

AN EXCITING VALUE FROM SONOMA 2014 Pinot Noir “Russian River” (Balletto)

If you want a stash of exciting bargain Pinot Noir, here is the one to buy. 2014 is the third vintage of Balletto's Russian River Pinot Noir in our shop. Both the 2012 and 2013 were solid values, well-balanced and delicious at very fair prices. But the 2014 is at an altogether different level. It has more depth, more nuance, greater length, and far more vitality. Its flavors are fresh and alive and completely true, a textbook rendition of Pinot Noir. We haven't tasted anything in the \$20-\$30 range that is even close to this quality.

2014 Pinot Noir “Russian River” (Balletto) \$25.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$127.50
 (\$127.50/6 bottles = \$21.25/bottle)

DELICIOUS RHONE BARGAIN 2014 Gigondas “Vieilles Vignes” (Grand Montmirail)

Here is a delicious Southern Rhone red at a bargain price. Full and heady and easy-drinking, it is a classic blend of 80 percent Grenache, 15 percent Syrah, and 5 percent Mourvèdre, all of it grown in Grand Montmirail's terraced, hillside vineyards high in the Dentelles de Montmirail.

“Bright violet. Fresh red fruits and incense on the nose, complicated by peppery spice and floral elements. Deep and sweet but energetic, showing nervy thrust to the raspberry and bitter cherry flavors. Silky tannins shape the long, pliant finish, which leaves behind a suave lavender pastille note. (90-92/100)”
 - Josh Reynolds, *Vinousmedia.com*

2014 Gigondas “Les Deux Juliettes - Vieilles Vignes” (Grand Montmirail) \$24.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$122.50
 (\$122.50/6 bottles = \$20.42/bottle)

RIGHT BANK BORDEAUX 2012 Fronsac (Chateau de Carles)

What a tasty Bordeaux! Fronsac is Right Bank, right beside Pomerol, Merlot country. Chateau de Carles is new to us, but hardly new - it dates back to the 15th century. Their 2012 is gorgeous right now, meaty and rich with substantial depth. It is a mouthful, but not ponderous, thanks to a streak of minerality and just the right tannic structure. It has that Bordeaux *je ne sais quoi* - in spades. It is quite an impressive bottle for \$28.00.

2012 Fronsac (Chateau de Carles) \$28.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$142.50
 (\$142.50/6 bottles = \$23.75/bottle)

2014 Bourgogne Blancs Sale

2014 is superb for entry-level White Burgundies. They are racy and vibrant, with excellent concentration and classic flavors and balance. They are some of the best values in our shop. We've bought and sold lots over the last year. Our problem is not with the quality of the 2014s, it is the imminent arrival of the 2015s. They promise to be just as exciting, if a bit different in style (i.e. more seductive, more voluptuous). We don't have the budget to be long in both vintages, so something has to give. To make room for the 2015s, these six 2014s are on sale in January - the more you buy the bigger the discount!

20% OFF on 6 or more bottles
25% OFF on 12 or more bottles
30% OFF on 24 or more bottles

	Regular Price	20% Off Price	25% Off Price	30% Off Price
2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Vincent Morey)	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.75	\$ 17.50
2014 Macon La Roche Vineuse “VV” (Normand).....	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.75	\$ 17.50
2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Francois Carillon)	\$ 28.00	\$ 22.40	\$ 21.00	\$ 19.60
2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Dubreuil-Fontaine)	\$ 30.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 21.00
2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Jean-Marc Boillot)	\$ 30.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 21.00
2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Etienne Sauzet).....	\$ 38.00	\$ 30.40	\$ 28.50	\$ 26.60

THREE SUPERB SPANISH TEMPRANILLOS

REMELLURI RIOJAS

JANUARY-FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
 on purchases of three or more bottles of Remelluri Riojas

