

MARITIME WINE TASTING STUDIO BOTTLE SELECTION

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

FRANCE - ALSACE

The first "buying trip" my biz partner Elijah and I took to Europe was to Alsace. This was in March; not the best weather in a region where the climate is marginal to begin with (one of the reasons it's such a great place to grow aromatic white varietals). We shared great hearty meals in front of fireplaces warming our bones after long days in cold cellars tasting with local vintners. One of the more interesting and unexpected discoveries we made was that Alsace grows great Pinot Noir, a lot of which is made into bubbly, or "Crémant d'Alsace." These two bubbly offerings come from our two favorite Alsatian vintners, both of whom have roots in Alsace dating back to the 1600s, and both make fabulous award winning wines from coveted old vine, incredibly steep hillside/hilltop Grand Cru vineyards. The views are amazing and the people oh so lovely.

Domaine Rieflé Crémant Rose NV.....\$24

Louis Sipp Crémant Rose NV.....\$60

BORDEAUX

Our great friend Mike Corso is one of America's leading authorities on French wines and wine importation. I had the great pleasure and privilege of working with Mike 20 years ago at a major wine company in Chicago, Chicago Wine Merchants. These were formative years for me and I learned a lot from Mike about the ins and outs of Bordeaux importation, and the wine business in general. Chicago Wine Merchants is long gone, but, grizzled as we may be, Mike and I are still here and I am forever ever grateful to Mike for sourcing for Maritime this wonderful selection of "petite chateau." As Bordeaux wines go, these are on the affordable side and offer all the nuances and complexities which the great Cabernet, Cab Franc, and Merlot-based wines of Bordeaux typically express for a fraction of the cost of the big name "classified growth" chateau.

Chateau La Croix de Queynac Blanc 2013.....\$19

Chateau La Croix de Queynac Bordeaux Supérieur 2012.....\$18

Chateau Barreyre Bordeaux Supérieur 2010.....\$28

Chateau Lescalle Bordeaux Supérieur 2010.....\$25

Chateau St. Georges St Emilion 2010.....\$55

Chateau St. Georges St Emilion 2010 (half bottles).....\$28

Chateau Maurac Haut Medoc 2011.....\$32

BURGUNDY

With Burgundy our selection is limited but serious, and the two producers we offer here are amongst the world of Burgundy's most highly coveted. We receive a tiny allocation of each of these wines for the west coast, in some instances only six or twelve bottles for an entire vintage year. For lovers of truly special Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, these bottles offer a transcendental experience.

Domaine Guy Amiot Bourgogne Rouge 2012.....\$40

Domaine Guy Amiot Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Caillerets" 2012.....\$135

Domaine Guy Amiot Chassagne-Montrachet "old vines" 2011 – half bottle.....\$50

Domaine Guy Amiot Le Montrachet Grand Cru 2011.....na

Domaine Guy Amiot Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru "Vergers" 2012.....na

Domaine Guy Amiot Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge "Vieilles Vignes" 2012.....\$96

Domaine Jacques Girardin Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2013.....\$30

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CHAMPAGNE

The term “grower champagne” is bandied about liberally these days and the US market is awash in pretenders. The Bonnet-Ponson wines offered here are the real deal. During a trip to Champagne in 2012 Elijah and I were lucky to discover this wonderful grower-producer in the tiny village of Chamery, just outside of the majestic cathedral city of Reims. (The cathedral, by the way, is mind blowing: just go see it.) Headed by the young and dashing Cyril Bonnet, the direct descendant of the founders who have a dramatic story of fleeing Russia in the 1800’s to escape Bolshevik persecution, Cyril lovingly cares to 11 hectares (about 27 acres) of entirely Premier Cru (near the very top of the official “CVC” Champagne classification system) vineyards. For those who care about scores (we do not), both of Cyril’s wines just received 91 point scores from the Wine Spectator.

