



Fine Wines by Liquor Select

e-newsletter
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Christmas Open House

Wednesday, December 2nd
7-9:30PM FREE

Happy holidays! Please stop by for an evening and try the best of what Liquor Select has to offer. More than 60 wonderful wines, beers and spirits from around the world will be offered from a record 17 agencies. No need to reserve – just come on down!

Champagne

Friday, December 11th
7:00 PM \$60pp

This is your chance to try some of the world's best bubbles, our annual exploration of the magic of Champagne. Join us as we taste a range of truly magnificent champagnes and let your imagination take you on a journey straight to France.

Robbie Burns Night

Friday, January 22nd
7:00 PM \$55pp

Come celebrate the essence of Scotland! Our friend Nick Lees, the Edmonton Journal's own man about town and Scotch fanatic, will once again inform and entertain us to the music of a piper and the delightful flavour of a premium Haggis! A great Christmas gift for the Scotch-lover in your life.

The holiday season is upon us and the cold weather makes us think once again of gatherings of friends and family around the table with wonderful food and great wine, gift-giving and merriment. Fine Wines by Liquor Select can help! We have a huge selection of the world's best wines, beers and Spirits, as well as giftware, baskets, and Gift Certificates. In this issue, you will find some great new wines to suit the most discriminating connoisseur along with everyday fun wines to enjoy at your holiday gatherings. As well, there are some fun events coming up, including our Annual Champagne Tasting and a Robby Burns Night in January (1/2 sold). We here at Fine Wines by Liquor Select want to wish you and yours the very best of the festive season and all the health, happiness and good fortune in the New Year!

For Scotch Lovers

Fine Wines by Liquor Select is happy to announce the arrival of some special whiskies from two of Islay's best as well as some great gift collections

Bunnahabhain 12yr \$77.99

Bunnahabhain 18yr \$124.99

Tobermory 15 yr \$124.99

**Caol Ila Gift Pack (3x200ml) 12yr, 18yr
& Cask Strength \$84.99**

**Islay Gift Pack (5x200ml) Caol Ila 12 &
18yr, Lagavulin 12 & 16yr, and Port Ellen
\$209.99**

**For those who really love Scotch, check out
www.scotchwhisky.net Great site.**

The Wines of DARIOUSH



Fine Wines by Liquor Select is happy to announce the arrival of the wines of Darioush. A small cult winery located in the cooler southern end of Napa Valley, Darioush is legendary for the serious structure, power, balance and definition of its wines and the unique character of the winery and its founder Darioush Kaledi. With vineyards located in Mt Veeder, Oak Knoll and on the Darioush Estate just south of Stag's Leap District, Darioush is ideally situated to create wines that strike me as having a New World heart with an Old World soul. They are big and dense, with all the fruit and colour of Napa, but with the structure, reserve and earthiness of France. Easily one of the most spectacular wineries in all of California, the architecture reflects Mr Kaledi's origins in Shiraz, Iran. Many of the esthetic design elements, including the twin-bull columns out front, arise from Ancient Persia's capital city of Persepolis. It would be easy to be fooled by the extravagant face of the winery, but that would be a mistake - Darioush is a lot more than flash. Under the direction of winemaker Steve Devitt, Darioush operates to the most rigorous standards. All the fruit is estate grown, hand-harvested and hand-sorted (sometimes twice). All this care and attention ensures that the end-product is spectacular.

2006 Signature Cabernet (85% Cabernet 9% Merlot 3% each Cab Franc and Malbec) \$120.99

2006 Signature Merlot (95% Merlot 5% Cab Franc) \$76.99

2006 Duel (60% Cabernet 40% Shiraz) \$83.99

2006 Signature Shiraz \$99.99

2007 Signature Chardonnay (100% Chardonnay) \$62.99

2008 Signature Viognier (100% Viognier) \$62.99

2007 Caravan (76% Cabernet, 15% Merlot, 5% Cab Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec) \$62.99

T'IS THE SEASON!

If you are looking for the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for someone on your list, or perhaps you would like to reward good customers or employees that went the extra mile, check out the assortment of festive gift baskets, boxes, bags and other goodies that we have in stock for the holidays. It just makes Christmas gift-giving so easy!



