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THE WINES OF PEACHY CANYON

In the early '80's, two former school teachers, Nancy and Doug Beckett decided to carry out a dream by moving their family and settling into California's Central Coast area of Paso Robles to get involved in the wine business. In 1988 they produced their first wine under the Peachy Canyon Winery. Over the years this winery has built an excellent reputation by producing premium Zinfandels and with continued success, expanding into other grape varieties as well. The Peachy Canyon Winery sources grapes throughout the region from over twenty local growers, combined with one hundred acres of their own estate vineyards, which are all sustainable farmed. This farming practice consists of composting and reintroducing all the byproducts from the winery into the soil every other year. Aggressive canopy management is applied to minimize mildew and reduces the need to spray. Pests are controlled with the use of beneficial insects and the use of organic pesticides is kept at a minimal.

The growing areas of Paso Robles west side benefits well by being within twenty miles inland from the Pacific Ocean. Hot daily temperature changes considerably by the cooling coastal breezes that flow off the coastal range in the evenings, leading to temperature variations of up to fifty degrees in a single day. These conditions are most favorable for proper grape sugars and acid balance. This article presents three of the area's workhorse red grape varieties; Zinfandel, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon.

We begin with the **2006 Peachy Canyon "Incredible Red" Zinfandel** - This wine is the ideal introduction to Peachy Canyon. Incredible Zin offers an easy drinking and softer style, exhibiting a generous amount of juicy black cherry and raspberry with just the right amount of earth tone and spices. A terrific Zin buy for you value seekers.
Regular Price \$13.99.

Special  **\$10.99**

The **2005 Peachy Canyon West Side Zinfandel** is a multi-vineyard blend that shows unique qualities. It is made in a softer, elegant style, but has great structure and depth of black and red fruits. The subtle oak is accompanied with spices and black pepper. It displays opulent and complex flavors on the mid-palate with ripe plums and notes of chocolate and cinnamon laced with a smooth tannin sensation. Regular \$21.99

Special  **\$17.99**

This **2005 Peachy Canyon Petite Sirah** is a limited single vineyard offering that showcases attractive smoky and fruit filled aromas. This deep colored and stylishly well-made Petite Sirah provides complex, full-bodied flavors of black berries and blueberries wrapped in layers of spice and sweet oaky tannins. The finish is long and balanced.
Regular Price \$21.99

Special  **\$17.99**

This label is an attention getter with its magnificently designed and imaginative depiction of a Jester, balancing bottles of wine, while rocking on a wine barrel. The **2005 Peachy Canyon "Cirque du Vin"** is a multi-vineyard blend made with a large portion of Cabernet Sauvignon, along with Petite Sirah, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Cirque du Vin shows a profound rich color. It offers a rich, full-bodied style by having an abundance of blackberries and ripe plum fruits, accented with mint, chocolate and licorice flavors. The supple oak and tannin structure lends well to its sweet round finish. Regular Price \$16.99

Special  **\$13.99**

ITALY'S SUPERSTAR OF THE VENETO

The Allegrini Family Estate is situated in Fumane di Valpolicella, just north of Verona. Their winemaking history dates back over two centuries. Though it wasn't until the 1960's when Giovanni Allegrini came along as one of the first to put into place innovative modern methods that were acceptable to the region's viticultural traditions. Since then, Allegrini has achieved the highest levels by producing some of the region's best Valpolicella wines. Both reds presented in this article can accompany many foods, such as hearty meat stews, sausage, red sauced pasta, aged cheeses, lamb chops and even sweet and sour dishes.

"Amarone" is Veneto's king red wine. **Allegrini's** magnificent **2003 Amarone Classico** captures the essence of this noble wine by possessing a rich, bold structure and complex flavors. Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara are the three indigenous Valpolicella grapes used to make Amarone. The process of making Amarone is very unique. When the grapes are harvested, they are then held for up to four months, where the grapes are left to dry out naturally in well ventilated areas of the winery. The purpose of this is to obtain a rich sugar concentration. The grape "must" is then fermented. This in result, increases the wine's natural flavors and alcohol level. Therefore, what you end up with is a rich and supple red that offers incredible concentration and round structure. Allegrini Amarone provides an abundance of blackberry, ripe plum, sweet raisins and sour cherry fruit flavor, balanced with spice and supple earthy tannins, showing a wine with great ageing potential over the next 10-20 years. Regular price \$89.99.

Special

\$63.99

This high quality wine is produced from the La Grola Cru Vineyard, located on the estate in a tiny parcel called La Poja. The importance of this wine is that Allegrini purposely sets out to prove that Corvina and Rondinella grapes can be used to produce an international styled red without the help of dried grapes. Their **2001 La Poja** exhibits a lovely assortment of black fruits and spices in the aroma. It is a full-bodied red that is complex and richly fruit driven. Kept in check with its chalky-like tannins, La Poja also makes a very age worthy wine. Regular price \$99.99.