Joseph Perrier Brut Rosé NV.....	\$55
Bonnet-Ponson Brut Premier Cru NV.....	\$45
Bonnet-Ponson Rose’ Brut Premier Cru NV.....	\$50

LOIRE

Most recognized for the beautiful Sauvignon Blanc-based wines of Sancerre, the Loire valley is home to some of France’s most picturesque and charming villages, each with their own stunning storybook castles, manicured vineyards and magical fields of sunflowers. The Loire Valley is steeped in lore, including that of Joan of Arc who was from the beautiful village of Chinon. Here, the castle where she famously identified the King in disguise still stands today. Joan of Arc, castles and all else aside, the wines from this region are amongst the finest France has to offer, and some which Americans are not yet familiar, including the lovely sparkling village wines of Saumur and intense old vine Cabernet Franc grown and produced around Chinon. If you ever have the chance, drive at dawn through the Loire Valley in the middle of summer and watch in amazement as the rolling fields of sunflowers lift their heavy heads en masse to greet the sun. Best drive I’ve ever taken, anywhere.

Dyckerhoff Reuilly Rose 2014.....	\$24
Moreux Sancerre "Les Bouffants" 2013.....	\$32

RHONE

If I had to pick a favorite wine region in the world, the Rhone would be it. From north to south, the vineyards of the Rhone are an amazing sight to behold in that they spring forth from a landscape which is more like that of Mars or the moon than what one would expect in an area renowned as a cradle of European viticulture. That anything at all can grow at all in this zero soil, stone outcropping surface of the sun-hot environment defies logic. Predominantly Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre based, the village wines of the Rhone are stunning in their diversity and complexity. From playful, bright and jubilantly fruit-forward to brooding, dense and psychopathically raw, the wines of the Rhone rarely disappoint and offer something wonderful for every sort of wine enthusiast; from casual imbibers to egomaniacal self-absorbed cork dorks.

Chevalier Crozes Hermitage Blanc Les Pends 2013.....	\$35
Chevalier Crozes Hermitage Rouge Marius 2013.....	\$35
Chevalier Crozes-Hermitage "les Voleyses" 2012.....	na
Domaine Raspail-Ay Gigondas 2012.....	\$45
Domaine Raspail-Ay Gigondas 2012 (half bottles).....	\$24
Domaine St. Anthelme Viognier "Les Petits Cailloux" 2013.....	\$20

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PROVENCE

What a lovely region. Fields of lavender, honey, the beaches of Nice, and Monaco just down the road. The wines of Provence have exploded in popularity over the past five years, and it's been a long time coming. Not so long ago in the USA, pastel colored wines were considered déclassé because of their poor quality. How things have changed: dry rosé from Provence is a wonderful thing. Pale "copper penny" in color, nice bracing acidity, sometimes almost briny, sometimes delicate and floral – these wines are lovely to pair with oysters, cheeses of all sorts and perhaps most especially refreshing to sip on their own. The selections here come from a very special single estate in the heart of Provence, Le Grand Cros, which dates back to the 17th century and was lovingly restored by our friend Mr. Julian Faulkner and his family.

Jules Rosé – Cotes de Provence – Carnoules, France 2014.....	\$10
Le Grand Cros Rosé – Cotes de Provence – Carnoules, France 2014.....	\$16
Le Grand Cros “La Rivale” Sparkling Rosé – Cotes de Provence - Carnoules, France 2014.....	\$15
Le Grand Cros “Le Maitresse” Sparkling Rosé – Cotes de Provence - Carnoules, France 2014.....	\$20

ITALY

SICILY

I had the great pleasure of meeting Carmelo Bonetta, owner of the fabulous and remote Cristo Di Campobello Sicilian estate during a visit to Bordeaux a number of years ago, and though his English was nearly as non-existent as my Italian we bonded over tasting his fabulous small production wines made from varieties that are largely indigenous to Sicily.

