

J. Emerson, Inc.

FINE WINES & CHEESE

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STORE HOURS: Mon. 10:00 am to 8:00pm, Tues- Sat.: 9:00am to 8:00pm and **Sunday 12noon to 6pm.**

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NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Sunday, November 17th: A ticketed and extended

Tasting Event with Meghan Vandette

ADELSHEIM

Oregon's Chehalem Mountains' first Winery!

Sign up for this 1 hr. event:

- 1:00pm - \$20/person
- 2:30pm - \$20/person
- 4:00pm - \$20/person



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th – 1:00 to 4:00pm

Mark your calendars for our 17th ANNUAL, *often imitated never equaled,*

WINES OF THANKSGIVING TASTING

Please join us for Turkey, Stuffing, Seasonal vegetables & a selection of wines for the Thanksgiving table. A unique opportunity to judge your choices based on the food you will be serving!

Discounts on all wines tasted!

WINE TASTING EVERY SATURDAY 2:00pm-5:00pm
"Whatever we feel like opening"

Emerson Wine Club SPECIALS [Prices valid through 11/30/24]

	<u>NOV. '24</u>	<u>USUAL</u>	<u>CASE</u>	<u>(cs.btl.cost)</u>
*Eder 2023 Cosecha Tinto, Rioja, Spain	\$10.99	\$12.99	\$120	(\$10.00)
*Los Noques 2023 Sauvignon Blanc, Valle de Uco, Argentina	\$11.99	\$14.99	\$132	(\$11.00)
*Le Paradou 2021 Grenache, IGP Mediterranee, France	\$12.99	\$14.99	\$144	(\$12.00)
*Umani Ronchi 23 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico, "Villa Bianchi," Italy	\$12.99	\$15.99	\$144	(\$12.00)
© La Meridiana 2020 Gropello, Riviera del Garda Classico, Italy	\$11.99	\$16.99	\$132	(\$11.00)
Von der Leyen 2021 Riesling, Nahe, Germany	\$11.99	\$13.99	\$132	(\$11.00)
Paul Durdilly 2023 "Les Grandes Coasses" Rouge, Beaujolais, France	\$13.99	\$17.99	\$156	(\$13.00)
Marquis de Grandville 2023 Cheverny Blanc, Loire Valley, France	\$14.99	\$19.99	\$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 an internet wine club with their mystery wines and made up labels – Our case is infinitely more interesting and a better value! The discounted price for the NOVEMBER case-of-the-month is **\$125.99**; (average btl. price: \$10.49!!) the regular price would be \$186.99, a savings of almost 33%!

We also offer an ALL RED & an ALL WHITE 8 PACK, because... sometimes, 8 is enough. The ALL RED 8 pack is 2 each of the 4 red wines for \$78.99 and the ALL WHITE 8 pack is 2 each of the 4 white wines for: \$84.99.

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.*

***Eder 2023 Cosecha Tinto, Rioja, Spain** - (95% Tempranillo 5% Viura) The aromas of ripe blueberries, black raspberries and cassis are echoed on the palate. This medium bodied wine finishes with refined tannins and is a good example of entry level Rioja. Pair with a rack of Lamb.

***Los Noques 2023 Sauvignon Blanc, Valle de Uco, Argentina** –(100% Sauvignon Blanc) This Argentine gem has lemon peel, light tropical and herbaceous aromas. It is fresh and balanced on the palate with flavors of lime and kiwi fruit finishing with ripe acidity. Reminds one of a white Bordeaux.

***Le Paradou 2021 Grenache, IGP Mediterranee, France** - (100% Grenache) This medium to full bodied richly textured wine has notes of dark red and black fruits and a touch of garrigue. It's a gluggable bistro wine with no hard edges and softer tannins.

***Umani Ronchi 2023 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico, "Villa Bianchi," Marche, Italy-** (100% Verdicchio) A balanced light bodied wine with ginger spice, yellow apples and crushed almond notes. There is a salty mineral touch on the fresh, lively finish.

🕒 **La Meridiana 2020 Gropello, Riviera del Garda Classico, Italy** – (100% Gropello) Gropello is an autochthonous grape varietal from Lake Garda, in the Lombardy Region. Fresh and juicy with notes of cherry preserves, red licorice and a hint of mint. Earthy on the palate it finishes with supple tannins.

