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## NEW MIXED CASES

### Journey through Priorat (x12)

We are so pleased to present the wines of Albert Jane and his team... Representing Ritme Cellers has been a dream since I met Albert many years ago at my first Prowein wine tradeshow. Working with some of the most powerful grapes indigenous to the area, Albert creates refined ageable white and red wines from indigenous grapes, Garnatxa and Cariñena. His vineyards are nothing short of miraculous built upon steep terraces on challenging slate soils. These soils, the altitude and the age of the vines, combined with generations of know-how, have resulted in award winning, highly rated wines. Those who know, know, as they say and for those of you who haven't tried wines from this region, if you like refined Napa, Rhone and Bordeaux wines, Ritme wines may just be your new fave.

### Magnificent Magnums (x6)

Parties will never be the same once you start opening magnums. Not only are they impressive, the wine ages differently in larger format bottles - less oxygen contact means wines stay 'fresh' while developing complexity at the same time. We think the combination of champagne and a rich, intense red like our Ritme Negre 2018 makes a perfect celebration. Details on each wine (including great ratings for the '18 Ritme) in notes below.



FRANCE		Per btl	Status
<b>CHAMPAGNE (Berru &amp; Verzenay) Adam - Mereaux</b>			
<b>Blanc de Blancs (extra brut)</b> Chardonnay	Crafted by a young third-generation female winemaker, this wine undergoes fermentation in stainless steel followed by 60 months of aging on lees. 70% of the grapes were harvested primarily from the 2015 vintage with the remainder from 2013/2014. The result is a champagne of great balance, softness and elegance, with aromas of brioche and citrus fruits and marzipan on the palate. 5g/l of RS is just about 'goldilocks right' in our books.	\$64.50 (x6)	available
<b>Blanc de Blancs (extra brut)</b> Chardonnay <b>MAGNUM – 1500mL</b>	Same wine but different format. Not only handier and sexier looking for parties, champagne (and wine in general) ages more slowly and maintains freshness longer than in it's smaller 750ml sister because there is less room for oxygen. Try a case today – this wine still has many wonderful years ahead and the magnum format won't let you down.	\$123.50 (x6)	3 cases available (or mix with Ritme Magnum)



## BURGUNDY: Domaine Sophie Cinier



<b>Bourgogne Chardonnay 2022 &lt;Le Clos&gt;</b> 12% abv	After skipping a vintage due to the 2021 frost, we are delighted to have a small allocation from winemaker, Sophie Cinier. From Ige, the heart of the Maconnais, soil is clay-limestone with deep veins of marl. Hand-harvested, indigenous yeast, no chaptalization, 7 months on lees, fermentation and élevage in stainless steel. Refined citrus and warm orchard fruit, this is a gorgeous middle point between high acid Chablis and oaked, buttery versions. Only 2700 bottles produced, 19 cases in Ontario. For those of you who have been lucky enough to try Sophie's Bourgogne Chardonnay or Pouilly Fuisse, this vintage is a beautiful one.	\$37 (x6)	12 cases available
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## ALSACE: Domaine Muriel Gueth (organic conversion)



<b>Crémant d'Alsace Rose</b> Pinot Noir	This brut crémant is made from organically grown in pink sandstone and clay, hand-picked pinot noir grown at the foot of the Vosges mountains. Traditional method; 24+ months aging before being disgorged. The dosage is unsweetened making this a refreshing, dry and food-friendly rose (3.5g/L RS). The colour is a gorgeous pale pink and the bottle label is beautiful with a stork surrounded by local flowers and Muriel's signature profile and poetic description.	\$31 (x12)	4 cases available
<b>Alsace Riesling 2017 (original'sace)</b> Decanter: 90 points (Silver Medal in Decanter World Wine Awards 2022)	This dry Riesling is grown on the "Butzenloch" plot near the medieval town of Gueberschwir, just south of Colmar, on soil made up of large scree and rocks of Vosges pink sandstone, covered with a deep soil rich in clay. Geeky stuff: Indigenous yeast, spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel with air extraction and a single sulphiting for stability, followed by kieselguhr filtration and bottling at the estate. Tasting notes from Decanter: "Inviting aromatic nose with hints of smoke and almond, palate light and dry (2g/L RS), with a subtle acidity".	<del>\$28.85</del> \$27 (x12)	5 cases available

