



2006 M & S CABERNET

The 2006 McCarthy & Schiering Cabernet Sauvignon will arrive in early July. Produced as in the past years by the Palette Wine Company, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a bold expression of Washington fruit from some of the state's best vineyards. A blend of 97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Merlot, its focus is blackberry and cassis fruit flavors. A total of just under 300 cases were produced.

2006 McCarthy & Schiering Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley 22.95 net

Taste this wine on Saturday,

July 18th at both shops from 11AM-5PM

2007 VINTAGE PORT FUTURES

The 2007 Vintage Ports are some of the most structured yet refined young sweet wines we've tasted since we started reviewing cask samples of Port with the 1977 vintage. Vintage 2007 ranks among the classic years such as 2003, 1994, and 1977. A wet winter in 2007 helped replenish the Douro Valley's water reserves after four hot, dry years. The summer was not excessively hot but there was plenty of sunshine to completely ripen the fruit. A long, warm autumn provided ideal harvest conditions. There is a sweet, forwardly fruity charm to these wines as the glycerine levels mask the raw young tannins. This is destined to be a cherished vintage and production was short, so we recommend acting now if you wish to acquire these gems. (*Payment is due at the time of order.*)

2007 Smith Woodhouse Vintage Port

Oporto 50.95 net

2007 Kopke Vintage Port

Oporto 49.95 net

2007 Rocha Vintage Port

Oporto 49.95 net

2007 Dow's Vintage Port

Oporto 63.95 net

2007 Quinta do Vesuvio Vintage Port

Oporto 63.95 net

2007 Graham's Vintage Port

Oporto 74.95 net

2007 Croft Vintage Port

Oporto 65.95 net

2007 Fonseca Vintage Port

Oporto 84.95 net

2007 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port

Oporto 84.95 net

2006 ADAMS BENCH REDS

We are featuring two new wines from Adams Bench, a small Washington winery located on Hollywood Hill in Woodinville. Owner/winemakers Tim and Erica Blue are producing first-rate reds from excellent sources. Their 2006 Adams Bench Red 'Reckoning' is a blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, and 9% Malbec. A masculine wine, it has aromas of black cherry, tobacco, mocha, and licorice spice. The 2006 Adams Bench Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 'V' is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, and 2% Cabernet Franc. It has a deep purple color and a pure aroma of black currants, blueberries, and cassis. The texture is lovely, having sweet tannins, and a long, lingering finish. These are carefully made artisan wines.

2006 Adams Bench Red Wine 'Reckoning'

Columbia Valley 34.00 28.22VS

2006 Adams Bench Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 'V'

Columbia Valley 42.00 34.86VS

SIZZLING SUMMERTIME

Hot days and warm nights, perfect for grilling, barbecuing, or serving seafood salads are what is in store for us. Here is a list of some of our favorite picks for sitting back and relaxing in the summer sun.

2008 Sables d'Azur Rosé

Côtes de Provence 12.00 9.96VS

2008 Triennes Rosé

Pays du Var (Limited) 15.00 12.45VS

2008 Domaniers Rosé (Domaines Ott)

Côtes de Provence 18.00 14.94VS

Rosé d'Orfeuilles Sparkling

Touraine 15.00 12.45VS

2008 Domaine de Pajot Blanc

Côtes de Gascogne 8.00 6.64VS

2008 Domaine de la Becassonne Blanc

Côtes du Rhône 16.00 13.28VS

2007 P. Ferraud Mâcon-Villages

Mâconnais 16.00 13.28VS

2008 Château Tertre de Launay

Entre-Deux-Mers 12.00 9.96VS

2007 Castaño Monastrell

Yecla 8.00 6.64VS

2007 O'Reilly's Pinot Noir

Oregon 16.00 13.28VS

2008 Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano

Montepulciano 15.00 12.45VS

The two prices reflected in this newsletter are the regular retail and the Vintage Select discount price. The Vintage Select Club is a buyer's club which saves you 17% on wine purchases (paid by cash or check) whether you buy them by the case or by the bottle. In addition, you are mailed this monthly newsletter which details the new releases, special prices and gives you advance notice of the arrival of hot new wines.

