintages side by side, such as 2007 and 2008, to observe this phenomenon. Yet even in 2003, an infamous year in which climactic extremes all but erased the nuances of terroir across France’s wine regions, V.T. remains V.T.—ripe, no doubt, but defined more by stone than by fruit. And such is how La Crau asserts itself: the stones are omnipresent, supplying a firm spine to the wine, a salivating mineral aspect that refreshes regardless of the vintage’s overall balance.

Vigneron Daniel Brunier describes 2015 as “a superb vintage that once again proves that nothing great can be done hurriedly.” His statement applies to the growing season, which necessitated late rains to restore balance to the drought afflicted grapes, as well as to the harvest, an exercise in patience and restraint, and finally to the vinification, in which extended macerations yielded deep tannic structures that reached a seamless integration during the wine’s élevage.

In other words, 2015 showcases La Crau in all its glory. From its pure and explosive young fruit to the wine’s momentous structure, culminating in its trademark stoniness, this is V.T. as we love it and as we have always known it.”

- Anthony Lynch, Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant

“Brilliant ruby-red. A fragrant nose evokes ripe red and dark berries, musky flowers, licorice and white pepper, and a smoky mineral overtone adds vivacity. Juicy and concentrated in the mouth, offering gently sweet cherry, cassis and floral pastille flavors that spread out steadily on the back half. Closes chewy, sweet and very long, with building tannins adding shape and grip. I really like the blend of structure and fruit here. (92-94/100)”

- Josh Reynolds, *Vinousmedia.com*

PRE-ARRIVAL PRICES

2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “La Crau” (Vieux Télégraphe).....	750ML	\$ 70.00
2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “La Crau” (Vieux Télégraphe).....	375ML	\$ 37.00
2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “La Crau” (Vieux Télégraphe).....	1.5L	\$ 148.00
2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “La Crau” (Vieux Télégraphe).....	3.0L	\$ 360.00

PRE-ARRIVAL TERMS: Minimum order six bottles. Half-payment due with order; balance due upon arrival.

2015 PRE-ARRIVAL TASTING OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to our long relationships, we were able to convince the powers that be (at importer Kermit Lynch and at Vieux Télégraphe) that our ever-supportive clientele deserved the opportunity to taste the 2015 vintage during our pre-arrival sale. To wit, a box of 2015 sample bottles has been airlifted from Châteauneuf-du-Pape to Berkeley and will be delivered to us in time for our “La Crau” vertical tasting at our tasting bar on Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13. Please consult our online tasting bar calendar or inquire for more information.

TASTING BAR SCHEDULE - MAY 2017

For more complete information, please visit www.vinvinowine.com and click Tasting Bar.

MID-PRICED WHITE BURGUNDIES

TUESDAY 5/2 & WEDNESDAY 5/3

We enjoy putting on these sorts of tastings, where the goal is to show that you don't have to spend big bucks to enjoy high-quality Burgundy. We'll line up seven delicious White Burgundies from 2013, 2014, and 2015, all in the \$32 to \$48 range (before quantity discounts). Included are two Saint Aubins, two Rullys, and three Maconnais. 2015 Macon-Milly-Lamartine (Comte Lafon); 2014 Rully "Les Clous" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Macon-Villages (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2014 Saint Aubin (Thomas Morey); 2015 Rully "Meix Cadot" (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2014 Viré-Clessé (Comte Lafon); 2013 Saint Aubin "Les Murgers des Dents de Chien" (Vincent Girardin).

2012 & 2013 RED BURGUNDIES: CORTON ET AL

THURSDAY 5/4

While inclement weather (hail in particular) affected large swaths of the Cote de Beaune in both 2012 and 2013, the northern sector of Corton and its neighboring villages were largely unaffected and enjoyed high quality harvests in both vintages. This tasting showcases four Grand Cru Cortons, along with Premier Crus from Aloxe-Corton and Pernand-Vergelesses.

2012 Pernand-Vergelesses "Les Vergelesses" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2013 Aloxe-Corton "Les Vercots" (Dubreuil-Fontaine); 2013 Corton "Les Perrieres" (Dubreuil-Fontaine); 2013 Corton "Les Perrieres" (Vincent Girardin); 2012 Corton "Le Rognet & Corton" (Pierre Guillemot); 2012 Corton "Les Perrieres" (Dubreuil-Fontaine).

VINCENT MOREY 2015 WHITE BURGUNDIES

FRIDAY 5/5 & SATURDAY 5/6

We kicked off our tastings of 2015 White Burgundies back in March with a spectacular group of wines from Jean-Marc Boillot. Here is the second group of 2015s to arrive, five wines from Vincent Morey, a Bourgogne Blanc and four Premier Crus, and they promise to be just as exciting. We'll add in a couple of older Vincent Morey wines to round out the flight, a 2014 Saint Aubin and a 2012 Puligny-Montrachet.

