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**Artisan Champagne Sampler**

This six bottle sampler is the Champagne **buy of the season**, and a great way to enjoy the holidays. All six are crafted in small batches by their proprietors. Each has a distinctive and individualistic style, reflecting the terroir of its origin and the artistic sensibility of its maker. Each delivers thrilling quality, and together they present an interesting diversity of styles. They are yours for **\$39.83 a bottle**.

Champagne "Solescence" (J-M Sélèque)  
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Champagne "Bouzy Grand Cru" (Paul Bara)  
2008 Champagne "Blanc de Blancs - Grand Cru" (Ruelle-Pertois)

**20 Percent Off Regular Pricing - \$239.00**

(\$239.00/6 bottles = \$39.83/bottle)

**DECEMBER SALE  
Magnums and Double Magnums  
25 Percent Off**

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**SPECIAL MID-WINTER EVENING TASTING  
2015 Grand Cru Burgundies**

featuring one iconic white and five magnificent reds  
along with the debut of a spectacular new Blanc de Noirs  
from Champagne superstar Marc Hebrart

*"2015 is a great vintage, indeed the greatest since the legendary 2005"*  
- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

2012 Champagne "Noces de Craie" (Marc Hebrart)  
2015 Chevalier-Montrachet (Leflaive)  
2015 Charmes-Chambertin (Arlaud)  
2015 Le Corton (Bouchard)  
2015 Corton-Clos Des Cortons Faiveley (Faiveley)  
2015 Grands-Echezeaux (Mongead-Mugneret)  
2015 Clos de Tart (Clos de Tart)

The reds will be presented blind – 2.2 ounce pours

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6 7pm**

**Prepaid Reservations Required - \$275.00 (plus tax)**

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25 PERCENT OFF

# HOLIDAY MAGNUM & 3 LITER SALE

	Regular Price	25% Off Price
2012 Chablis "Montée de Tonnerre" (William Fèvre).....	\$ 160.00	\$ 120.00
2015 Riesling "Heiligenstein-Lyra" (Brundlmayer).....	\$ 175.00	\$ 131.25
2016 Kamptal Rosé "Cistercien" (Schloss Gobelsburg).....	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00
2012 Margaux (Chateau Deyrem-Valentin).....	\$ 125.00	\$ 93.75
2014 Bandol (Tempier).....	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
2014 Bandol "La Tourtine" (Tempier).....	\$ 150.00	\$ 112.50
2014 Bandol "La Migoua" (Tempier).....	\$ 150.00	\$ 112.50
2013 Bandol "La Tourtine" (Tempier).....	\$ 160.00	\$ 120.00
2013 Bandol "La Migoua" (Tempier).....	\$ 160.00	\$ 120.00
2011 Bandol (Tempier).....	\$ 115.00	\$ 86.25
2012 Gigondas "Terrasse du Diable" (Les Pallières).....	\$ 120.00	\$ 90.00
2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Télégraphe).....3.0L	\$ 450.00	\$ 337.50
2014 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Télégraphe).....	\$ 175.00	\$ 131.25
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2011 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Télégraphe).....	\$ 175.00	\$ 131.25
2014 L'Hermitage Rouge (Jean Louis Chave).....	\$ 700.00	\$ 525.00
1999 Hermitage Rouge (Jean Louis Chave).....	\$ 895.00	\$ 671.25
2010 Barolo "Ginestra" (Renzo Seghesio).....	\$ 140.00	\$ 105.00
2008 Barolo Riserva "Pajana" (Renzo Seghesio).....	\$ 195.00	\$ 146.25
2004 Barolo "Cannubi Boschis" (Sandrone).....	\$ 725.00	\$ 543.75
2001 Barolo "Le Vigne" (Sandrone).....	\$ 475.00	\$ 356.25