Lifetime membership fee is \$100. Be sure that you're getting the most for your money...join the Vintage Select Club.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

2005 ROBERT RAMSAY SYRAH

The new 2005 Robert Ramsay Syrah is a blend of 95% Syrah and 5% Viognier that were co-fermented together. The Syrah comes from McKinlay Springs and Alder Ridge Vineyards. The wine has a prominent white pepper note, lots of plum, game, and earthy notes. The texture is quite fine and the wine is a perfect match with grilled lamb or tri-tip beef.

2005 Robert Ramsay Syrah

Horse Heaven Hills 35.00 29.05VS

DOWSETT FAMILY

The 2008 Dowsett Family Gewürztraminer is a great white for matching with food, which means that it isn't your classic Gewürztraminer. It has bright, zesty acidity, and a lovely rich texture, but it is fully dry and has nothing oily or over-ripe about it. The 2007 Dowsett Family Red 'Devotion' is a Rhône-style red for ribs—big color, big fruit, big wine!

2008 Dowsett Family Gewürztraminer

'Celilo Vineyard' 20.00 16.60VS

2007 Dowsett Family Red 'Devotion'

Columbia Valley 28.00 23.24VS

2008 MAISON BLEUE WHITES

Three very fine new whites from Maison Bleue caught our attention. They are each pristinely made—excellent examples of their varietals. We highly recommend sampling these new wines, as this appears to be a winery to watch.

2008 Maison Bleue Viognier 'Notre Vie'

Yakima Valley 20.00 16.60VS

2008 Maison Bleue Roussanne 'Olsen Vineyard'

Yakima Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2008 Maison Bleue Chardonnay 'French Creek'

Yakima Valley 'Old Vine' 20.00 16.60VS

2008 CHINOOK CABERNET FRANC

Each year we have clients who anxiously await the release of the Chinook Cabernet Franc Rosé. The 2008 was just released from the winery and is ready to sell!

2008 Chinook Cabernet Franc Rosé

Yakima Valley 15.00 12.45VS

2008 ANDREW WILL 'VELVET CANYON'

Built to provide pleasure, the 2008 Andrew Will White 'Velvet Canyon' is, as their web site declares, "velvety smooth, rich and ripe." It is a blend of 50% Semillon and 50% Sauvignon Blanc which shows tropical fruit and citrus notes and has (*again from the web site*) "a delicate core of youthful and exuberant fruit." Nice writing, folks at Andrew Will!

2008 Andrew Will Cuvée Lucia White 'Velvet Canyon'

Columbia Valley 23.00 19.09VS

2008 àMAURICE VIOGNIER

The 2008 àMaurice Cellars Viognier is an intriguing wine, having a distinctive scent of orange blossoms. On the palate, lime and honeysuckle dominate the flavor and the finish has bright, zesty, almost New Zealand-like character. This is more of a food wine style than a cocktail wine, and it will pair nicely with fruit glazes with apricots or peaches. It is yet another top-notch wine from the Schafer family.

2008 àMaurice Viognier

Columbia Valley 25.00 20.75VS

2008 SHARECROPPER'S PINOT NOIR

From the Owen Roe web site, "this label harkens to the spirit of the old sharecropping ideal of a partnership between landowners and the laborers who toil producing the crops. With an oversupply of grapes, we decided to put some of our excess first-rate fruit into neutral barrels and essentially split the profits with the vineyards." For us, the 2008 Owen Roe Sharecropper's Pinot Noir has a striking aroma of Bing cherries and freshly picked black plums. Lots of cherry flavors burst out on the palate. There is a faint note recollecting shortbread or pie dough.

2008 Owen Roe Sharecropper's Pinot Noir

Oregon 25.00 20.75VS

2008 PATRICIA GREEN SAUVIGNON

Another in the series of striking Patty Green wines, the 2008 Patricia Green Sauvignon Blanc flaunts flavors of melon, apples, pear, lime, and ginger, and is a delicious wine to savor with grilled prawns. Sadly, the availability of this wine will become difficult. Patty has lost two vineyard sources, one to phylloxera, and the other because it is too far away from the winery. But while there is still a good supply, get the grill going!

