

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, January 31st, 4-7 p.m.
Ritchie's Birthday Picks with
Drew Murphy from A&B Imports

\$10 Tasting Fee

\$5 for Wine Club Members

Tasting Fee Refunded with Purchase of Three Bottles From the Tasting

Val de Mer 2011 Bourgogne Blanc \$21.99

This crisp and attractive white Burgundy results from collaboration between Chablis rising star Patrick Piuze and top Burgundy importer Martine Saunier. From the Chablis/Auxerre area, it possesses charming fruit and bright, refreshing acidity on the finish along with just a trace of nuttiness, pairing very well with seafood.

Domínique Cornin 2011 Pouilly Fuissé, Grand Vin de Bourgogne \$34.99

Domínique Cornin his 25-year-old son, Romain, guide their wine through a slow, indigenous yeast fermentation to coax out great delicacy and purity. This wine features bright aromas of Meyer lemon, citrus blossom, honeysuckle, wet stone and a whiff of butter. On the palate, look for more citrusy flavors, along with notes of pineapple, Queen Anne cherry and flint. At once generous and well focused, this wine is a memorable expression of authentic, unadulterated Chardonnay.

2010 Trisaetum "Coast Range Estate" Pinot Noir \$53.99

This Pinot sourced entirely from the cool, steep and rocky slopes of Trisaetum's Coast Range Vineyard, is perfumed and mouth filling, offering baked berry, caramelized fig, and exotic spice aromas and flavors. Jam-packed with fruit flavors, smooth tannins and a long, spice-kissed finish it has drawn a great deal of attention

from wine experts around the country: 91 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate; 91 points Wine Spectator; 90 points Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

Benjamín Romeo 2009 Predicador Rioja \$37.99

"Glass-staining ruby. Explosive, alluring aromas of black and blue fruits, incense, licorice and vanilla bean. Lush and broad but juicy and focused as well, with suave candied dark berry flavors accented by sexy floral and Indian spice nuances. Finishes broad, spicy and impressively long, with echoing boysenberry and licorice notes. In the context of flamboyant, new-wave Rioja this is an absolute steal." -92 Points
International Wine Cellar

Chateau Sainte Eulalie 2010 Minervoís la Liviniere "La Cantilene" \$26.99

"This displays rich, powerful aromas of ripe red fruit and olive, with plenty of muscle and sinew. The focused finish offers pepper notes, with savory herbal shadings and hints of graphite. Suave. Syrah, Grenache and Carignan. Drink now through 2014. 5,000 cases made." -90 Points, Wine Spectator

Listed as number 99 in the wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 2011, this wine comes from above the town of La Liviniere; the unofficial Gran Cru of Minervoís. Since 1996, the vineyards have been farmed organically and the wines stand in the top class of the Languedoc's Minervoís wine region.

Domaine Roger Sabon 2010 Châteauneuf du Pape "Les Olivets" \$48.99

"This estate has been at the top of its game for many years and any partisan of Rhone Valley wines (especially the southern Rhone) who has not yet tried a wine from Domaine Roger Sabon should make every effort to do so... - 90-92 points, Wine Advocate #197 Oct 2011