

# BAY RIDGE WINE & SPIRITS FALL 2016 CATALOG



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# SPECIAL EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

More events online on our [Upcoming Events](#) page



## Rodney Strong Winemaker Event

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 · 6:00PM**

COST: \$25

Join our wine team in our wine room as we welcome Rodney Strong Winemaker Justin Seidenfeld. We will be pouring Rodney Strong favorites, Single Vineyard red wines, as well as our highly anticipated Sonoma County Barrel Auction Lot!

This event will be catered by Annapolis Smokehouse.

Seating is EXTREMELY limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis.

[Click Here to Get Your Tickets Now!](#)

Or visit: [www.eventbrite.com/e/rodney-strong-winemaker-event-tickets-29018067822](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/rodney-strong-winemaker-event-tickets-29018067822)



## Black Friday B.O.G.O. Wine Sale

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 · ALL DAY**

Buy one at regular price, get the second of the same product at a 50% discount! All 750ml of non-sale wine.



## Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Champagne Campaign

“Let’s Get Fizzacle!”

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 · 1:00PM - 4:00PM**

COST: FREE

Join us for our Second Annual Free Champagne Campaign tasting - a perfect way to celebrate (and stock up for) the start of the holiday season. We will also have a bottle of 2003 Krug Brut open for tasting - but hurry in. Once it’s gone, it’s gone!



# LET'S GET FIZZACLE: OUR ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE CAMPAIGN

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## J LASSALLE, "CUVÉE PRÉFÉRENCE," BRUT PREMIER CRU

A delicious blend of 60% Pinot Meunier, 20% Chardonnay, and 20% Pinot Noir from all Premier Cru Vineyards. Aged 48 months on the lees before disgorgement. Vintages in the current disgorgement include 2009 and 2010.

**REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$29.99**

## GERARD BERTRAND, CREMANT DE LIMOUX

A blend of 70% Chardonnay, 15% Chenin Blanc, and 10% Mauzac and 5% Pinot Noir. The Chenin and Chardonnay grapes bring texture and balance, with the Chardonnay also providing the fine bubbles. The Chenin adds vivacity, and enhances the crémant's impressive longevity.

A beautiful, golden yellow robe. Complex, aromatic nose revealing hints of white flower, with hints of honey, green apple and toast. Crisp, elegant structure on the palate, where the fine texture of the bubbles complements the wine's natural vivacity wonderfully.

**REGULAR PRICE: \$16.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$11.49**

## HOLIDAY FAVORITE LAMARCA PROSECCO

From November 16 through December 31, we will be featuring customer and crowd favorite Lamarca Prosecco. But get it while it lasts... you won't see this price again!

**REGULAR PRICE: \$14.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$10.49**



# STAFF PICKS: WHAT'S ON OUR TABLES

## KATIE'S PICKS

KATIE OSBORNE – SOMMELIER

Having worked in restaurants previously, food and wine has always been a huge part of Katie's world and something she is very passionate about. Katie completed and passed her Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET) Intermediate and Advanced, both with merit and received her Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW) certification in 2012. Most recently Katie passed her Certified Sommelier exam in March of 2015.

Katie has traveled to numerous wine growing regions and vineyards on three different continents and six different countries, including Spain for two weeks this past June.

"When recommending wines, especially to enjoy with food and family, it has always been important to me to choose wines that are fresh, food friendly and soulful. Everyone should go home with wines that come from a place rich in history, with a story, and expressive of their terroir. I love to take my customers on adventures. I love to share stories of farmers with dirty hands and huge hearts working with winemakers who are making incredible wines that will be the perfect complement to your next meal. These really are the wines that I take home!"



\$19<sup>99</sup>

### 2015 Tenuta Rovaglia, Lugana

*Lombardy, Italy*

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$19.99

Absolutely love this wine for entertaining. This will definitely be on my dining table through the fall and winter!

"This savory white opens with refined fragrances of citrus blossom and orchard fruit. The juicy palate offers white peach, tart green apple, mouthwatering citrus and a note of Mediterranean herb. It's nicely balanced, with crisp acidity."

### 2015 Alberto Nanclares, "Dandelion" Albarino

*Rias Bixas, Spain*

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$24.99

There is something special about this wine every time I drink it. A mouthwatering salinity that can only really be captured by Albarino grow in this part of Spain. An incredible pairing with rich stews and seafood.

"Pure, fresh, crystalline and vibrant, this wine's aromatic quality shows with an energy and abundance that is admirable and magnetic. Thick like saline air, the aromas begin with crunchy minerality, salted lemon, lime leaf, fennel powder, and sweet hay. The width, depth and length of this wine is unreal, it is rich yet vibrant. It moves across the palate with juicy, clean, fresh traction and you follow."



\$24<sup>99</sup>

## 2013 Chateau Montlana, Estate Zinfandel

*Calistoga, California*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$39.99**

A wine that is just plain fun to drink! Bright and forward with cassis, blackberry jam, and savory mint.

“Cocoa, espresso, and cedar, readily apparent on the nose as the wine is poured, transition slowly to ripe blackberry, fig, and mint. The acidity on the front of the palate is contrasted and balanced by density and richness, along with notes of raspberry jam, dried blueberries, and cherry candy. The finish returns to the vineyard with a rustic earthiness and supple, but chewy tannins.”



**\$39<sup>99</sup>**



## 2013 Johann Michel, Cornas

*Northern Rhône, France*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$41.99**

Looking for a wine that packs a punch but can still easily be paired with food? Look no further! A staff favorite, vintage after vintage.

**91 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE:**

“An outstanding wine is the 2013 Cornas. It’s a pretty, polished and sweetly fruited wine from Johann that gives up lots of sweet cherry and wild strawberry-like fruit to go with more nuanced notes of spice, dried flowers and dusty minerality. Medium-bodied, supple, charming and elegant, it’s already delicious and should drink nicely through 2023.”

**\$41<sup>99</sup>**

## 2011 Vega-Silcia, Pintia

*Toro, Spain*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$82.99**

Not for the faint of heart. A big, bold, robust red for those who love wines that pack a punch!

**94 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE:**

“This is a generous, big, ripe wine getting civilized and more elegant by the year, still a little marked by toasted oak, but developing different notes with time, becoming very meaty and showy. The 2011 will be released in 2015. 190,000 bottles produced. Drink 2015-2019.”