2015 Bourgogne Blanc (Vincent Morey); 2014 Saint Aubin "Les Charmois" (Vincent Morey); 2015 Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Baudines" (Vincent Morey); 2015 Chassagne-Montrachet "Morgeot" (Vincent Morey); 2015 Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Caillerets" (Vincent Morey); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "La Truffière" (Vincent Morey); 2012 Puligny-Montrachet "La Truffière" (Vincent Morey).

PIEMONTE REDS: RECENT ARRIVALS

TUESDAY 5/9 & WEDNESDAY 5/10

Here is another great group of newly-arrived Piemonte reds. We'll start out with a new batch of Deltetto's one-of-a-kind Nebbiolo-Pinot Noir sparkling rosé. Next come three fabulous mid-priced reds - a Nebbiolo from Deltetto, a Barbera from Bovio, and a fabulous Nebbiolo-Barbera blend from Renzo Seghesio. Finally come two aged Barolos from Bovio, a 2009 and a 2005, both just shipped from the winery's cellar. Their prices (\$60 and \$70) would be very attractive even for young Barolos, but they are unbelievable for wines of their quality and age.

Langhe Spumante Rosé (Deltetto); 2013 Roero Nebbiolo (Deltetto); 2013 Barbera d'Alba "Regiaveja" (Bovio); 2012 Langhe Rosso "Ars Vivendi" (Renzo Seghesio); 2009 Barolo "Gattera" (Bovio); 2005 Barolo "Gattera" (Bovio).

2014 RED BURGUNDY RARITIES: PONSOT & COCHE-DURY

THURSDAY 5/11

Here we present 2014 reds from two of Burgundy's most sought-after producers - Domaine Ponsot and Domaine Coche-Dury. All wines from these two producers are scarce to begin with, and most of our allocations of their 2014s sold out during our pre-arrival sales. But we do have limited quantities available of four Ponsot wines and one Coche-Dury wine, and we'll pour them today in this flight of 2014 Red Burgundy rarities.

2014 Bourgogne Rouge "Pinson" (Ponsot); 2014 Morey-Saint-Denis "Grives" (Ponsot); 2014 Auxey-Duresses (Coche-Dury); 2014 Chambolle-Musigny "Charmes" (Ponsot); 2014 Morey-Saint-Denis "Alouettes" (Ponsot).

VIEUX TELEGRAPHE VERTICAL: 2015 - 2008

FRIDAY 5/12 & SATURDAY 5/13

Since we opened back in 1985 we've always had Vieux Tèlègraphe's Châteauneuf-du-Pape in stock, and we've sold every vintage except for the 2002 (the one they didn't bottle). This month we are starting a pre-arrival sale on the 2015 vintage, which promises to be one of the very best VTs since we started with the 1982. Here is a chance to taste a vertical of recent releases, the seven vintages from 2008 through 2014, as well as pre-arrival samples of the 2015.

2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2014 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2013 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2012 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2011 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2008 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe).

2016 FRENCH ROSÉS

TUESDAY 5/16 & WEDNESDAY 5/17

Here is our first lineup of 2016 French Rosés, all from southern France - Provence, the Rhone Valley, the Languedoc, and Corsica. Each of them is dry and vibrant, and ready to slake your thirst.

2016 Pays d'Herault Rosé (Moulin de Gassac); 2016 Languedoc Rosé (L'Hortus); 2016 Ile de Beauté Rosé "Niellucciu" (Poli); 2016 Luberon Rosé (Chateau La Canorgue); 2016 Languedoc Rosé "Garrigue" (Chateau de Lascaux); 2016 Cotes de Provence Rosé "Tentations" (Chateau Cibonne); 2016 Tavel Rosé (Chateau de Trinquevedel); 2016 Patrimonio Rosé (Yves Leccia).

AMERICAN PINOT NOIR VS RED BURGUNDY

THURSDAY 5/18

Today we'll line up three high-quality American Pinot Noirs, and set them up against three counterparts from Burgundy of similar price and age. This is always a fun comparison, and often instructive. For an extra element of fun, ask us to pour them blind for you.

2014 Hautes Cote de Nuits "Clos du Prieure" (Thibault Liger-Belair); 2014 Pinot Noir "Bien Nacido" (Ojai); 2014 Pinot Noir "Eileen" (Cristom); 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Mongear-Mugneret); 2013 Beaune "Clos de la Mousse" (Bouchard); 2013 Pinot Noir "Mills" (Calera).

2015 CHABLIS

FRIDAY 5/19 & SATURDAY 5/20

This is our first tasting flight of 2015 Chablis. We'll start with two villages-level bottlings from Gilbert Picq and Laurent Tribut, then an impressive Premier Cru from Charlene and Laurent Pinson. Then come five superb bottlings from William Fèvre, two Premier Crus and three Grand Crus. The Premier Crus are delicious already, while the Grand Crus will improve further with ageing.