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2011 Rioja “Labastida” (Remelluri).....	\$ 33.00	\$ 28.05
<p><i>“Bright violet color. Ripe cherry and blackberry on the highly perfumed nose, with a sexy floral nuance adding complexity. Fleshy and seamless on the palate, offering sweet red and dark berry flavors with hints of vanilla and smoky minerals. Closes smooth, sweet and very long, with excellent clarity and spicy persistence. Very suave wine with the balance to age but also quite attractive now. (92/100)”</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i></p>		
2010 Rioja “Reserva” (Remelluri)	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
<p><i>“Vivid ruby. Red berries, cherry pit and potpourri on the pungent, spice-accented nose. Sappy and concentrated, offering vibrant raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that become sweeter with air and take a turn toward darker fruits. Shows excellent focus and thrust on the persistent finish, which features silky tannins and a seductive floral pastille quality. I’d love to taste this wine in another five years. (92/100)”</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i></p>		
2009 Rioja “Gran Reserva” (Remelluri)	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<p><i>“Ruby-red. Highly perfumed, expansive bouquet of dark berries, potpourri and smoky Indian spices, with a strong mineral quality emerging with air. Powerful yet lithe and precise on the palate, offering intensely sweet, vibrant black raspberry, vanilla and rose pastille flavors. This sweet, seamless, concentrated Rioja shows wonderful finishing energy, with smooth tannins folding effortlessly into the wine’s intense fruit. A standout wine from one of the great Rioja vintages of recent years. (95/100)”</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i></p>		

2014 White Burgundies

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
 on purchases of six or more bottles of 2014 White Burgundies

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
VINCENT GIRARDIN – MEURSAULT		
2014 Rully “Les Cloux” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 32.00	\$ 27.20
2014 Meursault “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 58.00	\$ 49.30
2014 Meursault “Les Narvaux” (Vincent Girardin)	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
<p><i>“A very Meursault nose of grilled nuts, pear, apple and acacia blossom scents introduces racy, intense and nicely detailed middle weight flavors that culminate in a lingering finish that displays notes of anise and citrus rind. This lightly mineral-infused effort should reward 3 to 6 years of cellar time. 2019+ (87-90/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2014 Chassagne-Montrachet “Le Cailleret” (Vincent Girardin).....	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<p><i>“There is excellent punch and underlying tension to the racy and intensely stony middle weight flavors that possess cuts-like-a-knife precision on the saline, citrus and hugely persistent finish. This is definitely one to check out. 2022+ (91-93/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
FRANCOIS CARILLON – PULIGNY-MONTRACHET		
2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Francois Carillon)	\$ 28.00	\$ 23.80
2014 Saint Aubin “Les Charmois” (Francois Carillon).....	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
<p><i>“A discreet application of wood serves as a relatively neutral backdrop for the citrus-inflected white orchard fruit and soft floral scents. There is a lovely sense of freshness and intensity to the stony and detailed medium-bodied flavors that possess an appealing plumpness on the mid-palate before terminating in a clean, dry and balanced finish where a hint of bitter lemon appears. 2019+ (88-91/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i></p>		
2014 Puligny-Montrachet (Francois Carillon)	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
<p><i>“Pale bright yellow. Highly aromatic nose combines peach, ginger and quinine. Rich, sweet and nicely concentrated, with a ripe peach flavor complicated by saline minerality and a toasty note from the 10% new oak. A lovely village wine in the making. (89-91/100)”</i> - Stephen Tanzer, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i></p>		
2014 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Folatières” (Francois Carillon).....	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50

2010 BAROLO & BARBARESCO

"The 2010 vintage in Barolo is shaping up to be a modern-day classic. The cool growing season produced transparent, vibrant Barolos that pulsate with tension, crystalline purity and site-specific nuance.

It is a year that will appeal to classicists, as the wines are translucent and incredibly expressive. Stylistically, the 2010s remind me of the 2004s, but with more mid-palate pliancy and overall depth. Simply put, **2010 is the greatest young Barolo vintage** I have tasted in 18 years of visiting the region and a lifetime of buying, cellaring and drinking these wines."
 - Antonio Galloni, *The Wine Advocate*

