

J. Emerson, Inc.

FINE WINES & CHEESE

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JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

🌿 in the newsletter or a green sticker in the store = Organic, Biodynamic, sustainable or "natural".

Saturday, JUNE 15th

2:00-5:00pm

our 6th annual

FATHER'S DAY TASTING

*A Selection of wines
perfect for DAD.*



Discounts on selected wines during the tasting.

Wednesday June 12th 5:30 – 7:00pm

**Tucker Flythe of
Williams Corner Wine**

Kicks off the

SUMMER OF
RIESLING!

TASTING EVERY SATURDAY 2:00pm-5:00pm

'Whatever we feel like opening'

PLUS: SATURDAY, June 29th 2:00pm - 5:00pm - LAST SATURDAY WINE SCHOOL!

Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 6/30/24.]

JUNE '24 USUAL CASE (cs.btl.cost)

*Valdepalacios 2021 Tinto Vendimia Seleccionada, Rioja, Spain	\$9.99	\$12.99	\$108	(\$9.00)
🌿 *De Angelis 2020 Rosso Piceno Superiore, Le Marche, Italy	\$11.99	\$13.99	\$132	(\$11.00)
*Ch. de Beauregard-Ducourt 2023 Entre-Deux-Mers Blanc, Bordeaux, Fr.	\$12.99	\$16.99	\$144	(\$12.00)
🌿 *Dom. La Cendrillon 2023 Rose "Minuit," Corbieres, Languedoc, Fr.	\$12.99	\$17.99	\$144	(\$12.00)
Quinta da Raza Branco, Vinho Verde, Portugal	\$9.99	\$11.99	\$108	(\$9.00)
Hugl 2023 Gemischter Satz, Weinviertel, Austria	\$10.99	\$12.99	\$120	(\$10.00)
Ciconia 2019 Tinto Reserva, Alentejo, Portugal	\$12.99	\$15.99	\$144	(\$12.00)
Remhoogte 2020 Red Blend, Simonsberg Stellenbosch, South Africa	\$14.99	\$17.99	\$168	(\$14.00)

A NOTE ABOUT OUR CASE OF THE MONTH: - *Our case of the month is an excellent way to get real value for your wine dollar and drink wines from around the world, carefully selected by J. Emerson staff. No need to join the recurring nightmare of a subscription wine club. Our case is infinitely more interesting and a better value!* The discounted price for the JUNE case-of-the-month is **\$128.99**; (average btl. price: **\$10.75!!**) the regular price would be **\$182.99**, a savings of more than 32%!

We also offer an all RED and ALL WHITE 8 pack (because sometimes 8 is enough!). The ALL RED 8-pack is 2 each of the 4 red wines for \$86.99 and the ALL WHITE 8-pack is 2 each of the 3 white wines and 2 of the Rosé for: \$82.99.

Here is the line-up and as always, there are 2 each of the first four wines () and 1 each of the last four wines.*

***Valdepalacios 2021 Tinto Vendimia Seleccionada, Rioja, Spain** - Mostly Tempranillo with a small amount Garnacha Tinta and Mazuelo. Juicy blackberry and cherry fruits, cedar and pepper in this fresh, medium-bodied dry red wine that is a touch lighter, in a drinkable way, than your average Rioja.

🌿 ***De Angelis 2020 Rosso Piceno Superiore, Le Marche, Italy**: - (75% Montepulciano and 25% Sangiovese) Espresso, spice and dark berried notes characterize this medium-bodied dry red wine from the Adriatic Coast of Italy. A straightforward easy drinking wine with mild tannins.

***Chateau de Beauregard-Ducourt 2023 Entre-Deux-Mers Blanc, Bordeaux, France** – (81% Sauvignon Blanc and 19% Semillon) Breezy and light bodied with notes of white flowers, green apple and citrus zest as well as a hint of Anjou pear skin. Nice cut with stony underpinnings.

© ***Domaine La Cendrillon 2023 Rose "Minuit," Corbieres, Languedoc, France** – (Grenache, Cinsault and Grenache Gris) Scents of citron (citrus fruit particular to Corsica), and white flowers with a hint of papaya and cotton candy, light, delicate fruit on the palate with a clean, refreshing finish. Certified organic.

Quinta da Raza Branco, Vinho Verde, Portugal - (Blend of Arinto, Azal, and Trajadura) - Fresh and light like a citrus popsicle this zesty slightly, (very slighty) spritzzy Vinho Verde is the perfect summer aperitif.

Hugl 2023 Gemischter Satz, Weinviertel, Austria - A field blend where varieties are vinified together. This is a lighter-bodied and dry, yet aromatic white wine with floral aromas meshing with a touch of white pepper and flavors that recall ripe fuji apples.

Ciconia 2019 Tinto Reserva, Alentejo, Portugal – (40% Touriga Nacional, 40% Aragonez (aka Tempranillo), and 20% Syrah) Bold, full-bodied red with ripe blackberry and blueberry preserves along with black olives and a hint of graphite finishing with ripe, steak friendly tannins.