**\$82<sup>99</sup>**

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## PHIL'S PICKS

PHILLIP ALTHERR – GENERAL MANAGER

Always furthering his wine education by frequent visits to California wine country—visiting scores of wineries in Napa, Sonoma and Paso Robles, working a harvest on Spring Mountain, and attending Premiere Napa Valley and Sonoma auctions. He has also tasted at wineries in Oregon's Willamette Valley and Washington's Columbia Valley. Phil also received his certification as a Bordeaux Educator (in Bordeaux!) and was named a "Master Cheese Professional" by the Artisanal Cheese Center in New York City.



### NV Aubry Brut Champagne

*Champagne, France*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$45.99**

The nose offers fruity notes of white peach and raspberry. In the mouth, the roundness and flavor of Pinot Meunier coat a structure that remains firm and toned. Long, square, this is a wine with a strong personality. **ROBERT PARKER, 92 POINTS**

### 2014 EnRoute Chardonnay

*Russian River Valley, Sonoma, California*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$29.99**

Complex stone fruits, pear, citrus and peach aromas unfold in the glass, slowly revealing additional floral and mineral notes. The entry is bright and juicy, the vibrant natural acidity on the finish leaves the palate refreshed and eager for the next sip.



### 2012 Keenan Merlot

*Napa Valley, California*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$46.99**

The 2012 Merlot has been aged in 33% new French and American oak barrels for 18 months. The result... intense aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and cassis. Complex nuances of cocoa and coffee bean emerge as the wine opens up. This is a "big" Merlot that will age for many years to come.

### 2013 Fess Parker Winery "The Big Easy"

*Santa Barbara County, California*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$32.99**

This Rhône blend is terrific. The rich, unctuous style that has characterized the Big Easy remains, but there is a level of balance and harmony. Bittersweet chocolate, blackberry jam, spices, new leather and a dollop of American oak give the wine a racy, flamboyant personality. **ROBERT PARKER, 92 POINTS**



### Lustau "East India Solera" Sherry

*Jerez de la Frontera, Spain*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$29.99**

Perhaps the best value dessert wine in the Lustau portfolio. This is an exceptional dessert wine with a smooth, sweet taste reminiscent of figs, coffee, caramel and nuts and just enough acidity to give it balance. This mouth-wateringly delicious wine can be served on its own or with desserts such as puddings, tarts, cakes or chocolate-covered nuts. **ROBERT PARKER, 96 POINTS**

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## SAM'S PICKS

SAM AUDIA – SOMMELIER

Sam's wine experience goes back more than 20 years. First, on the advertising and marketing side of the business and later as a sales representative for a wine importer and distributor. He holds a Certification Diploma from the Sommelier Society of America, as well as Intermediate and Advanced Wine Certificates from the Wine and Spirits Education Trust.

"I'm often asked what my favorite wine is. There are just too many great ones out there to narrow it down to just one. So my best answer is that my favorite wine is any one in my glass right now that I'm sharing with my family and friends. Many of my best memories of the past 25 years involve wine and food with loved ones. Not every bottle was a classic wine from a great vintage, but the occasions and the company made each one seem like it was."

### 2014 Joseph Drouhin, Vaudon Chablis

REGULAR PRICE: \$27.99

BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$22.39

I love Chardonnay from Burgundy. The different terrior and winemaking styles of the various areas make this diverse group of wines a pleasure to explore. The Drouhin Vaudon Chablis from the northern most area of Burgundy is a fine example with its apple and lemon flavors, fresh acidity and smooth minerality. This is what Cardonnay is supposed to be. **92 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR**



### 2015 Terredora di Paolo, Greco di Tufo

REGULAR PRICE: \$23.99

BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$19.19

Of the many white wines produced in Italy, this gem from Campania is certainly worth more than just a casual look. It has complex aromas of citrus, apple and pear and a hint of toasty walnut. The palate is loaded with flavors of peach and pear with a mineral note and a bright, crisp finish. This is a natural with fried calamari and wonderful with shellfish, and all kinds of appetizers.





\$11<sup>99</sup>

### 2013 Chateau Aydie, Laplace Madiran

REGULAR PRICE: \$14.99  
BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$11.99

We don't see many wines coming into the store that are made with Tannat. Even though the variety is gaining ground in areas around the world, it is best known as the grape in the wines of France's Madiran area. These wines are often very tannic and require some bottle age to soften up. The Laplace Madiran has the tannic structure to age for 5-10 years but is approachable now. Juicy, powerful and full of dark fruit flavors. **93 POINTS, WINE ENTHUSIAST**

### 2013 G. D. Vajra, Langhe Rosso

REGULAR PRICE: \$14.99  
BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$11.99

This was the go-to red at my house over the summer and I plan to keep plenty on hand through the holidays. A medium bodied, food-friendly blend from Piedmont that is great on its own as well. Not only is it the perfect burger, pizza, pasta wine, this Rosso will hold its own paired with turkey and all the fixings.

\$11<sup>99</sup>



\$59<sup>99</sup>

### 2011 Zenato, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

REGULAR PRICE: \$74.99  
BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$59.99

It's impossible for me to choose a favorite wine... it's a big world out there. If pushed, I have to say that Amarone is certainly up there. Read what Wine Enthusiast had this to say about the Zenato and you will see why. "Aromas of crushed violet, ripe plum and black pepper, this is one Amarone that seamlessly combines a hefty structure with finesse. The palate doles out juicy black cherry, blackberry jam, licorice, cake spice and tobacco.

**94 POINTS, WINE ENTHUSIAST; 93 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR**

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## ADAIR'S SPIRITS PICKS



### Pikesville Rye, 80 Proof

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$15.99**

A nice inexpensive rye with a good balance of spiciness and vanilla notes perfect for making Manhattans, old fashions or sazeracs.



### Chateau des Plassons VSOP Cognac

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$28.99**

Mellow, fruity, and oaky and full bodied this cognac is one of the best values in Cognac. Great to sip on or mix.



### Olmeca Altos Plata Tequila

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$22.99**

Made using the traditional Tahona mill this tequila has plenty of peppery grassy notes to stand up to a margarita without getting lost.



### Opihr Gin

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$33.99**

The newest offering from the world's oldest gin distillery. This gin highlights spices from the ancient spice route including Cucebs from Indonesia, Tellicherry Black Pepper from India, and Coriander from Morocco.



### Blue Dyer Rum

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$19.99**

Finally Maryland has a nice rum that fits well into the cocktail price range. It has a nice oaky-ness that even allows you to use it in place of whiskey in old fashions, Manhattans, etc.



