Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes Saturday, June 1st, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Explore Your Inner Francophile** With French Wines from Jason Tippets and Barrique Imports

\$10 Tasting Fee

Domaine Aimé Rosé 2012 \$12.99

This is classic Minervois Rosé from Rémi Bonnet who, with the help of his family, makes the respected wines of Domaine Aimé in Olonzac, in the heart of France's Minervois wine appellation.

Minervois' combination of hot days, cool nights, and low rainfall allows Rémi to produce rich, concentrated wines, without sacrificing balance and elegance.

Chateau Pouchaud Larquey Entre Deux Mers 2010 \$15.99

Here's a fuller flavored style of organic white Bordeaux made from Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle grown on older vines that show more concentration of lively, zingy citrus fruit.

Domaine Michel Fonne Gewürztraminer 2010 \$19.99

Gewurztraminer, full-bodied and well structured, is probably the best-known wine of Alsace. Its intense bouquet displays rich aromas of fruit, flowers and spices.

This special Gewürztraminer is a fresh white wine with delicate flowers flavors made from grapes grown in the Alsatian sandstone soil of a 25-year-old vineyard.

2009 Chateau Galtíer AOC Saínt Chínían Cuvée L'Obstínée \$16.99

Domaine Galtier is a typical Languedoc farm surrounded by garrigue (scrubland) with its square tower and its bread oven built in the middle of the 17th century.

This blend of Syrah and Grenache shows excellent results in Saint Chinian's dry and stony foothill terroir and boasts a generous, soft nose with complex aromas of ripe black currant, cherry, and pepper and a creamy yet structured palate with plenty of body.

2011 Domaíne Boudau Cotes de Roussillon Cuvée Le Clos Rouge \$16.99

This blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Carignan has a pretty nose of cherry) and blackcurrant. On the palate the wine is full-bodied and supple with notes of red fruits immersed in tannins before a long, black cherry finish.

Domaine Boudau has 55 hectares of vineyard in Roussillon, the famous wine region in the south of France, that run along the Mediterranean, extending south towards the Spanish border. Véronique and Pierre Boudau (brother and sister) took over the family estate comprised of three vineyards in the center of Roussillon in 1993.

Chateau Fontaynes Cuvée Bastíen, Cahors 2008 \$19.99

The nose of this 100% Malbec from Cahors is powerful and intense, with deep aromas of red currant, blackberry, cassis, and violet. In the mouth, the palate is supple, giving way to balanced roundness and a lengthy finish.

The wines of Château Fontaynes are produced on a family-run estate where the wines express the ancient terroir of Cahors and achieve vigneron Maarten Luyckx's desire to create unique, balanced, and distinctive wines.