2008 Patricia Green Cellars Sauvignon Blanc

Oregon 18.00 14.94VS

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2007 IL POGGIONE

We stumbled across the 2007 Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino accidentally trying to order more 2006. It was a pleasant surprise. The wine has a classic Brunello clone note—earth and dried cherries. This may see some barrique but it is not a modern style. Round and generous, easy to approach today, it recalls the charm and warmth of Brunello of years past.

2007 Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino

Montalcino 24.00 19.92VS

2007 CLOS DE LA SIETE

The 2007 Clos de la Siete is a blend from Argentina of 48% Malbec, 28% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 12% Syrah made by the well-known wine consultant Michel Roland. The wine is aged for 11 months, two-thirds in 100% new French oak and one-third in tank, and bottled without fining or filtration. Deep purple in color, the wine has a broad bouquet of high toast oak, violets, minerals, and black currant fruit. It has outstanding balance and the potential to age for several years.

2007 Clos de la Siete

Mendoza 19.00 15.77VS

2007 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

The 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape vintage is receiving exceptional press, so we decided it would be fun to have a tasting and find out just how spectacular these wines are. On Saturday, July 25th we will taste a selection of the following wines at both shops from 11AM to 5PM.

2007 Château Fortia Châteauneuf-du-Pape

'Cuvée Tradition' 35.00 29.05VS

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'Cuvée du Baron' 40.00 33.20VS

2007 Clos des Brusquières Châteauneuf-du-Pape

40.00 33.20VS

2007 Mas des Boislauzon Châteauneuf-du-Pape

45.00 37.35VS

2007 Cuvée du Vatican Châteauneuf-du-Pape

45.00 37.35VS

2007 Domaine Pierre Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape

50.00 41.50VS

2007 Le Vieux Donjon Châteauneuf-du-Pape

65.00 53.95VS

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TRAMIN

In the year 1898, Christian Schrott, the parish priest of Tramin, decided to start the Wine Producers' Cooperative of Tramin. After more than a hundred years, the Tramin Winery today is a company made up of 280 wine growers who farm vines over an area of 230 hectares. The 2007 Tramin Pinot Bianco is a crisp, light, dry white with great balance. The 2007 Tramin Pinot Grigio shows lots of crisp, mineral-rich flavor and has a clean, dry finish. A bold wine, the 2007 Tramin Lagrein has big fruit flavor and lots of color, but the finish is round and smooth. The 2007 Tramin Pinot Nero is a delightful wine for pairing with grilled salmon.

2007 Tramin Pinot Bianco

Südtirol Alto Adige 16.00 13.28VS

2007 Tramin Pinot Grigio

Südtirol Alto Adige 15.00 12.45VS

2007 Tramin Lagrein

Südtirol Alto Adige (Limited) 20.00 16.60VS

2007 Tramin Pinot Nero

Südtirol Alto Adige (Limited) 25.00 20.75VS

*Taste these wines on Saturday,
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2007 ALAIN GRAILLOT

Alain Graillot owns 50 acres of 30-year-old Crozes-Hermitage vines on the flat alluvial plain between the Rhône and Isère Rivers, in soils of sand, gravel, and stone. The essence of ripe raspberries, his 2007 Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage is 100% Syrah, yet it emulates Burgundian Pinot Noir. But there is an underlying white pepper note that is distinctly Northern Rhône Valley. A splash of mineral and game lies under the forward fruit. It is benchmark Crozes-Hermitage, a defining wine that is delicious now but will age gracefully.

2007 Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage

32.00 26.56VS

2007 CASANOVA DI NERI

The Casanova di Neri farm began in 1971 when Giovanni Neri bought an estate of 36 hectares in Montalcino. Their 2007 Rosso di Casanova di Neri is a cask-aged blend of 90% Sangiovese and 10% Colorino grown in the Sant'Antimo region, which lies just beyond the southern border of the Brunello zone.

2007 Casanova di Neri Rosso di Casanova di Neri

Sant'Antimo 26.00 21.58VS

Queen Anne Hours

Tuesday-Friday 11-7

Saturday 10-6

Closed Sunday & Monday

Ravenna Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:30-6:30

Saturday 10-6

Closed Sunday & Monday