### Smooth Ambler American Whiskey

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$36.99**

The newest member of the Smooth Ambler Old Scout line this is a blend of two different bourbon recipes. One aged in new charred oak barrels, and the other in used bourbon barrels. This whiskey tones down the oaky notes of their bourbons thus allowing the spicy and caramel notes of the grains to shine through.

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## JAMES AND BRANDON'S PICKS

James

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### **Jailbreak Infinite Amber**

This brew is available all year round and is a tasty malt forward amber ale with hints of caramel, toffee and bread. This is a very easy drinking beer at 5% abv and a medium body I enjoy. Extra bonus points for being local in my book also - it is nice to be able to go to the brewery and chat with the folks that make the beer you drink.

### **Anderson Valley Bourbon Barrel Stout**

This is a very underrated bourbon barrel-aged stout, in my opinion. The body is not too thick, and the notes of bourbon is not overpowering, with hints of coffee, vanilla and pecans. While I love drinking it, my favorite thing to do with this beer is pour it over some vanilla ice cream for a bad ass ice cream float.

### **Victory Sour Monkey**

This sour version of Victory's Golden Monkey tastes like apple cider vinegar, salt and vinegar potato chips, and champagne. Definitely a different and fun twist to a standard Belgian-style tripel - but it's sneaky! While drinking this, you would not think this beer is 9.5% abv - so be careful.

Brandon

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### **Left Hand Nitro Milk Stout**

It's dark in color, rich and thick in texture with a creamy coffee taste and a hint of Chocolate. Perfect for a night out by the campfire!

### **Ballast Point Pineapple Sculpin**

Very hoppy, but fruity at the same time. The pineapple is not over powering, but is definitely noticeable from start to finish. A great twist on their original Sculpin recipe.

### **Founders All Day IPA**

At only 4.7% ABV, it is highly drinkable. A great session IPA with nice hop aroma and flavor. A good introduction for those who are new to craft beer.

# TOP VALUES UNDER \$20



## Gerard Bertrand Crémant de Limoux Brut

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$16.99

This French sparkler has a complex, aromatic nose revealing hints of white flower, with hints of honey, green apple and toast. Crisp, elegant structure on the palate.

## Boundary Breaks "Ovid Line North" Riesling

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$14.99

A wonderful New York state wine shows white nectarine on the nose. The palate begins with some fairly intense, lightly sweet fruit and then the acidity takes over and elevates the medium-length finish.

## Daou Chardonnay

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$19.99

A gem from Paso Robles...the nose is of rich tropical fruits and bright citrus rind. The mouth is rich and luscious with flavors of honey, lemon and vanilla and oak.

## Carmel Road Pinot Noir

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$17.99

This bright Pinot Noir from Monterey is very friendly. It opens with a fragrant ripe red raspberry, the palate, balanced and smooth with a hint of red cherry and faint oak, the finish is subtle.

## Ca' Momi Merlot

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$15.99

Napa Valley under \$20! Aromas of boysenberries reel you into the glass; the rich palate is full of plum, blackberry with nutmeg. Gentle vanilla notes lead into, fresh acidity and black cherry on the finish.

## Livon Pinot Grigio

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$17.99

This Italian beauty has aromas of fresh cut apples and steely minerality, the palate has a touch of lemon and a bit of creaminess on the finish - delicious!

## Secateurs Chenin Blanc

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$14.99

An outstanding South African wine is bright and engaging, with lots of white peach, apple and melon notes offset by a bright floral edge. The pure, unadorned finish sails on.

## Château de Ségrès "Cuvée Reservée" Lirac

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$18.99

A true French value. Dark berries, anise on the nose, fleshy and gently sweet in the mouth, blackberry and cherry flavors, supple tannins shape the finish, which echoes the mineral and cherry notes.

## Borsao "Tres Picos" Garnacha

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$18.99

Say, "Sí, sí!" to this Spanish red. Cherry, blackberry on the nose, lush, and broad on the palate with blueberry and floral flavors. Closes with spicy oak, supple tannins and a touch of spice.

## Warre's Warrior Port

BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$17.99

Deep red color, with intensely rich aromas of ripe red fruits and spices; on the palate, well balanced and full-bodied, with a long and complex finish. Superb with cheese, nuts and dried fruit.



# TOP VALUES UNDER \$50

## 2015 Alphonse Mellot, Pouilly Fume

*Loire Valley, France*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$29.99**

This Pouilly-Fume comes from Sancerre royalty (and close friends of the Dagueneau family), Emmanuelle Mellot. Emmanuelle, the daughter of Alphonse Mellot, has been cutting her winemaking teeth on a 1.8ha parcel of limestone-rich terroir in the Saint-Laurent climate of Pouilly-Fumé for a few years now. You can expect pulpy pear and baking apple fruit complementing the wines steely, limestone-enriched precision and length.

## 2013 Chateau Puech-Haut, Coteaux du Languedoc Prestige

*Languedoc-Roussillon, France*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$21.99**

**91 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE:**

"The 2013 Coteaux du Languedoc Prestige (which was already in bottle at the time of this tasting) is a blend of 55% Grenache and 45% Syrah aged all in concrete tank. Fresh, elegant and thrillingly pure, with first rate aromas of blackberry, fresh plum, licorice and ground herbs, it is decidedly sexy and forward, yet stays perfectly balanced, with juicy acidity and fine tannin on the finish. Enjoy this superb value over the coming 4-5 years (although it will evolve longer)."

## 2012 Domaine Grand Veneur, Chateauneuf-du-Pape

*Rhone Valley, France*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

**91 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE:**

"I was able to taste all of the 2012s multiple times, scoring them the same in all cases. The classic Châteauneuf du Pape has beautiful purity and elegance in its sweet black cherry, black raspberry, licorice and toasted-spice aromas and flavors. Medium to full-bodied, perfectly balanced and ripe, with good acidity and tannin, it can be consumed anytime over the coming decade."

## 2014 Ridge, Geyserville

*Alexander Valley, California*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

**93 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE:**

"The proprietary red wine, the 2014 Geyserville from Alexander Valley is a big boy at 14.6% alcohol. Made from a blend of 60% Zinfandel, 24% Carignan, 12% Petite Sirah and the rest Mourvèdre, this is a big-time winner in 2014, with copious quantities of juicy blackberry and black cherry fruit, some wood spice and loamy soil undertones. Full-bodied, fleshy and seductive, the wine is clean, pure, textured, and offers sensational drinking now and over the next 7-8 years."

## 2013 Honig, Cabernet Sauvignon

*Napa Valley, California*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

I enjoyed the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa, which is a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Merlot. A realistic price for sure, the wine shows dense ruby/purple color, loads of blackcurrant, black cherries and spice. The wine is luscious, with a French Right Bank Pomerol feel, such as easygoing tannin and suppleness. This wine should drink well for the next 7-8 years.