Cristo di Campobello “CDC” Bianco 2012.....	\$20
Cristo di Campobello “Adenzia” Bianco 2013.....	\$25
Cristo di Campobello Lalùci Grillo 2013.....	\$28
Cristo di Campobello Lu Patri Nero d’Avola 2008.....	na
Cristo di Campobello CDC Rosso 2009.....	\$20

EMILIA-ROMAGNA

The hill towns of Emilia Romagna are amongst the most beautiful and lesser known of Italy, both from a viticultural standpoint and generally speaking. The Poderi dal Nespoli estate produces various versions of Sangiovese, the same grape used to make the well-known wines of Tuscany, including Chianti. These wines are in every way equal to or better than their Tuscan counterparts and due to their relatively obscure provenance, they offer excellent bang for the buck. It is also worth mentioning that the winery's export is run by one of our very favorite people in the wine business, the dynamic and charming Ms. Nicole Poggi, who will be visiting us here in the Tasting Studio and pouring the wines of Poderi dal Nespoli for guests and friends of Maritime the week of October 26th. Please stop by for a glass with Nicole!

Poderi dal Nespoli Prugnetto Superiore 2011.....	\$18
Poderi dal Nespoli “Il Nespolino” Rosso	\$10
Poderi dal Nespoli “Il Nespolino” Bianco.....	\$10

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TUSCANY

Tuscany is Italy's most well-known wine region. The Il Palagio wines offered here are produced from a very special and historic vineyard estate in the Chianti Classico district of Tuscany. Located a short drive from the charming medieval town of Figline Valdarno, known as the "barn of Florence" due to its abundance of grain, corn, and fresh produce which supplied the markets of Florence, this vast thousand acre estate has been agricultural since ancient times and was a summer retreat of Florence's famed Medici family. In 1999, the estate was purchased by the rock musician Sting and his wife Trudie Styler. They have lovingly restored and tended to the estate and produce organically certified honey, olive oil, and the award winning, high scoring selection of small production wines offered here.

Il Palagio "Message In a Bottle" Tuscan Red Blend 2011.....	\$23
IL Palagio "Casino Del Vie" 2011 "mini" Super Tuscan.....	\$30
Il Palagio "When We Dance" DOCG Chianti 2013.....	na
Il Palagio "Sister Moon" Super Tuscan 2011.....	\$55

SPAIN – RIOJA

We feel very very lucky to have a diverse selection from these three fabulous Rioja estates. CVNE is one of the most important wine producers of Spain, on account of its illustrious history and its omnipresence in the contemporary Spanish wine scene. Founded by the Real de Asua brothers in 1879, it remains family-owned and family-run, with the latest generation committed more than ever to making great wine in meaningful quantities. Today it still sits on its original site in the wine district, Barrio de la Estación, in Haro, Rioja Alta. In 2013 Cune Imperial Grand Reserva Rioja was awarded what many consider to be the wine world's top honor in being named the Wine Spectator's number one wine in their listing of the world's top one hundred wines. CVNE's holdings are comprised of three separate and distinct wine estates – Cune, Viña Real, and Contino. Each crafting their own unique style.

Cune Crianza Tinto 2011.....	\$18
Cune Crianza Tinto 2011 1.5L	\$35
Cune Imperial Reserva Tinto 2009.....	\$45
Cune Imperial Gran Reserva Tinto 2008.....	\$200
Cune Monopole Blanco 2014.....	\$13
Viiña Real Crianza Tinto 2010.....	\$16
Viña Real Reserva 2010.....	\$32
Contino Reserva Tinto 2008.....	\$45
Contino Grand Reserva Tinto 2008.....	\$85

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PORTUGAL - DOURO

Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Cla Port NV.....	\$25
Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Cla Port NV (gift pack).....	\$25
Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Cla Port of Moscatel NV.....	\$22
Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Colheita tablewine 2010.....	\$20
Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo LBV Port 2009.....	\$30
Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Marabilis Grande Reserva 2011.....	\$120
Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Referencia Grande Reserva 2011.....	\$85
Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Vintage Port 2009.....	\$85

TURKEY - ELAZIĞ

Kayra Öküzgözü 2012.....	\$15
Kayra Vintage Öküzgözü 2011.....	\$20
Kayra Imperial Öküzgözü 2006.....	\$30

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UNITED STATES – CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL COAST & LODI

