



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

This Saturday, February 27th

New Arrivals

Whites

Lucien Albrecht Pinot Blanc, Cuvée Balthazar, 2008

Maison Albrecht is a family-owned and -managed winery founded in 1425. Located in Orschwihr and in nine surrounding villages, today Domaine Lucien Albrecht is headed by Jean Albrecht, the family's eighteenth generation, and is the firm's chief winemaker and vineyard manager. The Pinot Blanc Cuvée Balthazar is named for Balthazar Albrecht who settled in Orschwihr in 1698. Soft, lightly fruity and completely refreshing, cuvée Balthazar is very fine just on its own or as a complement to Asian cuisine.

Reg. \$12.99 Special \$11.69

Tres Palacios Chardonnay, Reserva, 2009

The Viña Tres Palacios winery and vineyards are located in the Cholqui area of the Maipo Valley of Chile. Cholqui is a closed valley with its western margin open to the influence of the Pacific Ocean 25 miles away so that cooling breezes from the sea and inter-mountain circulation moderate what would otherwise be hot conditions in the summer. This cooler climate produces well balanced Chardonnay that's full flavored without the heavy, overripe characteristics all too common in many New world Chardonnays.

Reg. \$10.99 Special \$9.89

Reds

San Crispino Chianti Classico Riserva, 2005

For Chianti Classico to qualify for the *riserva* designation, as defined and controlled by appellation rules, the grapes that are used must have a higher minimum level of ripeness than for Chianti Classico *normale* and the wine must be aged for at least 24 months, three of which must be in bottle. The result is a wine deeper in color, fuller in the typical cherry fruit with Chianti's characteristic acidity tempered by the extended aging. A very nice value at this level.

Reg. \$16.99 Special \$15.29

Los Ailos Syrah Malbec, 2008

While it seems that every new wine from Argentina comes from Mendoza, Los Ailos comes from the province of San Juan, just to the north of Mendoza. Hotter and drier than Mendoza (just 3.5 inches of rain in a typical year), Syrah has taken hold here particularly in higher elevations like the Tulum valley where Los Ailos is produced. A blend of 60% Syrah and 40% Malbec, Los Ailos has the rich, dark fruit that make Argentine wines so appealing along with nice elements of spice and oak. This is a steal.

Reg. \$8.99 Special \$7.99

- Jeff Gledhill

Special pricing applies the day of the tasting only

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