



Join us for Saturday afternoon wine tastings, 2 to 6:30 p.m.
This Saturday, January 2nd

Happy New Year/Bonne Année/Feliz Año Nuevo Whites

Perrin Réserve Côtes du Rhône, 2008

The Perrins, as proprietors of Château de Beaucastel in Châteauneuf-du-Pape with a truly impressive history of winemaking, loom large in the southern Rhône. The Rhône is red wine country with only 5% of total wine production white wine, but even so the whites have special character from distinctive native grape varieties. Perrin Réserve white is made from Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne with lovely, lively orchard fruit flavors with the character to stand up to anything like fried oysters with remoulade.

Reg. \$11.99 Special \$9.99

Peace Family Vineyard Chardonnay, 2008

Annew Peace Wines, located in Swan Hill, Victoria, is family owned and operated. Made from grapes sourced from various parts of South Eastern Australia, the Chardonnay is estate bottled and aged for six months in oak. The result is a wine with generous flavors of apple, melon and pineapple with a creamy texture. Nothing fancy, just good.

Reg. \$8.99 Special \$7.99

Reds

Bodegas Olarra Rioja Crianza, Añares, 2006

Produced by the well-established Bodegas Olarra, Añares is a traditional blend of Tempranillo, Mazuelo and Garnacha, aged in American and French oak for 14 months. Medium bodied without too much oak and with a solid core of cherry fruit, Añares is an excellent value in very affordable Rioja. With more weight than Pinot Noir while lighter than Cabernet, versatile and food friendly, Añares delivers excellent value in Rioja.

Reg. \$12.99 Special \$10.99

Thorn-Clarke Shiraz, Terra Barossa Winemaker's Selection, 2008

Review by Jay Miller, Wine Advocate # 186 (Dec 2009)

Rating: 90, Drink 2011-2020

"The 2008 Terra Barossa Shiraz Winemaker's Selection was aged in French and American oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it is ripe, rich, yet light on its feet. Flavorful, layered, and well-balanced, it will evolve for 2-3 years and offer a drinking window extending from 2011 to 2020. It is an outstanding value. Thorn-Clarke is a fine source for values from Australia."

Reg. \$16.99 (liter) Special \$14.99

- Jeff Gledhill