

ANOTHER GREAT VINTAGE OF A GERMAN CLASSIC 2016 Riesling “Nahe” (Dönnhoff)

How can a wine be this impressive, and this inexpensive? Dönnhoff's 2016 “Nahe” Riesling is again an exceptional wine at an everyday price. Slightly off-dry, but not overtly sweet like a Kabinett, it is delicious by itself or with a meal.

“An excellent vintage of the world’s greatest wine value. Not “Riesling value” or even “white-wine value;” the greatest value among wine, period. For it is impossible to otherwise obtain such beauty and complexity (and ageworthy) for such a price. The 2016 shows mirabelle and iris and persimmon aromas; the mid palate is swollen with mineral, it’s almost hefty, and then the finish snakes and curls like the smoke from a burnt-out candle. (+)”

- Terry Theise, Importer

2016 Riesling “Nahe” (Dönnhoff) \$25.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 20 Percent Off \$119.50
 (\$119.50/6 bottles = \$19.92/bottle)

PROVENCAL CABERNET SAUVIGNON-SYRAH BLEND

2014 Coteaux Varois “Champs de la Truffière” (Deffends)

Prominent in Provence in the 1800s, the traditional Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah blend for red wines became a casualty of phylloxera and then the economic devastation of the wars, and seemed lost in history. Domaine du Deffends pioneered its resurrection with the planting of the 15 acre “Champs de la Truffière” in 1978, with half Cabernet Sauvignon and half Syrah. Now the 45 year old vines are in their prime, and showcase what a great cuvee this is in the Provencal terroir. This 2014 displays lush, round, ripe fruit flavors, a seamless texture, and soft delicious tannins. Enjoy it with steak, lamb, or pretty much anything you enjoy with red wine.

2014 Coteaux Varois en Provence “Champs de la Truffière” (Deffends) \$24.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 20 Percent Off \$115.50
 (\$115.50/6 bottles = \$19.25/bottle)

2015 Bourgogne Blancs Sale

<p>15% OFF on 6 or more bottles 20% OFF on 12 or more bottles</p>
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	Regular Price	15% Off Price	20% Off Price
2015 Bourgogne Aligoté (Dubreuil-Fontaine).....	\$ 24.00	\$ 20.40	\$ 19.20
2015 Bourgogne Blanc (Francois Carillon).....	\$ 28.00	\$ 23.80	\$ 22.40
2015 Chablis “Les Pargues” (Romain Collet).....	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 24.00
2015 Bourgogne Blanc “Les Crenilles” (Dubreuil-Fontaine).....	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 24.00
2015 Montagny “Premier Cru” (Jean-Marc Boillot).....	\$ 35.00	\$ 29.75	\$ 28.00
2015 Bourgogne Blanc (Etienne Sauzet).....	\$ 40.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 32.00

SALE TERMS: Limited to items above and stock on hand

STUNNING ARTISANAL RHONE RED

2015 Saint Joseph “Homage” (Blachon)

This beauty is the synthesis of a special terroir, a superb vintage, and the understated but sure hand of a highly talented winemaker. The Blachon family has been growing Syrah and stone fruits (apricots, cherries, peaches) in Mauves for five generations. They own the hillside vineyard Les Cotes Saint Joseph from which the Saint Joseph appellation takes its name, on a stark rocky hill in Mauves that towers above the Rhone River. The current generation of Blanchons, Sylvain and Delphine, designate the wine from this vineyard “Homage Roger Blachon”, in honor of their father. It was he who recognized the great potential of Les Cotes Saint Joseph and revitalized the estate in the 1970s.

Their 2015, the product of a spectacular vintage in the Rhone Valley, is a thoroughbred Syrah. Sleek but chewy, rich, but without excess weight, a panoply of gorgeous flavors that dance across your palate. If you enjoyed the 2014, the 2015 has yet more depth, more intensity, and more length, and still retains its perfect balance. A wine of remarkable purity and allure, it is the product of impeccable, non-interventionist winemaking.

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For more of the Blachon Saint Joseph story, here is importer Alan Sobczak.

“Let us begin this journey by going back in time for a brief but rather significant point of fact. Saint-Joseph has had two unique and distinct timelines, first receiving AOC status in 1956 when it was determined that only vines on the slopes of the west bank of the Rhone around Mauves (some 97 hectares / 232 acres) were worthy of the elevation in status. Period. Now, fast forward to 1992 when some 640 hectares / 1,542 acres of vines all up and down the Rhone were deemed to be Saint-Joseph. With the stroke of a pen, Saint-Joseph became six-fold larger and vines were planted wherever growers could find bare ground. Talk about expansion. Remarkable.

