



The Wine and Cheese Cask

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Last year we sold an astonishing amount of rosé, and this year we expect to sell more. Rosé is fresh and versatile, an extremely good value, and continues to improve in quality. It also has great potential to gain in complexity, as we learned on our visit to the Coteaux du Vendômois, where the fabulous Pineau d'Aunis grape is used to make white, gris, rosé, and red wines with wonderfully blurry lines of distinction.

Borsao

2012 Campo de Borja Rosé (Borsao)
Sale Price \$7.99 – \$81.50 case of twelve

This juicy Garnacha from Spain is utterly guileless and delicious. It gives you its all from first sip to last drop. A fruity beauty that will match well with a vegetarian paella.



La Moutête

2012 Côtes de Provence Rosé (Château la Moutête)
Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve

Château La Moutête's Rosé always evokes a sunny provençal courtyard lined with wild herbs and fruit trees. The 2012, with its peachy fruit and scents of thyme and lavender, once again faithfully transports us to that sunny courtyard.



Lieu-dit Cocagne

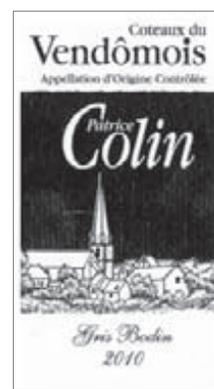
2012 Coteaux du Vendômois (Cave du Vendômois)
Sale Price \$9.99 – \$101.90 case of twelve



The French 'lieu-dit' can be translated as 'named-site.' Alliance Loire, a consortium of cooperative wineries, has promoted the marketing of single vineyards with distinctive names to raise the profiles of the various Caves. Having now stood in the Cocagne

vineyard we have seen how the rocky soil and correct exposure can yield such a substantial wine from a vineyard so far north. Once again a great value with a kaleidoscope of earthy, fruity, and spicy depth.

Gris Bodin



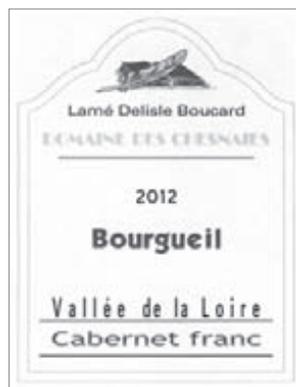
2012 Coteaux du Vendômois 'Gris Bodin' (Patrice Colin)
Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve

Indulge us in our fascination with the Pineau d'Aunis grape variety. This ancient variety makes wines that are light in body but full in flavor in almost all forms. Gris Bodin is the full rosé from Patrice Colin. See inside for another version. This 2012 has an amazing floral and pepper perfume and a zesty, crisp, dry finish. Try this with grilled asparagus.

Bourgueil Fever

2012 Bourgueil Rosé (Lamé Delisle Boucard)
Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve

If you enjoy Cabernet Franc as much as we do and like it on the inexpensive side then Lamé Delisle Boucard is a great winery to know. Their wines are totally enjoyable, stalwart Loire Valley classics. The 2012 Rosé is firm and dry, with a nice vein of red fruit running through the general refreshment.



La Grande Pièce

2012 Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé 'La Grande Pièce' (Château La Coste)
Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve

This is a subtle stunner. The 2012 Château La Coste 'La Grande Pièce' has a gentle floral aroma that lingers amazingly from beginning to end. There is the barest hint of fruit to be found, yet an elusive flavor persists throughout. Have this with a delicate fish dish.



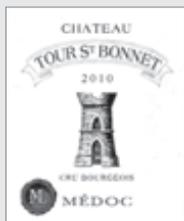
Near Perfect 10s

A Great Bordeaux Vintage

Bordeaux will always be able to supply large quantities of hearty dry reds, but when two vintages of such high quality as 2009 and 2010 follow each other there is value to be found in the latter vintage. In our opinion the 2009s are dramatic and the 2010s are classic. These need not be aged, but they will improve over the next five years.

2010 Médoc Cru Bourgeois (Château Tour St. Bonnet)

Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve



From a blend of equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon plus a 10% dollop of Petit Verdot the winemakers at Tour Saint Bonnet have produced an excellent, earthy, dry red with a leafy, woody feel to it. Perfect with a lovely slab of Roquefort or a steak. Half bottles available.

2010 Haut Médoc Cru Bourgeois (Château D'Aurilhac)

Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve

Château D'Aurilhac has made a rich, full-bodied Haut Médoc with a sturdy dose of oak to complement its ripe, smoky fruit. This will drink well until 2020. Packed in a wooden crate; half bottles available.