## 2012 Avennia, Gravura

*Columbia Valley, Washington State*

**BAY RIDGE REGULAR PRICE: \$43.99**

**91 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE:**

"The 2012 Gravura sports classic Bordeaux-like notes of tobacco leaf, underbrush, blackcurrants and licorice. Checking in as a blend of 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc, it has medium to full-bodied richness, a rounded, supple texture and enough mid-palate depth and tannic grip to evolve nicely for another decade."



# SONOMA COUNTY BARREL AUCTION: "ONE OF ONE"

## WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT BAY RIDGE

Presented by the Sonoma County Vintners, the Sonoma County Barrel Auction is a live auction of wine futures from the county's top growers and winemakers. These once-in-a-lifetime wines represent the exceptional stylistic range and world-class quality of Sonoma County.

The Sonoma Valley Vintners Association challenge the winemakers to make the best possible wine from the vintage, which they, with extreme pride, accept. The premise is basic, create a lot of five, ten or twenty cases, never to be offered anywhere else.

The Sonoma County Barrel Auction is invitation-only for members of the wine industry, with limited invitations extended by participating wineries to members of the trade and media.

This auction is an opportunity for Bay Ridge Wine & Spirits to obtain wines that are extraordinary, unique, one-of-a-kind, and never to be made again. Entering its third year, we at Bay Ridge, have been to both of the prior auctions.

Year one, we purchased three lots; Ferrari Carano, Windracer and Rodney Strong, two of which we have a limited amount left and one due soon. In appreciation of Bay Ridge, we were honored by being inducted into the Sonoma Barrel Auction "Founder's Circle."

Year two, we purchased four lots: Ferrari Carano, Migration, as well as two small vineyards, Linked and Garden Creek.

Going to this event is work, no two ways about it. But this is a way for Bay Ridge Wine and Spirits to network, bring customers the highest quality wine and to make us a unique shopping destination...not only in Annapolis, but the country!

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT OUR AUCTION LOTS, OR INQUIRIES ABOUT BAY RIDGE SECURING AN INDIVIDUAL LOT, PLEASE CONTACT PHILLIP AT (410) 268-1961.



# THE WINE ROOM: RARE, CELLAR-WORTHY FINDS

Before you finish shopping with us, please be sure to take the time to explore what we have to offer down in the Wine Room.

Aside from the lineup of highly-rated wines from some of the world's best-known winemakers, you will find a wide variety of interesting and unique wines from inventive, boutique winemakers. You will also find monthly specials on wines hand-picked by our wine staff.

## 2013 Opus One

*Napa Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$284.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$227.99**

**96 POINTS, VINOUS:**

"Dark cherries, plums, smoke, licorice, new leather and menthol race across the palate. Firm yet also voluptuous, the 2013 has it all."

## 2013 Ridge, Monte Bello

*Santa Cruz Mountains, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$199.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$159.99**

**98 POINTS, VINOUS:**

"The 2013 Monte Bello is utterly spellbinding in its beauty. Finely sculpted and chiseled, with super-expressive aromatics and searing tannins, the 2013 is shaping up to be a modern-day classic."

## 2009 Chateau Lynch-Bages, Pauillac

*Bordeaux, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$249.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$199.99**

**98 POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE:**

"The finest Lynch-Bages since the 2000, 1990 and 1989. An expressive, voluptuously textured effort with unctuosity and powerful, juicy, succulent blackberry and black currant flavors."

## 2013 Golden Eye, Pinot Noir

*Anderson Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$35.99**

**91 POINTS, VINOUS:**

"A bold, powerful wine. Sweet red cherry, plum, mint and rose petal meld together in the glass to give the 2013 its supple, unctuous personality."

## 2005 Valdicava, Brunello di Montalcino

*Tuscany, Italy*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$119.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$95.99**

**92 POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE:**

"This is one of most rich, concentrated Brunellos of the vintage. Dark and enveloping on the palate, this powerful, virile Brunello closes with substantial heft. It should age beautifully on the depth of its fruit."

## 2012 Domaine Louis Latour, Corton Grand Cru

*Burgundy, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$74.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$59.99**

**94 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR:**

"The cherry, licorice, sandalwood and mineral notes are elegantly displayed in this rich, harmonious red. Flows almost seamlessly now, with a chalky feel on the long finish the only trace of youthfulness."

## 2012 Marcassin, Chardonnay

*Sonoma Coast, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$224.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$179.99**

**100 POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE:**

"Displays great minerality, notes of honeysuckle, orange marmalade, poached pear, and white flowers and a touch of quince. A wine of great intensity, yet incredibly ethereal elegance, it is full-bodied, stunningly rich, and altogether remarkable."

## 2005 Domaine Huet, Le Mont Demi-Sec Vouvray

*Loire Valley, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$46.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$37.59**

**92 POINTS, WINE SPECTATOR:**

"Plump and juicy, with stone fruit, brown spice, humus, powdered ginger and acacia notes that run through the bright, well-defined finish, where the acidity kicks in."

## 2013 Ramey, Russian River Valley Chardonnay

*Sonoma County, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$42.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$34.39**

**91 POINTS, VINOUS:**

"The wine's richness and creaminess really stands out. Honey, apricot pit, mint, butter and dried flower blossoms are some of the signatures. This is a real overachiever in its class."

## 2014 Calder Wine Company, Dry Riesling

*Napa Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$24.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$19.99**

"White peach, citrus, mineral, and floral aromas with bright acidity, a savory mouthfeel, and a touch of grip to the finish. Being light on its feet keeps it refreshing, while retaining firm structure and aromatic stuffing gives it depth."

# CALIFORNIA: A TRIP TO NAPA WITH ORIN SWIFT

## 2015 Orin Swift, Mannequin Chardonnay

*Napa Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$29.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$23.99**

"The wine offers pleasing aromatics of jasmine, Granny Smith apple, orange blossom, poached pear, honey-lemon, and roasted marshmallow. The entry is assertive with bright acidity that quickly softens to a largess of flavors including crème brûlée, white peach, tangerine oil, honey-suckle, and roasted marshmallow. The finish is lively and radiant."



## 2015 Orin Swift, Abstract

*Napa Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$39.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$31.99**

"As soon as a glass is poured, aromatic notes of Luxardo cherries, ripe black plums and raspberries billow, with intricate hints of coffee, mocha and caramel in the background. The entry is expansive with dark briar fruits, cola and cocoa with tannins that are soft and dusty. The wine finishes with a hint of wild cherry and a lingering sweet oak presence."