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF

on purchases of three or more bottles of 2010 Barolos

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2010 Barolo (Giuliano Corsini).....	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2010 Barolo "Bussia" (Ruggeri Corsini)	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.00
2010 Barolo "Serralunga" (Luigi Pira)	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
<i>"Dark red berries, mint, flowers and spices are all laced together in the 2010 Barolo Serralunga. This is an especially floral, lifted Barolo, but the grippy Serralunga tannins come through on the finish. Readers who can give the 2010 a few years in bottle will get a more complete drinking experience, but there is plenty to like already. 2016-2025 (90+/100)"</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2010 Barbaresco "Cole" (Moccagatta)	\$ 85.00	\$ 72.25
<i>"Dark plums, black cherries, tar, licorice and menthol wrap around the palate in the 2010 Barbaresco Cole. By far the darkest, richest and most powerful of Moccagatta's 2010 wines, it shows the more masculine, virile side of Barbaresco. Even with all of the vintage's structure, there is an immediacy here, a purity of the fruit, that is striking. 2016-2030 (95/100)"</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2010 Barolo "Margheria" (Luigi Pira)	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
<i>"The 2010 Barolo Margheria is terrific. Sage, mint, lavender, black cherries and melted road tar blossom in a dark, savory Barolo loaded with personality. Iron, smoke, graphite and dark red plums develop in the glass. It is distinct, incisive and full of character. The typically firm tannins of Margheria are present, but they are nearly covered by the purity of the fruit. This is a gorgeous Barolo with plenty of Serralunga mystique. The Margheria was aged entirely in cask. 2016-2030 (94+/100)"</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2010 Barolo "Arborina" (Renato Corino)	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.75
<i>"Dark red cherries, mocha, licorice, new leather and menthol flesh out in the 2010 Barolo Arborina. Renato Corino has done a fabulous job taming the slightly angular tannins that are typical of the site. Mint, pine and savory herbs all add an attractive aromatic register on the finish. The 2010 is dark, rich, mysterious and totally seductive. Rarely has a young Corino Barolo been so translucent yet deep. 2018-2030 (94/100)"</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2010 Barolo (Elio Altare)	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50
<i>"The 2010 Barolo wraps around the palate with plums, mocha, smoke, menthol, spices and new leather. This is an unusually dark, muscular style for a straight Barolo. The shoulders are broad, but at the same time, there is more than enough richness to balance the tannins. The 2010 should drink well pretty much upon release, as it is packed with fruit, supple in personality and full of near-term appeal. 2015-2025 (92/100)"</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		

DOMAINE TEMPIER 2014 BANDOLS

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF

on purchases of six or more bottles of Domaine Tempier Bandols

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2014 Bandol (Domaine Tempier)	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
2014 Bandol "La Tourtine" (Domaine Tempier)	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
2014 Bandol "La Migoua" (Domaine Tempier).....	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
2014 Bandol "Cabassaou" (Domaine Tempier)	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50

DELICIOUS GERMAN RIESLING FEINHERB
2015 Riesling “Winnings” (von Winning)

From the superb 2015 vintage, here is a fabulous example of the not sweet – not dry Feinherb category that is red hot in Germany right now. And the pricing is ridiculous.

“If you loved the 2014 - and if you didn’t we need to send out a search party for your heart - you’ll find this one happy, happy, happy. Stronger than 2014, it’s also both drier and richer. And that’s as it should be; the pittance of sweetness it contains will rise and fall with the structure of each year’s wine, because that’s what sensible vintners do. The others just set up a formula and the wine “has - XY - grams of sugar and zat’s zat.” Nuh-uh, not us. This will always be teasingly dry and teasingly sweet so you’ll keep changing your mind (“Wait, it’s a dry wine, no, it’s a sweet wine, no wait, it’s a dry wine again....”) while the bottle empties faster than you could have imagined. I am very proud of this wine, because it was made in friendship and with a ton of heart, and it’s as smart and yummy as a wine can be. ((+)++)”

- Terry Theise, Importer

2015 Riesling “Winnings” (von Winning) \$20.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$102.00
 (\$102.00/6 bottles = \$17.00/bottle)

Domaine Gouges 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges

“Grégory Gouges describes the 2014 vintage as “one that gave us very fine raw materials that not surprisingly produced excellent wines. They are classic burgundies that reflect beautifully well their underlying terroirs. They are perhaps slightly less structured than say the 2012s or the 2013s but I have every confidence that the 2014s will age effortlessly as well.”

- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2014 Red Burgundies

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2014 Bourgogne Rouge (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 35.00	\$ 29.75
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges (Henri Gouges)	\$ 68.00	\$ 57.80
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Chenes Carteaux” (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 75.00	\$ 63.75
<i>“Reduced 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 “Clos des Porrets” (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 85.00	\$ 72.25
<i>“Bright, deep red. A step up in stony pungency and aromatic lift from the Chênes Carteaux, offering perfumed scents and flavors of black cherry, violet, rose petal and spices. More rigorous in the mouth in the manner of Nuits-Saint-Georges from the south side of the village. Intense, solidly built wine with very good mouth coverage but no excess weight. Finishes with a restrained sweetness, a saline nuance and excellent length. (90-92/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Pruliers” (Henri Gouges).....	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<i>“Good bright, dark red. Pure and perfumed on the nose, showing a slightly medicinal quality to the aromas of dark raspberry, black cherry, red licorice, spices and spearmint. Broad, supple and classically dry, with dark fruit flavors lifted by a note of rose petal. Longer and more tannic than the Clos des Porrets but fine-grained for its imposing structure. (90-92/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Vaucraains” (Henri Gouges)	\$ 135.00	\$ 114.75
<i>“Dark red-ruby. Tight, medicinal aromas of black cherry, bitter chocolate and menthol. Very rich and deep, with captivating sweetness cut by medicinal menthol and minerals. Highly concentrated, dense and broad but uncompromisingly dry. Finishes very long and perfumed, with serious saline tension. This very impressive premier cru has a big tannic structure and may well close down after the bottling. (91-94/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Henri Gouges)	\$ 185.00	\$ 157.25
<i>“Bright dark red. Cooler, more reticent but very pure aromas of black cherry, licorice and menthol lifted by spices and flowers. Wonderfully sweet and full but weightless. More pliant and silky than the Vaucraains in the early going but still very laid-back despite its more accessible texture and breadth. The long, scented, refined finish features a sneaky whiplash of dark fruits, flowers and minerals. (92-94/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com		

Thibault Liger-Belair 2014 Red Burgundies

JANUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2014 Red Burgundies

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2014 Bourgogne Rouge “Les Deux Terres” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 28.00	\$ 23.80
2014 Bourgogne Rouge “Les Grands Chaillots” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 38.00	\$ 32.30
2014 Hautes Cotes de Nuits “Clos du Prieure” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
2014 Gevrey-Chambertin “La Croix des Champs” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 90.00	\$ 76.50
<i>“A strikingly cool, restrained and very floral nose presents fresh and cool red currant along with earth, game and humus wisps. The well-detailed medium weight flavors possess a lovely sense of underlying tension on the focused, precise and energetic finish. 2021+ (88-90/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “La Charmotte” (Liger-Belair).....	\$ 90.00	\$ 76.50
<i>“A relatively elegant nose offers up notes of various red berries that are liberally laced with floral, earth and spice nuances. There is very good volume to the generously proportioned mid-palate that immediately tightens up on the linear, tight and focused finish that is both austere and mildly rustic. This is also going to require a few years of cellar time to shed some structure and round out. 2022+ (88-91/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Aloxe-Corton “La Toppe au Vert” (Liger-Belair).....	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<i>“There is good freshness, intensity and precision to the delicious flavors where the supporting tannins are actually relatively fine in the context of an Aloxe 1er, all wrapped in a complex finale that delivers sneaky good length. 2022+ (89-92/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Vosne-Romanée “Aux Réas” (Liger-Belair).....	\$ 130.00	\$ 110.50
<i>“Reduction. 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 Chambolle-Musigny “Les Gruenchers” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 180.00	\$ 153.00
<i>“An exceptionally pretty if quite restrained nose speaks of red pinot fruit liqueur, floral and spice scents. There is good volume and plenty of dry extract to the rich, round and utterly delicious medium-bodied flavors that are supported by moderately firm tannins on the balanced and lacy finish. This is a lovely and relatively understated Chambolle 1er that should be approachable on the younger side if desired. 2022+ (90-92/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Liger-Belair).....	\$ 185.00	\$ 157.25
<i>“Strikingly floral-inflected aromas display lovely purity and freshness on the wild red berry, warm earth-scented nose. There is good richness and excellent intensity to the compact, concentrated and stony medium weight plus flavors that possess a firm core of ripe tannins on the wonderfully long, linear and powerful finish. This is indisputably built-to-age and is definitely going to need at least a decade's worth of cellaring. 2029+ (91-94/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Corton “Les Renardes” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 220.00	\$ 187.00
<i>“A brooding, earthy and very serious nose consists of ample floral influences on the ripe and fresh wild red berry scents that are also trimmed in noticeable sauvage elements. There is fine richness to the dense and equally somber broad-shouldered flavors that possess a relatively supple mid-palate though the beautifully long and well-balanced finish tightens up in a rush. Not surprisingly this powerful and slightly rustic offering is quite youthfully austere at present and will definitely require at least a decade of patience. 2026+ (91-93/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2014 Clos Vougeot (Liger-Belair).....	\$ 275.00	\$ 233.75
<i>“The big, bold and muscular broad-shouldered flavors possess plenty of mouth coating dry extract that helps to buffer the very firm tannins before terminating in a backward and austere but gorgeously long, balanced and complex finish. This distinctly old school and overtly powerful effort is pointless to buy unless you have the express intention of cellaring it for at least 10 to 12 years. 2031+ (91-94/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		