Special

\$71.99

SUPER VALUE FROM THE LOIRE

This sampler selection features two new releases from the highly respected Loire Valley producer Henri Bourgeois. Bourgeois makes a range of wines from top Loire appellations like Sancerre and Pouilly Fume. We are focusing on their two intro-level wines from the Loire, Petit Bourgeois Blanc and Rouge. The weakening U.S. dollar has created an even more challenging environment in seeking out imported values, especially from western Europe. So we are very pleased to offer this pair from France.

Bourgeois is a very important Loire producer that acts as both a domaine and negociant. This family run firm has spanned ten generations, but it was under Henri himself that the estate grew from five acres to one hundred and fifty acres during the '50's and '60's. During this period, Bourgeois was transformed from a small domaine to a leader in the Loire. Today, the firm is led by Jean-Marie Bourgeois who has taken quality to an all time high. These wines focus on two of the prominent grape varieties grown in the Loire, Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Franc.

2006 Petit Bourgeois Blanc is made of Sauvignon Blanc grown outside the village of Sancerre. It has good richness on the palate, showing lemon, citrus and grapefruit flavors with a touch of minerality and herbs. Enjoy with shellfish or on its own. **\$10.99**

In 2006, Cab Franc came in fully ripened, thanks in part to a warm month of July that excellerated the ripening process. The **2006 Petit Bourgeois Rouge** shows a Bordeaux-like personality with red and black fruits, good structure, soft tannins and subtle herbal notes on the finish. Enjoy with tuna steaks, poultry or veal. **\$11.99**

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MONTHLY SPECIALS

2004 Byington "Alliage" Cabernet Sauvignon - The Byington family winery and vineyard operation is situated in California's Central Coast region of Santa Cruz, not far from the Silicon Valley. This small production Cabernet Sauvignon of only 950 cases adds a tiny portion of Merlot in the blend. The grapes are selected from well-managed vineyard sources just south in the semi-arid wine region of the Paso Robles. As mentioned in the Peachy Canyon article, this area experiences low humidity and rainfall. Only twenty miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, the hot daily temperatures are contrasted by cooling coastal breezes that flow off the coastal range in the evenings, leading to temperature variations of up to fifty degrees in a single day. These conditions are most favorable for proper grape ripening and acid balance. Byington's 2004 Alliage Cabernet captures the fullest expression of the Paso Robles.

It exhibits a soft, yet rich, full-bodied style with flavors that bring out a ripe, fruity character of blackberries, currants and plum. The eighteen months of ageing in both new and seasoned French and American oak, provides a smooth tannin sensation with a complex aroma of licorice, spice and cedar. Byington Cab can make the ideal pairing with your favorite cut of beef, pork or glazed duck. *Regular price 19.99/btl. Save 15% off by the bottle, **\$16.99** or 25% off by the case, **\$14.99/\$179.88 net.***

2005 Aia Vecchia Morellino Di Scansano - At one time, wines from Tuscany were virtually synonymous with Chianti. Over time, other wine producing regions within Tuscany have received increased attention. One such wine that has brought all new attention to a specific area is Super Tuscans. Although a Super Tuscan can come from any area in Tuscany, it is the Tuscan coast where the most famous call home. Sassacaia and Ornellaia both hail from Bolgheri on the western edge of Tuscany. The increase in wines in the market today from this area has grown dramatically. One region along the coast that has also gained exposure is Scansano, just to the south of Bolgheri. Although not as famous as its neighbor to the north, wines from Scansano represent real values, as more well known areas continue to climb in price. Morellino is the local name for Sangiovese. This version from Aia Vecchia is tank aged and full of lively, vibrant fresh Sangiovese flavors. Medium-bodied, it shows lovely plum and cherry fruit, a good acid structure, with hints of rustic, earthy notes. At this price point, this is as good a Sangiovese from Tuscany as you will find. Enjoy with red sauces, grilled poultry or even tuna steaks. *Regular Price \$12.99/btl. Save 15% off by the bottle, **\$11.04** or 25% off by the case, **\$9.74/\$116.88 net.***

2005 Presidial Bordeaux Superieur Rouge - If you're a regular reader of our monthly newsletter, then you may already be aware of the many significant wines being unleashed from the spectacular 2005 Bordeaux vintage, especially in the more affordable offerings. The '05 vintage experienced the perfect growing season where the vines yielded an incredibly rich concentration of fruit. Everyone from top producers to the value oriented ones benefitted a great deal. Jean luc Thunevins, the creator of the Presidial bottling, produces this small production wine from tiny parcels of vineyard land within the right bank of the Bordeaux region in and around the Libournais. The right bank region is noted for producing the world's best Merlot based wines with Saint Emilion and Pomerol as the prominent areas of reference. But what makes this area even more fascinating, are the many sub-regions that produce amazing amounts of affordable, high quality wines.