## 2015 White Burgundies Domaine Vincent Girardin

*"Winemaker Eric Germain (who by the way is the brother of Jean-François Germain of Domaine Henri Germain) almost gushed when describing the 2015 vintage, exclaiming that "I have never seen such beautiful fruit as it was perfect, which is to say spotlessly clean with tiny berries that gave us very high solid to liquid ratios. In fact my father said that the last time that he saw fruit this good was in 1959! We chose to begin picking on the 28th of August with the chardonnay. I can't say enough good things about the quality of the wines. 2014 was excellent but there is just another dimension present in 2015."*

- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

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

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2015 Rully "Les Cloux" (Vincent Girardin).....	\$ 38.00	\$ 32.30
2015 Meursault "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin).....	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.25

2015 Meursault “Les Narvaux” (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 78.00	\$ 66.30
<i>“A ripe assortment consists of hazelnut, citrus, pear and soft spice nuances. There is fine richness to the lively and generously proportioned flavors that exhibit a touch of salinity on the clean and dry finish. This should be approachable young. 2019+ (87-90/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2015 Chassagne-Montrachet “Le Cailleret” (Vincent Girardin).....	\$ 105.00	\$ 89.25
<i>“A pungent and notably ripe nose offers up notes of petrol, resin and a mix of both white and yellow orchard fruit. I very much like the sense of punch to the solidly dense medium-bodied flavors that exude a fine bead of minerality on the saline, balanced and agreeably dry finale. 2021+ (89-92/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2015 Meursault “Les Charmes-Dessus” (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50
<i>“A similar if slightly more complex nose precedes bigger and richer flavors that are also quite generously proportioned before concluding in a more refined, dry, delicious and focused finale. This too should drink well on the younger side but should reward a few years of cellaring as well. 2020+ (89-91/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Referts” (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 110.00	\$ 93.50
2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Combettes” (Vincent Girardin) .....	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
<i>“An elegant, pure and beautifully expressive nose of white flowers, citrus and lightly spiced pear aromas is trimmed in light. There is exceptionally good richness to the seductive yet powerful big-bodied flavors that coat the palate with sap on the impressively long and refreshing finale. While wines this rich almost always drink well young, this should reward up to a decade of cellaring. 2023+ (90-93/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com		
2015 Corton-Charlemagne (Vincent Girardin).....	\$ 175.00	\$ 148.75

**NAPA VALLEY SUPERSTAR**

# FORMAN CABERNET SAUVIGNONS

*“The only problem with visiting Ric Forman is that he only makes two wines so the visits are short. I say that because both the Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon are among **the very best wines being made in California today**. As always, Forman picks on the early side and makes wines that emphasize energy, acidity and structure in conjunction with the richness that Mother Nature provides on her own. Best of all, Forman's Cabernet is probably the single greatest value in Napa Valley Cabernet. **Readers should do what ever they can to grab a few bottles of these wines.**”*

- Antonio Galloni, *Vinousmedia.com*

**DECEMBER SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF**  
on purchases of three or more bottles of Forman Cabernet Sauvignons

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2012 Cabernet Sauvignon “Napa Valley” (Forman) .....	\$ 115.00	\$ 97.75
<i>“The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the relaxed, easygoing personality of the year. Soft, supple and voluptuous, the 2012 is a great choice for drinking while some of the more structured vintages rest comfortably in the cellar. Sweet mocha and spice notes wrap around the silky, seamless finish. (94+/100)”</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2013 Cabernet Sauvignon “Napa Valley” (Forman) .....	\$ 135.00	\$ 114.75
<i>“A totally dazzling wine, Ric Forman's 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is easily one of the wines of the vintage. Today, the 2013 is dense, powerful and explosive, with fabulous energy and tons of sheer intensity. Graphite, smoke, tobacco and layers of dark-fleshed fruit all open up in the glass. This is the first vintage to incorporate a dollop of Malbec. The 2013 has just been bottled. I will not be surprised at all if it merits a higher rating at some point in the future. Even better from bottle than it was from barrel, Ric Forman's 2013 is a super-classic, old-school Napa Cabernet to treasure for the next three decades. (97+/100)”</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon “Napa Valley” (Forman) .....	\$ 135.00	\$ 114.75
<i>“Beguiling, aromatically expressive and super-nuanced, Ric Forman's 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon is shaping up to be one of the successes of the year. Knockout aromatics reminiscent of a top-flight Chambertin or Barolo open up in the glass first. Crystalline and pure, the 2014 offers a compelling array of raspberry jam, spice, mint and sweet floral notes. The bright, salivating finish is a thing of beauty. This exceptionally pure, riveting Cabernet Sauvignon has it all going on. (95-98/100)”</i>		
- Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		

