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# Domaine Direct

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## Eaux-de-Vie

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# Languedoc



## Château Aiguilloux

The 2006 Cuvée Cuvée des Trois Seigneurs is 60% composed of 70+ year old Carignan with 30% Grenache and approx 10% Syrah. This is the Château's top wine, reflecting the estates traditional interpretation of Corbières. It is showing great depth of fruit, volume and wonderful character.

2006 Corbières Cuvée des Trois Seigneurs

\$In Transit



## Domaine Roque Sestière

Another very fine example of the rare but excellent white Corbières from Roland Lagarde. Classic southern grape varieties Grenache Blanc and Maccabeo are blended in this wine, cool-fermented and aged in stainless steel to preserve fresh fruit flavours. Rich and full-bodied enough to accompany spicy dishes. Try with mediterranean specialties such as saffron-infused bouillabaisse or even meaty, salty west-coast oysters!

2009 Corbières Blanc "Carte Noire"

\$19.95



## Clos Bagatelle

Currently operated by Christine and Luc Simone, daughter and son of the original owner, Clos Bagatelle has very significant land holdings in both the northern & southern geographic sub-regions of Saint-Chinian, as well as some holdings of Muscat in the neighbouring Muscat Saint Jean de Minervois appellation. The widespread holdings allow them to plant varietals best suited to the specific terroir of the area. Thus the Northern more acidic schistous region is planted to Mourvedre and Grenache whereas the Southern, predominantly limestone and clay soils are planted to Syrah and Carignan. The best of each varietals are then blended to form the very well balanced Veillée d'Automne cuvée.

2006 Clos Bagatelle Veillée d'Automne

\$27



## Domaine D'aupilhac

Sylvain Fadat is widely recognized as one of the Langedocs leading winemakers. His wines offer great purity and concentrated fruit while remaining fresh and precise. The Lou Maset cuvee is composed of Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, and Carignan. and features fresh red berry notes and subtle tannins. The more serious Montpeyroux is a typical southern rhone blend featuring Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre. It is opaque in colour with substantial earthy black berry fruit palate presence.

2006 Montpeyroux

\$33



### Granges des Peres

Founded in 1992, Grange des Peres has quickly become arguably the greatest and most respected domaine in the entire Languedoc region. The estate is run by former physiotherapist Laurent Vaillé. His resumé includes stints with Gerard Chave and Francois Coche-Dury, and, as Andrew Jefford writes in The New France, "...this background in wine-craftsmanship is evident in every bottle that comes from his cellar." The red, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and a little Mourvedre sees up to two years in wood, but the oak comes across as seamlessly integrated even upon release. There are also incredibly miniscule quantities of a suave, polished white, made from Roussanne and Chardonnay. Extremely conscientious viticulture, low-cropping young vines and harvesting ripe and healthy fruit are de rigueur here.

2004 Rouge

\$95

"The latest installment of Laurent Vaillé's justly-celebrated if also expensive red offers a surprisingly developed, but for that reason all the more fascinating nose of red raspberry, sage, mint, sealing wax, and smoked meat. Bright raspberry fruit laced with bacon fat and tinged with candied ginger, sage, salt and cherry pit inform a texturally creamy palate. Fresh berries, soy, smoked meat, pungent-sweet citrus rind, and herbs dominate a finish of striking brightness and savory intensity in this wine that (abstracting from its textural refinement) slightly resembles a cross between Zinfandel and Cote Rotie." 92 Points. Wine Advocate#173



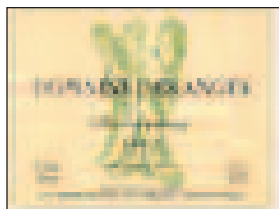
### Domaine Leon Barral

Current Winemaker Didier Barral is one of the Languedoc's leading lights, making wines with incredible richness and depth from superbly ripe fruit. He insists that his success is all due to the work in the vineyards and here he is uncompromising in his attitude. Thanks to his grandfather Leon Barral his vineyards have been chemical free since the 1950's, leaving them some of the healthiest in France, giving such healthy vines and superb fruit. He makes three cuvees; the Faugères AOC and the Faugères Jadis are blends of Carignan, Syrah and Grenache, with the Jadis receiving an élevage in oak. The Valinière cuvee is hailed as one of Southern France's greatest reds. A blend of 80% Mourvèdre 20% Syrah, with the Mourvèdre being sourced from a formerly wild-vine parcel that Didier has brought back into use, produces tiny berries and thus a very high skin to juice ratio; a wine of sensational purity and richness.