Now we can begin again in Mauves with Domaine Blachon at the very cradle of the original Saint-Joseph appellation. Family Blachon, headed by the brother-and-sister team of Sylvain and Delphine with their mother Martine, are more than vigneron. Mauves runs in their blood, just like their father the legendary Roger Blachon, and the other greats of the commune: Jean-Louis Chave and Roger Trollat. Blachon's holdings of Syrah are coveted shrines of the variety: Le Paradis, Oliviers, La Fraicheur, Charpente, Veloute and the monopole Les Cotes Saint-Joseph, the finest site in Mauves without argument. Each site is harvested and vinified separately. Technique here is classic with multiple sortings, destemming and long, cool cuvaisons. The Blachons are master blenders, but our bottling of "Hommage Roger Blachon" is single-vineyard Syrah. All of the fruit for the wine comes from the oldest terraces of their monopole, Les Cotes Saint-Joseph. With so many esteemed vineyards to their name, it may seem that the Blachon estate is large. Not so. The Blachons possess a mere twelve acres of vines. That's it – no more, no less.

To place Blachon's "Hommage Roger Blachon" Saint-Joseph properly, consider the source for its fruit: the steep terraces of Les Cotes Saint-Joseph. What you have here is Saint-Joseph from the very kernel of appellation. Pull the cork and pour this wine to let it seduce you. A garnet purple with tones almost black projects from the glass. In the bouquet find aromas of violet and white pepper; while on the palate it is a smooth and supple wine. Distinct minerality and fruits that recall black raspberry and dark plum lead to a finish that stays with you long after your taste. With very few exceptions, you just can't get Syrah like this from anywhere else.”

- Alan Sobczak, Importer

There is only one thing missing from this story - a high price tag. While others are marketing Saint Joseph bottlings pushing \$100, Blachon and their importer are content to stay under the radar and sell their small amount of wine for a fair price, without glitz or hype. Take advantage of it and buy enough to enjoy some young, and some with age.

2015 Saint Joseph “Hommage Roger Blachon” (Domaine Blachon) \$36.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$183.00
 (\$183.00/6 bottles = \$30.50/bottle)

20 PERCENT OFF - THROUGH VALENTINE'S DAY

ROSÉ BUBBLIES

	Regular Price	20% Off Price
Rosé Prosecco (Ca Vittorio).....	\$ 18.00	\$ 14.40
Rosé Sparkling Wine “New Mexico” (Gruet).....	\$ 22.00	\$ 17.60
Langhe Spumante Rosé (Deltetto).....	\$ 32.00	\$ 25.60
Rosé Champagne “Rosé de Cuvaison” (Moutard).....	\$ 40.00	\$ 32.00
Rosé Champagne “Grand Cru” (Henriet-Bazin).....	\$ 55.00	\$ 44.00
Rosé Champagne “Solesence” (J-M Sélèque).....	\$ 55.00	\$ 44.00
Rosé Champagne “Grand Cru” (Pierre Moncuit).....	\$ 55.00	\$ 44.00
Rosé Champagne “Bouzy Grand Cru” (Paul Bara).....	\$ 60.00	\$ 48.00

SALE TERMS: Limited to stock on hand. Sale ends at close of business 2/14/18.

GORGEOUS TUSCAN RED

2011 Chianti Classico “Grosso Sanese” (Il Palazzino)

“The 2011 Chianti Classico Grosso Sanese is an extraordinarily finessed, nuanced wine for the year, which goes to show how magical this site can be. A host of sweet red cherry, plum, rose petal and leather infuse this deep, resonant Chianti Classico. The 2011 is quite ripe and powerful, it always is, yet it also retains striking freshness for a wine of its size. The Grosso Sanese emerges from the oldest vines on the property. It remains one of Italy's under the radar gems. (92-94/100)”

- Antonio Galloni, *Vinousmedia.com*

2011 Chianti Classico Riserva “Grosso Sanese” (Il Palazzino) \$40.00
HALF-CASE SPECIAL 15 Percent Off \$204.00
 (\$204.00/6 bottles = \$34.00/bottle)

