



# Fine Wines by Liquor Select

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT

JOIN NICK LEES OF THE EDMONTON JOURNAL AS HE TAKES US THROUGH A FABULOUS FIGHT OF WHISKIES TO HONOUR THE 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF SCOTLAND'S FAVOURITE SON

Where: **Floor Select Tasting Room**

When: **Sunday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30**

Tickets: **\$65pp + GST**

### CELLAR STOCK WINEMAKERS

#### EXPERIENCE

JOIN DENISE BRISSON OF CELLAR STOCK IMPORTERS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS AJ McLAUGHLIN OF ANGELS GATE WINERY OF ONTARIO AND CESARE CODA NUNZIANTE OF AZIENDA COLOGNOLE OF TUSCANY FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND FUN EVENING OF WINE AND APPIES.

WHERE: **LIQUOR SELECT**

WHEN: **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 7:00PM**

TICKETS: **\$40 + GST**

### BEST VALUE TASTING

COME DOWN AND TASTE WHAT WE THINK ARE SOME OF THE BEST BANG-FOR-THE-BUCK WINES IN THE MARKET.

WHERE: **LIQUOR SELECT**

WHEN: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 7:00PM**

TICKETS: **\$35PP + GST**

### CRUISING UP THE RHONE

JOIN OUR OWN SOMMELIER AL WARDEN FOR A TRIP UP THE RHONE RIVER VALLEY, SAMPLING THE BEST FROM ITS FABLED VINEYARDS

WHERE: **LIQUOR SELECT**

WHEN: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 7PM**

TICKETS: **\$55PP + GST**

Happy New Year! In this issue you will find all sorts of treats to get you through the mid-winter blahs. For those of you feeling financially stressed from the holidays, we are having a sale, as well as a "Best Value Tasting" to help you find wines that will satisfy your soul without hurting your bank balance. If you are one of those who likes to dream of being somewhere warm as the snow piles up outside, we have a bunch of stunning new wines from the sun-drenched Rhone Valley in Southern France; you can even try some of them at the Rhone tasting in mid-February! And of course, we have sourced out some beautiful new wines for the shop, including the first appearance in Alberta of "First Drop" wines from Australia and a ready-to-drink Vintage Port to warm your bones as you sit by the fire. See, winter's not so bad after all!

## WE'RE HAVING A SALE!

While Spring is still months away, the January doldrums are a good time to clean house to make room for new products. With that in mind, Fine Wines by Liquor Select is having a bin-end sale on selected items from around the shop. Between now and Valentine's day, come in and look for the products with a yellow price tag. Buy one bottle and save 15%; buy 2 or more of the same item and save 20%! Only while supplies last.

*Straight from the Barrel!!!  
Stop in every Friday and Saturday  
afternoon and sample a different  
fine wine during our weekly  
"floor-pour"*



One of the things that makes Fine Wines by Liquor Select so unique is our ability to bring you leading edge wines created by the world's very best winemakers, who are advancing the art of making great wine.

The Long Shadows Project is a great example. Several years ago, winemaking and viticulture pioneer Allen Shoup forged winemaking partnerships with Piero Antinori and Dr. Ernst Loosen that won acclamation throughout the world. He now builds upon those successes with some of the top talent in the winemaking community. These artists and craftsmen have partnered with Allen in a visionary goal: to create small-lot world class wines that showcase the viticultural excellence of Washington State's Columbia Valley. These wines are only available at Fine Wines by Liquor Select.

#### **LONG SHADOWS SEQUEL SYRAH 2004 \$72.99**

John Duval, formerly of Australia's iconic Penfold's Grange, chose the Columbia Valley as his "Sequel" for the continuation of his life's work with Syrah.

WINE ADVOCATE 93 POINTS "Purple/black in color, this superb Syrah offers grilled meat, bacon fat, game and wild blueberry aromas and flavors. On the palate the wine is spicy, layered, and plush with soft tannins and enough acidity to hold things together. This hedonistic effort can be enjoyed now but will easily last for 20+ years."

#### **LONG SHADOWS PEDESTAL MERLOT 2004 \$72.99**

Michel Rolland, Pomerol vintner and the most famous wine consultant in the world, selected vineyards within the Columbia Valley to produce a Merlot that exemplifies the complexity and concentration of flavors for which his wines are internationally known

WINE ADVOCATE 94 POINTS "Opaque purple in color, this superb Merlot offers a classic perfume of pain grille, spice box, black cherry, and blackberry. This is followed by a rich, intensely flavored wine with great depth, concentration, and length. All components are nicely integrated with enough underlying structure to support 5-7 years of further evolution.

#### **LONG SHADOWS FEATHER CABERNET 2004 \$72.99**

Napa Valley vintner, Randy Dunn, has built a reputation over four decades for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignons. After making wines at Caymus from 1975-1985, Randy established Dunn Vineyards on Howell Mountain where he continues to craft distinctive wines of high acclaim.

WINE SPECTATOR 91 POINTS "Dense in texture, but not heavy, with bright red cherry, pomegranate and plum flavors piercing a distinct layer of fine-grained tannins. Has freshness and grace. Best after 2009. 1,176 cases made."

#### **LONG SHADOWS POETS LEAP RIESLING 2005 \$31.49**

Inspired by the greatest wines of Germany and crafted by Armin Diel, proprietor of the renowned Schlossgut Diel.