2004 Faugeres "Valiniere"

\$89

## Rhône Valley



### Domaine des Anges

After several stints as assistant winemaker at Lafite Rothschild, Chateau Rieussec, and Cakebread Cellars (to name a few), Ciaran Rooney took the reigns as winemaker at this high quality yet humble domaine. Now in his sixth year at Domaine des Anges, Ciaran's commitment to excellence has brought the handmade wines of this small domaine to great heights of quality. The Ventoux Rouge hails from vineyards of calcareous clay and stony ferrous clay and is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah.

2007 Côtes du Ventoux rouge

\$21



### Domaine Santa Duc

This renowned estate is run by Yves Gras who represents the fourth generation of winemakers in his family. Despite producing Grenache dominant wines, Gras is a strong believer in Mourvedre, and has slowly been replanting many of his vineyards and now grows around 30% of his total production. Yves' commitment to quality is evidenced by his constant attention to his vineyard land and late harvesting, both highly labour intensive practices. Yves' 'flagship' wine is the special, limited Gigondas 'Les Hautes Garrigues' made from 50 year old vines grown on the nearby hills of the same name. All production is currently organic.

2007 Cote du Rhone Vieilles Vignes

\$21



### Domaine de la Garrigue

The hard working Combe family who run this domaine are blessed with ideal Vacqueras terroir of cailloux and free draining sand on very well exposed hillsides in the Dentelles de Montmirail region. Harvest is entirely by hand and these wines are "raised" as much in the vineyard as they are in the cellars. All wines are bottled without fining or filtration. The blend is predominantly Grenach with Syrah, Mourvedre and Cinsault making up the balance.

2006 Vacqueyras

\$28



### Domaine de la Janasse

The ever tireless Christophe Sabon vinifies and ages as many as 60 different parcels, putting the wines in wood early for the malolactic fermentation, then aging them in a combination of foudres and barriques. The wines are assembled only in the weeks leading up to the bottling. This preserves the freshness of the wines while allowing for more precise blending.

2008 Cote du Rhone blanc

\$In Transit

2007 Cote du Rhone Villages Terre d'Argile

\$39

"The outstanding, deep plum/ruby-tinged 2006 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Terre d'Argile reveals beautiful aromas of crushed rocks, blue and black fruits, roasted meats, and abundant spice, pepper, and earth. It should drink well for 5-6 years." RP 90 points.

2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Chaupin

\$110

"The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Chaupin's deep ruby/purple hue is followed by a phenomenal nose of black cherry liqueur, melted licorice, incense, asphalt, truffles, and a hint of earth. This dense, full-bodied effort is a candidate for wine of the vintage. Consume it over the next 12-13 years." 95 points Wine Advocate # 179. Oct 2008

2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes

\$149

"The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes (88% Grenache, 7% Mourvedre, and 5% Syrah, with only 5,000 bottles produced) is one of the vintage's most profound wines. The Chaupin is slightly eclipsed by the profound quality of the 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes. Inky/blue/purple, with massive aromatics, an unctuous texture, and superb length on the palate, it is enormously endowed for a 2006. Very pure for a 2006, with sweet tannins as well as amazing length, it will benefit from several years of cellaring, and drink well for 20-25 years." 96 points. Wine Advocate # 179, Oct 2008.



### Domaine Franck Balthazar

Young Franck Balthazar, who has taken over for his father, Rene, is fashioning excellent, true to form Cornas. Nephew of the venerable Noel Verset, he has inherited half of Noel's ancient 90 year old vineyard parcels, some of which have self-propagated, producing fruit from native French rootstock. With the 2005 vintage, we can now clearly see the distillation of skill in this young man's brilliant interpretation of the Cornas terroir .

2007 Franck Balthazar Cornas Chaillot

\$60

"Bright purple color. Expressive aromas of red berries, potpourri, minerals and olive, plus a hint of cracked pepper. Lively, focused red and dark berry flavors are underscored by racy minerality and framed by silky tannins. The finish is sappy, focused and very persistent, leaving sweet dark berry and floral notes behind. I find this awfully attractive right now." S.T./IWC, Jan/Feb 2010. 92 points.



