



# Fine Wines by Liquor Select

e-newsletter  
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Had enough of the bad news lately? Aren't we lucky that the world of wine offers a welcome respite from the grim economic news and the seemingly endless winter that we are stuck in? In this issue of the newsletter you are taken once again to the sunny Southern regions of France to explore the fantastic wines coming out of Languedoc-Roussillon, told about some upcoming fun events, and shown all the new wines in the store from the past few weeks. We even have an exclusive new wine from Paso Robles that lets you drink a \$45 bottle for \$30. It's always good when you can do that.

We would like to thank all of you who came out for our staff education night – it was great to see so many people come out on a winter's night and have fun learning about unusual grape varieties. We will definitely be doing that again soon. Watch for the email!

In these tight financial times, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of ways that you can stretch your precious dollars when shopping at Fine Wines by Liquor Select. Not only are the products in the store individually hand-picked because they offer superior quality and value for the price, but we also offer several ways to save money on your purchases. The next time you are in, ask about our envirobag discount that saves you 5% every time you use it, our caselot discount that saves you 10% on any twelve bottles or more bottles of wine, and of course our Tasting Night discount that saves you 10% on anything you purchase after one of our events.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FRUIT BOMBS

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009 7PM

Are you a fan of big, jammy Shiraz, juicy Zins and fruit-drenched Cabernets? Then we have an evening designed just for you!  
Tickets: \$35pp + GST.

### AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN

FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2009 7PM

Wines from Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Lebanon, and even Morocco!  
Tickets: \$35pp + GST.

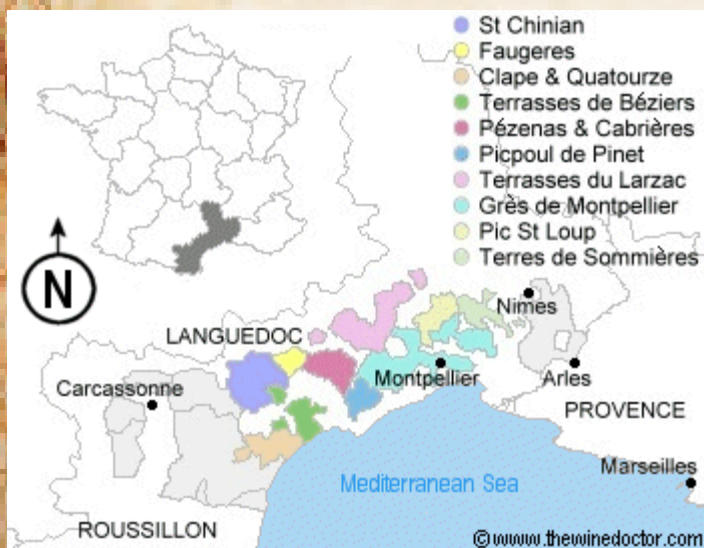
### 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FLING

SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2-5PM

Join us for our first ever Spring Open House! Preview the tastes of Summer – whites, rose's, BBQ reds, beers. Martinis anyone?

**Absolutely FREE OF CHARGE**

# LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON



Stretching West along the Mediterranean from Provence to the Spanish border, the wine region of Languedoc/Roussillon is a sun-blessed paradise, ideal for producing great wine. Unfortunately, it has historically been a producer of rustic, heavy, even clumsy wines, fit only for local consumption. Thankfully, a revolution has taken place over the last fifteen years or so and this huge region is now the source of some of the best value wines, particularly reds, to be found anywhere. Based on the same grapes that made the Rhone famous (Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre), Languedoc Roussillon gives the same rich and elegant quality, but often at a better price. Fine Wines by Liquor Select has been reworking our selection from this region so that we can offer the rising stars of this wonderful appellation. Though not well-known in North America, anyone who follows the English wines press (such as Decanter)

knows that a very high percentage of their recommendations come from the Languedoc, simply because of the tremendous value that these wines offer. Rich, intense red fruit flavours are the hallmarks of wine from this region, along with a new-found elegance and attention to detail that were not there ten or fifteen years ago.

