Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes Friday, January 10th, 4-7 p.m. Fabulous and Affordable Everyday French Boutique Wines with Drew Murphy A&B

\$10 Tasting Fee \$5 for Wine Club Members

Tasting Fee Refunded with Purchase of Three Bottles from the Tasting

This Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. with the help of our good friend, Drew Murphy from A&B Wines, we'll take a look at some really nice wines from several different sections of France, ranging from the Loire Valley, to Cote d'Est all the way to Vaucluse in Provence. France never tasted so good or offered such value for the sip!

Domain Lefage 2011 Vin du Pays Cote d'Est \$12.99

"Made from an eccentric blend of 50% Grenache Blanc (from 100+-year-old vines), 30% Chardonnay and 20% Marsanne aged on its lees in stainless steel, the 2011 Cote d'Est exhibits a stunning perfume of dried apricots, honeyed citrus and white flowers. The lovely aromatics are followed by a crisp, elegant, slightly more textured, medium-bodied white with wonderful purity, freshness and length. Not only is this dazzling wine remarkably inexpensive, but there are over 10,000 cases imported to the United States." -88 Points, The Wine Advocate

Domaine de Petit Bondieu 2010 Bourgueil (Loire) \$12.99

From Jean-Marc Pitcher and his son Thomas, members of a family making wine in the region for generations, of winemakers comes this wine from 40-year-old vines on the clay-limestone terrain of the Loire River's Bourgeil region.

Deep red in color, it offers aromas of blackberries and cassis, topped with spice. A well-balanced wine with good concentration and a long finish, this can be enjoyed now or given a few years in the cellar.

Bosquet du Sangier 2010 Vin des Pays de Vaucluse \$12.99

From the Rhone Valley's Vaucluse sub region, Bosquet du Sanglier is the domaine of husband and wife team Jean-Claude and Béatrice Bouche.

Bosquet du Sanglier, produced from a 90% old-vine Grenache and 10% Syrah blend, is a classic expression of the rugged garrigue terroir. It is bursting with dark fruit aromas - ripe cherries and blackberries – with a touch of black pepper and a chewy texture. 100% certified organic!

Château Sainte Eulalie, 2012 Minervois "Plaisir d'Eulalie" \$13.99

Minervois is a charming, romantic region located in the Languedoc region of southern France where the chalky soil of Minervois produces fruity wines with characteristic elegance.

The Eulalieis made of Syrah, Grenache and Carignan, the three most dominant varietals of the area. Possessing a beautiful deep color and a nose of black fruit and licorice, the wine is dense with silky smooth tannins on the palate. Stylistically it possesses a New World feel, yet its gentle tannins and vivid acidity prolongs the fruit profile and the finish.

Chateau La Marzelle 2010 Bordeaux \$12.99

Chateau La Marzelle în the St. Emilion appellation of Bordeaux, dates back to at least 1821 and takes îts name from one of îts early owners, Edouard de La Marzelle.

It's a beautiful ruby color, with rich aromas of blackcurrant, plums and spice. Made predominantly from Merlot, it's soft and supple with a hint of Morello cherry on the palate and deep, peppery notes on the long finish. A classic roast dinner red, it's also spicy enough to stand up to barbecued dishes.