### Domaine Jamet

This estate sources from up to 25 different parcels of both the Cote Brune and Cote Blonde gaining the best representation of the entire Cote for the finished wine. After tasting a full flight of wines in their various parts at 9:00 a.m. in the morning on our last visit , a complete picture of each cuvee was difficult enough to discern! The following Steven Tanzer descriptions seem to due the wines the most justice:

2008 Syrah Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes

\$25

2006 Cote Rotie, 375ml

\$57

2006 Cote Rotie

\$109

2006 Cote Rotie, 1500ml

\$219

"Saturated ruby. Sexy bouquet of red berry and cherry preserves, with incense and potpourri qualities adding complexity. Deep, sweet and velvety, with powerful raspberry and cassis flavors, supple tannins and slow-building anise and graphite notes. Extremely fresh, with excellent finishing lift and cut." 93 Points, S.T. IWC, Jan/Feb 09.

# Loire Valley



## Domaine Vincent Pinard

Vincent Pinard has quietly become one of the best producers in Sancerre. The Cuvee Flores is an entirely stainless-steel fermented wine which demonstrates the crisp, intensely aromatic side of Sauvignon. The '04 has much appeal, with classic refreshing melon and citrus notes and balancing minerality-a Sancerre classic!

2008 Sancerre Cuvée Florès

\$38



## Domaine Phillippe Foreau

Phillippe Foreau is the third generation of the Foreau family to produce Vouvray from this fabled domaine which his grandfather purchased in 1923. All the vineyards are blessed with a 100% south/southeast/southwest exposure and farmed 100% organically with yields averaging 33 hectoliters per hectare. Foreau's name is synonymous with high quality Vouvray. His Vouvray Sec is dry, slightly austere, but remarkably refreshing, exhibiting spring flower garden-like aromatics and flavors. Both moelleux wines are disarmingly fresh for their sugar levels, with very rich, honeyed stone fruit characters and an intense, heady finish.

2005 Vouvray Moelleux

\$67.95

# Niagara



## Tawse Estate

Proprietor Moray Tawse has spared no expense in creating Niagara's newest Premier Estate Winery. Built right into the Vineland "Double Bench" the new winery is 100% gravity-fed, powered by environmentally benign, geo-thermal energy and implements state-of-the-art specialized winemaking equipment to process fruit with the utmost care. Paul Pender's work in the vineyards reducing yields and use of largely Burgundian wine making techniques result in wines of great depth and rare vineyard and varietal typicity for Ontario. Now Paul Pender has the gift of guidance from consultant Burgundian winemaker Pascal Marchand. Many of the vineyards are comprised of old-vine (25 years+) fruit! Please note that because all orders are shipped directly from the winery via courier, there is a \$7.00 + G.S.T. shipping charge per case.

### Sketches Line

2009 Sketches Rosé	\$14.95
2009 Sketches Riesling	\$17.95
2008 Sketches of Niagara Unoaked Chardonnay	\$17.95

### Small Bottles (375ml)

2007 Quarry Road Chardonnay	\$19.95
2008 Quarry Road Chardonnay	\$19.95
2007 Cabernet Franc Van Bers	\$26.95

### White

2008 Riesling, Wismer Vineyard, Lakeview block,	\$24.95
2008 Chardonnay Quarry Road	\$34.95
2007 Robyn's Block Estate Chardonnay, Twenty Mile Bench	\$41.95

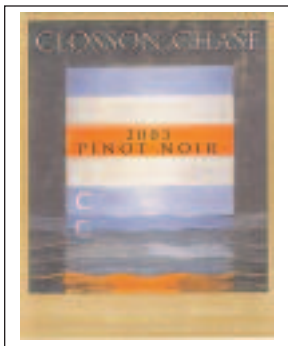
### Reds

2008 Pinot Noir Grower's blend	\$31.95
2008 Laundry Vineyard Cabernet Franc	\$29.95
2007 David's Block Merlot	\$44.95
2008 Lauritzen Vineyard Pinot Noir	\$44.95
2007 Meritage	\$57.95

