



The Wine and Cheese Cask

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Some of the Best European Wines
We Have Tasted This or any Other Year
(At Significantly Reduced Prices)

Bandol

2010 Bandol (Château de Pibarnon)

Regular Price \$49.99 – Sale Price \$39.99 NET

Bandol is the great red wine of Provence. In the seaside village of Bandol the Mourvèdre grape thrives, producing, deep, scented wines. The 2010 from Pibarnon features hearty blackberry fruit, gorgeous ripe tannins, and a spicy, foresty finish.



Cru Barbaresco

2011 Barbaresco 'Ovello' (Cantina del Pino)

Regular Price \$49.99 – Sale Price \$39.99 NET

Renato Vacca's Barbarescos are sculpted masterpieces. The Ovello vineyard is the apex of his production, and the 2011 will age gracefully into an ethereal beauty with its underlying juiciness and long, lean finish.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

2013 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Clos du Mont Olivet)

Regular Price \$35.99 – Sale Price \$27.99 NET

When it comes to affordable, ageable, traditional Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Clos du Mont Olivet always delivers. The 2013 is a more approachable vintage, with jammy raspberry flavor, but it will age and improve for another ten years.

Pouilly-Fuissé

2013 Pouilly Fuissé 'Vieilles Vignes' (Domaine Guerrin)

Regular Price \$29.99 – Sale Price \$23.99 NET



Now that the Montrachets and the Meursaults have priced themselves into the ionosphere, Pouilly-Fuissé has become an affordable white Burgundy again. Domaine Guerrin's 2013 from old vines is a full-bodied, rich wine with a long, flinty finish.

Wachau Grüner

2014 Grüner Veltliner Federspiel 'Hinter der Burg' (Prager)

Regular Price \$37.99 – Sale Price \$29.99 NET

We have a passion for the wines of Austria's Wachau region. The 2014 Hinter der Burg vineyard Grüner Veltliner from Prager is like the collision of two rocks, with its intensely mineral character fused onto the body of a rich, dry white. Have this special wine with lobster or crab.

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Classed Growth Médoc

2012 Cru Classé Médoc (Château Cantemerle)

Regular Price \$43.99 – Sale Price \$34.99 NET

Château Cantemerle, a fifth growth Médoc, has been quietly making great wines the last few vintages and the prices have been reasonable given the long history of the estate. The 2012 is a charmer, with sweetly floral aromas, a lovely, earthy, dry palate, and an elegant, long finish.

Barolo

2011 Barolo (Oddero)

Regular Price \$39.99 – Sale Price \$29.99 NET

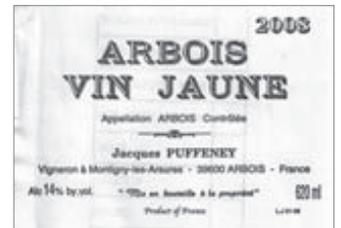
Oddero has produced one of the best Barolos of the 2011 vintage and the absolute best value.

Vin Jaune

2008 Arbois Vin Jaune (Jacques Puffeney)

Regular Price \$89.99 – Sale Price \$69.99 NET

Arbois Vin Jaune from the Jura is a fascinating dry white wine. It is made entirely with the Savagnin grape variety, aged for 6 and a half years in barrels under a layer of natural yeast, and bottled in its own 620 ml bottle called a Clavelin. The result is a steely, crisp wine with an intense precision of flavors like walnuts and mushrooms. It is a magic combination with the Comté cheese of the region and is also amazing with chicken and mushrooms if you use a bit of the wine in the sauce. Jacques Puffeney is one of the best producers in the Jura and now that he has announced his retirement and sold his vineyards his wines be will even more cherished. This 2008 amazes.



Amarone

2010 Amarone Classico 'Ravazzol' (Ca' la Bionda)

Regular Price \$49.99 – Sale Price \$39.99 NET

Ca' la Bionda excels in making a drier-styled Amarone. This wine comes from the Ravazzol vineyard, a limestone slope with vines that average an amazing 50 to 70 years of age. After harvest the grapes are dried until late January, during which time they lose 40 percent of their weight in water and yield a rich, concentrated must. After a long, slow fermentation the wine is aged in 3000 liter barrels for 36 months. The 2010 is a powerful, tannic wine, but paradoxically light and elegant all the same. Its gorgeous color and panoramic nose of violets and dried fruits make this labor-intensive wine a particularly impressive feat.

Organic in España

Penedès



2013 Penedès 'Mas Petit' (Parés Balta)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$101.90 case of twelve

The folks at Parés Balta are great ambassadors for the Penedès region. They deliver great-value organic wines in white, red, rosé, and sparkling, all the while celebrating their Catalan heritage. The current great value is the 2013 Mas Petit, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (81%) and Garnatxa. Bright and fresh with berry fruit and dusty tannins, this will make a nice match with rice and beans and all the fixins.