## **CLOS DES SOUTYERES "LES VERRIERES" 2006 \$30.99 14 CASES IN ALBERTA**

WINE SPECTATOR 92 POINTS

*"a muscular style, offering a concentrated, intense mix of crushed red fruit and bittersweet chocolate flavours, with big structure and big tannins. Mint, tannins and spice fill the long, intense finish."*

## **MAS DU SOLEILLA "LES CHAILLES" 2006 \$34.99 12 CASES IN ALBERTA**

WINE SPECTATOR 93 POINTS

*"this very pure-tasting red offers luxuriant flavours of cherry, cream, raspberry and spice. Has excellent balance and structure, with bacon fat and savoury notes. The long finish is filled with plenty of spice and white pepper."*

## **MAS DU SOLEILLA "PETITE MARS" 2005 \$29.99 14 CASES IN ALBERTA**

WINE SPECTATOR 93 POINTS

*"Exhibits a minerally aroma, with pure, profound flavours of raspberry, smoke, licorice and dried cherry. Finely crafted and full of finesse. The long finish harnesses fresh savoury herb, cream and mocha."*

## **GOURNIER GRENACHE 2006 \$15.49**

## **VALCOMBE GRENACHE/SYRAH 2007 \$12.99**



# NEW ON THE SHELF

## CHATEAU BEAUREGARD POMEROL 2005 \$91.99

WINE SPECTATOR 92 PTS

*"Has complex aromas of ripe blackberry, green olive and sweet tobacco, with Indian spices. Full-bodied, supersilky and refined. Not a huge wine, but everything is in harmony"*

ROBERT PARKER 89-91PTS

*"A candidate for the finest wine produced at this chateau, Beauregard's inky/ruby-colored 2005 offers up sumptuously rich aromas of graphite, smoke, black cherry jam, and cassis. With superb fruit, medium to full body, ripe tannin, and adequate acidity, it can be enjoyed over the next 10-15 years."*



CHATEAU  
BEAUREGARD  
POMEROL  
2005

## STEAL OF A DEAL!

ANGLIM 2005 SYRAH PASO

ROBLES USA \$30.99

This is a wine that sells for \$45 in real life, but we were at the right place at the right time and made a great bargain. We tasted it last fall and were blown away by the the purity of the Syrah flavours bursting from the glass. We made a deal right then to buy it all and we are happy to be the sole retailer in Alberta of this fabulous wine. A great recession-fighter!



- D.R. STEPHENS II NAPA CABERNET 2005 (USA) \$68.49
- WALL CABERNET NAPA VALLEY 2006 (USA) \$26.99
- MONTAUDON ROSE NV CHAMPAGNE (FRANCE) \$51.99
- CAYMUS ZINFANDEL 2005 (USA) \$47.99
- PENFOLDS ST HENRI SHIRAZ 2004 (AUSTRALIA) \$56.99
- RAVENSWOOD ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY 2006 (USA) \$31.49
- FAIRVIEW GOAT ROTIE 2006 (SOUTH AFRICA) \$23.49
- THORN CLARKE "SHOTFIRE" SHIRAZ 2006 (AUSTRALIA) \$27.99
- CAYMUS CONUNDRUM 375ML 2007 (USA) \$22.99
- J LOHR 7 OAKS CABERNET 375ML 2006 (USA) \$14.99
- J LOHR RIVERSTONE CHARDONNAY 375ML 2007 (USA) \$13.99
- MATCHBOOK SYRAH 2005 (USA) \$19.99
- BONTERRA ZINFANDEL (ORGANIC) (USA) 2007 \$21.99
- AMBERTON CABERTON 2004 (USA) \$14.99
- ATTECA OLD VINE GRENACHE 2007 (SPAIN) \$24.99
- GRAHAMS 6 GRAPES RUBY PORT 375ML (PORTUGAL) \$15.99
- MAINERA BARBERA 2006 (ITALY) \$16.99
- BLACK CHOOK VIOGNIER 2007 (AUSTRALIA) \$19.49
- GEOFF MERRILL "JACKO'S BLEND" SHIRAZ 2004 (AUSTRALIA) \$23.49
- GEOFF MERRILL CABERNET 2004 (AUSTRALIA) \$23.49
- LUIGI BOSCA SINGLE VINEYARD MALBEC 2007 (ARGENTINA) \$25.49
- LA TUNELLA "CAMPO MARZIO" WHITE 2005 (ITALY) \$29.99
- ALTA VISTA MALBEC 375ML 2007 (ARGENTINA) \$12.99

### Store Hours

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm

Friday 10am - 10pm

Saturday 10am - 9pm

Sundays and Holidays 12pm - 7pm

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