### Sweet Wines (200ml)

2008 Cabernets Icewine	\$34.95
2008 Quarry Road Gewurtraminer	\$34.95

# PEC.



## Closson Chase

Vinifera is very pleased to announce the following offer of Closson Chase wines. Vinifera has enjoyed a long relationship with Deborah Paskus stretching back to the initial ground breaking Temkin-Paskus wines. As many of you have experienced, these Chardonnays completely re-defined the level of quality possible from Niagara fruit and remain legendary for their purity, distinctly Burgundian aromas, palate richness and exceptional overall texture. The Closson Chase project is the nexus of Deborah's winemaking experience and an opportunity for her to crystallize her winemaking style while exploring the incredible terroir potential that Prince Edward County (and particularly the Hillier clay-loam soil) presents. The pursuit for quality features high density planting, very low yields, natural yeast fermentation, maturation in top notch French barrels and bottling without fining or filtration whenever possible. The recent construction of a state of the art geo-thermal winemaking facility galvanizes the estates commitment to quality and provides Deborah with the ideal foil to explore the full potential of Niagara and PEC fruit. Closson Chase now consists of 30 acres under vine in PEC, with a 50/50 split between Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. This release features selections from outstanding and track proven Niagara sites (Beamsville Bench) along with some of the first releases from the estate's PEC vines, including an exceptional Sans Chene, or un-oaked Chablis-style Chardonnay. These Closson Chase wines boldly exemplify the great possibilities that exist with Ontario fruit, and the quality revolution taking place in Ontario viticulture and winemaking today!

2008 CCV Chardonnay	\$34.95
2006 Beamsville Bench Chardonnay	\$42.20
2007 Chardonnay Kocsis Vineyard	\$44.95
2007 Chardonnay Aberdeen Vineyard	\$44.95
2007 Niagara Pinot Noir	\$52.20

## Burgundy-Chablis

### Domaine Testut

This small 13 hectare Domaine is one of the hidden jewels of the Chablis region. Never before seen in Canada, Philippe Testut makes just 3 wines- Chablis Village (currently available), Montée de Tonnerre and a famous 9 hectare Grand Cru parcel of Grenouilles, which was returned to the Testut family a years ago after a long-term lease expired. These wines are pure, dense and mineral-driven expressions of the Kimmeridgian limestone of the region, just what we look for in Chablis.

2008 Chablis villages	\$In Transit
2007 Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre	\$In Transit

## Mâcon



### Château Beauregard

For five generations this venerable estate has been in the hands of the Burrier Family. Frédéric has taken quality to new levels, as we have often seen from the younger generation of Burgundian winemakers. Real work has been done here to establish the individual characteristics of select vineyards, as the estate produces no less than 7 remarkably distinct single-vineyards Pouilly-Fuissés.

2007 Pouilly-Fuissé

\$In Transit



### Domaine Merlin

"This is Chardonnay at its most appealing: soft and crisp, reliable year in year out, never unduly acidic, invariably plump and fruity: a wine of quality and interest but a wine without pretension." CC Olivier Merlin is one of Mâcon's finest winemakers, leading the appellation to the improved reputation it is once again enjoying. The talented Olivier Merlin has recently acquired some parcels of first-rate vines. These wines are carefully vinified, un-fined and unfiltered, ripe and complex offering exceptional quality/price rapport. These represent a return to pure, minimalist-style Chardonnay that reflect the pure quality of the 2005 vintage.

2007 Macon La Roche Vineuse

\$In Transit

2007 Moulin A Vent

\$In Transit

## Burgundy - Côte de Beaune



### Domaine Pavelot

"This is another top Savigny Domaine which produces wine without the hard savage aspect found in many young Savigny wines. Jean-Marc Pavelot's wines are elegant, plump and understated, letting all the fruit sing out, yet never simple. There is depth here and the wines last well into their second decade." CC Well worth the detour from better-known villages.

2007 Savigny-Les-Beaune blanc

\$In Transit

2007 Savigny-Les-Beaune rouge (375ml)

\$In Transit

2006 Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er Cru "La Dominode"

\$70

"This is almost always the best wine in the Pavelot range and it potentially is again with its ripe, elegant and pure nose of red berry fruit, earth, underbrush and subtle spice hints that are also picked up by the rich, full and quite serious flavors that both coat and stain the palate on the powerful and explosive finish. This is very firmly structured but there is no trace of dryness or under ripe tannins. Outstanding potential here." A.M. 91-93



### Domaine Alain Chavy

Today the domaine is run by Alain Chavy and is one of the best in the village. The domaine consists of nearly 12 hectares of vineyards including 4 Premieres Crus sites. Alain aims for a style that is neither overtly fruit-driven nor oak-based. Their wines emphasize the mineral notes of Puligny and are models of finesse and elegance. They also offer terrific value for money.