THE WINEMAKERS' COLLECTION CUVÉE #2 DENIS DUBOURDIEU 2006 \$52.99

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 PTS

"This enticing project was instituted by the Bordeaux negociant, Bordeaux Millesimes, under the moniker of 'Once Upon a Wine.' Each year a wine will be made based on one parcel of vines from Chateau d'Arsac, and the concept involves one of the world's most respected winemakers for each vintage. Denis Dubourdieu was chosen for 2006, following the debut vintage, 2005, made by Michel Rolland. Approximately 5,000 cases will be produced in each vintage. Professor Dubourdieu (winemaking consultant to Cheval Blanc, among others) fashioned a dense ruby/purple-hued wine displaying notes of black cherries, cassis, licorice, pain grille, and earth. More structured than the 2005, with less sweet tannin, it is richly fruity, deep, medium to full-bodied, and impressively endowed. The 2006 Cuvée Number Two should drink well for 15 or more years. These wines are meant to be a cinematic study of the same terroir with the philosophy of the winemaker imprinted on each vintage, and the winemakers are given carte blanche authority to do whatever they want. It will be fascinating to compare these offerings as they evolve, but there is no doubt that some of the world's greatest winemaking talents are being lined up to continue this creative concept."

2004 BRUNELLO!

2004 is a fabulous vintage for these Italian powerhouse reds and Fine Wines by Liquor Select has been stocking up! They are great cellar wines, offering drinking pleasure for 20+ years.

CASTELGIOCONDO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004 \$75.99

WINE SPECTATOR 95 POINTS

"Shows a complex nose of blackberry, tanned leather, sandalwood and cedar. Fascinating. Full-bodied, with supersilky tannins and a long, long finish. Concentrated yet balanced. Beautiful and complete."

TERRALSOLE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2004 \$89.99

WINE SPECTATOR 91 POINTS

"Interesting aromas of tar, leather and ripe plum follow through to a full body, with soft tannins and a round, velvety textured finish. Needs to open a little. Best after 2010"



NEW ON THE SHELF

FRANCE

DOMAINE PEGAU CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2006 \$89.99
DOSNAN AND LEPAGE CHAMPAGNE EXTRA BRUT \$59.99
ALBRECHT CREMANT ROSE BRUT \$24.99
MONMOUSSEAU BRUT 2003 L\$18.99
DOMAINE DE LA MORDOREE LIRAC "REIN DES BOIS" 2006 \$43.99
LA BASTIDE COTES DU RHONE "ST DOMINIQUE" 2007 \$27.49
TERRE DE MISTRAL COTES DU RHONE 2008 \$18.49
LA CABOTTE COTES DU RHONE VILLAGE "GARANCE" 2005 \$23.99
LA CABOTTE COTES DU RHONE "COLLINE" 2005 \$17.99
DOMAINE GALUS COSTIERES DE NIMES 2005 \$21.49

AUSTRALIA

ELDERTON ASHMEAD GRAND TOURER SHIRAZ 2008 \$56.99
HEWITSON NED AND HENRY'S SHIRAZ 2007 \$27.99
BLACK PIPER GSM 2008 \$23.99
SLAPSHOT SHIRAZ 2006 \$20.99
HILL OF CONTENT SHIRAZ 2006 \$20.49

SPAIN

CIEN Y PICO DOBLE PASTA 2007 \$24.49
CIEN Y PICO KNIGHTS ERRANT 2007 \$38.99
MUGA RESERVA 2004 \$39.99
MUGA SELECCIONE ESPECIAL 2004 \$49.99
PAGOS DE ARAIZ CRIANZA 04 19.99

USA

ROBERT BIALE ZINFANDEL NAPA RANCHES 2007 \$59.99
LIBERTY SCHOOL SYRAH \$22.99
ST FRANCIS MERLOT \$34.49
CANNONBALL CABERNET 2006 \$25.49

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PORTUGAL

QUINTA DO CRASTO RESERVE 2007 \$42.99
QUINTA DO NOVAL COLHEITA 1986 \$80.99
QUINTA DE FRONTEIRA SDE 2006 \$26.99

Store Hours

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

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Questions or Comments? We'd love to hear from you!

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