# 2015 DRY RIESLINGS: AUSTRIA & GERMANY

Riesling has never gotten the respect it deserves here on the West Coast, but we are the ones out of step. In Europe far more high-quality Riesling is produced than Chardonnay, a large proportion of it dry. The two great sources are Austria, where all Riesling is dry, and Germany, where dry Riesling is all the rage and less and less sweet Riesling is being bottled. 2015 is the best vintage yet this century for both. Below are four each of our favorite dry 2015s from Austria and Germany. They will be open at our tasting bar on Tuesday 12/5 and Wednesday 12/6.

**DECEMBER SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF**  
**on purchases of six or more bottles of 2015 Rieslings**

<u>AUSTRIA</u>	Regular	15% Off
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price</u>
2015 <b>Grüner Veltliner “Kamptaler Terrassen” (Brundlmayer)</b> ..... \$	28.00	\$ <b>23.80</b>
<i>“Herbal and salty; mixes the yellow fruits of 2009 with the lentil and green of 2013; serene, classical, graceful. A fine vintage.”</i>		
- Terry Theise, Importer		
2015 <b>Riesling “Zobing” (Schloss Gobelsburg)</b> .....\$	33.00	\$ <b>28.05</b>
<i>“Again, a village-wine as a bridge from the negro wine to the Crus. There’s a spring-onion sweetness; intricate and sapid green and savory; exotic saltiness and a refined minty finale. (+)”</i>		
- Terry Theise, Importer		
2015 <b>Riesling “Senftenberger Piri” (Nigl)</b> ..... \$	40.00	\$ <b>34.00</b>
<i>“More succulent now, more wintergreen, more weak-kneed bliss, basically; easier to love, more cuddly and affectionate, but the mineral spine is maybe the tiniest bit less expressive. ((+)+)”</i>		
- Terry Theise, Importer		
2015 <b>Riesling Smaragd “Liebenberg” (Alzinger)</b> ..... \$	58.00	\$ <b>49.30</b>
<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		
<u>GERMANY</u>		
2015 <b>Riesling Feinherb “Im Pfarrgarten” (A.J. Adam)</b> ..... \$	28.00	\$ <b>23.80</b>
<i>“The second vintage from a new (for Andreas) vineyard, 51-year old vines planted in a flat-ish site by the stream. It means “The garden of the rectory,” and conveys its own meditative profile.</i>		
<i>But here I need to point out, this is where Andreas is <b>most in the zone</b>, where he best expresses his signal Riesling genius, exactly at this level of not-sweet not-dry, and <b>this is virtually perfect Riesling</b>. All steel here, it’s juicy and twiggy, piquant and angular; has a tap-on-the-shoulder of late-palate acidity together with a certain mustardgreen pungency. Not an “easy” wine but defreaky. (+)”</i>		
- Terry Theise, Importer		
2015 <b>Riesling Feinherb “Niederhäuser Kertz” (Jakob Schneider)</b> ..... \$	30.00	\$ <b>25.50</b>
<i>“From a tiny vineyard on a mix of slate and porphyry, it’s one of those utterly unaccountable wines you can’t believe came from grapes and dirt, the flavors are so complex and bewitching. This is a truly exquisite aroma! I mean, sheesh—what on earth smells like this?? A masterly, gorgeous wine, crazily complex, orchids and wild-strawberries and gold raspberries in an angular mosaic that’s nothing but miraculous. (++)”</i>		
- Terry Theise, Importer		
2015 <b>Riesling Grosses Gewächs “Rosengarten” (Spreitzer)</b> ..... \$	55.00	\$ <b>46.75</b>
<i>“This is the most charming “GG” I think I know. Others can sometimes feel like monuments of their own Solemn Stature, but this is just volley after volley of concentrated fruit. That said, this ’15 is unusually mineral, like a basket of apples with flint sparks flashing; wonderfully expressive, it’s the best vintage I’ve tasted, with endlessly juicy tangy fruit threading off in a fine white line of spice, delicious phsio-sweetness - it’s hard to resist! (++)”</i>		
- Terry Theise, Importer		
2015 <b>Riesling Grosses Gewächs “Hofberg” (A.J. Adam)</b> ..... \$	70.00	\$ <b>59.50</b>
<i>“This would be the “GG.” It has the self-importance of such wines, and that is not a negative; they ought to convey a certain visible stature. This has an almost Champagne-like aroma; spice, lemon blossom, talc, balsam; the palate is fantastically salty with an Avize-like graphite; the complex iron-salt finish doesn’t really cling as it rises in smoky curls through your soft palate. (+)”</i>		
- Terry Theise, Importer		