## BEAUJOLAIS: Julien Chantreau (Terra Vitis, HVE)


<b>Le Grand R</b> (Beaujolais Rose - Chiroubles Cru)	Uncomplicated, easy drinking and just delightful...rhubarb, pomegranate, cranberry – tart fruits that make your mouth water but also supported by a mineral finish that makes you crave that next sip. These grapes are from the award-winning Javernand vineyard in Chiroubles by the talented and heroic Julien Chantreau who has been a volunteer firefighter for 2+ decades. Perfect match for many holiday dishes with both structure, fruit and a juicy acidity.	<del>\$25.75</del> \$24.50 (x12)	5 cases available
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## RHONE: Domaine Andre Berthet-Rayne (certified organic and in biodynamic conversion)



<b>Erato Côtes du Rhône Red (no added sulphites) 2021</b> Grenache, Carignan, Syrah	Beautiful garnet red and hints of violet. The nose opens like a basket of red summer fruits (think crushed strawberry, tangy red and black currant and juicy pomegranate). This medium-bodied wine (13% abv) has a refreshing acidity and a mineral finish. Hi-value for a natural but 'classic' tasting wine.	\$21.50 (x12)	2 cases available
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<b>Muses Côtes du Rhône Red 2022</b> Grenache, Carignan, Syrah 14.5% James Suckling – 90 points	Back by popular demand, this crowd-pleasing yet refined wine belongs at every holiday party and as your in-house table wine. James Suckling, "brimming with red berry and black cherry aromas, plus it has an attractive brightness for a Mediterranean wine. Restrained healthy tannins and a touch of bitterness balance the full body."	\$21.50 (x12)	available
 <b>SPAIN</b>		<b>Per btl</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>PRIORAT: Ritme Celler</b>			
<b>+Ritme Blanc 2021</b> Garnatxa Blanc, Organic Guía Peñín – 92 points 14.5% abv	White wines from this region are divine but we rarely see them from this region in the market. Only ~7% from Priorat is white wine. Garnatxa Blanca produces wines of depth and strength and though this is no exception, there is a brightness in this wine that makes you keep returning for another sip. 12 bottles might seem like a major commitment but trust us when we say, this wine really, really ages well though you might struggle to keep it long enough to challenge us on this.	\$34.5 (x12)	6 cases available
<b>Ritme Negre 2020</b> Garnatxa, Cariñena Robert Parker, Wine Advocate – 91 points 15% abv	"Priorat Character - The fruit-driven red 2020 Ritme Negre was produced with Garnacha, 65% Garnatxa and the rest Cariñena. Matured in light-toast French oak barrels for some 10 months, it is ripe and powerful at 15% alcohol with a round and juicy palate". (Reviewer L. Gutierrez – Robert Parker Wine Advocate). Dark cherries and violets, licorice and a hint of wood smoke... enjoy this with braised or grilled meat, roasted mushrooms and other earthy vegetables – consider some fruit glazes or sauces to make this wine sing even louder.	\$33 (x12)	available
<b>Ritme Negre 2018 (1500ml)</b> Garnatxa, Cariñena – 15% abv 94 points Vinologue 92 points Vinous; 90 points Robert Parker, Wine Advocate 15% abv	<b>RP excerpt:</b> "...70% Cariñena, 30% Garnatxa - meaty notes reminiscent of some wines from the Northern Rhône; ripe but without excess, and it has juicy fruit and measured oak after 10 months in French oak barrels." <b>Vinous excerpt:</b> "Deep, glistening violet. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes fresh black and blue fruits, candied licorice, cracked pepper and smoky minerals...blends power and delicacy with a smooth hand and finishes very long and precise, with resonating spiciness and polished tannins."	\$73 (x6)	3 cases available (or mix with Champagne Magnum)
<b>Plaer 2020</b> Garnatxa, Cariñena, Organic Robert Parker, Wine Advocate – 93 points, Decanter – 91 points 15% abv	"Meaty and smoky, 2020 Plaer was produced with a blend of 70% Cariñena and 30% Garnacha from 40- to 60-year-old vines. It expresses the rustic character of Priorat through abundant tannins and a full-bodied mouthfeel. It's ripe at 15% alcohol but has a freshness that balances it out. It's quite classical, fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in French oak. It's powerful and lively, with character and that beautiful rusticity." (Reviewer L. Gutierrez – Wine Advocate). Enjoy this with full-flavoured, richer foods or ever so slightly chilled on its own.	\$49 (x6)	3 cases available
<b>RIAS BAIXAS (Salnés Valley): Bodegas Bouza do Rei</b>			
<b>Albariño 2021</b>	From one of the pioneers and first Registered Designation of Origin Wineries in Rias Baixas, this is a fragrant and aromatic wine with the signature citrus and minerality from this region. It has a round mouthfeel, dry with a persistent finish. While delicious on its own, our suggestion is with salty snacks and food that benefits from both its acidity and body.	\$26.50 (x12)	3 cases available