Remhoogte 2020 "Chronicle Cape" Red Blend, Simonsberg Stellenbosch, South Africa - A blend of Merlot, Syrah, Pinotage and Cabernet Sauvignon. Full-bodied with notes of violets, blackberries, red cherries, ripe plum, vanilla & spice elements. The finish is savory with plush tannins. Aged 12 months in barrel.

USE YOUR 6 BOTTLE WINE BAGS FROM OTHER STORES AND SAVE 10% (on six bottles)

We want to remind our customers to use wine bags that other stores continue to push on you. Remember they are made from oil and you must use each of those bags 9 times before it equals one paper bag.

JUNE– "UNCORKED" WINE EDUCATION CLASSES – 2 offerings!

- **The Angevins Strike Back: Anjou & Saumur June 20th @ 6pm & June 22nd at 12pm**
- **The Wines of Umbria with Peter Neff - June 27th @ 6pm & June 29th @ 12pm**

Chat with us for more info! Cost is \$50/person. Email wineinfo@jemersonfinewine.com to sign up.

FATHER'S DAY GIFT SPECIAL OFFERS – A Few Classics! (no further discounts)

Amarone is the king of red wines from the Veneto. Made from dried Corvina, Rondinella, Croatina and Oseleta grapes, it is rich and dense.

2018 Tenuta Sant'Antonio Selezione Antonio Castagnedi Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG, Italy -

"Dried cherry, dried cranberry, star anise, clove and a hint of pepper open the nose of this well-crafted Amarone. Soft and plush on the palate, highlighting dried cherry and loads of baking spices, the wine begins to reveal turned earth, bitter chocolate and floral notes as it opens. It's really well-structured, with elegant tannins & the needed acidity to keep the wine in balance." (WE) **Reg. price: \$53.99, On sale in June: \$39.99**

Nebbiolo from Barbaresco is the elegant queen of the Piedmont.

2020 Castello di Neive Barbaresco DOCG, Piedmont, Italy –"The 2020 Barbaresco is a very pretty, classy wine. Crushed flowers, bright red-toned fruit, tobacco, cedar and mint are some of the notes that waft from the glass in this attractive, mid weight Barbaresco. I would give this a bit of air to help the bouquet come together. It's a lovely wine from Castello di Neive and absolutely stellar in its peer group." (Galloni Vinous 9/23)

Regular price: \$46.99, On sale in June: \$37.99

The Chanin is back for Father's Day!

2015 Chanin Los Alamos Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County, USA – *More Burgundy than California, here is a review:* "The 2015 Pinot Noir Los Alamos Vineyard is exquisitely beautiful. Rose petal, mint sweet red cherry and dried flowers lift from the glass in this delicate, wonderfully nuanced Pinot Noir from Gavin Chanin. All the elements are simply in the right place. A dollop of whole clusters (15%) adds aromatic complexity. The Los Alamos is not a big or obvious wine, but is (a) very, very pretty one, made in an especially floral/savory style." (Vinous Galloni 2/17)

Regular price: \$52.99, On sale in June: \$29.99

A classic Bordeaux blend from a good right bank vintage that is ready to drink!

2012 Chateau Lagrave Paran "Cuvee Geraldine", Bordeaux Superieur, France - (40% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon) This expressive Bordeaux has aromas of eucalyptus, dark berry skins, savory tar and black olives. Medium to full bodied on the palate with a touch of cedar and vanilla finishing with smooth, refined tannins worthy of a ribeye.

Regular price: \$24.99, On sale in June: \$19.99

NEWSLETTER SPECIAL OFFER – SUMMER OF RIESLING! (no further discounts)

Grosses Gewachs are the Grand Cru's of German Riesling; always fascinating and always dry!

2021 Dr. Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Alte Reben Riesling Grosses Gewachs Mosel, Germany - An exquisitely creamy sense of lemon pervades the nose of the 2021 Riesling Alte Reben, almost as of lemon posset. With more air, notions of tangerine peel appear with much aromatic appeal. The palate reinforces all this wonderful zestiness shimmering with ripe Amalfi lemon and tangerine. This is marked by a delightful serenity, great concentration and an intense saltiness that, along with the zestiness, makes the palate tingle. Glorious, dry, statuesque (Dry).” (Vinous) **Regular price: \$57.99, On sale in June: \$44.99**

The classic Mosel, a touch of sweetness with lemon drop acidity. The ultimate wine for Asian cuisine!

2021 Forstmeister Geltz-Zilliken Saarburger Rausch Riesling Kabinett Mosel, Germany - “The 2021 Riesling Saarburger Rausch was harvested in several parcels across the mid-slope of the Rausch vineyard, mostly from younger vines, which means 20 years old. The nose needs much swirling and comes almost with a touch of orange zest, tart, aromatic and alluring. The palate is wonderfully juicy, sunny, ripe yet so utterly fresh, so light, so joyful. It is the acidity here that makes this wine, lending its verve & brightness, subsuming everything into its totally citric focus that lasts & lasts.” (Vinous) **Reg. price: \$32.99, On sale in June: \$22.99**

A classic introduction to Mosel Riesling!

