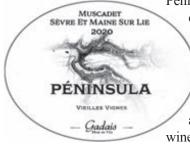


Old Vine Muscadet

2020 Muscadet Sèvre et Maine 'Péninsula' (Gadais) Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve

When the Gadais clan says Vieilles Vignes they mean it. Their



Péninsula vineyard, located at the confluence of the Sèvre and Maine rivers, was planted in 1929. These old vines draw mineral flavors from the rocky soil while the sunny 2020 vintage gave a richness of fruit and a deep, long finish. A perfect wine for all fish and shellfish.

Bianco=Weiss

2022 Pinot Bianco/Weissburgunder (St. Michael-Eppan) Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve

The Alto Adige is an amazingly productive source of high-quality yet very affordable wine. Last month we featured the Grigio/ Nero combination platter from Hofstätter. This month we have a fresh new vintage of Pinot Bianco/ Weissburgunder from the excellent



cooperative winery of St. Michael Eppan. The 2022 is one of the great bargains in the white wine marketplace. The balance between fruit and dryness is exquisite, plus it's a dream to pair with all kinds of food.

Fizzy Basque Rosé

2023 Getariako Txakolina 'Rubentis' (Ameztoi) Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve



This is our first of hopefully many shipments of the 2023 Rubentis from Ameztoi. This is about as fresh as a rosé can be drunk on this side of the Atlantic. The Hondarrabi Zuri and Hondarrabi Beltza grapes are hand harvested, pressed together, and fermented in a stainless steel

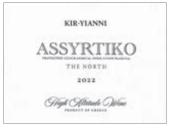
vat for 20 days. The vat is then closed and cooled down to near freezing. This process captures the wine's natural effervescence. This new vintage is a complete charmer.

Assyrtiko

2022 Assyrtiko 'The North' (Kir-Yianni) Sale Price \$17.99 – \$183.50 case of twelve

The Assyrtiko grape burst onto the modern wine scene with vividly crisp and intense dry whites from the Aegean island of Santorini. So good, so scarce, and now so expensive, growers

quickly planted Assyrtiko all over the mainland and now there are better values and almost as good Assyrtiko from all over Greece. Kir-Yianni's version from Naoussa in 'The North' is planted at a high elevation and yields crisp, deep flavors. Try this full-flavored



white with a lemony chicken dish surrounded by briny olives.

Pre-Tax Beaujolais

2022 Beaujolais (Domaine de la Prébende) Sale Price \$17.99 – \$183.50 case of twelve

This wine is made by the Dupeuble family who are steeped in Beaujolais. The Domaine sits on a location where monks used to



collect taxes (*une prébende*) from the villagers. The organic vines used were planted in the 1930s, 40s, and 80s. The hand-harvested grapes are fermented naturally without any sulfur and no sulfites have been added to the finished wine. This is a gorgeously fruity and minerally Gamay that is not at all taxing to drink. Perfect for the ham and lamb

of Easter. Don't forget to invite a few monks.

* Weekly Wine Tastings *

We now offer a free wine tasting every Wednesday from 5-7 pm! Featured wines are discounted 10% during the tasting. Follow us on Instagram (@thewineandcheesecask) or Facebook to see what we will be pouring each week.

* Note: we will not have a tasting on 4/10, as we will be hosting a special tasting on Tuesday 4/9 with Mark Vlossak of St. Innocent Winery. See the St. Innocent entry inside for more.

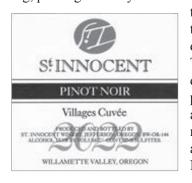
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A Visit from St. Innocent

2022 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir 'Villages Cuvée' (St. Innocent)

Sale Price \$34.99 - \$356.90 case of twelve

We've long been fans of St. Innocent, and now we're thrilled to report that owner/winemaker Mark Vlossak will soon be visiting, pouring a variety of his wines during a tasting here from 5



to 7 pm on Tuesday April 9th. In the meantime, we're featuring the delicious 2022 Villages Cuvée. This is a blend designed for early drinking, yet is crafted from premium vineyards. With Easter approaching this will be a fine match with the traditional ham and lamb... and of course Pacific Northwest salmon

Château Pertignas

BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR

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The 2019 La Clide is a

ultra-smooth palate, and

gorgeous St. Émilion Grand

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Superior Bordeaux

2019 Bordeaux Supérieur 'Cuvée Barrique' (Château Pertignas) Sale Price \$17.99 - \$183.50 case of twelve 2019 Saint Émilion Grand Cru (Château La Clide) Sale Price \$27.99 - \$285.50 case of twelve

We were fortunate to get another stack of cases of the excellent value 2019 Château Pertignas. They only make this cuvée in the best years, and the 2019 is drinking beautifully now with its oaky



Grüner Velt Liter

2022 Grüner Veltliner (Mantlerhof) Sale Price \$13.99 per Liter – \$142.70 case of twelve



We like our Liters. These bottles from Germany and Austria are not super serious. They are usually entry-level wines that go great with copious varieties of food and have a little more volume to use for cooking or for a larger gathering. This month we return to the Mantlerhof Grüner. This delicious, affordable dry white is also organic and vegan friendly.

Spirits on Sale

Maybe you forgot that we also carry a large selection of fine spirits. Here are this month's specials.



Tito's Vodka 1.75ml

Regular Price \$34.99 Sale Price \$29.99 This month we have a very good price on the large-sized Tito's, America's most popular vodka.

