

RED WINE VALUE OF THE MONTH 2015 Pays d'Oc "Cabernet Sauvignon" (Fontanes)

This delicious everyday red comes from Pic Saint Loup in the heart of the Languedoc in southern France. Proprietor Cyriaque Rozier uses a simple but very appealing approach: one hundred percent Cabernet Sauvignon, unblended and unoaked. It is as pure and straightforward as it sounds. The seductive full-flavored 2015 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

2015 Pays d'Oc "Cabernet Sauvignon" (Les Traverses de Fontanes) \$15.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$76.50
 (\$76.50/6 bottles = \$12.75/bottle)

Comte Lafon's 2015 Maconnais White Burgundies

Dominique Lafon is world-renown for his rare and highly sought-after Meursaults. Lucky for all of us, he ventured into the Maconnais a decade and a half ago, where he produces an array of beautifully lively and far more affordable White Burgundies. The 2015s have just arrived.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of 2015 Lafon Maconnais wines

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2015 Macon-Milly-Lamartine (Comte Lafon)	\$ 32.00	\$ 27.20
2015 Macon-Milly-Lamartine "Clos du Four" (Comte Lafon)	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25
2015 Saint Veran (Comte Lafon)	\$ 45.00	\$ 38.25

BARGAIN BISTRO RED 2015 Bourgueil "Alouettes" (Chanteleuserie)

Bistro wine – quite evocative, no? Picture a Paris bistro, plates of inviting, hearty food, and a bottle of delicious, casual red. No formalities. An almost slow-motion hedonism. The perfect wine – unoaked Cabernet Franc from the Loire Valley. Oodles of Cabernet flavor, but the structure and easy access of Pinot Noir. 2015 is a fantastic vintage for these wines, and for Chanteleuserie's "Alouettes" it is the best vintage we've ever seen. Its vibrant Cabernet fruit is zesty and fresh with a streak of Loire earthiness. It is casual and versatile and a remarkable bargain.

2015 Bourgueil "Alouettes" (Domaine de la Chanteleuserie) \$17.50
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$89.50
 (\$89.50/6 bottles = \$14.92/bottle)

RED BURGUNDY VALUE 2014 Bourgogne "Les Grands Chaillots" (Liger-Belair)

Thibault Liger-Belair produces an impressive array of high-end Red Burgundies, but one of the jewels of his lineup is not high-priced. Les Grand Chaillots is Bourgogne level, located in Nuits-Saint-Georges just downslope from Les Saint Georges. The 2014 is quite a Bourgogne. Its aroma displays rich, seductive berry fruit and a Nuits-Saint-Georges sort of earthiness, along with notes of minerals and spices. On the palate it is lean and strong, with juicy, fresh Pinot Noir fruit and a youthful, mouthwatering structure. Delicious already with a little aeration, it promises to improve with a couple of years ageing if you are so inclined.

2014 Bourgogne "Les Grands Chaillots" (Thibault Liger-Belair) \$38.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$193.50
 (\$193.50/6 bottles = \$32.25/bottle)

Pre-Arrival Sales - 2014 Burgundies

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EXCITING BEAUJOLAIS FROM A GREAT VINTAGE
2015 Morgon “Vieilles Vignes” (Guy Breton)

Guy Breton is an original member of the "Gang of Four" artisans who were instrumental in reviving the reputation of Beaujolais in the wake of Georges Debeouf. His 2015 is an exciting example of the distinctiveness and individuality of Gamay from its best terroirs in a great vintage.

“Limpid violet. A seductively perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red berries, Asian spices and potpourri, and subtle cola and licorice nuances emerge with aeration. Juicy and pure on the palate, offering intense raspberry, lavender pastille and spicecake flavors and a refreshingly bitter touch of blood orange. Delivers a serious payload of vibrant berry and spice character without excess weight, and finishes extremely long and nervy, displaying no rough edges and lingering florality 2018-2025. (94/100)”

- Josh Reynolds, *Vinousmedia.com*

2015 Morgon “Vieilles Vignes” (Guy Breton) \$38.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$193.50
 (\$193.50/6 bottles = \$32.25/bottle)