2018 Weingut Max Ferd. Richter Zeppelin Label Mulheimer Sonnenlay Riesling Mosel, Germany- Wet stone with hints of petrol, peach flavored Jolly Ranchers and Granny Smith apple skins. Ripe, rich and juicy this delightful, slightly off dry Riesling is perfectly balanced with juicy acidity. Here is the perfect foil for Asian and Indian cuisine.
Regular price: \$17.99, On sale in June: \$12.99

NEWSLETTER SPECIAL OFFER – SUMMER OF RIESLING- from the cellar! (no further discounts)

We have tried many of the older vintages of August Kessler and they remain remarkably fresh and on point. Nothing ages as well as Riesling! (Limit one per Customer on the single vineyard Rieslings.)

2004 Weingut August Kessler Riesling Kabinett Lorcher Schlossberg, Germany- The succulent, juicy 2004 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Kabinett smells alluringly of nectarine and lime, along with hints of wet stones, salts and cherry that put one in mind of Saar Riesling. On the delicate yet expansively flavored palate this is lip-smacking invigorating in its combination of fresh fruits, fruit skin, and mineral notes. The lime and nectarine, along with tangerine zest and slate essence, make for a compelling finish.” (Vinous)

Regular Price: \$24.99, On sale in June: \$17.99

2005 August Kessler Rudesheimer Bischofsberg Riesling Spätlese Rheingau Rúdeheingau, Germany – Remarkably young and plush (probably because it was tight in its youth) it has aromas of white peaches, crisp apples and a touch of petrol. Beautifully balanced and rich on the palate, the pull between sweetness & acidity is captivating. An ideal candidate for any spicy cuisine. **Regular Price: \$29.99, On sale in June: \$19.99**

2005 August Kessler Riesling - Silvaner Trocken Rheingau, Germany – (70% Silvaner, 30% Riesling) Here is a classic Riesling blend that is aging very well. Pleasant with a fresh nose of ripe peaches and lemon drops. Light to medium bodied, it finishes dry and juicy! **Regular Price: \$19.99, On sale in June: \$8.99**

The GREEN Spot

As you shop in the store you may see some wines displaying a green price sticker. This is our way of letting you know that the wine is organic, biodynamic, sustainable or natural. This is an ongoing process as we research each and every wine in the shop. Verbiage on the bottle may tell you more or you may ask us for further clarification. We are organized by place, not attribute, but as the wine world has made a healthy move toward better farming practices we needed to find a quick way to identify organic, biodynamic, sustainable and natural wines.

EMERSON'S DELIVERS!

Consult with us on wines for your party or event and we will deliver directly to your home or office. Our regular deliveries will be made on Friday afternoons. There is no minimum order but there will be a delivery charge of \$10. Our regular service areas are zip codes 23226, 23229 and 23221

RETURN POLICY

J. Emerson, Inc. guarantees that each bottle of wine we sell is in good condition. If you purchase a bad bottle of wine from us, please bring the bottle (with wine) back promptly. We will taste the wine with you to try and ascertain what has gone wrong and we will replace the bad bottle with a good bottle of the same wine. We are not responsible for any damage that occurs after the wine has left the store. This is especially true in the summer. PLEASE do not leave your wine in your car or trunk. It takes less than two hours in 80-90 degree sun to “pop” a cork. We will NOT accept any returns of warm or hot bottles. Returns should come back to us at about the same temperature as our store.

OUR PROTOCOL FOR USING WINE REVIEWS

Throughout our newsletter you will find profiles of wine tastes and flavors written by professional wine reviewers. We use these reviews, when they align with our own tasting notes, because, frankly, these reviewers use descriptors and adjectives that are more interesting and often more on point than what we would write. When we use a reviewers notes we will always use quotes and we will always show attribution, i.e.: WA – Wine Advocate, WS- Wine Spectator, BH – Burghound and Vinous for...Vinous. Three of these review sources are reader subscription only and carry no advertising and they are: WA, WS and BH, and thus those are primary review sources. Each review source also has reviewers that are better in some specialty then others. For example, Antonio Galoni has a wonderful sense of Italian wines and Allen Meadows of Burghound is a definitive source for the wines of Burgundy. The other key is that these reviews need to align with our tasting notes and if there is a huge discrepancy we will defer to our notes, which may be less interesting in terms of descriptors, but more in harmony with the wine profile. Our tasting notes would be any review without quotation marks.

OUR WINE ENVIORNMENT

If you shop here you already know that we take the condition of the wine environment in the store very seriously. Wines are on their side, we monitor humidity and the temperature on the main floor never rises about 63 degrees. (In the winter we strive for 60.) We use no fluorescent lighting in the wine areas – THE WORST POSSIBLE LIGHTING CONDITION due to the high UV content. Instead we have been using indirect incandescent lighting. Now we are in the process of converting our lighting to LED, a source that produces NO UV light rays! Does your wine retailer care enough to take these quality control steps? Ask questions next time you are in a big box retailer.