2015 White Burgundies

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

	Regular Price	15% Off Price
2015 Saint Aubin “Les Murgers des Dents de Chien” (Francois Carillon) \$	58.00	\$ 49.30
<i>“Pale yellow. Very ripe aromas of lemon oil and minerals convey an impression of calcaire energy. More taut and minerally in the mouth than the Charmois but still with the richness of the vintage to its lemon and crushed stone flavors. Finishes with lovely citrusy lift and length. (89-91/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Beaune “Les Pertuisots” (Etienne Sauzet) \$	65.00	\$ 55.25
2015 Meursault “Les Pellans” (Jean-Marc Boillot) \$	68.00	\$ 57.80
2015 Chassagne-Montrachet “Morgeot” (Vincent Morey)..... \$	75.00	\$ 63.75
<i>“Pale, bright yellow. Nuanced if reticent nose hints at pear, clove and minerals. In a rich, round but classically dry style, with pear and citrus flavors firm by a solid spine of minerality. This rather suave wine finishes with very good subtle, spicy length. (89-91/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Meursault “Les Narvaux” (Vincent Girardin) \$	78.00	\$ 66.30
2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Referts” (Vincent Girardin) \$	110.00	\$ 93.50
<i>“Bright medium yellow with green highlights. Fresh yellow stone fruits and a lightly liqueur-like suggestion of mirabelle on the nose. Tactile, chewy and savory, showing a Meursault-like almond quality but little in the way of easy sweetness. A touch of bitter almond gives grip to the finish. Serious, spicy, classically dry and long. (90-92/100)”</i>		
- Stephen Tanzer, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Perrieres” (Francois Carillon)..... \$	125.00	\$ 106.25
2015 Corton-Charlemagne (Vincent Girardin)..... \$	175.00	\$ 148.75

OVERSTOCK SALE - 20 PERCENT OFF

2014 Red Burgundies

	Regular Price	20% Off Price
2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Joseph Drouhin) \$	70.00	\$ 56.00
<i>“(contains ~30% 1ers). A deft touch of wood sets off the fresh and airy nose that features plenty of sauvage and pungent earth character on the wild dark currant, humus and a discreet hint of various floral elements. There is lovely energy and underlying tension to the relatively big-bodied flavors that display both touches of austerity and rusticity on the highly persistent but notably firm finish. This is very Gevrey in style with its taut muscularity and it offers very fine quality as the rusticity does not dominate. Recommended. 2024+ (90/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Bouchard) \$	75.00	\$ 60.00
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Chenes Carteaux” (Henri Gouges)..... \$	75.00	\$ 60.00
2014 Gevrey-Chambertin “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin) \$	75.00	\$ 60.00
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Aux Saints Juliens” (de Montille)..... \$	80.00	\$ 64.00
<i>“A discreet application of wood frames the earthy red berry fruit scents that exhibit a hint of the sauvage. There is good richness to the generous, round and supple medium-bodied flavors that culminate in a succulent yet serious finish that suggests that this moderately rustic effort should be at its best after 5 to 7 years of cellaring. 2020+ (87-90/100)”</i>		
- Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Vieilles Vignes” (Robert Chevillon)..... \$	98.00	\$ 78.40
2014 Gevrey-Chambertin “La Croix des Champs” (Thibault Liger-Belair).... \$	105.00	\$ 84.00
2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Aux Thorey” (de Montille) \$	115.00	\$ 92.00
<i>“Soft wood sets off the markedly more floral and spice-infused nose of red and dark berries, earth and ever-so-mildly sauvage aromas. There is excellent volume and ample punch to the concentrated, serious and powerful middle weight plus flavors; indeed this is a big and robust wine that delivers first-rate complexity on the dusty and serious finale. Worth considering. 2024+ (91-93/100)”</i> - Allen Meadows, <i>Burghound.com</i>		

SALE TERMS: All 2014 Red Burgundies in stock are included in the sale. Limited to stock on hand.

