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WINE AND SPIRIT NEWS..... WINES AVAILABLE

Events!

- Attached is the invitation to our Grand Cru Portfolio Wine Tasting event on October 29. Please RSVP to grandcru@halpernwine.com. For more information on Grand Cru see www.grandcru.ca. Expect a copy of the invitation by mail.

PLEASE JOIN US ON
SEPTEMBER 9 AT
THE CHEF
UPSTAIRS FOR A
DINNER FEATURING
ALBERTO BORATTO
PRESENTING THE
WINES OF BAGLIO
DI PIANETTO. SEE
INVITATION
ATTACHED.

Baglio di Pianetto (Sicily) ***WINE DINNER, SEPT 9***

Baglio di Pianetto 2004 Ramione @ \$22 The 50% Merlot, 50% Nero d'Avola. A soft and balanced wine, of good intensity and lasting persistence. Produced from selected vineyards at Baglio di Pianetto, the Sicilian estate of Count Marzotto.

Baglio di Pianetto 2004 Salici @ \$29 A lovely velvety full bodied Merlot. Ripe black fruits, round and smooth with a lovely

balance and very persistent finish. Well made wine with a rich soft finish. Try on its own or with rich meat dishes, pasta, and game..

Baglio di Pianetto 2004 Cembali @ \$38 Intense ruby red with faint violet reflections. The complex nose of this wine begins with aromas of plum and cherry followed by balsamic notes mixed with tobacco aromas. This intense and persistent

wine fully expresses the Nero d'Avola grape grown in the zone of Noto. Try with important red meat dishes or cheeses.

Baglio di Pianetto 2005 Carduni @ \$48 Deep ruby colour. Rich, full bodied with lots of fruit, blueberries, oaky, tannic. Spicy, leather and oaky on the nose. Wine with style and character with a very long complex finish.

Brunello di Montalcino Special Offer – MUST ORDER

Casanova di Neri 2004 Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto @ ESTIMATED RETAIL \$275 PER BOTTLE

Very powerful and rich, with blackberry, licorice and light toasty oak. This has pure fruit. Turns exotic and decadent. Big and full-bodied, with dense, powerful tannins, but velvety and beautiful. Layered and gorgeous. Best from 2011 through 2018. 1,950 cases made. –JS **WINE SPECTATOR 98 POINTS**

This wine will be available by private import only. We will be taking orders starting immediately for cases of 6 x 750ml bottles. All orders must be accompanied by deposits of \$413.00 per case (25% of the estimated retail price per case). Expected delivery date is November 2009. Orders will be processed on a first-come first-served basis.

To place your order for The Brunello Cerratalto please email Philip@halpernwine.com.

Antinori's Guado al Tasso Il Bruciato



The Guado al Tasso estate is located in Maremma, near the medieval village of Bolgheri, about 80 km southwest of Florence. The around 1,000-hectare estate extends from the Tyrrhenian coast to the hills, containing 300 hectares of vineyards. The rest of the estate comprises land given over to the cultivation of wheat, barley, oats and olives

and also contains a wooded area, where "cinta senese" pigs are reared.

is full-bodied, with smooth tannins and a long, tasty finish.

Antinori 2007 Guado al Tasso Il Bruciato @ \$31

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10% Syrah and other black varieties

(Fragrant fruity aromas, particularly plum, followed by delicate mint and green tea notes. On the palate it

Spanish wines from Rioja by Artadi



Artadi 2006 El Seque @ \$52 " Vivid ruby. Deep blackcurrant and blackberry aromas are complicated by smoked meat, iron and mocha. Fresh dark berry flavors offer impressive depth and clarity, with supple tannins and a kick of zesty minerals. Gains energy with air, finishing with excellent flavor definition and sappy persistence. This really expanded in

the glass, suggesting that it will reward patience."92/100 Tanzer

Artadi 2006 Vinas de Gain @ \$36 The 2006 Vinas de Gain is old-vine Tempranillo aged in 40% new French oak for 12-14 months. Deep crimson-colored, it offers an alluring perfume of truffle, pencil lead, vanilla, blackberry, and black

cherry jam. Full bodied, the wine is opulent yet elegant. It has enough stuffing to evolve for 4-5 years and should drink well from 2012 to 2025. Drink: 2012 - 2025. 92 points-Robert Parker:

** Castello di Ama ** Special Offer at a Special Price

Castello di Ama 2005 Castello di Ama (Chianti Classico) @ \$38 The 2005 Chianti Classico Castello di Ama is a terrific effort. It offers incredible purity and vibrancy in its core of sweet dark cherries and

refined, elegant tannins. The wine shows nice density buffered by firm tannins that will need another year or two to soften. The wine clearly benefits from the addition of the fruit that normally goes into the estate's top

Chianti Classico bottings, which were not made in 2005. Robert Parker 90 points

Previously Castello di Ama was released in the Ontario market for over \$50. This is a limited time offer!

