



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

This Saturday, April 10th

Wines from DB Selection

Presented by Didier Boutet, founder, DB Selection

Sparkling

Domaine Rolet Crémant du Jura Brut, 2006

The wine regions of the Jura in the alpine foothills of eastern France must be deliberately sought out as they are not traversed going to other better known wine regions. As a result this area has kept its own grape varieties such as Poulsard, Trousseau and Savagnin and made unique, idiosyncratic wines beloved by wine geeks such as *vin jaune* and *vin de paille*. The superb sparkling wine from this region is made from a blend of Chardonnay (well established here) and Savagnin. Outside of Champagne, sparkling wines made in the same method as Champagne get the designation *Crémant* and this has the pleasing, dry, complex character that only this labor intensive method can impart. Featured in Boston Globe Magazine (December 2009), this is an excellent value in sparkling wine.

Reg. \$21.99 Special \$19.79

White

Jacques & Nathalie Saumaize Mâcon Bussièrès, "Montbrison", 2007

As a big fan of the terrific values in white Burgundy from the Maconnais, Burgundy's southernmost white wine region, I was excited to learn that the wines of Jacky and Nathalie Saumaize are now available in Connecticut. Young, dynamic winegrowers who both grew in the Macon region, they are equal partners in the family wine enterprise that goes back several generations. Their wines are fine expressions of unique terroirs and beautiful examples of Chardonnay in the classic sense. "Montbrison" comes from a small vineyard located on the edge of the Pouilly-Fuissé appellation north of the village of Vergisson, with soil composed of pure loams covered with a layer of very stony clay soil. This vineyard, half of which is over 50 years old, is partly vinified in casks. Simply elegant flavors.

Reg. \$20.99 Special \$18.89

Reds

Domaine de la Citadelle Cabernet de la Citadelle, 2007

Domaine de la Citadelle is located on the northern slopes of the Luberon Mountains, about 20 east of Avignon in the Provençal village of Ménerbes. As a wine region that has been designated more recently, there is a blend of tradition and innovation that is reflected in the range of grape varieties. Cabernet Sauvignon, while not typical for this region, benefits from the Mediterranean climate moderated by elevation. Cabernet de la Citadelle is 100% Cabernet

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Sauvignon fermented in stainless steel and aged 12 months in oak vats. Vibrant, dark fruit flavors and firm, supple texture make this an excellent value in Cabernet.

Reg. \$14.99 Special \$13.49

Domaine La Bouvaude Côtes du Rhône, Vieilles Vignes, 2007

Fabienne and Stephane Barnaud, fourth generation run this family estate located in the village of Rousset-les-Vignes, a little paradise overhanging the Rhone Valley with a magnificent surrounding landscape of garrigue, vines, orchards and fields of lavender. Their vineyard is 37 acres planted to the classic Rhone grape varieties of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault and Mourvedre. This bottling is made from vines older than 45 years old and is a blend of Grenache and Syrah. The old vines, *vieilles vignes*, give this wine an uncommon depth of flavor with all the crushed berry flavors and hints of spice that make good Côtes du Rhône so satisfying.

Reg. \$16.99 Special \$15.29

Dessert...

Château La Caussade, Sainte-Croix-du-Mont, 2007

In the great tradition of dessert wines from Bordeaux, this wine comes from the most important of the dessert wine appellations on the Right Bank, Sainte-Croix-du-Mont. Like their more prestigious neighbors Barsac and Sauternes just across the Garonne River, this appellation uses Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, for this wine 80% Semillon and 20% Sauvignon Blanc, and the unique local climate that produces "noble rot" to make this honeyed complex wine.

Reg. \$15.99 (375ml) Special \$14.39

- Jeff Gledhill

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