2014 Cote de Nuits Red Burgundies

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

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2014 Vosne-Romanée (Mongiard-Mugneret).....	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
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>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Arlaud).....	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00
<i>“As is usually the case there is more size, weight and power to the medium-bodied flavors that also exude a fine bead of minerality on the slightly rustic but equally well-balanced finale that offers even better complexity. Lovely. 2021+ (88-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
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>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2014 Vosne-Romanée “Les Petits Monts” (Mongiard-Mugneret).....	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
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 Vaucrains 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>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
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>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2014 Charmes-Chambertin (Arlaud)	\$ 200.00	\$ 170.00
<i>“A more deeply pitched and notably earthier nose also displays plenty of sauvage character. This gamy element continues onto the concentrated medium weight plus flavors that possess a caressing mouth feel despite the evident muscularity of the austere and explosive finish. This is very Mazoyères in character yet it is a bit less rustic than usual. Worth a look provided that you have the patience to cellar it. 2029+ (92-95/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		

COLLECTOR'S ITEMS - OLD SCHOOL BAROLOS

RENZO SEGHESSIO

This month we introduce our first Barolo acquisitions from Renzo Seghesio of Monforte d'Alba. A lifelong native of Monforte (and for 25 years its mayor), early in his winemaking career Renzo purchased Nebbiolo fruit and made Barolos from all of the best vineyard sites in Monforte, in order to better understand the characteristics of each. Eventually he purchased a part of Ginestra, and more recently was able to acquire the entire acreage of Pajana. Renzo's winemaking is in the traditional camp, old-school if you will, and it shows in his wines. Unlike "modern" Barolo, "traditional" Barolo has less fruit concentration, which gives more prominence to terroir elements. Barolos made in this manner are more subtle, and arguably more complex, with notes of rose petals, leather, earth, anise, violets, tar, and spices. The 2010 Ginestra, the product of a great, ageworthy vintage, is still coiled and youthful, with a long evolution ahead of it. The 2008 Pajana Riserva, also the product of superb if less structured vintage, is magnificent and complex already, but will improve and impress for many more years. The prices are remarkably reasonable for the age of the wines and the quality in the bottles.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of three or more bottles of Renzo Seghesio Baroli

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2010 Barolo "Ginestra" (Renzo Seghesio)	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
2008 Barolo Riserva "Pajana" (Renzo Seghesio)	\$ 90.00	\$ 76.50

BARBARESCO STARS

FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF
on purchases of six or more bottles of Moccagatta and Sottimano reds

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
<u>MOCCAGATTA – BARBARESCO</u>		
2014 Langhe Nebbiolo (Moccagatta)	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.25
2013 Barbaresco (Moccagatta).....	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
<i>"The 2013 Barbaresco is absolutely delicious. Sweet red cherry, kirsch, wild flowers and spices are all pushed forward in a beautifully perfumed, sweet Barbaresco that overdelivers big time. Readers will have a hard time keeping their hands off this super-expressive, engaging Barbaresco from Moccagatta. 2016-2023 (91/100)" - Antonio Galloni, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2013 Barbaresco "Bric Balin" (Moccagatta)	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25
<i>"The 2013 Bric Balin will delight Moccagatta's fans. Ample and generous on the palate, yet with a classic sense of translucency, the 2013 captures all of the personality and pedigree of the year. Full-bodied and intense, but also light on its feet for such a big wine, the 2013 is utterly captivating from the very first taste. A host of red cherry jam, spice, menthol, espresso, violet and lavender accompany the finish. This is yet another impressive wine from the Minuto family. (94/100)" - Antonio Galloni, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
<u>SOTTIMANO – NIEVE</u>		
2014 Langhe Nebbiolo (Sottimano)	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.50
<i>"Sottimano's 2014 Langhe Nebbiolo is striking in its beauty. Freshly cut flowers, mint, sweet red berries and cinnamon all grace the palate in this delineated, vibrant Nebbiolo endowed with pure class. (90/100)" - Antonio Galloni, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2013 Barbaresco "Fausoni" (Sottimano).....	\$ 75.00	\$ 63.75
<i>"A dazzling wine of pure finesse, the 2013 Fausoni is supremely beautiful. For the first time I can remember in fifteen years of visiting this estate, the Fausoni is refined in its tannins. Sweet floral notes meld into a core of translucent fruit in an alluring, captivating Barbaresco that is super-impressive. The level of precision here is just magnificent. This is one of the best young Fausonis - if not the best - I have tasted at Sottimano. 2018-2033 (94/100)" - Antonio Galloni, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2013 Barbaresco "Pajore" (Sottimano).....	\$ 80.00	\$ 68.00
<i>"A dark, enveloping wine, the 2013 Pajore is pure seduction. Succulent black cherry, plum, spice and menthol flesh out in the glass. Still that power and succulence is accompanied by deep layers of spice and balsamic notes that are so typical of Pajore, one of the greatest sites in all of Piedmont. Naturally, the tannins need time to soften, but this is nevertheless a super-impressive, young Barbaresco from Sottimano that promises to drink well for many, many years. 2018-2033 (95/100)" - Antonio Galloni, Vinousmedia.com</i>		