TASTING BAR SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2017

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

SOUTHERN RHONE VALLEY REDS

TUESDAY 1/3 & WEDNESDAY 1/4

If you are interested in hearty, winter-weather reds that won't break your budget, we have a great collection of Grenache-based Southern Rhône. This tasting features seven tasty recent vintage bottlings, including four Gigondas. And there's a California Grenache in the mix as well.

2013 Gigondas "Les Mourres" (Notre Dame des Pallières); 2013 Cotes-du-Rhone "Mon Coeur" (Jean-Louis Chave); 2014 Gigondas "Les Deux Juliettes - Vieilles Vignes" (Grand Montmirail); 2012 Gigondas (Chateau Redortier); 2014 Grenache "John Sebastiano" (Ojai); 2014 Vacqueyras "Doucinello" (Sang des Cailloux); 2014 Gigondas (La Bouissière); 2014 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Tèlègramme" (Vieux Tèlègraphe).

2014 BOURGOGNE BLANCS SALE

THURSDAY 1/5

2014 is superb for White Burgundies. Even the Bourgogne Blancs show the vibrant, lively style of the vintage. But with the imminent arrival of the sure-to-be-popular 2015s, something has to give. So these six 2014s are on sale. See the front page of our January flyer for the discounts.

2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Vincent Morey); 2014 Macon La Roche Vineuse "Vieilles Vignes" (Normand); 2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Francois Carillon); 2014 Bourgogne Blanc "Les Crenilles" (Dubreuil-Fontaine); 2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Etienne Sauzet).

2014 HENRI GOUGES NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

FRIDAY 1/6 & SATURDAY 1/7

Under the steady hand of young Gregory Gouges, this venerable winery is making more accessible wines. They still have the density and Nuits earthiness Gouges is known for, but the hard tannins of yesteryear have given way to a more pliable structure. Bravo! This lineup of 2014s is fabulous. They will cellar for a long time, but now you can enjoy them before you're old.

2014 Bourgogne Rouge (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Chenes Carteaux" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Clos des Porrets" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Pruliers" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Vaucrains" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Saint Georges" (Henri Gouges).

2015 DRY GERMAN RIESLINGS

TUESDAY 1/10 & WEDNESDAY 1/11

Thank you for reading this far. Most see German Rieslings and think "I don't need any sweet wines." But the German wine scene is deep into a major transformation, and dry Rieslings are now the hot commodity. This tasting showcases two 2015 Feinherbs and five 2015 Grosses Gewächs, each as dry and complex as a similarly priced White Burgundy.

2015 Riesling Feinherb "Winkeler Jesuitengarten Alte Reben" (Spreitzer); 2015 Riesling Feinherb "In der Sangerei" (A.J. Adam); 2015 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Rosengarten" (Spreitzer); 2015 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Felsenberg" (Dönnhoff); 2015 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Dellchen" (Dönnhoff); 2015 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Langenmorgen" (von Winning); 2015 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Kirchenstück" (von Winning).