REDS FROM A GREAT PIEDMONT VINTAGE  
**2013 BAROLOS AND BARBARESCO**

*"In 2013, a cool growing season and late harvest produced gorgeous Barolos with striking aromatics, silky tannins, sculpted, vibrant fruit and mid-weight structures. Readers will find a number of thrilling, utterly captivating wines that speak to the pedigree and class that are the signatures of the best Barolo vintages."*  
 - Antonio Galloni, *Vinousmedia.com*

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	Regular Price	15% Off Price
<b>2013 Barolo (Mario Marengo)</b> ..... \$ <i>"Marco Marengo's 2013 Barolo includes fruit sourced from four vineyards located in the La Morra township. These are Serradenari, Fossati, Boiolo and Roncaglie. Fruit is harvested, fermented separately and assembled later in order to preserve the subtle characteristics of each site. This vintage stands apart for the bright exuberance of the fruit and the noble qualities of the tannins. That characteristic firm silkiness that you get with fruit from La Morra is put proudly front and center. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2030 (93/100)"</i> - Monica Larner, <i>The Wine Advocate</i>	55.00	<b>\$ 46.75</b>
<b>2013 Barolo "Margheria" (Luigi Pira)</b> ..... \$ <i>"Pira's 2013 Barolo Margheria is going to need time to shed some of its formidable tannins. Searing in its intensity, the 2013 packs a real punch from the very first taste. Sweet tobacco, crushed flowers, mint and underbrush notes develop in the glass, adding aromatic nuance and complexity. 2020-2028 (91/100)"</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	70.00	<b>\$ 59.50</b>
<b>2013 Barolo "Arborina" (Renato Corino)</b> ..... \$ <i>"The 2013 Barolo Arborina is a big, powerful wine. Ample and rich, with broad shoulders, the 2013 shows a much more intense side of Arborina than most wines from this site. The flavors are dark, heady and intense, all sensations that are enhanced by the wine's voluptuous texture and overall feel. It will be interesting to see if the 2013 closes down in bottle. Today, it is especially giving for a young wine. 2020-2033 (93/100)"</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	75.00	<b>\$ 63.75</b>
<b>2013 Barbaresco "Fausoni" (Sottimano)</b> ..... \$ <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)"</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	75.00	<b>\$ 63.75</b>
<b>2013 Barolo "Marenca" (Luigi Pira)</b> ..... \$ <i>"The 2013 Barolo Marenca is dark, plush and inviting. As always, the Marenca is a Barolo of notable textural breadth and volume. Hints of mocha, leather, spice and grilled herbs add aromatic nuance to the dark-fleshed Nebbiolo fruit, but it is the wine's structure and overall depth that stand out most. Pira's Marenca has a way of developing beautifully in bottle and often surprises over time. I would cellar it for at least a few years. 2020-2028 (93+/100)"</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	80.00	<b>\$ 68.00</b>
<b>2013 Barolo "Brunate" (Mario Marengo)</b> ..... \$ <i>"The Marengo family has pulled away from the pack, thanks to the exceptional 2013 Barolo Brunate. This is a seriously stunning wine, and I highly recommend it to those who are looking to expand their Barolo horizons. Wines from Brunate are always more austere and complex, and they show a unique sense of grounded tannic firmness that is also slightly sweet and yielding at the same time. This wine builds power as it sits in the glass. It will look forward to a long aging future ahead. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2035 (96/100)"</i> - Monica Larner, <i>The Wine Advocate</i>	80.00	<b>\$ 68.00</b>
<b>2013 Barolo "Cannubi" (Paolo Scavino)</b> ..... \$ <i>"Paolo Scavino's 2013 Barolo Cannubi stands apart in its ability to show the finessed characteristics of this special vineyard site. Cannubi is one of the first crus to reach maturity each harvest, and the quality of its fruit is complex, layered and ethereal. This is made abundantly clear in this classic vintage. The wine shows delicate tones of wild berry, balsam herb, dried ginger and white truffle. In the mouth, it moves with sensual and silky grace. 2018-2035 (94/100)"</i> - Monica Larner, <i>The Wine Advocate</i>	115.00	<b>\$ 97.75</b>