Rueda

2014 Rueda (Menade)

Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve

This is a very impressive Verdejo from Rueda. Made from grapes grown organically, this is a snappy, fresh white, with peachy fruit and crisp minerality. Have this with anything seafood.

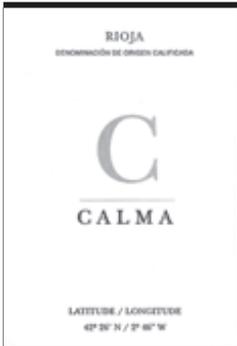


Rioja

2010 Rioja (Calma)

Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve

Made with organic Tempranillo and Graciano grapes, the Calma Tempranillo delivers a mouthful of rich, round fruit and earthy dryness. Try this with a wintry lamb stew along with roasted rosemary potatoes.



Trocken

2014 Scheurebe Trocken (Geil)

Sale Price \$17.99 – \$183.50 case of twelve

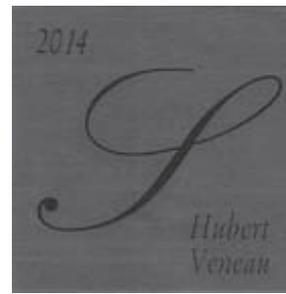
Hold onto your Homburgs, Scheurebe is not a cross between Silvaner and Riesling, but a cross between Riesling and an unknown variety. Lost in the mists of time between 1916 and now is knowledge of exactly what Georg Scheu concocted at the Alzey research center in the Rheinhessen. Though production is declining, there is still interest in this intense, refreshing white grape. Geil in the Pfalz has made a bone-dry 2014 Scheurebe that has the racy flavors of Riesling along with hints of black currant and grapefruit. Try this with all the spicy curries in your repertoire.



Silex

2014 Pouilly-Fumé 'Cuvée S' (Hubert Veneau)

Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve



We were fortunate to receive a second shipment of the great Cuvée S Pouilly Fumé from Hubert Veneau. The 2014 is a great Sauvignon Blanc laden with the fine flinty minerality that the Silex soils bring to the grape. Have this full-flavored dry white with a roast salmon and a side of wilted spinach.

Monferrato

2013 Barbera del Monferrato 'Rosso Pietro' (Valpane)

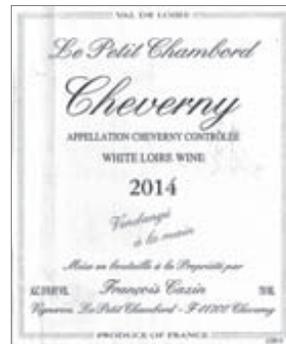
Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve

The Monferrato region in Piedmont is said to be the ancestral home of the Barbera grape, where it is given the status of royalty in its growing and vinification. We previously featured Valpane's 2005 Perlydia, their aged Barbera Superiore. This month we have their fresh young Rosso Pietro, a spicy raspberry-scented red that will go with any pasta in your pantry.

Chevigny

2014 Chevigny (Le Petit Chambord)

Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve



Francois Cazin is a thoughtful vigneron who makes compelling great-value wines in Chevigny. Even in less-than-great vintages he makes wine that surprises with its focus and concentration, so it is gratifying to see what he does with an excellent vintage. The 2014 vintage in the Loire was gilded by a warm and dry September. This 2014, a blend of Sauvignon and Chardonnay, has

wonderful aromas of citrus and pear followed by an overall crispness and a big, long finish. Have this beautiful white with haddock atop some garlic-laced greens.

Old Vine Muscadet

2010 Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 'Clos Armand' (Delhommeau)

Sale Price \$15.99 – \$163.10 case of twelve

Delhommeau's Saint Vincent cuvée is one of the best values in Muscadet. Now after a long wait we have received their 2010 Clos Armand old-vine super cuvée. This has all the powerful earthy mineral flavors of sur lie aged Muscadet along with polished roundness and real depth. A great match with a simple steamed lobster.



Dow's LBV

2009 Late Bottled Vintage Porto (Dow's)

Sale Price \$19.99 – \$215.90 case of twelve

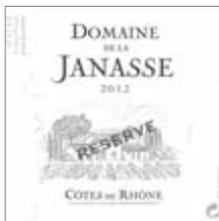
Dow's Vintage Ports have long been among the best, but it has been in recent years that their LBV has shown a significant rise in quality. The 2009 is packed with dark plum and fig fruit along with suggestions of chocolate and baking spices. Break out the stilton and walnuts, but do not hesitate to try it with the Old Quebec cheddar from the cheese department.