Summer Whites

Planeta 2008 La Segreta Bianco @ \$18 This tasty white offers apple, citrus fruits and a hint of lychee. Medium-bodied, with a fruity palate and a clean, crisp finish.

Hugel 2007 Muscat Tradition @ \$25 (This 2007 Muscat is a fine example of what one expects from this variety, an agreeably aromatic fruit-driven wine, nicely muscatel-like, fresh and lively with spring blossom scents.)

Hugel 2007 Riesling @ \$25 (Young, carefree colour, very bright and

clear, pale green with lemon yellow hints. Fresh, crisp bouquet, with the characteristic liveliness of Riesling, discreetly fruity, with a deft mineral touch.

Gattavecchi 2008 Vernaccia di San Gimignano @ \$17
Fresh, fruity and simple with lemony character

Antinori 2008 Villa Antinori Bianco @ \$15
A fruity white, with fresh lemon and melon character. Medium-bodied, with a tight, fruity finish

La Cappuccina 2008 Soave @ \$15 This organic wine is all about crisp acidity, refreshment and delicate floral and nutty flavours. On the palate, it's light-bodied and well-structured with mellow fruit character that leads to a crisp, dry finish.

Pascal Jolivet 2007 Sancerre Chateau du Nozay @ \$35

September offer from Sonoma's Peter Michael

In cooperation with the LCBO we will be making a special offer of wines by the renowned Peter Michael Vineyard. For the first time in Ontario these wines will be available to order:

2008 La Carriere Estate Charonnay @ approx. \$150 (R.P. 93-95 points)

2007 Belle Cote Estate Charonnay @ approx. \$140 (R.P. 95-97 points)

2006 Les Pavots Estate Bordeaux Red Blend @ approx. \$325 (R.P. 96 points)

2008 L'Apres-Midi Estate Sauvignon Blanc @ approx. \$90

2007 Mon Plasier Chadonnay @ approx. \$150 (W.S. 94 points)

2007 Ma Belle-Fille Estate Chardonnay @ approx. \$160 (R.P. 94-96 points)

For more information or to order please call us at 416-593-2662. Orders will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

***** NOTE THAT SUPPLY IS EXTREMELY LIMITED*****

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate says "This winery continues to go from strength to strength despite a succession of winemakers over the last decade. Their consistency seems to come from their access to top vineyards and the carte blanche given by the proprietor to the talented winemakers who have come through, such as Mark Aubert, more recently Luc Morlet, and now his brother, Nicolas Morlet. They seem to do whatever is necessary (keeping yields low, having the best barrels, sorters, and vats) to produce the wines of extraordinary quality that have made Peter Michael a true world-class producer of unbelievable Chardonnays as well as Pinot Noirs and a Bordeaux-blend proprietary red wine. Nearly every Chardonnay here is of grand cru quality, and all are based on specific vineyard sites sprinkled in Knight's Valley and the Sonoma appellation."

The Wines of Cliff Lede

Cliff Lede Vineyards was established in 2002, when businessman Cliff Lede purchased 60 acres in the Northern end of the Stags Leap District. The winery's vineyards are planted with Bordeaux varieties, producing first-rate Bordeaux-style wines.

Cliff Lede 2006 Stags Leap Cabernet Sauvignon @ \$75 The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap is a nearly 9,000-case cuvee that is one of the best Cabernet Sauvignons one can buy at this price point, particularly given the Shangri-La prices of Napa. Deep ruby/purple

with lots of red and black currants as well as hints of spring flowers and bay leaf, the wine is medium-bodied, with nothing out of place - acidity, wood, tannin, or alcohol. It is a supple, stylish wine that doesn't cheat the consumer on flavor or complexity. It should evolve for at least 15 or so

years Wine Spectator 91 points

Cliff Lede 2008 Sauvignon Blanc @ \$34 Crisp and refreshing, offering vibrant ruby grapefruit and grassy citrus notes, with ripe nectarine flavors

The comeback of USQUAEBACH Scotch Whisky!



After a very long absence in Ontario, Usquaebach Scotch Whisky is available for ordering once again. For the time being we will accept private orders only until September 15. We expect that the product will be delivered in time

for Christmas!

Now available for ordering (in cases of 6 bottles):

Usquaebach Reserve Blended Whisky
700ml x 6 (Each bottle in Gift Box) – Retail per bottle is \$71.70

Usquaebach 15 Year Old Pure Malt
700ml x 6 (Each bottle in Gift Box) – Retail per bottle is \$157.95

Usquaebach Porcelain Flagon Premium Blended Whisky
700ml x 6 (Each in Gift Tube) – Retail per bottle is \$190.55

Terredora di Paolo - Gems from Campania!