Chasing Lions Cabernet Sauvignon 2013.....	\$13
Rock & Vine Cabernet Sauvignon 2013.....	\$15
The Dirty Pure Project “G Spot” White Field Blend 2013.....	\$13
The Dirty Pure Project “F Bomb” Red Field Blend 2012.....	\$15
Hullabaloo Zinfandel “old vines”, Lodi 2012.....	\$15
Ministry of the Vinterior “The Messenger” Zinfandel “old vines” Amador 2012.....	\$16
Seven Sinners Petite Sirah 2012.....	\$15

NAPA VALLEY

Parcel 41 Cabernet Sauvignon 2013.....	\$18
Parcel 41 Merlot 2012.....	\$18
Parcel 41 Sauvignon Blanc 2013.....	\$16
Twenty Bench Cabernet Sauvignon 2012.....	\$22

SONOMA

Ministry of the Vinterior Russian River Valley Chardonnay 2013.....	\$16
Ministry of the Vinterior Russian River Valley Pinot Noir 2013.....	\$22
Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay 2013.....	\$45
Oliver Lane Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013.....	\$65
Pellegrini Chardonnay 2013.....	\$24
Pellegrini Pinot Noir 2012.....	\$30
Pellegrini Rosé of Pinot Noir 2014.....	\$22

WASHINGTON - COLUMBIA VALLEY

J. Bookwalter Foreshadow Cabernet Sauvignon 2012.....	\$45
J. Bookwalter Foreshadow Merlot 2012.....	\$45
J. Bookwalter The Notebook NV.....	\$14
J. Bookwalter Protagonist 2012.....	\$55
J. Bookwalter Scarlet Hexflame 2014.....	\$14

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SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE -

NEW ZEALAND - MARLBOROUGH

Jules Taylor Wines Sauvignon Blanc 2014.....	\$16
Jules Taylor Wines OTQ Sauvignon Blanc 2013.....	\$22
Jules Taylor Wines Pinot Gris 2014.....	\$16
Jules Taylor Wines Pinot Noir 2013.....	\$22
Jules Taylor Wines OTQ Pinot Noir 2013.....	\$30
Jules Taylor Wines Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 2014.....	\$18
The Better Half Sauvignon Blanc 2014.....	\$12
The Better Half Pinot Noir 2012.....	\$15

SOUTH AFRICA - ROBERTSON

Graham Beck Wines Brut NV.....	\$16
Graham Beck Wines Brut Rosé NV.....	\$16
Graham Beck Wines Blanc de Blancs 2009.....	\$15
Graham Beck Wines Brut Rosé 2009.....	\$18
Graham Beck Wines Brut Rosé 2010.....	\$18
Graham Beck Wines Cuvée Clive 2009.....	\$65
Graham Beck Wines Gorgeous Rosé tablewine 2015.....	\$15
Graham Beck Wines The Game Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2013.....	\$16
Graham Beck Wines The Game Reserve Pinotage 2013.....	\$15
Graham Beck Wines The William 2009.....	\$16
Graham Beck Wines Rhona Muscadell 2011.....	\$15

MAGNUMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD –

It is an intriguing fact of vinification and wine bottling that over time, wine in bigger bottles simply tastes better.

Mâitres Vignerons de la Valdaubanaise Provence Rosé Magnum 2014 – <i>Côtes de Provence, France</i>	<i>inquire</i>
Il Palagio Casino delle Vie 2011 – <i>Tuscany, Italy</i>	<i>inquire</i>
Il Palagio Sister Moon 2011 – <i>Tuscany, Italy</i>	\$100
Jules Taylor Wines Pinot Noir 2011 – <i>Marlborough, New Zealand</i>	<i>inquire</i>
Jules Taylor Wines Sauvignon Blanc 2014 – <i>Marlborough, New Zealand</i>	<i>inquire</i>
Graham Beck Wines Brut NV – <i>Robertson, South Africa</i>	\$30
Louis Sipp Nature'S Riesling 2013 – <i>Alsace, France</i>	\$40