



Join us for Saturday afternoon wine tastings, 2 to 6:30 p.m.
This Saturday, June 19th
Grillin' and Chillin'

Whites

Gurrutxaga Txakoli, Izakun, 2009

Txakoli (pronounced cha'-kō-lee) is the wine unique to the Basque region of northern Spain. The wine region of origin is Bizkaiko Txakolina which borders the Bay of Biscay near Bilbao. Made from the indigenous and distinctive Basque grape varieties Hondarrabi Zuri, Hondarrabi Beltza, Mune Mahatsa and Txori Mahatsa, this could possibly be the purest, most scintillating and all around excellent aperitif available. Naturally low in alcohol, only 11%, and accented by a bracing acidity, this wine could revive the most stifled appetite. Txakoli is meant to be consumed young and shows a delightful sparkling quality, which the Basque refer to as "tximparta". Wonderfully versatile with food pairings, it is, of course, naturally inclined towards the bounty of the sea.

Reg. \$15.99 Special \$14.39

Palazzone Dubini Bianco, 2008

While Umbria doesn't get the attention for its wines like neighboring Tuscany (not enough vacationing British writers?), Umbria's distinctive wines from native grape varieties are worth seeking. Based in Orvieto, Palazzone has become the top wine estate in this wine region. A terrific value in an Italian white wine, Dubini Bianco is a crisp, juicy blend of several indigenous grape varieties including Procanico, Grachetto, Drupeggio and Malvasia.

Reg. \$9.99 Special \$8.99

Reds

Mas Arnaud Côtes du Rhône, 2007

Dollar-for-dollar, Côtes du Rhone is consistently the best red wine value in the marketplace. Versatile and satisfying, Côtes du Rhone's supple texture, vibrant berry fruit and subtle spice make it a pleasure to drink and it never becomes ho-hum. Mas Arnaud brings all this to the table and is a steal for the quality. While most Côtes du Rhone is predominantly Grenache, Mas Arnaud is a blend of 55% Syrah and 45% Grenache from the 2007 vintage that was so outstanding for the southern Rhone. This deserves to be your house red.

Reg. \$12.99 Special \$11.69

Rupert & Rothschild Classique, 2007

First established as a farm in 1690 in the Franschoek ("French Corner") area of the Paarl wine region northeast of Capetown, South Africa, Rupert & Rothschild is a partnership formed by Dr. Anton Rupert of Capetown and Baron Edmond de Rothschild of Bordeaux to produce fine wine

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from this prestigious South African wine region. Classique is a Bordeaux blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (65%) and Merlot (35%) aged 16 months in French oak barriques. An excellent value in a full-bodied red, this has rich, silky, dark fruit flavors with hints of vanilla and spice. Fire up the grill for steak and Portobello mushrooms and pull the cork.

Reg. \$16.99

Special \$15.29

- Jeff Gledhill

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