SPANISH TEMPRANILLOS

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.

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	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2011 Rioja "Biga" (Familia Amestoy) \$ <i>"Ruby-red. Deeply pitched on the nose and palate displaying dark berry, cherry compote and licorice character and a hint of mocha. Broad, smooth and seamless on the palate, with an exotic note of five-spice powder building in the glass. The clinging finish features fine-grained tannins and an echo of candied cherry. (91/100)"</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	24.00	\$ 20.40
2012 Toro "Prima" (Maurodos) \$ <i>"Inky ruby. Dark berries, mint, licorice and game on the pungent nose. Smooth and densely packed, with ripe blueberry and blackberry fruit complicated by smoky notes of mocha and chocolate. The gamey quality comes back on the finish, which is formed by youthfully chewy tannins. On the wild side; this Toro wine drinks nicely with some aeration. (88/100)"</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	24.00	\$ 20.40
2011 Rioja "Labastida" (Remelluri) \$ <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>	33.00	\$ 28.05
2010 Rioja "Reserva" (Remelluri) \$ <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>	45.00	\$ 38.25
2011 Ribera del Duero "Malleolus" (Emilio Moro) \$ <i>"Bright violet color. Deep, smoke-accented aromas of candied black and blue fruits, spicecake and violet, along with a vibrant mineral overtone. Fleshy, deep blackberry and boysenberry flavors are enlivened by peppery spice and floral qualities. Finishes very long and sweet, with a note of candied dark berries, excellent focus and harmonious tannins. From vines ranging in age from 25 to 75 years. (92/100)"</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	48.00	\$ 40.80
2011 Toro "San Roman" (Bodegas Maurodos) \$ <i>"Inky purple. Explosive aromas of dark berry liqueur, vanilla, mocha and pipe tobacco, with a smoky nuance building with air. Fleshy and broad, offering lush cassis and boysenberry flavors and a hint of candied licorice. Finishes sweet and very long, with a touch of vanilla and supple tannins adding shape. Distinctly rich and fleshy, but shows excellent focus and vivacity as well. (93/100)"</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	70.00	\$ 59.50
2013 Ribera del Duero "Flor de Pingus" (Pingus) \$ <i>"Brilliant violet color. A heady bouquet displays scents of fresh raspberry, incense and rose pastille, with a spicy nuance adding lift. Stains the palate with red fruit liqueur and floral pastille flavors, with tangy acidity providing lift and focus. Youthfully firm tannins build through the clinging finish, which repeats the red fruit and floral qualities. (92/100)"</i> - Josh Raynolds, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	105.00	\$ 89.25
2009 Rioja "Gran Reserva" (Remelluri) \$ <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>	115.00	\$ 97.75

Note: These Tempranillos will be featured at our tasting bar on Friday February 3 and Saturday February 4.

2015 AUSTRIAN RIESLING STARS

“An amazingly even, substantive and charming vintage. There don’t seem to be any ordinary wines, let alone bad ones, and I suspect we’ll be debating which is the greater vintage - 2015 or 2013 - for many years. 2015 excels in the quality German-speakers call dicht, which roughly translates as density but which really denotes a richness of texture where you don’t find any holes in the wine, any place it might sag, any interruption of structural richness. This capacity was so omnipresent among 2015s that even the smallest wines were endowed with it.