## TASTING BAR SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 2017

For more complete information, please visit [www.vinvinowine.com](http://www.vinvinowine.com) and click Tasting Bar.

### **2015 WHITE BURGUNDIES: VINCENT GIRARDIN                      FRIDAY 12/1 & SATURDAY 12/2**

*"I have never seen such beautiful fruit as it was perfect, which is to say spotlessly clean with tiny berries.  
In fact my father said that the last time that he saw fruit this good was in 1959!"*  
- Eric Germain, Winemaker

2015 was Eric Germain's fourteenth vintage as winemaker at Domaine Vincent Girardin. He's taken the "perfect" fruit and produced a superb set of White Burgundies, his best yet at the helm of Girardin.

2015 Rully "Les Cloux" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Meursault "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Meursault "Les Narvaux" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Chassagne-Montrachet "Le Cailleret" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Meursault "Les Charmes-Dessus" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Combettes" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Corton-Charlemagne (Vincent Girardin).

### **2015 DRY RIESLINGS: AUSTRIA VS GERMANY                      TUESDAY 12/5 & WEDNESDAY 12/6**

2015 is the best vintage yet this century for the dry Rieslings of Austria and Germany. Here are four exciting examples from each.

2015 Riesling "Kamptaler Terrassen" (Brundlmayer); 2015 Riesling Feinherb "Im Pfarrgarten" (A.J. Adam); 2015 Riesling Feinherb "Niederhäuser Kertz" (Jakob Schneider); 2015 Riesling "Zobing" (Schloss Gobelsburg); 2015 Riesling "Senftenberger Piri" (Nigl); 2015 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Rosengarten" (Spreitzer); 2015 Riesling Smaragd "Liebenberg" (Alzinger); 2015 Riesling Grosses Gewächs "Hofberg" (A.J. Adam).

### **2009 & 2010 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPES    THURSDAY 12/7**

Here we line up some superb Châteauneuf-du-Papes with a little bit of age, two 2009s and five 2010s, great wintertime reds packed with flavor and character.

2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Les Safres" (Clos du Caillou); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "A la Gloire du mon Grand Père" (Bosquet des Papes); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Chateau Sixtine); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Chante Le Merle" (Bosquet des Papes); 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau" (Vieux Tèlègraphe); 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Quartz" (Clos du Caillou).

### **ARTISAN CHAMPAGNES    FRIDAY 12/8 & SATURDAY 12/9**

If you missed our Champagne tasting last month, no worries. We have lots of great bubbly to show off, and this flight is every bit the equal of the earlier one. Included are three spectacular non-vintage bottlings and five exciting and quite diverse vintage ones, including two 2008s, two 2010s, and one 2012.