2014 LIGER-BELAIR RED BURGUNDIES I

THURSDAY 1/12

Thibault Liger-Belair makes serious, hard-core Red Burgundies. Over the last decade, his wines have been among our best selling Burgundies vintage after vintage. His 2014s are now in stock, and we'll feature them over two tastings this month. Here is the first, with two Bourgogne Rouges, two rare Premier Crus, and one Grand Cru.

2014 Bourgogne Rouge "Les Deux Terres" (Liger-Belair); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge "Les Grands Chaillots" (Liger-Belair); 2014 Aloxe-Corton "La Toppe au Vert" (Liger-Belair); 2014 Chambolle-Musigny "Les Gruenchers" (Liger-Belair); 2014 Charmes-Chambertin (Liger-Belair).

2010 BAROLI AND BARBARESCO

FRIDAY 1/13 & SATURDAY 1/14

2010 is the greatest recent vintage for Piedmont's Barolo and Barbaresco, and will be until the 2015s are released in a couple of years. Our stocks are getting low, but we still have enough to put up this exciting tasting lineup. Here are six Baroli and one Barbaresco.

2010 Barolo (Giuliano Corino); 2010 Barolo "Bussia" (Ruggeri Corsini); 2010 Barolo (Luigi Pira); 2010 Barbaresco "Cole" (Moccagatta); 2010 Barolo "Margheria" (Luigi Pira); 2010 Barolo "Arborina" (Renato Corino); 2010 Barolo (Elio Altere).

DOMAINE TEMPIER BANDOL ROUGES

TUESDAY 1/17 & WEDNESDAY 1/18

Bandol produces the world's greatest Mourvèdre-based wines, and Domaine Tempier consistently makes Bandol's finest wines. Here we feature Tempier's four newly-arrived 2014s alongside bottlings from three earlier vintages.

2014 Bandol (Tempier); 2014 Bandol "La Tourtine" (Tempier); 2014 Bandol "La Migoua" (Tempier); 2013 Bandol "La Migoua" (Tempier); 2012 Bandol "Les Migoua" (Tempier); 2011 Bandol "La Migoua" (Tempier); 2014 Bandol "Cabassau" (Tempier).

2015 GERMAN RIESLING KABINETTS

THURSDAY 1/19

We've been touting Germany's dry Rieslings recently, but we are not abandoning Germany's Kabinett Rieslings.

Kabinett is the category of slightly sweet Rieslings that feature low alcohol (8.5%–9.5%), very bright acidity, and super fresh flavors. They shine as aperitifs and at the table. Here are six new arrivals from the great 2015 vintage, along with one somewhat drier Feinherb.

2015 Riesling Feinherb “Winnings” (von Winning); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Kinheimer Rosenberg” (Merkelbach); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Kreuznacher Krötenpfuhl” (Dönnhoff); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Oberhäuser Leistenberg” (Dönnhoff); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Dhron Hofberg” (A.J. Adam); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Gimmeldinger” (Muller-Catoir); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Graacher Domprobst” (Willi Schaefer).

2014 LIGER-BELAIR RED BURGUNDIES II

FRIDAY 1/20 & SATURDAY 1/21

If you make it to only one Red Burgundy flight during the 2014 release cycle, this should be the one. One Bourgogne, three villages wines, one show-stopping Premier Cru, and two Grand Crus.

2014 Hautes Cotes de Nuits “Clos du Prieure” (Liger-Belair); 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin “La Croix des Champs” (Liger-Belair); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “La Charmotte” (Liger-Belair); 2014 Vosne-Romanée “Aux Réas” (Liger-Belair); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Liger-Belair); 2014 Corton “Les Renardes” (Liger-Belair); 2014 Clos Vougeot (Liger-Belair)

2009 CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPES

TUESDAY 1/24 & WEDNESDAY 1/25

2009 was a particularly expressive vintage for Châteauneuf-du-Pape. As they are now seven years old, and we don't have a lot of inventory left, it seems like a good time to check in on them. Here are six wines from top producers.

2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Olivier Hillaire); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Les Saffres” (Clos du Caillou); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Vieux Donjon); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Renaissance” (Cristia); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Chante Le Merle” (Bosquet des Papes); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Beaucastel).

CORTON GRAND CRUS

THURSDAY 1/26

Here is one for our loyal contingent of Red Burgundy lovers, a lineup of six recent vintage Corton Grand Crus.