But not only that. 2015 tastes as if it went to charm school. It excels in fruit. It has all the terroir and “minerality” a vintage can have, but it is always driven by ripe deliciousness. Sounds almost perfect, right? It is almost perfect. One could argue that vintages like 2015 set an unsustainable standard; they spoil us. Be that as it may, it’s a vintage to buy and buy again.” - Terry Theise, Importer

FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF on purchases of three or more bottles of 2015 Austrian Rieslings

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2015 Riesling Federspiel “Vom Stein” (Nikolaihof) \$ <i>“No one in the world could make a wine as wee and little and yet as astoundingly beautiful as this one. Breezy and cool and clinging and endless; wet-straw flavors feel loessy but the balsam and physalis say primary rock. Affectionate and richly satisfying, Nikolaihof at their utter best when they’re not in their “antique” dialect. Beautiful in every way but the intense one. Purely sapid and companionable. (++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	45.00	\$ 38.25
2015 Riesling “Heiligenstein” (Hiedler) \$ <i>“It’s like music returns to the world. Or like many hands tossing flavor into the pot, and no one cook has the secret. Next thing you know the food is a miracle. Incidentally, the wine is long and gorgeous and wonderful. Lest we forget.... (++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	55.00	\$ 46.75
2015 Riesling Smaragd “Liebenberg” (Alzinger) \$ <i>“Another vineyard whose wine keeps improving as the vines get older. This has so much vigor, juiciness; lemon ginger radish... it bites so good! Finish of thyme, allspice and succulence. (++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	58.00	\$ 49.30
2015 Riesling “Heiligenstein” (Hirsch) \$ <i>“The 2015 is ecstatic, a clamor of gray and green; smoky, candle-wicky, chamomile and lavishly balsam; it taps into some ur-current of Riesling and is an astonishing wine. (++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	60.00	\$ 51.00
2015 Riesling “Hochäcker” (Nigl) \$ <i>“In great vintages this is one of the world’s best Rieslings. Yes, you read it right—one of the world’s best. It’s on a complex soil in which the original loess eroded and exposed the bedrock of marble, amphibolite, paragneiss and mica schist. Because it is flat it stores water, and because of that it is stunning in dry vintages. It has ecstatic mineral and otherworldly fruit. It has the chiseled coolness of a Gaisberg, the pollen wind of extraterrestrial fruits and orchids; a rare urgent bliss of inexplicable loveliness. (++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	68.00	\$ 57.80
2015 Riesling “Heiligenstein” (Schloss Gobelsburg) \$ <i>“As always, smoky, salty and with another kind of texture, less crystalline than raw-silken; this vintage seems to emphasize the top notes and mineral more than the Wicca-potion, yet the aroma is entirely erogenous, a feather-stroke of almost unbearable complexity; cicada-hiss, anise-hyssop and black cherry in an infinitely precise and limitless gesture of measured power. (+++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	70.00	\$ 59.50
2015 Riesling Smaragd “Steinertal” (Alzinger) \$ <i>“Words? Really? What’s to say? It’s a superb, direct and clearly amazing Riesling. Fantastic vintage Steinertal! ((+)++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	75.00	\$ 63.75
2015 Riesling “Heiligenstein-Lyra” (Brundlmayer) \$ <i>“A special cuvée from only lyre-trained vines, showing in Willi’s words that “You don’t need old vines to give great Riesling.” This 2015 shows a superb, high-wire dance of sweet green and sweet peach, a real rapture of flavor. But not only that. It is a being of mature, intelligent gaiety, rapturous but not boisterous, incandescent but not sloppy. (++)”</i> - Terry Theise, Importer	80.00	\$ 68.00

NOTE: These Rieslings will be featured at our tasting bar on Tuesday February 7 and Wednesday February 8.

TASTING BAR SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2017

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

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. This surely is due to an unusually high standard among the commune's growers, but also because Volnay is relatively small and its site and soils almost uniformly good. 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 of 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 (Mongear-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 TEMPRANILLOS

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).

2015 AUSTRIAN RIESLING STARS

TUESDAY 2/7 & WEDNESDAY 2/8

2015 is a superb vintage for Austria's white wines, especially her world-class dry Rieslings. The 2015s have it all - great energy, tremendous intensity, impressive complexity, and seductive charm. This tasting features some of the very best of the vintage, eight wines from seven of Austria's top Riesling producers (with two wines from Alzinger), including four bottlings from the renowned Heiligenstein vineyard. And remember, Austrian Rieslings are always dry.