Rhône Réserve

2012 Côtes du Rhône 'Réserve' (Domaine de la Janasse)

Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve

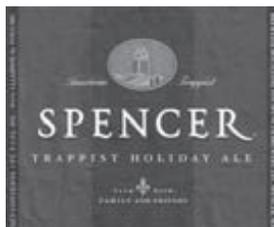
Domaine de la Janasse's Réserve Côtes du Rhône is made from Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Cinsault, and Mourvèdre grapes grown in vineyards adjacent to their Châteauneuf du Pape vineyards. The 2012 is a polished, rich red with black pepper, provençal herbs, and dark, concentrated fruit. This will pair best with a slow roasted leg of lamb.



A Trappist Holiday Treat

Trappist Holiday Ale (Spencer)

Sale Price \$9.99 per 750ml – \$53.95 case of six

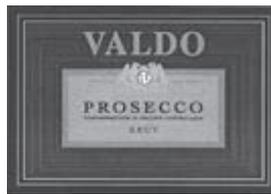


Folks who liked the initial release of Spencer Trappist Ale will probably adore their new Holiday Ale. Its light brown color and light spiciness is beautifully balanced between fruity sweet and hoppy dry. Have this with a roast turkey and all the holiday trimmings.

Four Bubblyies

These are the four points on the Bubbly compass. Pick your point and price – and Happy New Year!

Prosecco



Prosecco Brut (Valdo)

Sale Price \$8.99 – \$97.09 case of twelve

Valdo is a fabulous value in Brut Prosecco. This is ideal for the ubiquitous 'spritz' and for large-scale toasts.

Sparkling

Anderson Valley Brut (Roederer Estate)

Sale Price \$19.99 – \$215.89 case of twelve

Roederer has mastered American sparkling wine with French know-how. The cool-climate Anderson Valley's Chardonnay and Pinot Noir make this a near Champagne equivalent at a great price.

Cava

Cava Brut Nature Reserva (German Gilabert)

Sale Price \$13.99 – \$151.09 case of twelve

German Gilabert is a totally dry Cava made with the Catalan trio of Macabeo, Xarel.lo and Parellada. Aging on the lees for 16 months gives it a toastiness; zero dosage makes it firm and dry.



Champagne

Champagne Brut (Duval-Leroy)

Sale Price \$34.99 – \$377.89 case of twelve

Duval-Leroy makes a truly Brut Champagne with hints of raspberry fruit, lovely small bubbles, and a racy dry finish.

Specialty Foods



Saint Angel \$14.99 per lb. (Regular price \$17.99)

This is the season for triple-crème, which pairs so well with sparkling wines. From the Côtes Du Rhône area of Southeast France, Saint Angel is a soft-ripened square of pasteurized cow's milk with a thin, bloomy, hint-of-mushroom rind and decadent buttery paste.

Ubriaco Di Raboso \$16.99 per lb. (Regular price \$17.99)

A semi-firm, pressed, uncooked cheese made with pasteurized cow's milk and deeply affected by the wine which permeates its fudgy paste. Aged a minimum of 12 months, immersed in Raboso IGT wine and marc for several weeks following the first six months of aging, Ubriaco di Raboso is fruity and surprisingly spicy. From La Casearia, a creamery and aging facility in the Veneto region of Italy.

Brunet \$18.99 per lb. (Regular price \$21.99)

From Caseificio dell'Alta Langa in Piedmont, Italy, a gorgeous soft-ripened pasteurized goat's milk robiola. Cakey at the center, it softens as it meets the thin, rippled rind. Calm in demeanor yet complex in flavor, its presentation is superb, ideal to bring to a holiday party or tuck into a gift basket.

Old Québec 7 Year Cheddar \$21.99 per lb. (Regular price \$22.99)

At 7 years, this is the oldest cheddar that we offer, and it's intense! The texture is smooth and not as crumbly

as one would expect from a cheddar of this vintage, which renders it more versatile and easier to work with. It retains the robust flavor of a younger cheddar and adds some serious tang. Made in Quebec with raw cow's milk.



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Wines of the Month —December 7, 2015 through January 14, 2016

2013 Pinot Blanc (Trimbach)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve

Trimbach has definitely steered their Pinot Blanc into the dry spectrum, and it's the better for it in 2013. This charming versatile white is perfect for all your holiday feasts.

2014 Pays d'Hérault Carignan (Mont Gravet)

Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

Mont Gravet's old-vine Carignan captures the herbal and fruity essence of the Languedoc hillsides. This not-heavy red will make a fine match with lighter fare.

2013 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo (Masciarelli)

Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

This Wine Cask staple is amazingly good in the 2013 vintage. Behind the fruity opening is a complex red with real depth.

2014 Pé Tinto (Esporão)

Sale Price \$4.99 – \$53.89 case of twelve

Because Portugal is conveniently located off the coast of Cape Cod we can get amazing values. Try this hearty red from Esporão for its ripe fruit and gripping structure.

