

*Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes*  
*Friday, January 24th, 4-7 p.m.*  
*Affordable French Wines with*  
*Matt Beach from Acme Wines*

\$10 Tasting Fee

\$5 for Wine Club Members

(Tasting Fee refunded with purchase of three bottles from the tasting)

*2012 Domaine Labbé Pont Royal Vin de Savoie Abymes \$12.99*

On France's eastern border with Switzerland, the Savoie region runs parallel to its fellow wine regions of Burgundy and the Rhône Valley.

This wine is a vibrant expression of the region's Jacquère grape, featuring understated apple, pear and pineapple fruit, delicate citrus blossom and stone. Jacquère's fruit, minerality and snappy acidity make it a natural match for seafood and shellfish dishes. It's also is a spectacular, palate cleansing accompaniment to milk-based products. It's an ideal match with fondue and Raclette. Like other penetrating, high-acid wines, it can deftly serve as a counterpoint to the richness of butter and cream-based sauces.

*2012 Olivier Morin Chitry Blanc Constance \$16.99*

Chitry Blanc is 100% Chardonnay from Burgundy. The soils are worked manually so that the roots plunge deeply into the soil and give a true expression of "terroir" to the wines, an expression of minerality which comes from the kimmeridgian chalk soils on which the vine are planted – the same soil as in neighboring Chablis.

Flinty, crisp and focused, with hints of wet stones and lime blossom, this wine is perfect with oysters on the half shell, poached fish like flounder or Dover sole. It's a Chablis alternative with equal quality yet amazing value!

## *2012 Jean-Marc Burgaud Beaujolais Villages "Les Vignes de Thulon" \$15.99*

This Beaujolais Village from winemaker Jean-Marc Burgaud comes from Lantignié at Castle Thulon, a village famous for its hills and its granite. Winemaking, farming and bottling has taken place in the cellars of Thulon since the 13th century. "Les Vignes de Thulon" is an exclusive domain with the average age of vines around 50 years old characterized by its bright red color and fresh, fruity aromas.

With light to mid weight with a beautiful nose of rose petal. It's clean, concentrated, tart and floral with predominant flavors of berries and a stray stone fruit or two.

## *2012 La Célestière Vin de Pays de Vaucluse Rouge \$12.99*

This little Vin De Pays gem is an amazing value. It's a red Rhone Blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah and Alicante from the well-known Châteauneuf du Pape Producer, La Celestiere. (90-93 Points, Wine Advocate for their Châteauneuf du Pape).

Blended from over 50-years-old Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah and Alicante, the Vin De Pays de Vaucluse 2012 shows pretty cherry and black fruits and cardamon spice elements. Fruity, the flavors are round and delicious. A very satisfying wine.

## *2010 La Célestière Côtes du Rhône Rouge \$18.99*

Here's a Rhone cuvée from the same noted producer as above that does not forget Grenache and which leaves room for the old Southern Rhone varietal, Cinsault, in this 50/50 blend. Sourced from 50-year-old vines grown in clay and limestone soil where the surface is peppered with pebbles, it's 100% aged in concrete tanks. This Côtes du Rhône shows off a beautiful ruby color and offers aromas of black cherry and spicy pepper with matching powerful flavors on the palate.