Presidial Rouge is an assemblage of 70% Merlot and the other 30% blended evenly with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. It underscores some of the best characteristics of classic Bordeaux style. It starts with a dusty berry and oaky aroma. The flavor profile puts forward a youthful structure, with deep, rich assortments of blackberries and ripe plum. The hints of spice and earth compliments its sweet oak and big tannin structure, giving the wine tremendous complexity and length on the finish. Presidial Rouge has great ageing potential over the next 10 plus years. *Regular Price \$14.99. Save 15% off by the bottle, **\$12.74** or 25% off by the case, **\$11.24/\$134.88 net.***

2007 Cape Mentelle Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon - This has been one of our favorite white wines over the years, and the 2007 looks to follow in a long line of excellent releases. Founded in 1970, Cape Mentelle was one of the first wineries developed in the Margaret River area located near Perth Australia. The microclimate here is dramatically different from southeastern Australia, where more of the most well-known Aussie wineries are located. Because of its proximity to the ocean, the Margaret River enjoys a strong cooling influence, giving its wines a more European style. This Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon is quite dry with a crisp, racy texture, a medium-bodied mouthfeel, and tasty flavors of melon, lime and citrus. Made of almost equal parts Sauvignon and Semillon, its composition is similar to a white Bordeaux. On the palate, it reminds more of a Loire Valley wine. Enjoy with shellfish, sushi or pasta salads. *Regular Price \$15.99. Save 15% off by the bottle, **\$13.59** or 25% off by the case **\$11.99/\$143.88 net.***

**All Four Monthly Specials Are Available For Sampling
March 1st through March 29th**

**MONTHLY SPECIAL MIXED CASES DO APPLY
TOWARDS 25% SAVINGS**

A TOUR OF FRANCE **WINE TASTING**

On Monday, **March 17th at 6:30p.m.** at the **Adams Mill Banquet Room** we will be presenting a group of wines provided by one of our favorite and most reliable French wine importers. *Robert Jones, Master Sommelier of Kysela Wine Imports* will be on hand to taste us through four of France's most important wine regions; Bordeaux, Languedoc, Burgundy and the Rhone Valley. American born, Fran Kysela began in his early career by working for two very highly regarded importers of premium European wine, Kermit Lynch and Weygandt-Metzler. In 1994, Fran Kysela started his own wine importing company with a straight forward philosophy of seeking out the smaller producers, typically family farmed, providing the best quality that express true regional distinction. Kysela continues to put forward the belief in keeping his wines rich and traditional in style with no excessive oak and focusing more on freshly balanced wines of quality and length. In addition, most, if not all, of his purchasing decisions are made through barrel sampling, not by the finished product in the bottle. **To help support the continued growth of our Wine Tasting Program, a small fee of \$5.00 per person is required to attend. For your convenience, "cash" or "check" can be presented at the door. Reserve your seat by calling 649-4750, or emailing us at mwl@snet.net. Only Wine Club Members (and their guests) listed in our database are eligible to attend.**

Tasting list is as follows:

BORDEAUX

Chateau Bellevue Cuvée Vieilles -----	\$19.99
Chateau La Font De Jeu-----	\$16.99
Chateau Plaisance-----	\$23.99

RHONE VALLEY

Domaine Grand Veneur Chateaufneuf Du Pape -----	\$43.99
Domaine De La Mordoree Lirac Rouge -----	\$20.99
Domaine De La Mordoree Cotes Du Rhone Rouge -----	\$15.99

LANGUEDOC

Hugues De Beaulieu Picpoul De Pinet -----	\$8.99
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BURGUNDY

La Croix De Senaillat Saint Veran-----	\$22.99
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THURSDAY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE TASTING

On **Thursday, March 13th from 5:00-8:00**, sample the wines of California's Peachy Canyon Vineyards. (Refer to lead article for more info.)

Peachy Canyon "Incredible Red" Zinfandel	\$10.99
Peachy Canyon Petite Sirah	\$17.99
Peachy Canyon "West Side" Zinfandel	\$17.99
Peachy Canyon Cirque Du Vin Red	\$13.99

WINE CLUB SAMPLING

All four monthly specials are available to sample throughout the days of **March 1st through March 29th**. (Refer to articles on Page #3 for more info.)

Cape Mentelle Sauvignon/Semillion -----	\$15.99
Byington Alliage Cabernet Sauvignon -----	\$19.99
Presidial Bordeaux Rouge -----	\$14.99
Aia Vecchia Morellino Di Scansano -----	\$12.99