

*Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes*  
*Saturday, April 19th, 2 to 5 p.m.*  
*Wicked Cellars' Favorite Wines*  
*For Easter Dinner*

*\$10 Tasting Fee*  
*\$5 for Wine Club Members*  
*Tasting Fee Returned with Purchase of 3 wines from Tasting*

*Chateau Martinot 2012 Bordeaux Blanc \$15.99*

In this traditional white Bordeaux 50/50 Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc blend Semillon adds a richness, muting some of Sauvignon Blanc's tanginess and replacing it with a full mouthfeel you don't often find in Sauvignon Blanc alone. On the nose, there's citrus and green apple, and the minute the wine hits your tongue there are flavors of wildflower, honey and even a hint of lavender and other aromatic herbs. This a delicate wine with a fruity crispness but not overpowering and notes of lemongrass await on the finish.

*Hogwash 2013 California Rosé Wine \$10.99*

A copper, almost rose-gold pink, the 2013 Hogwash, produced by winemaker Tuck Beckstoffer of St. Helena, is a wine perfect with ham. The nose is a marriage of piquant gooseberry, ripe canary melon pencil lead and wet granite. Bone dry on the palate, it offers striking mineral notes that intermingle beautifully with flavors of lime curd, orange rind, pear and rose hips.

*Le Grand Bouqueteau 2012 Chinon Rosé \$18.99*

Made from 100% Cabernet Franc grown on the sandy soils of the Loire, this Rosé has wonderful aromatics and is the perfect wine to pair with all sorts of cuisine, although its ultimate purpose is to be drunk amongst friends, sitting in the shade! It combines

the complexity of a red wine with the liveliness and brightness of a white wine; it is soft and perfumed, with good weight and presence, and finishes on crisp and gentle notes.

This is rosé of 100% Cabernet Franc from Chinon in the Loire Valley. It's incredibly aromatic, ripe red pear, summer roses, and bits of strawberry. The palate is juicy, plenty of refreshing acidity in this bone-dry beauty. Medium-full in the mouth with lots of plump red fruits and a complex lusciousness.

### *Domaine Fond Croze Merlot 2012 \$11.99*

Begun by Charles Long after returning from World War I, Domaine Fond Croze is the culmination of the work of three generations of his family. Today, grandsons Bruno (the winemaker) and Daniel (the vineyard manager) produce wine at Domaine Fond Croze, which Raymond, Bruno, and Daniel began officially in 1997. It's truly a family business. The Longs produce a wide range of wines from Vin du Pays Principaute Orange to Côtes du Rhône Villages.

*"This top-notch estate typifies what is happening in the southern Rhone with so many properties breaking away from selling their wines to cooperatives, and a younger generation beginning to estate bottle."* (Robert Parker, Oct 2009)

This Merlot is something really unique: a classic Bordeaux grape wine produced very far from Bordeaux in the southern Rhone region by a small and quintessentially Rhone winemaker.

### *Chateau le Bourdieu 2009 Medoc, Cru Bourgeois Bordeaux \$23.99*

"This is a lovely Cru Bourgeois: very pure and feminine on the nose with crisp red berries, redcurrant and candied orange peel. The palate is fleshy but not cloying with layers of ripe sweet red fruit, leading to a very lithe sensual finish where the oak is supremely well integrated. Bravo!" -Tasted November 2011 by Robert Parker