WINE SPECTATOR 88 POINTS "Crisp and fragrant, this off-dry white shows a strong mealy, spicy character against citrusy pear fruit that lingers well. 1,620 cases made."



# The Rhone Valley

Running almost due South from Burgundy, the Rhone River has carved out one of the greatest wine-growing valleys in the world. In the North, it is steep, windy and harsh, producing rare, sought-after Syrah-based reds such as Hermitage and Cote Rotie, and the Viognier-based whites of Condrieu and Chateau Grillet. In the South, the valley broadens into a wide, sun-baked vine-covered area renowned for its Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre based blended reds such as Chateauneuf du Pape, Gigondas, and Vacqueyras. Riding an almost unbroken string of very good to excellent vintages since the 1990's, the Rhone provides unbeatable value in deep, elegant reds that match superbly with the satisfying comfort food we crave during the winter season. Fine Wines by Liquor Select has just received a range of these wonderful wines, everything from fresh, peppery Cotes du Rhone to massive, cellar-worthy Chateau Neufs ideal for hearty braised meat dishes.

## CLOS DES PAPES CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE 2006 \$109.99

ROBERT PARKER 98 POINTS *"The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape is one of the two or three candidates for the wine of the vintage. An extraordinarily great wine, the 2006 is far superior to the 2005, which was amazing, and while made in a different style, is as great as the 2003, and such legends as 1990 and 1978...The 2006 boasts a dense ruby/purple color to the rim, in addition to an extraordinary bouquet of melted licorice, spring flowers, raspberries, black currants, spice box, and earth. In the mouth, it is utterly profound – full-bodied and multidimensional with astonishing purity, length, equilibrium, and intensity"*

## CUVEE DU VATICAN CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE "SIXTINE RESERVE" 2005 \$67.99

WINE SPECTATOR 94 POINTS  
*"Displays superb ripeness, with raspberry and fig notes layered with alluring cocoa powder, dark licorice and sweet spice. Long and rich on the finish, this pumps out fruit and terroir in a modern-styled package."*

## VIEUX TELEGRAPHE CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE 2006 375ML \$40.99

WINE SPECTATOR 93 POINTS  
*"A very grippy style, with lots of sweet tapenade, tobacco, hot stone and braised chestnut notes. weaving through a core of dark currant and fig fruit. There's a nice twinge of lavender on the structured finish."*

## DOMAINE SANTA DUC GIGONDAS 2005 \$46.99

WINE SPECTATOR 92 POINTS  
*"Very pure and driven for Gigondas, with a sleek texture to the crushed plum, blackberry and fig fruit. The long, enticing finish lets perfumy notes of black tea, roasted sage and mineral sail on."*



## DOMAINE DE LA MORDOREE LIRAC "LA DAME ROUSSE" 2006 \$30.99

WINE SPECTATOR 90 POINTS  
*"Offers a nice mix of red berry, blackberry and blueberry fruit, with a beam of sweet spice and toast notes. Shows good grip and focus through the finish, where there's a racy minerality."*

## DOMAINE CHARVIN COTES DU RHONE 2006 \$26.99

WINE SPECTATOR 90 POINTS *"Dark and winey, with a muscular core of fig paste and currant preserve backed by coffee and cocoa notes. The fleshy finish has lots of buried fruit, structure and minerality."*

## DOMAINE DE CRISTIA COTES DU RHONE 2007 \$21.49

DOMAINE DE LA MORDOREE COTES DU RHONE "LA DAME ROUSSE" 2007 22.99

# Just Arrived!!



FIRST DROP "CREAM" SHIRAZ 2005 (AUSTRALIA) \$138.99  
FIRST DROP "MOTHER'S MILK" SHIRAZ 2006 (AUSTRALIA) \$34.49  
FIRST DROP ARNEIS 2007 (AUSTRALIA) \$32.99  
CHATEAU LA CONFESSION ST EMILION GRAND CRU 2005 (FRANCE) \$109.99  
SMITH WOODHOUSE VINTAGE PORT 1985 (PORTUGAL) \$101.99  
QUINTA DE FRONTEIRA DOURO RESERVE 05 (PORTUGAL) \$31.99  
MENDEL UNUS 2006 (ARGENTINA) \$48.49  
PLANETA SYRAH 2005 (ITALY) \$44.49  
PLANETA LA SEGRETA ROSSO 2007 (ITALY) \$19.99  
MISSION HILL QUATRIN 2005 MERLOT, SYRAH, CAB FRANC, CAB SAUV (BC) \$52.99  
MISSION HILL PERPETUA CHARD 2006 (BC) \$37.99  
LOT 205 PETITE SIRAH 2005 (USA) \$17.39  
MADONNA ESTATE PINOT GRIGIO 2007 (USA) \$29.99  
FOPPIANO PETITE SYRAH 2004 (USA) \$25.99

Just a reminder that Fine Wines by Liquor Select will be closed at 6:00pm on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for an overdue and much needed Christmas Party Dinner Dance and Soiree'. Survivors will be back on the job the following day at 10:00AM (ish)

#### Store Hours

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm  
Friday 10am - 10pm  
Saturday 10am - 9pm  
Sundays and Holidays 12pm - 7pm

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