## 2014 Orin Swift, Palermo Cabernet Sauvignon

*Napa Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$35.99**

"Rich aromas of seasoned oak meld effortlessly with ripe boysenberry and candied cassis. The entry of the wine is soft and delicate, but quickly evolves into a serious mid-palate replete with opulent and concentrated flavors of dark fruits. Black currant and kirsch provide background to lively raspberry and cherry notes that create a near endless finish."



## 2014 Orin Swift, Machete

*Napa Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$49.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$39.99**

"A nearly opaque color sets in the glass with a hard, red complexion that is almost black. Aromas of ripe blueberries and candied plum mingle with toasted oak and charred vanilla. The entry is soft and inviting which paves the way for a lush mid-palate replete with layers of ripe boysenberry and cassis. The finish showcases ripe tannins and pronounced fruit which frames the two for nearly a minute."



## 2014 Orin Swift, Papillon

*Napa Valley, California*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$66.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$53.59**

"Dark garnet in the glass, this wine is highly aromatic with notes of ripe black cherry, anise, licorice, shaved dark chocolate, rosemary and charred meat. The entry is immense with bright raspberries and fresh cherries, transitioning to a mid-palate of amaretto, sandalwood and hints of high mountain forest and coastal scrub. Textured tannins and notes of toasted coconut round out the palate as the wine finishes with lingering sweet oak."





# FRANCE: IT'S NOT JUST BURGUNDY & BORDEAUX



## 2015 Raymond Morin, La Sauvignole

*Loire Valley, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$12.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$10.39**

"We are loath to use the term "crowd pleaser", because it has almost taken on a negative connotation suggesting that the subject is a jack of all trades and a master of none. But La Sauvignole disproves that, it's a master of all trades (humbly though), a remarkably good value party wine and every inch a crowd pleaser."

## 2015 Pascal Janvier, Jasnières

**"Cuvée du Silex"**

*Loire Valley, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$24.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$19.99**

"The Janviers rent sixty-six different parcels (a total of nine hectares) of land and farm it entirely themselves. Jasnières produces some of the best dry Chenin Blanc (Pineau de la Loire) in the world, and its wines are said to reach their peak ten years after the vintage. The soils of their parcels are comprised of clay, limestone, sand and silex (flint), and are planted primarily to Chenin Blanc."

## 2015 Alphonse Mellot, La Moussiere Sancerre

*Loire Valley, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$34.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$27.99**

"This is a flagship wine from this historic producer. Produced from biodynamically grown grapes, it is poised between richness and elegance. A tense texture comes from the youth of the wine. Its potential shows in the richness and in the hints of minerality from the chalk soil. Drink from 2019."

## 2014 Domaine Fabrice Gasnier, Chinon Les Graves

*Loire Valley, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$18.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$15.19**

"No cultured yeast used. Traditional vertical press used for all wines. Chinon Rosé is made from direct press juice with slow fermentation at low temperatures in stainless steel tanks. Rosé remains on fine lees for five months before bottling. Chinon Les Graves is vinified entirely in cement cuves."

## 2011 Le Predeaux, Bandol

*Provence, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$35.99**

"The classic cuvée is 95% Mourvèdre and 5% Grenache, with the Grenache adding spice to the bouquet. The result is a wine of ferocious tannin in its youth, another reason for the prolonged aging in these large wooden barrels, a time for the wine to repose and find its identity as it emerges from the cocoon of tannins to reveal an exceptionally complex crowd of aromas and flavors."

## 2014 Ch. Puech Haut, La Closerie du Pic

*Languedoc, France*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$34.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$27.99**

**94 POINTS, THE WINE ADVOCATE:**

"...the 2014 La Closerie du Pic offers beautiful purity and suppleness in its black raspberry and chocolate-laced aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, rounded and textured, with sweet tannin and a voluptuous, fruit forward style, it too should drink nicely on release."

# SPAIN: WINES OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA



## 2014 Granbazán, “Etiqueta Ambar” Albarino

*Rias Baixas, Spain*

**LIST PRICE: \$23.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$19.19**

**91 POINTS, WINE ENTHUSIAST:**

“Lightly leesy aromas of vanilla cookie are offset by crisp minerally apple and stone-fruit scents. This is pure and lifted by fine acidity, while flavors of apple, pineapple and lemon-lime end fresh, with a distant note of citrus pith.”

## 2014 Brezo de Gregory Perez, Bierzo Blanco

*Bierzo, Spain*

**LIST PRICE: \$17.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$14.39**

**90 POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE:**

“A fresh, mineral, and elegant wine with notes of citrus, lanolin, and white pepper, a delicious wine to pair with fresh seafood, cheeses, roast chicken, and jamón.”

## 2010 Vinsacro, Dioro

*Rioja, Spain*

**LIST PRICE: \$24.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$19.19**

**92 POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE:**

“Opens to an explosion of flowers and ripe blueberries that is very perfumed. It feels quite modern and aromatic with well-integrated oak and a luscious palate.”

## 2012 Convento, Oreja Crianza

*Ribera del Duero, Spain*

**LIST PRICE: \$25.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$20.79**

**92 POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE:**

“Perfectly ripe, terse fruit, integrated, balanced oak and a polished, sleek palate with fine tannins and good acidity. This is a textbook Crianza from Ribera del Duero.”

## 2007 R. Lopez de Heredia, Vina Cubillo Crianza

*Rioja, Spain*

**LIST PRICE: \$21.59**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$19.99**

**91 POINTS, VINOUS:**

“Lively smoke and spice-accented cherry and raspberry aromas are complemented by floral oils and pipe tobacco. Sweet and seamless on the palate, offering juicy red fruit flavors that deepen with air.”

## 2011 Pintia, Toro

*Toro, Spain*

**LIST PRICE: \$83.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$67.19**

**94 POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE:**

“This is a generous, big, ripe wine getting civilized and more elegant by the year, still a little marked by toasted oak, but developing different notes with time, becoming very meaty and showy.”



# ITALY: ROMANTIC WINES



## 2015 Terredora di Paolo, Falanghina

*Irpinia, Campania, Italy*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$16.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$13.59**

“Rich and intense aroma of fruit with hints of apple, pineapple, quince and pear. Fresh and clean in the mouth with excellent acidity, good structure and a floral finish.”