2015 Riesling Federspiel "Vom Stein" (Nikolaihof); 2015 Riesling "Heiligenstein" (Hiedler); 2015 Riesling Smaragd "Liebenberg" (Alzinger); 2015 Riesling "Heiligenstein" (Hirsch); 2015 Riesling "Hochacker" (Nigl); 2015 Riesling "Heiligenstein" (Schloss Gobelsburg); 2015 Riesling Smaragd "Steinertal" (Alzinger); 2015 Riesling "Heiligenstein-Lyra" (Brundlmayer).

VINCENT GIRARDIN'S 2013 WHITE BURGUNDIES

THURSDAY 2/9

Before we run out, here is another look at Vincent Girardin's very successful 2013 White Burgundies. With bottlings from Saint Aubin, Chassagne-Montrachet, Meursault, and Puligny-Montrachet (including two villages wines and five Premier Crus), this is a great chance to compare the characteristics of these neighboring terroirs, or simply to enjoy some top flight Burgundian Chardonnays.

2013 Saint Aubin "Les Murgers des Dents de Chien" (Vincent Girardin); 2013 Chassagne-Montrachet "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2013 Puligny-Montrachet "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2013 Meursault "Les Charmes-Dessus" (Vincent Girardin); 2013 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Vincent Girardin); 2013 Meursault "Les Perrieres" (Vincent Girardin); 2013 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Folatieres" (Vincent Girardin).

NEBBIOLO, BARBARESCO AND BAROLO

FRIDAY 2/10 & SATURDAY 2/11

This tasting showcases Nebbiolo reds from three very talented artisan producers. The first six are from highly-regarded Barbaresco-based producers Moccagatta and Sottimano, starting with a 2014 Langhe Nebbiolo from each, followed by two 2013 Barbarescos from each. 2013 is an exciting vintage in Barbaresco, and Moccagatta's village Barbaresco is a particular standout at its price. Then we switch gears to two Barolos from Renzo Seghesio, an old-school micro-producer in Monforte d'Alba. Both of them deserve more age, but will thrill fans of traditional Barolo, and are certainly well-priced for their quality and age.

2014 Langhe Nebbiolo (Moccagatta); 2014 Langhe Nebbiolo (Sottimano); 2013 Barbaresco (Moccagatta); 2013 Barbaresco "Bric Balin" (Moccagatta); 2013 Barbaresco "Fausoni" (Sottimano); 2013 Barbaresco "Pajore" (Sottimano); 2010 Barolo "Ginestra" (Renzo Seghesio); 2008 Barolo Riserva "Pajana" (Renzo Seghesio).

MACONNAIS WHITE BURGUNDIES

TUESDAY 2/14 & WEDNESDAY 2/15

We recently received the first of our 2015 White Burgundies, three Macon bottlings from superstar producer Comte Lafon. We'll pair them with four Maconnais bottlings from 2014 and 2013 to form this flight of tasty Burgundian Chardonnays.

2014 Macon-Villages (Joseph Drouhin); 2015 Macon-Milly-Lamartine (Comte Lafon); 2014 Vire-Clesse (Comte Lafon); 2015 Macon-Milly-Lamartine "Clos du Four" (Comte Lafon); 2015 Saint Veran (Comte Lafon); 2014 Macon-Verze (Domaine Leflaive); 2013 Pouilly-Fuisse "Clos des Quarts" (Clos des Quarts).

2010 CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPES

THURSDAY 2/16

While 2005, 2007, and 2009 all deserve their acclaim as great vintages for Châteauneuf-du-Pape, there is little doubt that 2010 is the best vintage since 2000 for this storied wine district. Here are six superb examples.

2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Les Safres" (Clos du Cailloux); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "A la Glorie du mon Grand Pere" (Bosquet des Papes); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Chateau Sixtine" (Cuvee du Vatican); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Vieux Donjon); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Renaissance" (Cristia); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Quartz" (Clos du Cailloux).