OVERSTOCK SALE - 20 PERCENT OFF
2013 BAROLO & BARBARESCO

	Regular Price	20% Off Price
2013 Barbaresco “Bric Balin” (Moccagatta) \$ <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)”</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	70.00	\$ 56.00
2013 Barolo “Ginestra” (Paolo Conterno) \$ <i>“Black cherry, mocha, plum, licorice and smoke make a strong opening statement in the 2013 Barolo Ginestra. Bold and explosive in the glass, the 2013 offers plenty of depth and power. 2017-2025 (91/100)”</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	70.00	\$ 56.00
2013 Barbaresco “Pajore” (Sottimano) \$ <i>“A dark, enveloping wine, the 2013 Pajoré 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 Pajoré, 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)”</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	80.00	\$ 64.00
2013 Barolo “Marenca” (Luigi Pira) \$ <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	\$ 64.00
2013 Barolo “Brunate” (Mario Marengo) \$ <i>“The Marengo family has produced an 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. 2018-2035 (96/100)”</i> - Monica Larner, <i>The Wine Advocate</i>	80.00	\$ 64.00
2013 Barolo (Elio Altare) \$ <i>“Here's a classic expression of Nebbiolo that includes fruit sourced from four vineyard sites spanning the appellation. The 2013 Barolo is a wine of beautiful intensity and grace. The bouquet reveals a layered effect in which primary fruit aromas of cherry and blackberry segue in quick succession to spice, tar, licorice and toasted hazelnut. The wine offers strength and power, especially in terms of the full and generous way it spreads clear over the palate. There is a spot of heaviness or extra density on the finish. This wine needs a year or two to iron itself out. 2018-2030 (93/100)”</i> - Monica Larner, <i>The Wine Advocate</i>	85.00	\$ 68.00
2013 Barolo “Rocche dell'Annunziata” (Renato Corino) \$ <i>“The 2013 Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata is fabulous. Knock-out aromatics, silky tannins and voluptuous fruit are some of the signatures. This is another young Barolo that is drinking almost too well for such a young wine. Today, the flavors are quite primary and the wine is dense, but there is certainly a lot to look forward to. The tannins are present, yet very nicely integrated for a young Barolo. This is a terrific Barolo in the making. 2020-2033 (94+/100)”</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	90.00	\$ 72.00
2013 Barolo “Bric del Fiasc” (Paolo Scavino) \$ <i>“The 2013 Barolo Bric del Fiasc is one of the most complete and satisfying wines in Scavino's range. Exquisitely layered and precise, the Bric del Fiasc is also unusually nuanced in this vintage. Iron, smoke, rose petal, mint and crushed flowers give the wine its distinctive aromatic signatures. The driving Bric del Fiasc tannins are present, and yet the 2013 is laid back and understated - as all the 2013s Barolos are. I can't wait to see how it ages. 2023-2038 (95/100)”</i> - Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinousmedia.com</i>	115.00	\$ 92.00

SALE TERMS: All 2013 Barolos & Barbarescos in stock are included in the sale. Limited to stock on hand.

