

Club Cork Newsletter

June 2007

An introduction to “terroir”



Terroir (a French term pronounced tear-whar), is translated as “soil” or loosely translated as “a sense of place”. Terroir is the term used to suggest that the entire vineyard environment is affected by climate, soil, region, slope of the vineyard, historical winemaking practices, even the cultural influences. and thus contributes to the personality and uniqueness of the wine. As a result, some experts can use terroir to explain how one wine can taste strikingly different from

another with grapes grown literally down the street. This concept, however, has been under debate within the wine world for ages; does terroir really exist? Is terroir quantifiable? Clearly, as with any debate, all sides can take the issue to a point of disbelief, however if you have ever tasted a fine wine from France, you can't deny that something more than just wine exists, particularly if you compare it next to a “wine of mass vinification”. A fabulous and entertaining blog titled, The War on Terroir and Wines of Mass Vinification, by Richard Olsen-Harbich, is one I recommend reading (http://lennthompson.typepad.com/lenndevours/2005/11/the_war_on_terr.html). As for our wine club selections, we always consider, as least in part, the terroir of the wines we choose – as even reasonably priced wine can still have a “sense of place” and a taste of its own. As always, enjoy your selection this month. Cheers, Emily and Mark Pelletier

DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!

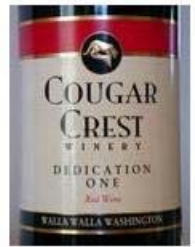
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NV Cougar Crest Dedication One – \$22 Walla Walla, Washington

There is just no denying that Walla Walla is producing some of the best red wines available today. While most our not priced within the Club Cork budget, this particular blend hits the high marks of Walla Walla fruit with a great price attached to it.

The Cougar Crest Family named this wine for the dedication and sacrifice that was shown by the neursurgery, trauma, and ICU doctors and nurses of Doernbecher Children's

Hospital who gave Deborah and David Hansen's daughter's life back to her after a very threatening incident nearly took her life. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of Dedication One go to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon. “We want our dedication to grape growing and winemaking to help them continue their incredible, lifesaving work”, Deborah and David Hansen.



Tasting Notes: A non-vintage blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. As this wine opens up, it really develops bright and dark cherries, with hints of blueberries, creamy milk chocolate and tar. Let it breath and the wine gets more complex and finishes incredibly smooth.

2006 Dominio IV "The Willow" Viognier ~ \$25 Pleasant View Vineyard, Oregon

Patrick Reuter and Leigh Bartholomew, founders, owners and winemakers of Dominio IV, make maddeningly small amounts of wine; producing only 120 cases of the 2006 Viognier. Despite the small production, there is obviously quality linked with small production, the wine is carefully shepherded through all stages of production. "The Willow" is clearly the product of such care and paints NW Viognier in a very flattering light.

Tasting Notes: Perfumed aromatics of peach, pineapple, and orange zest, full-flavored yet light on its feet and fresh, fruity yet dry.

This particular wine is in *very* limited release. Please be sure to contact me immediately if you would like to secure more for your cellar!

Looking for a particular wine? Call and order from Cork Cellars and have it delivered with your wine club selections! Great prices, great service – always fun!

Tasting Notes

Cougar Crest Dedication One NV
Walla Walla, Washington

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

Dominio IV Viognier 2006
Pleasant View Vineyard, Oregon

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Previous Wine Club Selections

April 2007

OS Red

\$23/bottle

6 or more: \$20.70/bottle

12 or more: \$18/bottle

Do Ferreiro Albarino

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

12 or more: \$20/bottle

May 2007

Petalos del Bierzo

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

12 or more: \$20/bottle

Vietti Roero Arneis

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

12 or more: \$20/bottle

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10% OFF

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