

**Friday, May 29th from 5-7pm we have the last night of Tour de France with some exceptional wines beginning in the Provence area and moving up to Bordeaux**

Only \$23.00 for the following wines:

**2006 Chateau Miraval Coteaux Varois En Provence (Rolle or also know as Tribbiano) \$17.50.**

Bright yellow hue; Citrus fruits flavors of white flowers and roasted almonds; Uncommonly full body leaves an extremely long lasting flavor. Serve chilled with fish courses, pastries, or Foie Gras. Miraval, sited close to the Via Aurelia - one of the five main roads radiating from Rome - has always occupied an important place in history. First settled by the Ligurians and then by the Celts, who were in their turn driven out by the advancing Romans, Miraval first appears on a map in the 1200s when it was a monastery and attached to the Pignans Monastery. In 1252, it seems probable that St. Thomas Aquinas broke his journey here en route to the University of Paris from the University of Naples. In the 1400s the Prince of Naples joined the French Court and settled at Miraval. This was when the Domaine first appears in the Register of Noble Houses. The Estate was in the hands of the Orsini family for centuries and then, at the turn of the twentieth century, Miraval was home to the celebrated inventor of reinforced concrete - Joseph Lambot.

In the 1970s Jacques Loussier, the well-known jazz pianist, created one of the world's foremost recording studios - Studio Miraval - where many great musicians including Pink Floyd, Sting, Sade and the Cranberries have all recorded their music in idyllic surroundings.

**2007 Chateau Gravelle-Lacoste Graves (White Bordeaux-Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon) \$17.50**

The Estate: Herv Dubourdieu is the sixth generation of his family to grow vines. Gravelle Lacoste is a 20 acre property southeast of the city of Bordeaux. This land is within the Graves AOC, a region along the Garonne River that is considered the best subzone of Bordeaux for the cultivation of white grapes for dry whites. The name of the appellation is a reference to the soil of this zone, which is indeed very gravelly, alluvial.

The Wine: Gravelle Lacoste's vines are over a half-century old. This is remarkable. Cultivated Semillon and particularly Sauvignon vines are rarely this ancient, conventional wisdom being they are too frail and unproductive at this stage advanced stage in their development. Dubourdieu makes measurable efforts to obtain optimal ripeness. The fruit for this wine is picked by hand in multiple passes through the vineyard, to ensure all baskets of grapes begin fermentation physiologically ripe. Lees contact is allowed for texture and depth

**2006 Mas de Martin Cuvee Cinarca Languedoc/Roussillon France \$20.**

Syrah 67% and Grenache 33% raised in neutral barrels. Aromatic and intense palate. Strong fruit flavors, slightly smoked with spicy notes. From Pic St Loup, Revue de Vin de France has classified this domaine as one of the top in Languedoc. In its recent classification of the entire region, Mas de Martin ranked number 18 (and the winery is but 5 years old!).

School teacher Christian Mocci gave up his scholarly calling to travel the world making wine, before settling in Languedoc to set up the Mas De Martin estate in 1998.

The wines are lovingly made in a well-defined style that has resonance with Lynch Bages (Mocci's former place of study). He avoids all the trappings of modern wine production in favor of an ancient biodynamic approach.

**2005 Chateau Segonzac Vieilles Vignes \$21.50**

The Chateau Segonzac vineyard was created in 1887 by Mr Jean Dupuy, who was the Agricultural Minister from 1889 to 1902 (during the 3rd Republic), and who founded the newspaper Le Petit Parisien.

It was during this period that Chateau Segonzac achieved the title 1er Cru Bourgeois, which makes it stand out due to the quality of its soil and its wines. In 1990, the propriety has been both by Mister Jacques Marmet and it's his family, Charlotte & Thomas Herter-Marmet who take care now of the domain since April 2000. Chateau Segonzac is situated 50 km north of Bordeaux, Chateau Segonzac is on the right bank of the Gironde (opposite Saint-Julien), 3 km downstream from the town of Blaye. A ferryboat crosses between Blaye and Lamarque (in the Medoc) several times per day.

The vineyard currently stretches continuously over slightly more than 33,5 hectares on a sunny slope that looks straight down onto the Gironde. It faces South, Southwest. The average age of the vines is 30 years, with the older vines reaching 45-63 years

**2005 Chateau Boutisse Saint-Emilion Grand Cru \$26.50**

A relatively large estate by St Emilion standards comprising of 23 hectares located in the prestigious commune of Saint Christophe des Bardes. Made from predominantly Merlot, this wine has a mouth-filling texture with ripe, fine tannins, great oak balance and a long persistent flavor.

**2004 Chateau Lascombes Margaux, Margaux \$66.**

Another brilliant effort from this estate, the 2004 Lascombes (a blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Petit Verdot) exhibits a deep blue/purple hue along with a sweet perfume of blueberries, black raspberries, cherries, incense, smoke, and spring flowers. While opulent, underneath the full-bodied richness of fruit and depth is a structured wine. As it sits in the glass, an espresso roast character (no doubt from new oak) also emerges. Enjoy this pure, structured, fleshy beauty between 2010-2025. **93 Points Robert Parker**

Hope to see you here!

Cheers!

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