

Club Cork Newsletter

September 2007

2007 Northwest Harvest



The 2007 Northwest harvest has begun – from Canada’s Okanogan Valley to Oregon’s Willamette Valley, to California. It’s going to be a busy year here in the Northwest – initial harvest reports a fabulous year with production up from last year, and great growing conditions throughout the summer indicate good fruit structure and complexity. When harvest begins – it’s non-stop for everyone in the wine making business. Harvesting the fruit at the right time is

just the first step, and in the many days to come, wineries crush & de-stem grapes, fold-over, etc. It’s a very exciting time, but lots of long hours and manual labor. Thankfully, we all appreciate the hard work, as the end result is our favorite bottle! As always, enjoy your selection this month. Cheers, Emily and Mark Pelletier

Visit us at Wine by the River Oct. 6-7th

More info & tickets: www.winebytheriver.com

DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!

Friday, October 26th

2003 Altair Sideral ~ \$25 Rapel Valley, Chile

About Altair Sideral: Altair Vineyards and Winery is a joint venture between Laurent Dassault, owner of Chateau Dassault and Chateau La Fleur in Saint Emilion, Bordeaux, and the massive Viñas San Pedro, the third largest producer of wine in Chile. The project began as a dream of creating a true "grand cru" wine from Chile, and Dassault searched high and low in Chile to find vineyards capable of producing the sort of wine he wanted to make. In one of the corners of the Cachapoal Valley, he found what he felt was the ideal spot, and it happened to be land owned by Viñas San Pedro. Thus began the partnership that takes its name from the star Altair. This extremely bright star appears in the constellation Aguila the Eagle (shown on the label), and makes up one corner of the very recognizable Summer Triangle constellation.



DECANT!

This blend could use a few more years in bottle. If you can't wait – be sure to decant the bottle and leave open for several hours. The air will help it relax and you'll enjoy the big, full flavors this wine has to offer!

Tasting Notes: This "grand cru" is a blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 6% Syrah. This wine has an intense, beautiful dark red color. Wonderful integration of toasty French oak with gobs of black-cherry and raspberry fruit. Lovely cedar scents accenting robust but smooth black cherry and dark plum aromas. Sings a pretty tune in the mouth, with ripe berry fruit, tobacco, toast and a long finish. The wine reveals full body, marvelous extraction and richness, terrific equilibrium, and a layered, textured, expansively flavored personality.

Ready to drink now or cellar up to 2010. 91 Rating – Wine Enthusiast

2005 Marramiero Anima Trebbiano D'Abruzzo - \$25

Rosciano Abruzzo, Italy

About the winery: Between the Adriatic Sea and The Gran Sasso Mountains, at 270 mt., on the sill around Pescara, the Marramiero family has grown vines since the beginning of the last century. In the 1990's, Dante Marramiero completed his master plan to growing grapes, and aging and bottling wine. His children, Enrico and Patrizia, have inherited Dante's passion and founded Marramiero farm. The Marramiero wines are the result of Dante's original vision. Enrico and Patrizia continue the family's love for the land, and the devotion to success by combining ancient wine traditions with modern winemaking techniques and technology.

Tasting Notes: 100% Trebbiano. It has luminous straw yellow color, a persistent, fruity and intense fragrance, a vigorous, equilibrated, harmonious flavors reminding of the ripe fruit.

Serving Suggestions: It is recommended with hors-d'oeuvres, with delicate pasta and fish soup, at the ideal temperature of 10/12C.

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

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Food with wine:

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Previous Wine Club Selections

July 2007

Seven Hills Malbec

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

12 or more: \$20/bottle

Pra Soave Classico

\$18/bottle

6 or more: \$16.20/bottle

12 or more: \$14/bottle

August 2007

Walla Walla Sangiovese

Limited Availability

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

Hartford Chardonnay

Limited Availability

\$25/bottle

6 or more: \$22.50/bottle

CORK CELLARS DISCOUNT POLICY

10% TUESDAYS

Receive 10% OFF 3 or more bottles of wine every Tuesday (in store only)

10% OFF

Always receive 10% OFF 6 bottles or more bottles of wine (mixed okay)

10% OVER COST

Receive 10% over cost on full case orders (no mixed)