## RIOJA (Alavesa) : Bodega Don Balbino



<b>Tinto 2019</b> Tempranillo 14.5% <i>Decanter - 92 points*</i>	From the single Finca Ribartayo vineyard in Laguardia (Basque country), this elegant, high altitude, refined wine is crafted using indigenous yeasts and spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel tanks before being moved to French oak barrels (250L and 500L) for 12 months. <i>*Decanter rating details ...</i> Tasted by: Julie Sheppard (18 October, 2022) Drinking window: 2022 to 2025 => "From 30-year-old vines, farmed organically. Fresh red fruit aromas, edged with herbs, flowers and chocolate. Elegant fruit-driven palate, with silky red fruits wrapped in fine tannins. A lovely single-vineyard Rioja."	\$30 (x12)	3 cases available
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### SICILY (Mount Etna): Vivera (certified organic)

<b>Etna Bianco 2022</b> Carricante, Organic 13% abv <i>90 points- Wine Align, M. Godel</i>	Wow, just wow. This wine is truly electric – acidity, complexity, a delightful salinity and the overall brightness blows my mind. It's still young, true, so over the next 12 months this wine will settle into its boots, but I'm happy to enjoy it now too. Intense aromas of orange blossom, apple, zesty lemon and notes of anise on the nose, on the palate definitely fresh and lively, with a savoury, herby, salty finish. Don't miss this very special wine from the slopes of one of the world's most active volcanoes.  Fun fact – this wine is bottled in March, the month of Mars, the Roman god of agriculture and war. This wine is dedicated to farmers that, like warriors every day, face the day of hard work with tenacity, for the love of a vineyard that will bear fruit capable of capturing their spirit.	\$39.50 (x12)	Available <i>(also available in mixed case of 12 with Etna Rosso)</i>
<b>Etna Rosso 2020</b> Nerello Mascalese, Organic 12.5% abv <i>89 points- Wine Align, M. Godel</i>	From Linguaglossa, on the north-eastern side of Mount Etna – Martinella vineyard. 600m above sea level, volcanic soil with rounded stones. Fermented and aged in stainless steel for 16 months and a further 1 month minimum in bottle. This wine is a beautiful bright ruby red and the taste follows through – cherry, red currant and a bit of orange peel complexity at the end. This is a medium-bodied wine – I liken it to a meeting of pinot noir and nebbiolo with plenty of dried herbs and a distinct minerality thrown in. Clean tannins, acidity and a very long finish. Do decant this for the best experience – it can feel a bit austere right when opened but once it has a chance to breathe and settle, it's remarkable.	\$37 (x12)	available

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### COMING IN...

- **Late Winter: Cab forward Bordeaux from Les Graves de Viaud (Philippe)**
- **Late Winter: Pouilly Fuisse, (please reserve) and Bourgogne Rouge from Sophie Cinier**
- **Late Winter: Sancerre!**
- **Spring: The very much in-demand Txakoli many of you have been begging for**