Champagne "Solesence" (J-M Sèlèque); Champagne "Le Mesnil Grand Cru" (Pierre Moncuit); 2008 Champagne "Grand Cru" (Henriet-Bazin); 2008 Champagne "Bouzy Grand Cru" (Paul Bara); Champagne "Grand Cellier" (Vilmart); 2010 Champagne "Special Club" (Pierre Gimonnet); 2012 Champagne "Grand Cellier d'Or" (Vilmart); 2010 Champagne "Rive Gauche - Rive Droite Grand Cru" (Marc Hébrat).

### **2015 MONGEARD-MUGNERET RED BURGUNDIES                      TUESDAY 12/12 & WEDNESDAY 12/13**

If you didn't stock up on Mongeard-Mugneret's 2015s during our pre-arrival sale, here is your next best opportunity to procure some of these ever popular Burgundies from the great 2015 vintage.

2015 Bourgogne Rouge (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2015 Fixin "Vieille Vigne" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2015 Savigny-les-Beaune "Les Narbantons" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2015 Pernand-Vergelesses "Les Vergelesses" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Plateaux" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2015 Vougeot "Les Cras" (Mongeard-Mugneret); 2015 Clos Vougeot (Mongeard-Mugneret).

### **ROSÉ CHAMPAGNES    THURSDAY 12/14**

This starts a series of three consecutive Thursday Champagne tastings. This one features our six current selections of Rosé Champagnes. All from small-scale artisans, each one festive and delicious.

Rosé Champagne "Rosé de Cuvaion" (Moutard); Rosé Champagne "Solesence" (J-M Sèlèque); Rosé Champagne "Grand Cru" (Pierre Moncuit); Rosé Champagne "Grand Cru" (Henriet-Bazin); Rosé Champagne "Bouzy Grand Cru" (Paul Bara); Rosé Champagne "Rubis" (Vilmart).

### **CABERNET SAUVIGNON STARS    FRIDAY 12/15 & SATURDAY 12/16**

Without question, Cabernet Sauvignon is the varietal best suited to California's terroir, and the source of our greatest wines, the best of which are unequivocally world-class. But the California Cabernet scene is fraught. Stylistically, too many are fruit bombs. And too many are produced as luxury collectibles with highly-inflated prices. It is a minefield. But there are great wines to be had at fair prices. Here are some of our selections, seven superb Cabernets that range in price from \$60 to \$225.

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon "Santa Cruz Mountains" (Ridge); 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon "Napa Valley" (Vine Cliff); 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon "Santa Cruz Mountains" (Mount Eden); 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon "Napa Valley" (Forman); 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon "Napa Valley" (Forman); 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon "Napa Valley" (Forman); 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon "Monte Bello" (Ridge).

## OREGON AND CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIRS

TUESDAY 12/19 & WEDNESDAY 12/20

This tasting showcases seven excellent recent Pinot Noir releases, five from Oregon's Willamette Valley and two from California's Santa Rita Hills.

2014 Pinot Noir "Willamette Valley" (Goodfellow); 2016 Pinot Noir "La Combe Vert" (Walter Scott); 2014 Pinot Noir "Santa Rita Hills" (Melville); 2015 Pinot Noir "Clos des Oiseaux" (Walter Scott); 2015 Pinot Noir "Block M" (Melville); 2015 Pinot Noir "Botanica" (Antica Terra); 2015 Pinot Noir "Ceras" (Antica Terra).

## CHAMPAGNES FROM MAGNUM

THURSDAY 12/21

Champagne from magnum is different, and better - more intense and more complex. We have six Champagnes in magnums among our selections this year, and today we'll chill them down and put on a magnum only tasting.

**Note: Today's tasting will start at 4:00pm and run until 7:30pm.**

Champagne "Grande Reserve" (Veuve Fourny); Champagne "Le Mesnil Grand Cru" (Pierre Moncuit); Rosé Champagne "Grand Cru" (Henriet-Bazin); 2007 Champagne "Bouzy Grand Cru" (Paul Bara); 2008 Champagne "Fleuron" (Pierre Gimonnet); 2010 Champagne "Grand Cellier d'Or" (Vilmart).