2010 Haut Médoc Cru Bourgeois (Château Beaumont)

Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve



Beaumont's 2010 is an old school Bordeaux with pronounced tannins and an overall dry, earthy character. We admire it for its adherence to a traditional style of Cabernet Sauvignon-heavy Bordeaux. Half bottles available.

2010 Haut Médoc (Château Cambon La Pelouse)

Sale Price \$27.99 – \$285.50 case of twelve

Cambon La Pelouse is located in a prime corner of the Haut-Médoc near the border with Margaux. It makes a scented, delicate, medium-bodied wine with silky tannins. Packed in a wooden crate; half bottles available.



2010 Fronsac (Château Villars)

Sale Price \$27.99 – \$285.50 case of twelve



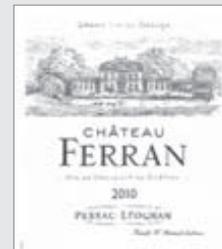
Fronsac is located on the other side of the river from the Médoc, near Pomerol and Saint-Emilion. Château Villars has made a terrific 2010 with excellent aging potential and supple early drinkability. This chunky Merlot-based blend (73%) is dark in

color with wonderful tannins buried in impressive liqueur-like fruit. This will easily last and continue to be delicious over the next ten years.

2010 Pessac-Léognan (Château Ferran)

Sale Price \$29.99 – \$305.90 case of twelve

We are great fans of the red wines from the district once known in its entirety as Graves. They recently split the appellation in two and named the northern half Pessac-Léognan. The 2010 Chateau Ferran is a fantastic red with a haunting earthiness and wonderful, fleshy fruit embedded in its tannic structure. Half bottles available.



Bargain Cab Franc

2011 Bourgeuil 'Lucien Lamé' (Lamé Deslisle Boucard)

Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve



Lucien Lamé was a WW II prisoner from 1939 to 1945. Knowing this we were honored to have tasted the 1949 Bourgeuil and other old vintages in the family's atmospheric cave. This is an amazing winery. On this visit we also tasted a different bottling that had great structure and a beautiful finish. The 2011 Lucien Lamé is a gorgeous Cabernet Franc and, as always, a great

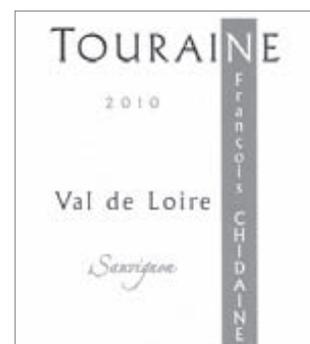
value. Start with the pink from the front page and follow with this lovely red; and if you want an older and even more wonderful red from Lamé Deslisle Boucard buy some of the 2009 Cuvée Prestige and cellar it for a few years.

Sauvignon Val de Loire

2012 Val de Loire Sauvignon (Chidaine)

Sale Price \$12.99 – \$132.50 case of twelve

If you think you want to be a grape grower and winemaker do not ask Francois Chidaine about his 2012 vintage. His production of Montlouis and Vouvray was almost entirely wiped out by the horrible weather in that section of the Loire. Fortunately he has some of his older vintages and some negociant wines to keep him afloat. The 2012 Sauvignon Blanc is a textbook crisp, dry Loire Valley white. It will be perfect with a salad with chèvre and walnuts.



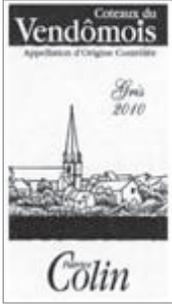
Gris et Blanc

2012 Coteaux du Vendômois 'Gris' (Patrice Colin)

Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve

2012 Coteaux du Vendômois 'Pierre à Feu' (Patrice Colin)

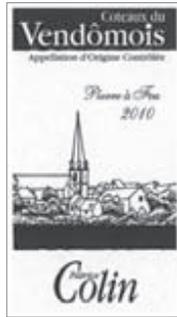
Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve



Our tasting with Madame Colin yielded four worthy and affordable wines. But when we asked Madame the difference between her two rosés she informed us in no uncertain terms that they only make one rosé. The above wine, their gris, is not a rosé. It is a gris. The Gris Bodin on the front page is their rosé. Nonetheless they are both delicious. The Bodin is a single-vineyard wine made from eighty-year-old vines and has deeper color. The Gris is

made from younger vines and is not macerated, meaning that it is made from the free-run juice of the Pineau d'Aunis, and hence is lighter and fresher. So it's a peppery, almost-white-nearly-pink made from a light red grape with an interesting color. We get it now. Merci, Madame.

The Pierre à Feu is less confusing. It is a white wine made from Chenin Blanc. This very dry wine is mineral-laden and stingingly crisp. This is a perfect match for a salmon dish covered with fine herbs.