## 2015 Le Fraghe Garganega, Camporengo

*Veneto, Italy*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$15.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$12.79**

“Exhibits notes of white peach, almond, herb and apple. On the palate, the wine shows a remarkable balance of taste, full body and long, smooth finish. Also, it’s organic.”

## 2014 Ceretto, Langhe Arneis Blangé

*Piedmont, Italy*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$21.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$17.59**

“This wine offers aromas of pears, apple blossoms, beeswax, and almonds. On the palate, the Blangé is soft with round, nutty flavors overlaying subtle minerality.”

## 2012 De Forville, Barbaresco

*Piedmont, Italy*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$33.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$27.19**

“A big and elegant wine with aromas and flavors of dark cherries, raspberries and leather with hints of rose and earth. Charming and well integrated with a long, smooth finish.”

## 2014 Antinori, Il Bruciato Bolgheri

*Tuscany, Italy*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$24.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$19.99**

“A rich and pleasurable wine on the nose with notes of sweet spices, toasted coffee, and ripe red berry fruit. The wine is elegant and balanced on the palate with good length and a fruity finish.”

## 2014 Verso, Rosso Salento

**REGULAR PRICE: \$14.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$11.99**

“Rich, inviting and loaded with ripe fruit like plums and raisins along with dark chocolate and black pepper notes. Full bodied, velvety and balanced with smooth tannins.”

# MOLLYDOOKER MADNESS



## N/V Mollydooker, Girl on the Go Sparkling Verdelho

*McLaren Vale, Australia*

LIST PRICE: \$29.99

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$23.99**

"Girl on the Go stands on it's own as a unique and intriguing sparkling, captivating anyone who snags a sip. It's delicate yet crisp floral tones and tropical fruit highlight the best qualities Verdelho has to offer. A sophisticated wine that's not afraid to have fun as waves of citrus and pineapple nectar join with hints of spice and creamy vanilla to send your taste buds on quite the adventure."

## 2014 Mollydooker, The Boxer Shiraz

*McLaren Vale, Australia*

LIST PRICE: \$29.99

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$23.99**

**93 POINTS, THE WINE SPECTATOR:**

"This powerful wine is vibrant, complex and jam packed with a kaleidoscope of flavours. Chocolate, plum and liquorice just to name a few; all beautifully wrapped in bright berry fruit on the mid-palate. Subtle oak elements and flawless tannins, intertwine with the fruit ever so gracefully."

## 2015 Mollydooker, Two Left Feet Red Blend

*McLaren Vale, Australia*

LIST PRICE: \$29.99

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$23.99**

**91 POINTS, THE WINE SPECTATOR:**

"A generous array of bright fruit flavour with outstanding depth, gives this wine the approachable and engaging qualities it's become adored for. All the elements interweave themselves harmoniously throughout each sip and work together in a way that achieves the subtle mouth feel of a truly delightful wine."

## 2014 Mollydooker, Blue Eyed Boy Shiraz

*McLaren Vale, Australia*

LIST PRICE: \$49.99

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$39.99**

**93 POINTS, THE WINE SPECTATOR:**

"Upon smelling this wine, your senses are immediately drawn in by a bouquet of deep blueberry, rich plum and coffee. These prominent fruit flavours are closely followed by chocolate and lustrous licorice spice with creamy vanilla constantly weaving its way through. This beautifully balanced wine is a classic representation of our Blue Eyed Boy: truly a vibrant, ripe, and indulgent experience."

## 2014 Mollydooker, Carnival of Love Shiraz

*McLaren Vale, Australia*

LIST PRICE: \$89.99

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$71.99**

**95 POINTS, THE WINE SPECTATOR:**

"Luscious cherry, blackberry and plum jam fruit flavours marry together, forming this powerful yet elegant Shiraz. Made from a selection of McLaren Vale's premier grapes, its deep colour and fragrant nose leads to quite a voluptuous palate of fruit intertwined with rich mocha, coffee and chocolate, with traces of licorice and toffee. Carnival of Love offers exceptional complexity while remaining balanced and delightful to drink."



# AUSTRIA & GERMANY: TALL, POINTY WINE BOTTLES

## 2015 Von Winning, Sauvignon Blanc “1”

*Pfalz, Germany*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$44.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$35.99**

“This will ship for the autumn, and it is certainly explosive and potentially great. Lemon and guava and sweated fennel; power, spice and focus; wild lavender mid-palate; herbal smoky finish. These amazing wines are patterned more on Grand Cru white Graves than on Loire wines—I suppose Stephan wants to make his Pfalz version of Haut-Brion Blanc; it would be like him— but I find them seriously comparable to the very best from Styria, and I doubt anyone in Europe is making more compelling Sauv-Blanc at the moment. Catnip for hipsters!” — Terry Theise

## 2015 Merkelbach, Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Spätlese #10

*Mosel, Germany*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$29.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$23.99**

“This is a stand-alone offering, not included under the core-list program. In part this is because it is very different from the others, now showing perfume and strawberries; almost brashly expressive to a hypnagogic degree; my dear—these are wines! The outer limit of the complexity of slate, its possibilities, you might say, its threads and eyelashes and the tiny etches in the skin.” — Terry Theise

## 2015 Merkelbach, Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Auslese #8 “Lang Pitcher”

*Mosel, Germany*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$40.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$32.79**

“This is a flagship wine from this historic producer. Produced from biodynamically grown grapes, it is poised between richness and elegance. A tense texture comes from the youth of the wine. Its potential shows in the richness and in the hints of minerality from the chalk soil. Drink from 2019.”

## 2015 Nigl, Grüner Veltliner Rehberger Zwetl

*Kremstal, Austria*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$40.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$32.79**

“The first of three utter masterpieces of Gruner Veltliner, from an amphibolite vineyard mid-valley, and this wine is sensational. Its characteristic caraway-seed aroma is discreet, but precision and juiciness are supreme; glassy clarity, full of pitted fruit but not really apricot, more like not-quite-ripe greengage plum; less body than the Alte Reben, but a lot more grace, and the strong herbal flavors this terroir always gives.” — Terry Theise

## 2015 E & M Berger, Grüner Veltliner

*Kremstal, Austria*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$17.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$14.39 (ONE LITER VALUE!)**

“All that needs to be said is, this is this wine at its best.” — Terry Theise

## 2015 Schloss Gobelsburg, Grüner Veltliner “Steinsetz”

*Kamptal, Austria*

**REGULAR PRICE: \$34.99**

**BAY RIDGE SALE PRICE: \$27.99**

“There is also the matter of whether the price can be maintained for a single-vineyard wine that improves from year to year, and is now, no joke, about 50% better than it was up to 2010. And this wine? Wow, an entirely euphoric aroma leads into the most glorious vintage ever of this; more lush and “sweet” than usual though still with its lemon-balm, mint and radish and balsam; though it remains a cressy GV it’s a lot more spiffy these days, and along with the upcoming Renner it offers ridiculous value. For the time being....” — Terry Theise

# WHISTLEPIG: OUR EXCLUSIVE OLD WORLD 12-YEAR RYE BLEND

When we were first presented with the opportunity to pick a WhistlePig Old World Barrel, I thought this would be a simple matter of tasting through a few samples and deciding whether or not one of them stands out as something worth buying.