NEW ARRIVALS
2015 Red Burgundies

FEBRUARY SPECIAL - 15 PERCENT OFF on purchases of six or more bottles of 2015 Red Burgundies
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	Regular Price	15% Off Price
DOMAINE DE MONTILLE – VOLNAY		
2015 Beaune “Les Sizies” (de Montille)	\$ 85.00	\$ 72.25
<i>“A discreet application of wood sets off the bright, ripe and pretty red raspberry, violet and wet stone aromas. There is lovely delineation to the overtly mineral-inflected middle weight flavors that possess a polished mouth feel that continues onto the delicious finale. 2021+ (88-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Aux Saints Juliens” (de Montille).....	\$ 88.00	\$ 74.80
<i>“This is relatively elegant for a Nuits villages with its densely fruited nose of various red berries plus an abundance of floral and freshly turned earth scents. The succulent, rich and generously proportioned flavors possess a seductive mouth feel that continues onto the lingering finish that displays only a soupçon of rusticity. This excellent effort is worth checking out. 2022+ (89-91/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Beaune “Les Grèves” (de Montille)	\$ 125.00	\$ 106.25
2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Aux Thorey” (de Montille)	\$ 130.00	\$ 110.50
<i>“Much more subtle wood treatment is present on the ripe and fresh aromas of red cherry, raspberry and soft spice and earth. There is a really lovely mouth feel to the caressing, detailed and discreetly mineral-inflected flavors that offer fine depth and sneaky good persistence. This beauty is an exercise in finesse and refinement. 2027+ (91-93/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Volnay “Les Champans” (de Montille)	\$ 170.00	\$ 144.50
DOMAINE THIBAUT LIGER-BELAIR – NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES		
2015 Bourgogne Rouge “Les Deux Terres” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 28.00	\$ 23.80
<i>“An attractively fresh nose combines notes of pepper, earthy and various dark berry aromas. There is both good energy and detail to the delicious flavors that terminate in a rustic if persistent finale. 2018+ (85-88/100)”</i>		
<i>- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com</i>		
2015 Bourgogne Rouge “Les Grands Chaillots” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 38.00	\$ 32.30
<i>“(this cuvée now includes fruit from Beaune, Marsannay and Côte de Nuits-Villages, including 60% declassified village wine; vinified with 30% whole clusters and no pigeage): Bright red. A touch of stinky reduction to the rich aromas of black raspberry, minerals and chocolate. Dense and smooth in spite of its wild reductive quality, with its strong fruit carrying well on the back end. Tannins are soft and harmonious. This should make an excellent Bourgogne. (87-89/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Hautes Cotes de Nuits “Clos du Prieure” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 48.00	\$ 40.80
<i>“(from white marl soil on a very steep slope; 100% destemmed): Ripe aromas of black cherry, raspberry and smoke, plus a whiff of meat. Creamy and large-scaled in the mouth but with good juicy stony lift giving detail to the middle palate. Finishes with substantial broad, dusty tannins. In a distinctly sunny style. (88-90/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges “La Charmotte” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 98.00	\$ 83.30
<i>“(30% vendange entier): Bright, dark red-ruby; beautiful Pinot Noir color. High-pitched scents of blackberry, blueberry and smoke. Subtle, silky and insidious on entry, then a bit reduced in the middle palate, showing spices and a lightly stony character as well as a rather refined texture for village wine. Builds nicely on the back end, with lively dark berry flavors nicely supported by well-managed tannins. Should make a terrific village wine. (89-92/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		
2015 Gevrey-Chambertin “La Croix des Champs” (Liger-Belair)	\$ 105.00	\$ 89.25
2015 Aloxe-Corton “La Toppe au Vert” (Liger-Belair).....	\$ 120.00	\$ 102.00
<i>“Moderately saturated medium red. High-toned aromas of sappy raspberry and roast coffee. Sweet but a bit subdued in the mouth, with a rather linear quality to its red fruit flavors. Not a fleshy or easygoing style but delivers lovely purity and thrust. And the fine-grained tannins arrive late, allowing the wine’s perfume to build. These vines are at least 50 years old, according to Liger-Belair. (90-92/100)”</i>		
<i>- Stephen Tanzer, Vinousmedia.com</i>		

TASTING BAR SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2018

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

CALIFORNIA & OREGON PINOT NOIRS

THURSDAY 2/1

This tasting showcases the diversity and quality of our current Pinot Noir selections, featuring five from California and two from Oregon, ranging in price from \$28 to \$78, and coming from four recent vintages.

2013 Pinot Noir "Santa Barbara" (Rusack); 2016 Pinot Noir "La Combe Vert" (Walter Scott); 2013 Pinot Noir "Santa Rita Hills" (Samsara); 2014 Pinot Noir "Bien Nacido" (Ojai); 2015 Pinot Noir "Ama" (Peay); 2014 Pinot Noir "Shea" (Bergstrom); 2014 Pinot Noir "Rosemary's" (Talley).

2014 RED BURGUNDIES SALE - 20% OFF

FRIDAY 2/2 & SATURDAY 2/3

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES & GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

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

- Allen Meadows, *Burghound.com*

As fine as the 2014 Red Burgundies are, they are overshadowed by the 2015s. So to make them a more interesting proposition, the eight Cote de Nuits beauties in this tasting and all of our 2014 Red Burgundies are available this month for **20 percent off**, making them veritable Burgundy bargains! Buy enough to keep your hands off your 2015s.

2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Joseph Drouhin); 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin (Bouchard); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Chenes Carteaux" (Henri Gouges); 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Saints Juliens" (de Montille); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Vieilles Vignes" (Robert Chevillon); 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin "La Croix des Champs" (Thibault Liger-Belair); 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Thorey" (de Montille).

2015 AUSTRIAN RIESLING STARS

TUESDAY 2/6 & WEDNESDAY 2/7

These may be the most under-appreciated of the world's great white wines. Austrian Rieslings occupy the same niche in the Riesling universe that Chablis has in the Chardonnay universe - bone dry, with zesty acidity and prominent minerality, and a range that runs from tasty, inexpensive quaffers to complex, ageworthy rarities. Like Chablis, Austrian Rieslings almost never display any oak flavors, and are an excellent match with seafood. Here are eight from the magnificent 2015 vintage.