Snakes in the Vineyard

2010 Savigny-lès-Beaune Premier Cru 'Aux Serpentières' (Domaine Pierre Guillemot)

Sale Price \$44.99 – \$458.90 case of twelve

This is one of the great wines of Savigny-lès-Beaune, both in producer and vineyard. Pierre Guillemot has made stunning wines for decades. Serpentières is one of the best Premier Crus in all of

the Côte de Beaune. We adore it because when you look at the light scarlet color of this wine you are unprepared for the intensity of its flavor. In this nearly weightless wine there is minerality, tannic structure, and wonderful scents of violets. In his 1982 book on Burgundy, Anthony Hansen reports

that "each year at harvest Pierre Guillemot swears at his old vines in Aux Serpentières, 'You disgust me with your miserable yield. I'll pull you up.' Then he tastes the wine."

Hilly Siena

2011 Chianti Colli Senesi (Fontaleoni)

Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve

We buy this in nearly every vintage and once again Fontaleoni has delivered a Chianti Colli Senesi that is worth every penny. The 2011 is redolent of cherries and cedar wood with a nice dry finish.



Guido's Big Brother – Loreto

2010 Nebbiolo d'Alba 'Loreto' (Guidobono)

Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve

The Barbera d'Alba and Langhe Nebbiolo from Guidobono are so popular that we don't need to promote them, but in case you have forgotten about them we have both for \$11.99 per bottle. Meanwhile we are delighted to have this more serious Nebbiolo d'Alba to offer. For just a few dollars more Loreto is darker, richer, and more powerful. Dare we say that it is almost like a Barolo?



The Many Grapes of Orvieto

2012 Orvieto Classico 'Terre Vineate' (Palazzone)

Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve

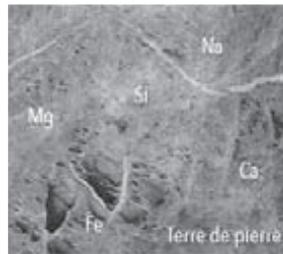
Just by the color you can see that Palazzone's Orvieto is very different from most other Umbrian whites. The 2012 Terre Vineate is a rich white with deep, long flavors. This estate wine eschews the productive Trebbiano grape, preferring instead more difficult but more intense low-yielding varieties. Grechetto is currently enjoying its star turn as a stand-alone Umbrian white. Here it is joined by Procanico, Verdello, Malvasia, and Drupeggio. This white is packed with many kinds of fruit and flower aromas and flavors.

Serpentine Fire

2010 Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 'Butte de la Roche/ Terre de Pierre' (Pierre Luneau Papin)

Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve

Amazingly there are wine lovers who don't believe in the



French notion of terroir – the intermingling of climate, geology, and grape variety. We believe that this wine should make converts. The Butte de la Roche vineyard is laden with the volcanic Serpentine rock. Serpentine occurs in sub-oceanic eruptions and it takes millions of

years for it to reach the surface. It is also the state rock of California. So here we have a large chunk of it in the Sèvre et Maine on which is planted the Melon/Muscadet grape variety. The 2010 vintage is excellent and may well be the richest, densest, most intriguing Muscadet you will ever taste. This wine exemplifies terroir, of a rather unique kind, writ very large.

Sale Dates

Friday May 24th through Monday June 3rd

Please note that we are closed on Memorial Day, May 27th.

Details: 10% off six bottles; 20% off twelve bottles.

Wines of the Month (back page), fortified wines (Port, Sherry, Vermouth, etc.), and sparkling wines may be included for a 10% discount. Blue tagged (NET) and Jug wines (1.5L and 3L) are excluded.

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Wines of the Month — May 15, 2013 through June 14, 2013

2012 Chenin Blanc + Viognier (Pine Ridge)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.90 case of twelve

Pine Ridge's nifty blend of Chenin Blanc (80%) and Viognier is particularly juicy in the 2012 vintage. This will match well with spicy tropical and vegetarian fare.

2012 Rueda 'Verdejo' (Marqués de Irún)

Sale Price \$8.99 – \$97.09 case of twelve

Rueda is the favored wine-by-the-glass in taverns all over Spain. The 2012 Marqués de Irún is a lively Verdejo with mint and fennel flavors accented by apple-like fruit. Great with crab and lobster.

2011 Cabernet Sauvignon (Avalon)

Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

Avalon has always made a great value Cabernet, but in the 2011 it is an exceptional value in a smooth, rich, dark red from California. Think ribs and spicy flank steak tacos.

2011 Sangiovese di Toscana (Fulignano)

Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

This smoky, earthy Tuscan red is definitely old world with its dry finish and its subtle fruit. Pizza, pasta, burgers.