That was how most barrel programs I had been involved with have worked, but boy was I wrong.

We opened the tasting kit to find a graduated cylinder, six small bottles of three different barrel finishes used for WhistlePig Old World and two empty 'finished product' flasks.



## THE 3 FINISHES

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SO WE BEGAN BY SAMPLING THE FRENCH SAUTERNES BARREL FINISH.

It had a delicate honey-vanilla nose to it. On the palate, it had a nice balance of vanilla and spice almost reminiscent of a cinnamon dolce latte, just without the coffee, with a dry creamy finish.

NEXT WAS THE MADEIRA FINISHED BARREL.

This one was not nearly as delicate with more nutty, fruity notes accompanied by a good spicy kick.

THE LAST SAMPLE WAS THE PORT FINISH.

By far, this finish was the most mellow on the nose and palate with almost no heat to it and just enough spice to remind you that it is a rye you are tasting. It had an almost syrupy viscosity and was by far the sweetest sample with berry and jammy notes.

There were certain criteria and limitations to our blending process. We had minimum and maximum amounts we could utilize from each of the barrel finishes: Port finish could be no more than 20 percent of the final blend, Maderia could be no more than 70 percent and no less than 30 percent, and Sauternes maximum was 60 percent and minimum of 20 percent.

## OUR BLENDING PROCESS

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With the Port and Sauternes finish being our favorite, we wanted to utilize as much of those two as we could in the first blend. We started with a 50 percent-20 percent-20 percent - Sauternes, Madeira, Port ratio that yielded a delicate and fruity taste that was good. However, we still had liquid left so we ventured on.

As long as the barrel samples lasted, we continued to blend away until we found the masterpiece we were looking for. The heavier blend of Sauternes, which also used less of the port, came across too spicy and too sweet. The lack of Port finish was obvious. When we tilted the scales to the Madeira side, we found the spice to again be too prevalent and not enough Vanilla and Fruit to balance out the flavor.

Then, BINGO! Forty percent Madeira, 40 percent Sauternes, and 20 percent Port - we found our blend.

## ABOUT OUR EXCLUSIVE BLEND

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Vanilla, spice and fruity nose; on the palate the slightest kiss of sweetness rounded out and complimented the flavors that came through on the nose and then it transforms into the smooth harmony of nuts and jam that linger on the finish forever. Perfect!

This version, OUR version, of the Whistle Pig Old World 12- year rye is smooth and subtle enough for the occasional whiskey drinker while still retaining the body and depth of flavor that the connoisseur is looking for in that unique bottling.

**This is the perfect gift for the holidays as well as a great addition to any whiskey collection.**

*Adair, Matt, Phill and David overwhelmingly approve of this message!*



# KNAPPOGUE CASTLE: 12 YEAR LIMITED RELEASE



Knappogue Castle, which is Gaelic for “Hill of the Kiss,” is a 15th Century Irish castle that was restored to its glory and grandeur in 1966 by Mark Edwin Andrews. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Andrews began purchasing casks of pot-still distilled spirits from around Ireland.

The whiskey from these casks was further aged in Bourbon Barrels for 12 years. Some of the older expressions from Knappogue Castle, 14 year and 16 year, are then transferred to Oloroso Sherry casks for additional aging.

This Limited Release Single Malt Irish Whiskey is nonchill filtered to keep all of the beautiful flavor and aroma right where it belongs, in the bottle. Chill filtering is a process that is used mostly for cosmetic purposes, but it will also strip the whiskey of fatty acids, proteins and esters which can add to the overall aroma and taste.

As a result, you may notice some clouding or fine particulates suspended in the bottle or glass. But trust us, you want it there.

This mellow spirit is an excellent example of an Irish whiskey that is able to capture the complexity of the malted grain and present it in a delicate and easy drinking dram. Apples, peaches, maple-covered cereal grains, a hint of citrus, caramel and a dash of pepper and oak spice.

What else could you ask for?

# THE BEER CAN REVOLUTION: GOOD, BETTER OR BEST?



The first thing that took everyone a while to get over was the stigma that Beer in bottles was always superior to anything that came out of a can. Not that there was any science or hard evidence to support that, but everything was about the perception.

As we all know, if you perceive something to be true, for you, it is true. At that point, it was an uphill battle for the Breweries to convince us otherwise. It would take that first brave step by someone other than the big breweries to begin to sway our opinions in the other direction.

## HOW THE BEER CAN WAS BORN

In 2002, a small, little known Brewery from Longmont, Colorado, named Oskar Blues began to can Dales Pale Ale - at that point, the first brave step had been taken. Shortly thereafter, the rest of the microbrew and craft beer industry began to take note and thought that there may be something behind it.

Jim Koch, who founded Sam Adams, resisted this method for years until he was convinced that the can was, in the long run, a much more reliable and safe method to maintain the integrity of the beer itself. When put in a can - a completely sealed container void from the possibility of exposure to UV light or oxygen - the deterioration of flavor and quality are locked in place.

Think of cans as a tiny, 12 ounce mini keg. Super fresh.

## TODAY, CANS AND BOTTLES BOTH DELIVER

Fast forward to today's selection, and you will be hard-pressed to find many producers that don't utilize this better option to deliver, what they hope will be, your favorite, go-to beer. Seasonal selections, limited editions - amber ales to stouts - there is not much that you can't find in cans.

Now, let's face it: Most of the beer that you will find in any retail store or bar has not been sitting for weeks on end in an environment that would be conducive to spoilage. Most establishments and distributors see to that.

So the bottles that you have to choose from work just fine as well and there is nothing wrong with them. The trend however is moving towards a wider acceptance of these little flavor saving vessels. In other words, the stigma is going away. So feel free to grab that can...

...turns out they work just fine!



# MARYLAND BEER: KEEPING IT LOCAL



## UNION CRAFT BREWING

*Baltimore*

Situated along the Jones Falls River in the historic Woodberry neighborhood of Baltimore, the Union Craft Brewery makes great beer and is a great company. With reverence for tradition and place, they brew beer that unites old and new ideas, the science and craft of brewing, and boldness and balance of flavor.

