

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, January 24th, 4-7 p.m.



Mostly Bordeaux *(and a Single Spaniard)*

\$10 Tasting Fee

\$5 for Wine Club Members

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



2010 Bodegas Shaya Verdejo "Old Vines" Rueda, Spain \$14.99

Rueda is a very old and important Spanish wine growing region since the middle ages, but it was ravaged by phylloxera a century ago and very slow to recover after the destruction of its vineyards. It was finally awarded D.O. status in 1980 largely on the quality of the Verdejo grown there.

Bright, green-tinged straw. Intense green apple, pear skin and lime aromas are complicated by white pepper and herbs. Taut and refreshingly bitter, with attractive herbal and mineral accents to the ripe citrus and orchard fruit flavors. Finishes clean and long, with an echoing peppery note. (9/ 2011) -90 points, *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*

Domaine de Cassagnoles Cote De Gascogne 2012 \$9.99

This is a surprising and quite delicious wine from the northern part of Gascony, just south-east of Bordeaux. Composed of 50% Colombard and 40% Ugni Blanc, it's rounded out by 10% of Gros Manseng, which brings a lovely floral element to the wine. Crisp and refreshing, this is the perfect wine for summer.

Chateau Buisson-Redon Bordeaux Grand Vin de Bordeaux 2010 \$10.99

Made from a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc, this wine shows red fruit and cherry notes on the nose, followed by an intense palate with elegant soft tannins. It's a softer style of Bordeaux made to be drunk young, and it's great with a wide range of meats and cheeses.

Chateau Camelot La Chapelle Bordeaux 2011 \$10.99

Here's further proof that \$10.99 Bordeaux need not taste like its price. It's made from a traditional Bordeaux blend of 50% Merlot and equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from Salignac (north of Libourne district) in Bordeaux.

While not intensely rich or madly complex, behind its ample structure, this wine easily delivers medium bodied pleasant fruit against a back drop of earthiness that makes Bordeaux wines so popular.

Chateau de Costis Bordeaux 2010 \$9.99

A blend of 40% Cabernet Franc, 35% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, the Château de Costis is characterized by an extraordinary red purple density and amazing brilliance. This wine presents a powerful nose of strawberries and blackberries and reveals itself in a very nice round mouth with amazing structure for a simple Bordeaux with perfect balance.

Chateau Bujan Grand Vin de Bordeaux 2009 \$18.99

Classified "exceptionnal succes" in the Revue des Vins de France magazine, this delicious blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc is aged for 18 months and widely known for its excellent balance, elegance, concentration and complexity. What a find!