

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes ***Saturday, August 25th, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*** ***Exploring Burgundy, Bordeaux and*** ***The Loire Valley***

\$5 Tasting Fee



This Saturday between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. we'll wander through three different French wine regions, sampling as we go and discovering quality and value that will surprise you at these prices! All this is available at a \$5 tasting event! What's to keep you away?

Auguste Bonhomme La Chapelle Heulin 2010 Muscadet \$10.99

This light-bodied, crisp and flavorful white wine is ideal with shellfish and lighter fin fish, as well as hors d'oeuvre of all sorts.

Sourced from the western end of France's Loire Valley, Muscadet is produced with Melon de Bourgogne, a grape originally imported from the Burgundy region when a brutally cold winter three hundred years ago killed all the existing grapevines in the Muscadet region.

Domaine du Prieure Savigny les Beaune 2010 Aligote \$13.99



The Aligote grape, is one of the unsung heroes of white Burgundy. Crisp, dry and full of minerality, it's a strong argument for the grape and a great introduction to the style of this wine's young producer, Jean-Michel Maurice at Domaine de Perieure.

You could pair this wine with a plate of crusty baguette and firm, aged cheeses, a green salad, endives salad in a soft olive oil dressing, grilled salmon, shrimp or lobster.

Auguste Bonhomme La Chapelle Heulin 2009 Vouvray Demi-Sec "La Fourcine" \$13.99

Here is highly respected Chenin Blanc from the Vouvray region of France's Loire Valley. Read what the Wine Spectator has to say about it:

"Frankly off-dry, but with enough lively zip to the pear, quince and green fig fruit flavors to keep them crackling through the finish. Drink now through 2013. 5,750 cases made."

Score: 89 Points —James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, December 31, 2011.

Domaine du Prieure Savigny les Beaune 2009 “Hautes Cotes de Beaune” \$14.99



This second wine from Jean-Michel Maurice at Domaine de Perieure is a Pinot Noir from a windswept area on the hills overlooking what we think of as Burgundy proper. This 'High Coast', as it's called in French, produces precise, snappy reds with bright fruit and great mineral character. Especially in 2009, it's a perfect introduction to classic Burgundy.

Chateau Blouin Gironde 2009 Bordeaux (Right Bank) \$11.99

This is classic “Right Bank” Bordeaux that blends 80% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc. Beautifully ruby in color, this wine from Bordeaux’s Graves de Vayres region offers a complex and fine bouquet of red fruit aromas before harmonious chocolate and menthol flavors and supple and persistent tannins. Can you see your “house red” being a Bordeaux? This might be it!