2015 Riesling "Dornleiten" (Nigl); 2015 Riesling "Steinhaus" (Hiedler); 2015 Riesling "Senftenberger Piri" (Nigl); 2015 Riesling Federspiel "Vom Stein" (Nikolaihof); 2015 Riesling Federspiel "Durnsteiner" (Alzinger); 2015 Riesling "Heiligenstein" (Hiedler); 2015 Riesling Smaragd "Liebenberg" (Alzinger); 2015 Riesling "Heiligenstein" (Hirsch).

2015 MEURSAULTS

THURSDAY 2/8

Though neighboring Puligny-Montrachet is widely conceded to produce the "best" Chardonnays in Burgundy, many Burgundy lovers prefer the wines of Meursault for stylistic and sentimental reasons. We love them both, but today we'll focus on Meursault, with one Bourgogne Blanc and five Meursault 2015s, from Meursault producers Roulot, Vincent Girardin, de Montille, and Jean-Marc Boillot.

2015 Bourgogne Blanc (Roulot); 2015 Meursault "Vieilles Vignes" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Meursault "Les Pellans" (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2015 Meursault "Les Narvaux-Dessous" (de Montille); 2015 Meursault "Les Charmes-Dessus" (Vincent Girardin); 2015 Meursault "Les Tillets" (Roulot).

2013 BAROLO & BARBARESCO STARS

FRIDAY 2/9 & SATURDAY 2/10

"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. Overall, the 2013s are Barolos that speak to finesse above all else. These are wines that will hold considerable appeal to readers who enjoy classically built wines."

- Antonio Galloni, *Vinousmedia.com*

Here we are at the end of the 2013 Barolo release cycle. This tasting collects all of our 2013 favorites, six Barolos and two Barbarescos that showcase the charms of this beautiful vintage. One more enticement - **we'll discount them 20 percent**, making them compelling candidates for a place in your collection.

2013 Barbaresco "Bric Balin" (Moccagatta); 2013 Barolo "Ginestra" (Paolo Conterno); 2013 Barbaresco "Pajore" (Sottimano); 2013 Barolo "Marenca" (Luigi Pira); 2013 Barolo "Brunate" (Mario Marengo); 2013 Barolo (Elio Altare); 2013 Barolo "Rocche dell'Annunziata" (Renato Corino); 2013 Barolo "Bric del Fiasc" (Paolo Scavino).

2015 RED BURGUNDIES: DOMAINE DE MONTILLE

TUESDAY 2/13

Newly-arrived Domaine de Montille Red Burgundies from a great vintage - need we say more? Please note that this is a one day tasting only.

2015 Beaune “Les Sizies” (de Montille); 2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Aux Saints Juliens” (de Montille); 2015 Beaune “Les Grèves” (de Montille); 2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Aux Thorey” (de Montille); 2015 Volnay “Les Champans” (de Montille).

ROSÉ BUBBLIES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

WEDNESDAY 2/14

Bring your Valentine to VVW today. We'll have six rosé bubbliies open for tasting, one from Northern Italy and five from Champagne. It is also last call for our **20 percent off sale on rosé bubbliies**, which ends today.

Langhe Spumante Rosé (Deltetto); Rosé Champagne “Rosé de Cuvaision” (Moutard); Rosé Champagne “Grand Cru” (Henriet-Bazin); Rosé Champagne “Solescence” (J.M. Seleque); Rosé Champagne “Grand Cru” (Pierre Moncuit); Rosé Champagne “Bouzy Grand Cru” (Paul Bara).

OLDER RED BURGUNDIES: 2010, 2011 & 2012

THURSDAY 2/15

Our tasting bar program has been pretty focused on 2014 and 2015 Red Burgundies in recent months. Today we look back a few vintages, and showcase seven Red Burgundies from 2010, 2011, and 2012. It is always interesting and educational to see how they change with a few years age (and pretty fun as well).

2012 Savigny-les-Beaune “Les Jarrons” (Pierre Guillemot); 2010 Beaune “Clos du Roi” (Camus-Bruchon); 2012 Gevrey-Chambertin “Vieilles Vignes” (Vincent Girardin); 2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Clos des Porrets” (Henri Gouges); 2010 Volnay “Les Pitures” (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2011 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Vaucrains” (Henri Gouges); 2010 Gevrey-Chambertin “Les Cazetières” (Vincent Girardin).