2004 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru "En Remilly"

\$In Transit

2007 Bourgogne Blanc

\$In Transit



### Domaine Bonneau du Martray

This large (25 acre) estate, owned by the Count de La Moriniere is rare for Burgundian standards. Firstly its size but also its historical link dates back 1000 years to the original owner-The Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne of the Eighth Century CE. The third rarity is its contiguous nature. Because of its focused vineyard holdings, the estate produces only two wines-Corton and Corton Charlemagne. The steep slope of the vineyard ensures good drainage and the soil is a ferruginous red colour and covered with pieces of white limestone while the sub-soil comprises clay stone and shale. The average age of the vines is 45 years, yielding fruit at no more than 40 hl/ha. The wine is partially fermented in stainless steel and part in barrel. while the elevage is usually a full 18 months in one-third new barrels. These wines are pure, racy and understated, as indicated by the following Allen Meadow's review:

2004 Corton Charlemagne

\$175

"Now that this is in bottle, it's even better than I originally thought with a still reserved yet elegant nose of white flower, green apple, pear and natural spice and wet stone notes that introduce detailed, fresh and wonderfully intense flavors that are exceptionally clean and bright, culminating in a bone dry finish replete with superb minerality. This is not as dense as the '05 but the purity here is really something to see and as noted last year, it's sufficiently structured that it will need the better part of a decade to reach its apogee. Note that there was a trace of reduction on the nose and this would benefit from 30 minutes in a decanter should you elect to try one anytime soon. 93 points." A.M. July 2007, Issue #27.



### Domaine Paul Garaudet

"Monthélie's wines, especially the Premiers Crus are probably the most underrated in Burgundy. These excellent wines have a vivid colour, expressive fruit, firm structure, and a lingering, silky finish." Tom Stevenson, Sotheby's Encyclopedia. Paul Garaudet is among the most consistent producers in the village, offering full-bodied, sappy examples of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The quality/price ratio here amply proves Stevenson's comment.

2005 Monthélie Rouge 1er Cru "Les Duresses"

\$65

2007 Meursault Vieilles Vignes

\$70

### Arnaud Ente

The Spectacular Burgundy Whites of Arnaud Ente It is with great pleasure that we make our first offering of Meursault wines from Arnaud Ente. Arnaud Ente is without a doubt one of Burgundy's fastest rising stars. For me the wines combine a sense of purity like Domaine Roulot and mid palate texture similar to Coche Dury which is no surprise given that Ente worked an extended stage at this much fabled address. Ente works meticulously in the vineyard doing everything he can to ensure low yields, a healthy crop and optimal ripeness. Likewise work in the cellar is equally thoughtful emphasizing oak integration (35% new for top wines) and bottling without fining or filtration. Having sampled a wide variety of Ente wines dating back to 1996 I have complete confidence that these wines have emerged as qualitative super stars in Meursault rivalling the best offered by Comte Lafon, Coche Dury and Roulot!

2004 Meursault "Clos des Ambres",

\$130.00

2004 Volnay 1er Cru "Les Santenots du Milieu"

\$130.00



## Comte Armand

“Until 1994 this was an estate which existed on its one single monopoly, the Clos des Epeneaux, but has since expanded significantly. Since hiring the young French-Canadian Pascal Marchand in 1985, the improvement has been exponential.” CC The estate now produces wine from Volnay, Auxey-Duresses and Pommard in addition to the famous Clos. 1997 was Marchand’s last vintage at the Domaine, his successor is the highly competent Benjamin Leroux. Now Benjamin is in the process of fully transforming the domaine from organic to fully biodynamic status. The improvement in the wines is remarkable

2007 Auxey Duresses blanc \$48

2006 Pommard 1er Cru \$100

Leroux indicated that in 2006 18% was declassified to create this cuvée whereas only 10% was in 2005; he also noted that at the time of my February visit it had not yet been decided whether this would be declared as Pommard "1er" or simply as a villages Pommard. A moderately ripe and earthy blend of red and black fruit displays a subtle animale and herbal character that can also be found on the rich, full and intense flavors that are packing obvious muscle on the slightly bitter finish. Leroux told me that he may fine this and if so, it would probably help with the touch of bitterness. A.M. 87-89

2006 Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux \$165

“In contrast to the reticence displayed from barrel, now that the '06 is in bottle it is surprisingly open and expressive with a beautifully layered nose of raspberry, cherry and red pinot fruit nuanced by hints of spice, earth, minerals and a dried herb component that introduces intense, balanced and pure flavors that culminate in a serious, mouth coating and well built finish where the tannins are solid but not rustic or aggressive. This will require the better part of a decade to arrive at its majority as the tannins are quite firm and despite the inviting openness of the nose, the finish is on the austere side at present.” A.M. 92 points

