

# VINS FINS DE LA CRAU

12 place du Dr Bagnaninchi, 13310 Saint Martin de Crau, France

## *Wines to Discover in August 2010*

Amongst the new arrivals in our shop, we have a small allocation of Burgundies from Domaine Chicotot, one of our favourite Burgundy producers, in Nuits St Georges. We have just taken delivery of Laurent Charvin's delicious 2008 Cotes de Rhône as well as the 2009 Cuvee Zen Cinsault from Domaine de Villeneuve.. After our recent visit to Laurent Vaillé of Domaine de la Grange des Pères, we have a bottle of his white 2007 for our next tasting –there was practically no white produced in 2007, so this rare wine will not be available for sale, just for a once in a lifetime tasting. Finally, we have added a couple of reds and a couple of roses from Domaine Rimauresq, as well as Cassis from Clos Sainte Magdeleine in Provence. Discover these wines at our next in store tasting on Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### **Domaine Rimauresq, Cru Classé Cotes de Provence**

This 50 hectare domaine is at the foot of Notre Dame des Anges, at an altitude of between 140 and 190 metres, on limestone clay soils, with pudding stones, sandstone, some sand and rock soils. There are often several soil types within a small area of vineyard. This was one of the domaines classified « Cru Classé » in 1955.

The red cuvée « R » is from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, with a touch of Mourvèdre, and the rosés are from a blend of traditional local varieties – grenache, tibouren, cinsault, syrah. A bottle of « R » 2001 tasted recently was outstanding, silky fine and delicious.



#### **2009 Rimauresq, Cru Classé Cotes de Provence Rosé**

Dry rosé from a blend of grenache, tibouren, cinsault and syrah. Aromatic garrigue herb flavours, light but flavorful, with a long finish. A « food » wine, classic.

**59.70 € per case of 6 bottles, ex cellars Saint Martin de Crau**

#### **2009 « R », Cru Classé Cotes de Provence Rosé**

A blend of old vine grenache and cinsault, the « R » Rosé is dry, aromatic, with plenty of character. Open a couple of hours in advance to allow the wine to breathe. Ideal with all types of Mediterranean cuisine - bourride, bouillabaisse, soupe de poisson, but also delicious with foie gras, poulet aux morilles.

**77.70 € per case of 6 bottles, ex cellars Saint Martin de Crau**

#### **2006 « R » Cru Classé Cotes de Provence Rouge**

A blend of syrah and cabernet, silky, complex and very long. Classic ripe cabernet flavours with smoky syrah to balance. Decant a couple of hours before drinking. This wine received a Silver Medal at Decanter's World Wine Awards in 2009.

**107.70 € per case of 6 bottles, ex cellars Saint Martin de Crau**

#### **2005 Quintessence du « R », Cru Classé Cotes de Provence Rouge**

A special selection from the best vineyard sites of the domaine. 78% old vine mourvèdre with 22% syrah, planted on a south east facing limestone clay slope. planté sur un coteaux argilo-gresex, exposé sud est. Vinified in foudres and new oak barrels. Only 8200 bottles produced. Outstanding, with black olive and wild herb aromas, long, complex, with a touch of iodine. Drink now or keep.

**150.00 € per case of 6 bottles, ex cellars Saint Martin de Crau**

## Domaine Chicotot, Nuits St Georges

The Domaine Chicotot, in Nuits St Georges, has been in the same family for 7 generations. The domaine's 8 hectares are around the village of Nuits St Georges, with small holdings on the finest Premiers Cru sites, as well as on the neighbouring commune of Ladoix. Traditional vinification, with natural yeasts, bottling without filtration or fining. The premiers crus are wines for long ageing, with powerful complex aromas, sour cherry, blackcurrant and truffles. These are firm, tannic wines, solid and rich, with excellent balance. Quantities are very limited for the Premier Crus.



### 2008 Domaine Chicotot Collector's Case

2 bottles 2008 Ladoix

1 bottle 2008 Nuits St Georges « Les Plantes du Baron »

1 bottle 2008 Nuits St Georges Premier Cru « Les Vaucrains »

1 bottle 2008 Nuits St Georges Premier Cru « Les Saint Georges »

1 bottle 2008 Nuits St Georges Premier Cru « Les Rues de Chaux »

**190.50 € per mixed case of 6 bottles, ex cellars Saint Martin de Crau (1 case only per customer)**

## Clos Saint Magdeleine, AOC Cassis

For us, this is the only great white from Cassis, from a blend of marsanne, clairette, ugni blanc and bourboulenc. The domaine also produces a small amount of rosé, most of which is sold in the local restaurants.

### 2008 Cassis Blanc, Clos Sainte Magdeleine

From 8 hectares of vines planted on « restanques » on the slopes of Cap Canaille, and 1.4 hectares of vines overlooking the sea, with limited yields of 40 hl per hectare. Dry full flavoured white, with flavours of grilled almonds, honey, white flowers. Rich generous flavours with a refreshing touch of bitterness on the finish.

**83.70 € per case of 6 bottles, ex cellars Saint Martin de Crau**

### 2009 Cassis Rosé, Clos Sainte Magdeleine

From 2.2 hectares of vines overlooking the sea, planted with grenache, mourvèdre and cinsault. Vinified in stainless steel cuves. Dry but rich, with flavours of redcurrant, raspberry. Very fine.

**83.70 € per case of 6 bottles, ex cellars Saint Martin de Crau**

*See our wine list or our web site for carriage charges throughout Europe.*

## In Store Tasting - 7th August 2010

*A selection of wines newly arrived, as well as the outstanding 2007 Domaine de la Grange des Pères White (which will not be for sale, just for tasting)*

**2009 Clos Sainte Magdeleine Cassis Rosé, 2008 Clos Sainte Magdeleine Cassis Blanc**

**2006 « R » du Rimauresq Cotes de Provence Rouge, 2008 Cotes du Rhône Rouge, Domaine Charvin**

**2007 Domaine de la Grange des Pères Blanc, Cinsault, + some cuvées from Domaine Chicotot**

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