2013 Corton “Les Perrieres” (Dubreuil-Fontaine); 2013 Corton “Les Perrieres” (Vincent Girardin); 2012 Corton “Le Rognet et Corton” (Pierre Guillemot); 2012 Corton “Les Perrieres” (Dubreuil-Fontaine); 2013 Le Corton (Bouchard); 2010 Corton “Les Bressandes” (Chandon de Briailles).

2014 WHITE BURGUNDIES: CARILLON AND GIRARDIN

FRIDAY 1/27 & SATURDAY 1/28

The release cycle for the textbook classic 2014 White Burgundy vintage is drawing to a close. Here we line up four new arrivals from Vincent Girardin, along with four wines from Francois Carillon, who completely nailed the vintage. Want to know why we are so excited by the 2014s? The wines in this tasting tell the story.

2014 Bourgogne Blanc (Francois Carillon); 2014 Rully “Les Cloux” (Vincent Girardin); 2014 Saint Aubin “Les Charmois” (Francois Carillon); 2014 Meursault “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin); 2014 Meursault “Les Narvaux” (Vincent Girardin); 2014 Puligny-Montrachet (Francois Carillon); 2014 Chassagne-Montrachet “Le Cailleret” (Vincent Girardin); 2014 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Folatières” (Francois Carillon).

RED BURGUNDIES: VOLNAY

TUESDAY 1/31 & WEDNESDAY 2/1

“If you knew nothing about Burgundy, neither producer nor vintage nor vineyard, the odds of getting a bottle worth drinking are greater in Volnay than any other commune of the Cote d'Or. No other red Burgundy, except Chambolle-Musigny, can convey the perfume and finesse of Pinot Noir as well as Volnay. Few are more seductive.”
– Matt Kramer, *Making Sense of Burgundy*

Here are seven excellent Volnays. All three Girardin's 2013s are spectacular bargains.

2013 Volnay “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin); 2012 Volnay (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2013 Volnay “Les Santenots” (Vincent Girardin); 2013 Volnay “Les Champans” (Vincent Girardin); 2011 Volnay “Les Fremiets” (Nicolas Rossignol); 2012 Volnay “Les Caillerets – Ancienne Cuvée Carnot” (Bouchard); 2012 Volnay “Les Pitures” (Jean-Marc Boillot).

AMERICAN PINOT NOIR BARGAINS

THURSDAY 2/2

This tasting shows off our current selections of moderately-priced American Pinot Noirs, seven wines with price tags that range from \$22 to \$36. And we'll throw a Burgundian Pinot Noir in the mix for comparison.

2014 Pinot Noir “Sonoma Coast” (The Forager); 2014 Pinot Noir “Russian River” (Balletto); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge (Mongiard-Mugneret); 2015 Pinot Noir “La Combe Vert” (Walter Scott); 2014 Pinot Noir “Sonoma Coast” (Cep); 2013 Pinot Noir “Arroyo Grande Valley” (Talley); 2013 Pinot Noir “Santa Rita Hills” (Samsara); 2013 Pinot Noir “Santa Rita Hills” (Melville).

SPANISH TEMPANILLOS

FRIDAY 2/3 & SATURDAY 2/4

Tempranillo is Spain's contribution to the world's great red wines. The best are grown in three renowned districts in north-central Spain – Rioja, Ribera del Duero, and Toro. This tasting starts with a superb \$24 Rioja and ends with a thrilling \$115 one. And the six wines in between will grab your attention as well.

2011 Rioja “Biga” (Familia Amestoy); 2012 Toro “Prima” (Maurados); 2011 Rioja “Labastida” (Remelluri); 2010 Rioja “Reserva” (Remelluri); 2011 Ribera del Duero “Malleolus” (Emilio Moro); 2011 Toro “San Roman” (Maurados); 2013 Ribera del Duero “Flor de Pingus” (Pingus); 2009 Rioja “Gran Reserva” (Remelluri).

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2014 BOURGOGNE BLANCS SALE

- 20% on 6 bottles
- 25% on 12 bottles
- 30% on 24 bottles

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2014 WHITE BURGUNDIES

- Vincent Girardin
- Francois Carillon

2014 RED BURGUNDIES

- Henri Gouges
- Thibault Liger-Belair

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