Founded in the fall of 2011 by Kevin Blodger, Adam Benesch and Jon Zerivitz, brewing operations officially began in the spring of 2012 with the installation of a 20 barrel brew house and the initial launch of Duckpin Pale Ale.

**TRY THEIR: BALT ALTBIER, DUCKPIN PALE ALE**



## RAR BREWING

*Cambridge*

Based in Cambridge, Maryland, on the banks of the Chesapeake Bay, they are local boys brewing local beer. They built their brewery in an 80 year old former pool hall & bowling alley with a goal of producing well-balanced American and Belgian inspired brews 10 barrels at a time.

Proudly brewing since the summer of 2013, with no intention of slowing down, RAR strives to produce products that the Cambridge community can take pride in.

**TRY THEIR: NANTICOKE NECTAR IPA, GROOVE CITY HEFEWEIZEN**





## MANOR HILL BREWING

*Ellicott City*

In 2007, Victoria Gastro Pub redefined the pub experience... creating an inviting atmosphere where people could go for high quality, yet unpretentious food. Manor Hill Brewing was created with that same focus on high quality, seasonal ingredients.

Located on the Marriner Family farm in Howard County, Maryland, the head brewer crafts hand-made beer from original and unique recipes. The result is aromatic, hop forward farmhouse style beers.

**TRY THEIR: GRISETTE FARMHOUSE, MANOR HILL IPA**



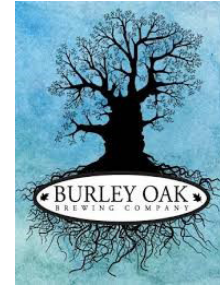
## HEAVY SEAS BEER

*Baltimore*

Their quest for great beer can lead anywhere, from corner pubs to faraway breweries. For Heavy Seas founder, Hugh Sisson, beer altered the trajectory of his life. In 1980, intending to become a stage actor and director, Hugh's plan was to move to New York City after completing his course work for a master's degree in theater.

Hugh's father, Albert, a Baltimore area businessman, persuaded him instead to "help" at a newly opened family business, a tavern called Sisson's. When Hugh showed up to start what he assumed would be a short-term position, his father tossed him the keys to the pub, said "OK, don't f\*\*\* up!" and walked out the door.

**TRY THEIR: POUNDER PILS, PEG LEG IMPERIAL STOUT**



## BURLEY OAK BREWING

*Berlin*

Burley Oak has been hard at work building this brewery keeping in mind sustainable practices and using local materials and craftsmen. They love their town of Berlin, Maryland and hope you join them in their taproom for a couple of pints and growlers.

The goal is to produce distinctive beers whose quality is unsurpassed using new and traditional brewing methods.

**TRY THEIR: SECRET SAUCE DOUBLE IPA, SORRY CHICKY BERLINER WEISSBIER (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)**



## EVOLUTION CRAFT BREWING

*Salisbury*

The story starts as a tale of two brothers, Tom with his passion for craft beer, and John with his passion for food. But it goes well beyond that. It involves you and your friends, backyard barbeques, amazing meals and beer you won't ever want to forget.

Top-rated beers are perfectly crafted to complement great food. Whether it's the food they serve at their restaurants or the food you make at home, it's the constant evolution to create the perfect pairings for you to enjoy. Ever-better beer for ever-better food is an excellent recipe for ever-better times.

**TRY THEIR: LUCKY 7 PORTER, LOT NO. 3 IPA**

# AWARD-WINNING CATERING TO MAKE YOUR SPECIAL DAY MEMORABLE



Bay Ridge Wine & Spirits is privileged every year to work with hundreds of couples that are about to embark on a lifelong journey in friendship and love. We understand that all weddings are not the same - some large, some small - but we cater to them all!

Our award-winning, full service adult beverage selection is backed with helpful and knowledgeable staff to answer any and all questions you may have.

With well over 1,000 weddings, large parties and corporate events under our belt, there is no special request or arrangement we have not already handled - we are well-equipped for all of your wedding needs, whatever they may be, including:

- Local delivery
- Staffed beverage experts for in-house, liquor, fine wine and beer consulting
- White wine and beer delivered cold
- Full mixer supply
- Coordination with venue site and caterer to make sure your day is as flawless as your dress

Even if you are just looking for an estimate of cost or amount to purchase for a future event, it would be our pleasure to accommodate anything and everything. We will share with you all the experience we have, but will never forget that it is **your** special day!

# RECOMMENDED SPECIALTY FOOD SELECTIONS

## EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL POTATO CHIPS

**The top Spanish chip, with a taste like no other!**

From José Andrés, these San Nicasio potato chips are no ordinary snack: thinly sliced potatoes, slow cooked at a low temperature in extra virgin olive oil for amazing crunch. A finishing touch of Himalayan pink salt adds incredible dimension. I love them straight from the bag, or for a true Spanish treat, try them topped with fresh seafood.



## TRUFFLE HONEY "SELEZIONE"

Selezione Acacia Truffle Honey is an incredibly harmonious blend of Black Truffles (Tuber Aestivum) and Sicilian Acacia honey. It is a clean and smooth truffle honey.

### Serving Suggestions:

Truffle honey is perfect paired with strong cheeses or used as a glaze for game birds, chicken and even skirt steak.



## CASTELLO® CREAMY BLUE

A unique double cream blue mould cheese with a complex taste combining slightly salted sour cream with the rounded hoppy bitterness of the blue mould. To get the full taste experience, we recommend taking Castello® Creamy Blue out of the fridge an hour before serving.



## LA QUERCIA PROSCIUTTO PICCANTE – SLICED

La Quercia Prosciutto Piccante is hand rubbed with a slightly hot Cal-Ital spice rub after the skin has been removed. The makers, Herb and Kathy Eckhouse of La Quercia, in Norwalk, Iowa, grind the spices themselves just before they rub them on the hams to maximize the freshness and fullness of their flavor and aroma.



## MATIZ NAVARRO PIQUILLO PEPPERS

Pure piquillo peppers imported to the U.S. carry an exclusive seal of authenticity, granted only to those peppers that are hand-picked in the Ribera del Ebro region of northern Spain. The Piquillo pepper, meaning – “little beak” for its distinctive pointed shape – have for generations been picked and produced almost entirely by hand, using no chemicals in the washing, roasting and peeling process. Slow roasting over open wood fires gives these unique peppers a rich complex flavor.







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