2007 Auxey Duresses 1er Cru rouge \$59

“While only slightly more elegant, the nose is notably more complex with an attractive mélange of animale, earth, dark red berry fruit and a touch of underbrush that is picked up by the delicious, round and relatively forward middle weight flavors that are supported by finer tannins as well as better depth and length.” A.M. 88-90

2007 Pommard 1er Cru \$87

2007 Pommard Clos des Epenneaux 1er Cru \$140

“This is perhaps a bit more elegant than usual, it's certainly more elegant than either the 2005 or the 2006 versions and reminds me a bit of the 2001 aromatically. An expressive nose of red berry fruit, earth and a hint of spice merges into cool, precise and vibrant medium full-bodied flavors that are supported by firm but ripe tannins on the linear, long and palate coating finish. This is really a lovely '07 with good muscle and solid mid-palate concentration.” A.M. 91-93

# Burgundy - Côte de Nuits



## Maison Nicolas Potel

The young Nicolas Potel has made a remarkable debut as a négociant. Through his close connections with some of the finest growers in Burgundy, Nicolas manages to acquire some highly prized barrels of various cuvées. He then makes his mark on the wine during the *élevage* phase, turning out elegant, fragrant, and very stylish examples of Pinot Noir.

2007 Bourgogne Rouge "Cuvée Gérard Potel"

\$In Transit

2005 Charmes Chambertin

\$185

"Subtle wood spice notes set off the mostly red pinot fruit aromas nuanced by hints of game and underbrush that can also be found on the detailed, generous and full-bodied flavors that are generous and frank yet really quite fine on the dusty and palate staining finish." A.M. 91-93 points.



## Domaine Mugnier

It brings us great pleasure to be able to offer the wines of the esteemed Jacques-Frederic Mugnier. As a believer in the traditional, chemical-free approach to grape-growing, he is currently working without the influence of pesticides or industrial fertilizers. His vineyards are thus extremely healthy and combined with his principals of low yields his vines produce ripe, highly aromatic Pinot fruit. His style of winemaking is totally non-interventionalist and of the low-extraction school. As a result his wines are often pale in colour yet highly aromatic with silky tannins and very sweet fruit even in their youth. His holdings in Chambolle-Musigny are the best the village has to offer, producing the second greatest quantity of Musigny and with good holdings of Bonnes Mares, 1er Cru Amoureuses, 1er Cru Fuées and village Chambolle. The most recent addition to his be-jeweled crown is the Nuits-saint-Georges 1er Cru Clos de la Maréchale. This parcel has been taken back from a long term, 50 year "en fermage" arrangement with Faiveley. The wines are now better than ever and represent Nuits-Saint-Georges in a Chambolle Style. We tasted the 2004 when J.F. Mugnier was in town this past summer and it was even better than expected- expressive of Nuits' typical earthiness with hints of game and underbrush yet aromatically fruited with thoroughly ripe, suave tannins.

2004 Nuit-Saint-Georges 1er Cru "Clos de la Marechale"

\$95

"This reflects the elegance that can be found in Prémieux and the Mugnier touch only adds to this with a nicely complex and aromatically expressive nose that offers detailed and pure aromas of earth, black fruit and plum that dissolve into beautifully complex, refined and balanced flavors that also display ample finishing minerality and better overall phenolic ripeness. A really lovely effort that should age effortlessly and while this presently has a touch of forest floor on the nose, I suspect that it will pass in time." A.M. 89 March 08

## Bordeaux



### Château Franc Cardinal

Made by wine-industry veteran and expat-Canadian Philip Holzberg who finally realized his dream by establishing vineyards in Bordeaux, this wine illustrates what a skilled winemaker can produce in unheralded terroir. The vineyard, from the lesser known Cote de Francs is composed of clay and gravel, ideal for the growth of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The resulting wine is plush and fine with pure notes of currant and underbrush.

2005 Bordeaux Cote de Francs

\$28

## Arriving

Domaine Soumade

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon

2007 Cote-du-Rhone-Villages Rasteau

All products are delivered on a COD basis.

The LCBO requires 72 hours to post orders.

Rush orders can be accommodated with a \$15.00 per product additional fee.

Prices on pending arrivals are estimates only and are subject to change without notice due to LCBO and currency fluctuations.

GST not included in licensee prices.

Single case orders will incur a \$10.00 handling fee.