Elijah Craig Straight Rye 750ml

Regular Price \$37.99 Sale Price \$29.99

Founded in 1789, Elijah Craig is a master of Straight Rye Whiskey. Enjoy this spicy, balanced rye for sipping or for your favorite craft cocktail.

Barr Hill Gin 750ml

Regular Price \$37.99 Sale Price \$29.99 Produced in Vermont from juniper and raw honey, Barr Hill makes an incredible Bee's Knees



Pusser's British Navy Rum 750ml

Regular Price \$26.99 Sale Price \$21.99 Aged three years to British Navy specifications, Pusser's Rum is a full-flavored. medium-dark rum for all kinds of tropical cocktails.



Gran Selezione

2018 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 'Argenina' (Podere il Palazzino)

Sale Price \$23.99 - \$244.70 case of twelve

The improvements made in Tuscan viticulture over the last forty years led the Italian wine authorities to create a new, highest



denominazione for Chianti Classico called Gran Selezione. To qualify, producers are required to use only grapes that they grow themselves. Ninety percent of the blend has to be Sangiovese and the other ten percent must be from native

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Les Monts Damnés

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vines, meaning no Cabernet or Merlot. Plus, the wine must be aged at least 30 months before release. This has allowed some well-known Classico producers to create extremely expensive Gran Selezione to top off their portfolios. Podere il Palazzino has changed little, including the price, about their Argenina vineyard Chianti Classico even as it has evolved into a Gran Selezione level wine. The 2018 is a full-bodied Sangiovese with lively cedar aromas, bold cherry fruit, and gripping, dry tannins. A perfect Tuscan red for a grilled porterhouse.

Sancerre Chavignol

2022 Sancerre 'Les Monts Damnés' (Thomas-Labaille) Sale Price \$34.99 – \$356.90 case of twelve

The hilltop town of Sancerre is the bustling center of an extremely successful appellation. Not far away in a side valley is the less active

village of Chavignol. Nestled at the base of the great Les Monts Damnés vineyard, Chavignol is home to several of Sancerre's best producers. Like all of Sancerre, the price has crept up over the years, but the steep and chalky Monts Damnés always delivers world-class Sauvignon Blanc. Our favorite is the old fashioned version from Thomas-Labaille. A great wine for shellfish.

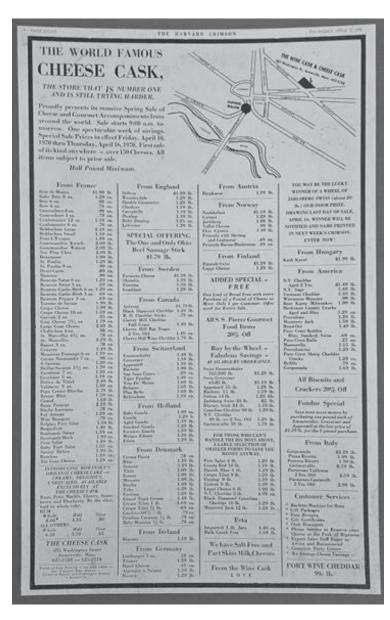
Saint Damien

2021 Gigondas 'V.V.' (Saint Damien) Sale Price \$39.99 – \$407.90 case of twelve

This is usually Saint Damien's entry-level Gigondas, but in the yield-challenged 2021 vintage, it became their only Gigondas. The single-vineyard bottlings Louisiane and Souteyrades were blended in so the proprietor could have

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a marketable quantity of Vieille Vignes Gigondas. This superb wine fires on all the Southern Rhône cylinders with its plum and lavender aromas, leather and olive flavors, and overall mouth-filling deliciousness. This is the one for lamb.



A Visit from Wine Cask Past

In lieu of our regular cheese content, this month we are sharing a fun relic of the store's long history. We were surprised and thrilled recently when the son of a former Wine Cask manager and part-owner contacted us, offering to send us something he found while downsizing his father's house: a full-page ad from the April 9, 1970 Harvard Crimson announcing a Spring Cheese Sale at the Cheese Cask.

The ad is quite dense, and we enjoyed poring over it to see what has changed and what has stayed the same at everyone's favorite wine and cheese shop.

Sorry, we cannot honor the listed prices, but we do now possess the original copy if you would like to check it out. And apologies that we no longer offer door prizes in the form of entire wheels of Jarlsberg cheese. Maybe someday we'll bring that back. Signed,

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Wines of the Month — March 18, 2024 through April 14, 2024

2022 Côtes de Gascogne Blanc (Saint-Lannes) Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

This fresh, dry white is made from Colombard and Gros Manseng in Gascony. It's good on its own or with a light supper of salads and cheese.

2021 Vin de Pays de Méditerranée Grenache (André Brunel)

Sale Price \$10.99 - \$118.69 case of twelve

Brunel is a Grenache master. His 2021 Vin de Pays has ripe, fresh fruit and an earthy, herbal finish. Fine with a beef stew.

2022 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir (Castle Rock) Sale Price \$11.99 – \$129.49 case of twelve

Castle Rock makes great value wines all up and down the West Coast. This month we are enjoying their 2022 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. Ripe cherry and raspberry fruit lead to a fine dry finish. Wonderful with salmon.

2020 Bordeaux Rouge (Château Le Mayne Turon) Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve

Le Mayne Turon always delivers an authentic earthy and dry Bordeaux. The 2020 is nearly equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. Great with burgers and blue cheese.