Terredora 2008 Falanghina Irpina DOC @ \$19 Pale yellow colour. Offers a rich and intense aroma of fruit with hints of apple, pineapple, quince and pear. It is fresh and clean in the mouth with excellent acidity, good structure and a floral finish.

Terredora 2007 Aglianico Irpina IGT @ \$17 Intense ruby red with violet reflections, it shows

black cherry, wild blackberry and plum fruit flavours with a spicy, toasted overtone

Terredora 2008 Lacryma Cristi del Vesuvio Rosso @ \$22 Intensely ruby red in colour with violet reflections, it has an intensely fruity aroma with hints of cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant and spicy overtones with hints of minerals and cloves.

Terredora 2008 Taurasi

Campore DOCG @ \$46 Intense ruby colour with garnet reflections, pronounced and complex bouquet with hints of cherry, fruits of the forest, spicy scents of violet and tobacco and a suggestion of minerals.

Australia!

Majella 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon @ \$32 From Coonawarra, "home to some of the most famous Cabernet vines in the world" (The Daily Mail), this gorgeous Cabernet is a red that all wine lovers should try at least once in their lives. Halliday picks this as one of his top Australian Cabernets - fabulous blackberry and savoury depth, hallmark eucalyptus notes, and an irresistibly silky texture

Chalk Hill Wines 2006 The Procrastinator Shiraz @ \$18 Pure, chunky, fleshy offering with attractive fruit,

medium to full body, and no hard edge

Charles Cimicky 2006 Piping Strike Shiraz @ \$19 The 2006 Shiraz is purple-colored. The aromatics are muted, but with coaxing, cinnamon, violets, and blueberry emerge. This leads to a full-bodied, mouth-filling, lengthy wine with tons of fruit and flavor. If the nose emerges from its cocoon, my score will appear to be conservative. Piping Shrike is produced at the Charles Cimicky winery. It is usually one of the better values in full-flavored Shiraz. Score - 89.

Battle of Bosworth 2008 Spring Seed Four O'Clock Chardonnay @ \$17 McLaren Vale

(made from organically grown grapes) Light yellow. Aromas of pineapple, nectarine and white peach, lifted by a whiff of apple skin. Dry and firm-edged, with a bitter quality adding interest to the pit and orchard fruit flavors. Racy acidity carries the fruit on the firm, focused finish. This grown-up rendition of chardonnay would work well by itself.



In the Pipeline.....

Antinori 2006 Badia a Passignano Chianti Classico Riserva

Antinori 2006 Guado al Tasso

Antinori 2007 Guado al Tasso Il Bruciato

Antinori 2008 Castello della Sala Bramit del Cervo Chardonnay

Bergstrom 2007 Cumberland Reserve Pinot Noir

Bodega Lagarde 2008 Henry Lagarde Malbec

Chateau du Puligny Montrachet 2006 Meursault Villages

Clark Claudon 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon

Faiveley 2006 Mercurey Domaine Faiveley

Fuligni 2004 Brunello di Montalcino

Jean-Marc Brocard 2007 Chablis St. Claire

Layer Cake 2008 Shiraz

Layer Cake 2008 Malbec

Layer Cake 07 Primitivo

Maison deux Montille Soeur Frere 2006 Saint Romain

Mount Nelson 2007 Sauvignon Blanc

Planeta 2007 Chardonnay

Maison Remoissenet 2006 Puligny Montrachet Les Perrieres

Tenuta Sette Ponti 2006 Oreno IGT

Tenuta Sette Ponti 2006 Crognolo IGT

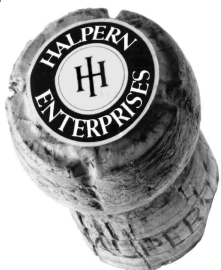
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Grand Cru information update

This October will be the 5th edition of the Grand Cru Culinary Wine Festival. Grand Cru is a series of 3 events all in support of the Toronto General and Western Hospital Foundation. As part of Grand Cru we will be holding a Portfolio Wine Tasting in the afternoon of Thursday

October 29th immediately followed by the Auction Gala in support of the Hospital Foundation.

For more information on the Grand Cru Festival please see www.grandcru.ca.

Please see your personal invitation to the Grand Cru tasting attached. Please

RSVP to gandcru@halpernwine.com early.

A Riedel glass tasting conducted by Georg Riedel will also be held on October 29 during the wine tasting. See attachment for further details. Space is limited to 150 people.

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