2015 Chablis (Gilbert Picq); 2015 Chablis (Laurent Tribut); 2015 Chablis "Montée de Tonnerre" (Charlene & Laurent Pinson); 2015 Chablis "Montmains" (Fèvre); 2015 Chablis "Vaillons" (Fèvre); 2015 Chablis "Bougrons-Cote Bouguerots" (Fèvre); 2015 Chablis "Les Preuses" (Fèvre); 2015 Chablis "Les Clos" (Fèvre).

ZINFANDEL: BEDROCK & RIDGE

TUESDAY 5/23 & WEDNESDAY 5/24

Here are seven wines from two of California's Zinfandel kingpins. Ridge's prowess with Zinfandel is longstanding. This lineup includes current release of four of their best. Morgan Peterson's Bedrock Winery is still in its first decade, but his talent with Zinfandel is well established. We'll include his entry-level old vine bottling along with two bottlings from his "Heritage" series.

2014 Zinfandel "California" (Bedrock); 2015 Zinfandel "Paso Robles" (Ridge); 2015 Zinfandel "Geyserville" (Ridge); 2014 Zinfandel "Lytton Springs" (Ridge); 2014 Zinfandel "Pagani Ranch" (Ridge); 2015 Zinfandel "Pagani Ranch Heritage" (Bedrock); 2015 Zinfandel "Bedrock Heritage" (Bedrock).

2011 RED BURGUNDIES: NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

THURSDAY 5/25

Here we take a look back at the 2011 Red Burgundies, a vintage that has the ongoing misfortune of being overshadowed by the highly acclaimed 2010s. 2011 is a solid vintage that seems to be developing along the lines of the 2007s and hitting its prime rather quickly. The villages-level wines are generally at their peak, with the Premier Crus not far behind. Here we show six tasty Nuits-Saint-Georges, two villages and four Premier Crus.

2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges (Henri Gouges); 2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Vieilles Vignes" (Chevillon); 2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Clos des Porrets" (Henri Gouges); 2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Pruliers" (Henri Gouges); 2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Vaucrains" (Henri Gouges); 2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Saint Georges" (Liger-Belair).

2014 COTE DE NUITS STARS

FRIDAY 5/26 & SATURDAY 5/27

"Two of the aspects that I like best about the 2014s is their transparency to the underlying terroir coupled with their sheer drinkability. This transparency is enhanced by terrific vibrancy because the wines really do taste alive in the mouth as they've got energy, or what I like to call underlying tension. They're ripe yet they are what the French call digest, or refreshing, where the first sip invites the next which is in fact what makes them so drinkable."
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

Here are seven of our favorite 2014s, featuring wines from Nuits-Saint-Georges, Morey-Saint-Denis, Chambolle-Musigny, and Vosne-Romanée.

2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Chenes Carteaux" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Saint Juliens" (de Montille); 2014 Chambolle-Musigny "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2014 Vosne-Romanée "Les Orveaux" (Mongear-Mugneret); 2014 Morey-Saint-Denis "Les Ruchots" (Arlaud); 2014 Vosne-Romanée "Aux Réas" (Thibault Liger-Belair); 2014 Grands-Echezeaux (Mongear-Mugneret).

ITALIAN REDS: RECENT ARRIVALS

TUESDAY 5/30 & WEDNESDAY 5/31

We'll end May with a diverse flight of interesting Italian reds. The first five fit the category of everyday bargains: two steals from Valpolicella, a juicy Montepulciano from the Marche, a lively Nerello Mascalese from Sicily, and a ripe, unctuous Aglianico from Campania. They range in price from \$16.50 to \$25.00 (before discounts). The last three are new arrivals from Elisabetta Foradori's estate in the Dolomites, her basic Teroldego and her two single-vineyard bottlings, all 2014s.

2015 Valpolicella Classico (Antica Cantina); 2014 Valpolicella Classico (Vignetti di Ettore); 2013 Marche Rosso "Montepulciano" (Dezio); 2015 Etna Rosso (Terre Nere); 2012 Irpinia Rosso "Aglianico" (Molettieri); 2014 Vignetti delle Dolomiti "Teroldego" (Foradori); 2014 Vignetti delle Dolomiti "Morei" (Foradori); 2014 Vignetti delle Dolomiti "Sgarzon" (Foradori).

MAY NEW ARRIVALS:

**2012 Seghesio Langhe Rosso
“Ars Vivendi”**

**2014 Ojai Pinot Noir
“Bien Nacido”**

**2013 Calera Pinot Noir
“Mills”**

**2015 Chablis
Gilbert Picq
Laurent Tribut
C & L Pinson
William Fèvre**

**2015 White Burgundies
Vincent Morey**

2016 French Rosés

PRE-ARRIVAL SALE:

**2015 Vieux Tèlègraphe
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**

SPECIAL MAY TASTINGS:

**Vieux Tèlègraphe Vertical
2015 - 2008
May 12 & 13**

**Red Burgundy New Arrivals
2014 Courcel
2014 Pousse d’Or
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