2014 COTE DE NUITS BURGUNDY STARS

FRIDAY 2/17 & SATURDAY 2/18

It is our practice early in the Burgundy release cycle for our tasting bar lineups to feature the newly-arrived wines of a single producer. Over the last few months we've hosted such flights for the 2014s of Arlaud, Mongeard-Mugneret, Henri Gouges, and Thibault Liger-Belair. Here we change that format so we can compare producers directly. This flight showcases two of our favorite 2014s from each of the four domaines mentioned above. It will be a great opportunity to get a good idea of the style and the character of the vintage.

2014 Vosne-Romanée (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Chenes Carteaux" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Arlaud); 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin "La Croix des Champs" (Thibault Liger-Belair); 2014 Vosne-Romanée "Les Petits Monts" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Saint Georges" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Saint Georges" (Thibault Liger-Belair); 2014 Charnes-Chambertin (Arlaud).

DISTINCTIVE ITALIAN REDS

TUESDAY 2/21 & WEDNESDAY 2/22

Though the reds of Piedmont and Tuscany get the lion's share of international acclaim, great reds emerge from districts all over Italy. Here we feature superb examples from the Dolomites, the Marche, Liguria, Sicily, and Verona.

2013 Lagrein Riserva "Alto Adige" (Ferruccio Carlotto); 2011 Offida Rosso "Grifola" (San Lazzaro); 2013 Vignetti della Dolomiti "Sgarzon" (Foradori); 2011 Colline Savonesi Rosso "Pulin" (Riccardo Bruna); 2014 Etna Rosso "Calderara Sottana" (Terre Nere); 2014 Etna Rosso "Guardiola" (Terre Nere); 2010 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico (Tommaso Bussola).

CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR STARS

THURSDAY 2/23

Today we will pour top-level Pinot Noirs from six of California's best producers.

2013 Pinot Noir "Bien Nacido" (Ojai); 2012 Pinot Noir "Melville" (Samsara); 2014 Pinot Noir "Terraces" (Melville); 2013 Pinot Noir "Savoy" (Peay); 2014 Pinot Noir "Rincon" (Talley); 2013 Pinot Noir "Santa Cruz Mountains" (Mount Eden).

2014 WHITE BURGUNDIES

FRIDAY 2/24 & SATURDAY 2/25

*"How good 2014 ultimately turns out to be is an open question but it's the **best vintage** since at least 2010 and probably 2008. As to the style of the 2014s, they are classic middle weight white burgs that possess excellent freshness, solid but not high alcohols and acidities along with **terrific transparency** to the underlying terroir. They are also **exceptionally refreshing and energetic** which just makes them fun to drink as one sip invites the next."*
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

Here are seven 2014 White Burgundies that show off the attributes of this compelling vintage.

2014 Saint Aubin "Les Murgers des Dents de Chien" (Francois Carillon); 2014 Chassagne-Montrachet (Thomas Morey); 2014 Saint Aubin "Les Castets" (Marc Colin); 2014 Chassagne-Montrachet (Francois Carillon); 2014 Beaune Blanc "Clos Saint Landry" (Bouchard); 2014 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Francois Carillon); 2014 Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Champ Gains" (Marc Colin).

2014 BOURGOGNE ROUGES

TUESDAY 2/28 & WEDNESDAY 3/1

You don't have to spend a lot to enjoy excellent Burgundian Pinot Noir. This tasting features seven 2014 Bourgogne Rouges - all from top producers - that range in price from \$28 to \$38. We'll include a similarly-priced 2014 from California for comparison.

2014 Bourgogne Rouge "La Chapelle Notre Dame" (Dubreuil-Fontaine); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge "Les Deux Terres" (Thibault Liger-Belair); 2014 Pinot Noir "Sonoma Coast" (Cep); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge (Michel Gros); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge (Henri Gouges); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge "Roncevie" (Arlaud); 2014 Bourgogne Rouge "Les Grands Chaillots" (Thibault Liger-Belair).

FEBRUARY NEW ARRIVALS:

**Comte Lafon's
2015 Maconnais Whites**

**Moccagatta's
2013 Barbarescos**

**Renzo Seghesio's
Barolos**

2015 Austrian Rieslings

FEBRUARY SPECIALS:

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