

## *November, 2012 Special Burgundy Wines at Wicked Cellars*

And as a special treat for all you "Burg Hounds," just for the month of November we have some special wines with great ratings and very, very special prices. Come see us and soon, because quantities are extremely limited for these Burgundies.

### *White Burgundy:*

*Camille Giroud Grand Cru Corton Charlemagne 2009 \$114.99*  
(*Burghound* rated it 91-94; *Wine Advocate* rated it 91+)

### *Corton Charlemagne:*

Corton Charlemagne is an Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) and tiny Grand Cru white wine vineyard in the Cote de Beaune subregion of Burgundy. Only 33 vineyards in Burgundy may boast this most prestigious designation and together they produce only 2% of wine in Burgundy.

Corton-Charlemagne is named after the French emperor Charlemagne. According to legend, his wife convinced him to pull out the Pinot Noir vines that originally grew in this vineyard and replace them with Chardonnay because she was annoyed that the red wine he loved stained his beard. Ironically, this vineyard is known as one of the very best places in the world to grow Chardonnay and evidence of the beneficial effects of "henpecking" in the wine world.

### *Maison Camille Giroud:*

For many years this producer was known for traditional, long-aged Burgundies. It was acquired in 2002 by Ann Colgin and husband Joe Wender, who brought in winemaker David Croix, turned to Becky Wasserman for direction, and undertook a major revamping of the winery. The winemaking represents a perfect

blend of tradition and modern technology. A remarkable turnaround has occurred, and the wines are now much more supple and approachable.

*Jean Noel Gagnard 1er Cru Chassagne-Montrachet Les  
Callerets 2010 \$107.99*  
(*Burghound* rated it 92-94)

**Premier cru** is a French wine term corresponding to "First Growth". In Burgundy, the term is applied to classified vineyards, with Premier cru being the second-highest classification level, below that of **Grand cru** and above the basic village AOCs.

**Chassagne-Montrachet** is an appellation in the **Côte de Beaune** famous for the great white wines produced there, considered among the best in Burgundy.

In this very privileged appellation winegrowers are duty-bound to do their very best; **Domaine Jean-Noël Gagnard** clearly shares in this search for excellence. Wine is not only an age-old reflection of culture, lifestyle, and conviviality, but also the noblest of drinks and the product that best links us to its terroir (geographical origin) and the people who make it.

*Camille Giroud Bourgogne Blanc 2010 \$27.99*

**Red Burgundy:**

*Camille Giroud Corton Grand Cru 2009 \$97.99*

**Corton** is an (AOC) and Grand Cru vineyard in the **Côte de Beaune** subregion of **Burgundy**. The appellation covers the lower parts of the Corton hill and includes several subordinate vineyard names, or climats, within the AOC. The Corton appellation itself is the **Côte de Beaune's** only **Grand Cru** appellation for red wine, and is the largest **Grand Cru** of **Burgundy**.

*Domaine des Croix 1er Cru Beaune Cent Vignes 2009 \$42*

This premier cru wine was rated 92 points by Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*: "The 2009 Beaune Cent Vignes is another totally delicious wine. Gorgeous aromatics meld with a ripe, radiant core of dark berries and flowers. The Cent Vignes shows plenty of Pinot and village character in a completely round, harmonious glass of wine. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2021.

*Camille Giroud Bourgogne Rouge 2009 \$21.99*