



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

This Saturday, January 23rd

Country Class

Whites

Domaine Begude Chardonnay, "Le Bel Ange", 2008

Located in Limoux (also known for its sparkling wine) in the Languedoc of southern France, Domaine Begude is a 60-acre family-owned estate established in the 16th century and farmed organically for the past 25 years. An international team produces the wines here: British owners Catherine and James Kinglake, French winemaker/vineyard manager Laurent Girault and Australian consulting winemaker Richard Osborne. With an elevation of 350 meters (1,200 feet), Domaine Begude produces unoaked Chardonnay with rich, pure apple and pear flavors and refreshing natural acidity. A nice bargain.

Reg. \$11.99 Special \$10.79

Rimauresq Cru Classé Côtes de Provence, 2007

Founded in 1882 and located in the heart of Provence, Rimauresq takes its name from the "real Mairesq," the river that flows through the vineyard. One of only a handful of producers awarded Cru Classé status in 1955, Rimauresq makes its white from Rolle, or Vermentino, and Ugni Blanc (10%). Uncommonly rich with remarkable complexity, Rimauresq blanc, while from sunny Provence, has the weight to complement a hearty New England seafood chowder.

Reg. \$22.99 Special \$19.99

Reds

Petit Rimauresq Côtes de Provence, 2007

A full-bodied, drink-me-now red, Petit Rimauresq is anything but "petit." A blend of 40% Mourvedre, 30% Grenache and 30% Carignan with dark fruit flavors and hints of Provençal herbs this would be a great complement to soul-warming winter stews and a good ol' pot roast dinner with winter vegetables.

Reg. \$14.99 Special \$13.49

Chateau de Fontenille Bordeaux, 2005

The 2005 vintage in Bordeaux has now become legendary so I was thrilled to find this terrific value. Chateau de Fontenille is 86 acres of vines located in the gravel soils of Entre-Deux-Mers with an average vine age of 20 years. A traditional blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon aged 18 months in oak, this has the excellent balance and full fruit of the 2005 vintage. This wine is primetime right now and while I bought as much as I could, when it's gone, it's gone.

Reg. \$15.99 Special \$14.39

- Jeff Gledhill

Special pricing applies the day of the tasting only

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