2015 WHITE BURGUNDIES

FRIDAY 2/16 & SATURDAY 2/17

As we near the end of the 2015 White Burgundy release cycle, our inventory is quite broad and we can put together a tasting that compares and contrasts wines from all the prominent appellations in the Cote de Beaune. The 2015s are extroverted and seductive, which may not appeal to the wine geek purist, but are thoroughly attractive to the rest of us. This flight features three villages wines, four Premier Crus, and one Grand Cru.

2015 Saint Aubin “Les Murgers des Dents de Chien” (Francois Carillon); 2015 Beaune Blanc “Les Pertuisots” (Etienne Sauzet); 2015 Meursault “Les Pellans” (Jean-Marc Boillot); 2015 Chassagne-Montrachet “Morgeot” (Vincent Morey); 2015 Meursault “Les Narvaux” (Girardin); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Referts” (Girardin); 2015 Puligny-Montrachet “Les Perrieres” (Francois Carillon); 2015 Corton-Charlemagne (Girardin).

2015 SOUTHERN RHONE VALLEY REDS

TUESDAY 2/20 & WEDNESDAY 2/21

Like it is throughout much of Europe, 2015 is an exceptional vintage for the reds of the Rhone Valley, and as exceptional for wines at the entry-level as it is for wines at the high end. Here is a great cross section of southern Rhone beauties, eight wines ranging from \$16 to \$88, including five Châteauneuf-du-Papes.

2015 Sablet “L'Olivet” (Notre Dame des Pallières); 2015 Cotes-du-Rhone (Chateau Saint Cosme); 2015 Gigondas “Les Deux Juliettes - Vieilles Vignes” (Grand Montmirail); 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Tradition” (Cristia); 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Clos des Brusquieres); 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Bosquet des Papes); 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Vieux Donjon); 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape “Chante Le Merle” (Bosquet des Papes).

OLDER BAROLOS

THURSDAY 2/22

It is said that Barolo needs age to show its true colors. Here is a chance to check out some with age, five expressive Barolos between eight and twelve years old.

2006 Barolo “La Villa” (Aldo & Riccardo Seghesio); 2008 Barolo “Pajana” (Renzo Seghesio); 2010 Barolo “Brunate” (Mario Marengo); 2006 Barolo “Marenca” (Luigi Pira); 2006 Barolo “Bricco Fiasco” (Azelia).

2015 RED BURGUNDIES: THIBAUT LIGER-BELAIR

FRIDAY 2/23 & SATURDAY 2/24

Here is our second lineup of 2015 Red Burgundies this month - eight gorgeous wines from Thibault Liger-Belair, ranging from Bourgogne Rouge to Grand Cru. Not much remains for sale, but if you bought some pre-arrival, here is a chance to taste.

2015 Bourgogne Rouge “Les Deux Terres” (Liger-Belair); 2015 Bourgogne Rouge “Les Grands Chaillots” (Liger-Belair); 2015 Hautes Cotes de Nuits “Clos du Prieure” (Liger-Belair); 2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges “La Charmotte” (Liger-Belair); 2015 Gevrey-Chambertin “La Croix des Champs” (Liger-Belair); 2015 Aloxe-Corton “La Toppe au Vert” (Liger-Belair); 2015 Nuits-Saint-Georges “Les Saint Georges” (Liger-Belair); 2015 Charmes-Chambertin (Liger-Belair).

GERMAN RIESLING BARGAINS

TUESDAY 2/27 & WEDNESDAY 2/28

German Rieslings deserve more acclaim, but the fact is they have never been very popular in California. We could speculate as to why, but many other markets appreciate the remarkable class and pure enjoyment they provide at a very reasonable cost. Here are eight superb examples - three dry, two borderline, and three slightly sweet - all available for \$28 or less.

2015 Riesling Feinherb “Pfalz” (von Winning); 2015 Riesling Feinherb “Pfalz” (Muller-Catoir); 2015 Riesling Feinherb “Im Pfarrgarten” (A.J. Adam); 2016 Riesling “Nahe” (Dönnhoff); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Kinheimer Rosenberg” (Merkelbach); 2015 Riesling “Nahe” (Dönnhoff); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Kreuznacher Krötenpfuhl” (Dönnhoff); 2015 Riesling Kabinett “Gimmeldingen” (Muller-Catoir).

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