## 2013 BAROLOS & BARBARESCO

FRIDAY 12/22 & SATURDAY 12/23

*"In 2013, a cool growing season and late harvest produced gorgeous Barolos with striking aromatics, silky tannins, sculpted, vibrant fruit and mid-weight structures. Readers will find a number of thrilling, utterly captivating wines that speak to the pedigree and class that are the signatures of the best Barolo vintages."*  
- Antonio Galloni, *Vinousmedia.com*

We are huge fans of these 2013 Nebbiolos. Their structure is not so formidable as some prior vintages, allowing their gorgeous flavors and compelling complexity to shine through. Here are six Barolos and one Barbaresco.

2013 Barolo (Mario Marengo); 2013 Barolo "Margheria" (Luigi Pira); 2013 Barolo "Arborina" (Renato Corino); 2013 Barbaresco "Fausoni" (Sottimano); 2013 Barolo "Marenca" (Luigi Pira); 2013 Barolo "Brunate" (Mario Marengo); 2013 Barolo "Cannubi" (Paolo Scavino).

## NORTHERN RHONE SYRAHS

WEDNESDAY 12/27

We'll start off our holiday week tastings with six magnificent Northern Rhone Syrahs, representing the efforts of six star producers from five different vintages.

2011 Hermitage (Marc Sorrel); 2015 Cote-Rôtie (Lionel Faury); 2015 Hermitage "La Pierrelle" (Louis Barruol); 2014 Cornas "Renaissance" (Auguste Clape); 2010 Cote-Rôtie "La Barbarine" (Yves Gangloff); 2013 Cote-Rôtie "Les Grandes Places" (Clusel-Roch).

## SPECIAL CLUB CHAMPAGNES (PLUS ONE)

THURSDAY 12/28

The Special Club de Viticulteurs Champenois was formed in 1971 with the intention of promoting the concept of terroir in Champagne and the quality of estate-bottled, artisan Champagnes, particularly in their David vs Goliath struggle for recognition against the highly-marketed Grandes Marques. Today the Club has 28 members and the distinctive Special Club bottle is well-known to Champagne lovers. Special Club Champagnes are subject to a rigorous and blind selection process, so that each release reflects the quality and hard-earned reputation of the Special Club. This tasting showcases the five Special Club Champagnes we have this year, along with an equivalent bottling from Vilmart (who is not a member of the Special Club).

2009 Champagne "Special Club" (Gaston Chiquet); 2010 Champagne "Special Club" (Pierre Gimonnet); 2006 Champagne "Spécial Club" (Paul Bara); 2012 Champagne "Spécial Club" (Marc Hébrart); 2012 Champagne "Grand Cellier d'Or" (Vilmart); 2008 Champagne "Millesime de Collection-Special Club" (Pierre Gimonnet).

## 2015 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET PREMIER CRUS

FRIDAY 12/29

Six great 2015 Puligny-Montrachet Premier Crus from six very talented White Burgundy specialists, all lined up for your holiday enjoyment.

2015 Puligny-Montrachet "La Truffière" (Vincent Morey); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Perrieres" (Francois Carillon); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "La Truffière" (Thomas Morey); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet "Les Referts" (Etienne Sauzet).

## 2014 RED BURGUNDY FAVORITES

SATURDAY 12/30

The 2015 Red Burgundies are all the rage right now, and they deserve to be. But the biggest Red Burgundy story of 2017 was the evolution of the 2014s from an interesting, attractive, useful vintage into a serious, substantial, and potentially great one. The best 2014s deliver everything we Burgundy lovers want. To end the year, here are seven of our favorites.

2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Bouchard); 2014 Volnay "Les Santenots" (Vincent Girardin); 2014 Chambolle-Musigny (Joseph Drouhin); 2014 Pommard "Les Jarollières" (La Pousse d'Or); 2014 Echezeaux (Mongear-Mugneret); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Cailles" (Robert Chevillon); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Saint Georges" (Thibault Liger-Belair).

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/26</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/27</b>	<b>11 am - 7 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>11 am - 7 pm</b>
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/30</b>	<b>11 am - 7 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/31</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
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