

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Saturday, May 4th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Springtime Wines from France
\$10 Tasting Fee

2012 Domaine Lafage Parfum de Vignes Rosé \$12.99

Jean Marc Lafage is one of the most dynamic winemakers in France's Roussillon wine region. In this blend of Syrah, Grenache and Carinena he captured the "perfume of the vines" and crafted an intense, rich and full rosé with fantastic flavors and aromas of ripe strawberries and pears.

2010 Domaine Lafage Cuvee Centenaire \$16.99

"Classy and pure, with aromas of ripe melon, stone fruit, flowers, and beautiful minerality, this seamless white is medium-bodied and perfectly balanced with racy acidity that shines on the finish. Gaining a saline-like minerality that develops with air, this is simply a beautifully done white that does everything right." -91 points, *Rhone Report* 90 points; David Schildknecht - *Wine Advocate*

2011 Novellum Barrel Cuvee Chardonnay \$13.99

Also from France's Languedoc-Roussillon region, this outstanding Chardonnay competes with some of the finest Macon-Villages white Burgundies.

Sourced with from 25- to 30-year-old vines and aged in a combination of oak barrels and stainless steel tanks, this is also aged on Viognier lees, giving it a honeysuckle and white peach-scented nose. This is a crisp, fresh, medium-bodied and authoritatively flavored Chardonnay from the cool, alluvial soils on the banks of the Aigly River showing lots of earthy/terroir characteristics. -90 points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

2011 Domaine la Garrigue Vacqueyras \$23.99

Domaine la Garrigue is located in Vacqueyras in the Rhone Valley near Gigondas and Chateauneuf-du-Pape and is named after the wild herb blend that grows wild in the hills

and valleys of the Rhone known as Garrigue.

A blend of 70% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre and 5% Cinsault this wine boasts soaring aromas of lavender, rosemary and thyme along with dark fruits, licorice and spice. It is rich and full-bodied, with flavors of black berry, plum, and cherry that dominate with hints of smoke, earth and game through to an impressively long finish.

2011 Domaine Laporte "Bouquet" Cabernet Franc \$18.99

This Cabernet Franc is youthful in appearance and rich, well developed, and balanced with aromas of dried black cherry, black olive and subtle hints of spice and earthy undertones that meld with hints of graphite and soft herbs.

It's plush and round with a bright and youthful character and bursting with flavor at the mid-palate. It is fruit forward and rich with flavors of dried cherry, rose petals, and violets, supported by soft hints of green peppercorn and black olive.

2010 Feraud-Brunel Chateauneuf du Pape \$53.99

This is superb Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2010 from Féraud-Brunel, a tiny producer in the Southern Rhone who makes big-time Chateauneuf-du-Pape. The Féraud family of Domaine du Pegau fame is also partners in this venture.

Traditional, concentrated, and powerful, this is a blend of 80% Grenache, 12% Mourvedre, and 8% Cinsault and Vaccarese sourced from vines more than 40 years old. The result is a wine that satisfies, with spice and black cherry flavors, depth, and length.

"This has alluring sandalwood and black tea notes, with toasted spice, blackberry and mulled plum fruit flavors. The smoldering finish has good definition and a lingering tarry hint. Drink now through 2020." - *Wine Spectator*: 91 Points