Von der Leyen 2021 Riesling, Nahe, Germany- (100% Riesling) Produced in the Nahe region of Germany, this lip smacking, essentially dry Riesling offers lovely lemony aromas coupled with flavors of bright peach and tangerine and finishing with impressions of wet stone. A tremendous wine year round but would play especially well with traditional Thanksgiving fare!

Paul Durdilly 2023 "Les Grandes Coasses" Rouge, Beaujolais, France - (100% Gamay) Grown on hillside soils more common to Vosne-Romanée than Beaujolais. Aromas of violets, black raspberry and spice. Juicy and focused with silky tannins and supple acidity. Tastes like a cru level Beaujolais at a bargain price.

Marquis de Grandville 2023 Cheverny Blanc, Loire Valley, France - (80% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Chardonnay) This Loire valley appellation must always have a touch of Chardonnay in the blend. It is what makes the wine so perfect. Fresh and crisp with notes of lime zest and Meyer lemon from the Sauvignon Blanc and just enough Chardonnay to add a touch of roundness and balance.

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!

TIME TO PRE-ORDER 2024 BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU and SAVE!!

Slightly lower alcohol, ripe fruit flavors, and mild tannins make this the PERFECT THANKSGIVING WINE!

The 2024 Regular price is \$15.99. BUT order before 11/14 and the price is \$13.99 per bottle or save even more and order a case at \$139.99 (\$11.67/btl., no additional discounts). The wine is delivered the 3rd Thurs. in Nov. (11/21).

UNCORKED WINE SCHOOL - NOVEMBER CLASSES

***Bordeaux with Aymeric D'Alton Part II: Pauillac & Saint-Julien** - The second class in our Bordeaux series. Enjoy 8 wines from two of the world's most famous villages, cheese plates, and a delicious meal from Chef Guy Reuge while learning why this region is so renowned from a native son of Bordeaux!

Tues. Nov. 12th or Wed. Nov. 13th from 5:30pm-7:00pm: \$125/person

***Tuscany: Brunello di Montalcino & Vino Nobile di Montepulciano** - The 6th class in our ITALY series. Enjoy 8 wines, cheese plates, and hearty cuisine from Chef Guy Reuge while learning about two of Italy's greatest wines! **Tues. Nov. 19th or Thurs. Nov. 21st from 5:30pm-7:00pm: \$85/person**

*Chat with us for more info! Email wineinfo@jemersonfinewine.com with your phone number to sign up.

Sign up for any two classes and save 10%!

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFER - A US Pinot Noir perfect for Thanksgiving.

Founded in 1972 Adelsheim was the first winery in Oregon's Chehalem Mountains!

2022 Adelsheim Vineyard Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, USA - "A rich and darkly floral blend of autumnal spices, tobacco and peppery black raspberries wafts up from the 2022 Pinot Noir Willamette Valley. This is juicy and supple with masses of ripe wild berry fruits and tactile mineral tones that swirl throughout. It tapers off with medium length, leaving a subtle tug of fine tannins and violet inner florals." (Vinous 5/24)

Regular price \$41.99 / On Sale in November: \$23.99

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFER- Red Burgundy from the Cellar!

Below is the original review from 2002. Today the wine offers a deep garnet to brick color. Pour and let sit for 10 minutes and it will go from earthy and dried porcini mushrooms to dried cherries and leather. There is still freshness on the palate and good acidity with hardly perceptible tannins. Try with mushroom cassoulet.

1999 Domaine Maillard Pere et Fils Beaune Cote de Beaune, France - "Gorgeous red Burgundy that blends modern and traditional styles. Thick and rich, yet showing an elegant, firm structure, it's beautifully balanced, with plenty of sweet fruit and tannins, and wet earth and mineral complexity on the long, pure and clean finish. 200 cases imported." (WS 8/02)

Regular price \$110.99 / On Sale in November: \$19.99

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERS- with a focus on Thanksgiving (note: Quantities are limited)

Red Burgundy is our "go to" for Thanksgiving!

2023 Manuel Olivier Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Nuits, Burgundy, France - This is classic Burgundy from a rising star in an appellation that is geographically located above the most famous Grands Crus of the "Côte de Nuits." Medium bodied with dark red and black fruits. Balanced and smooth on the palate finishing with youthful Burgundy structure. 12 months of aging on fine lees: 50% in stainless steel vats, 50% in oak barrels, 1/3 of which are new and 2/3 less than 3yrs. **Regular price \$39.99 / On Sale in November: \$29.99**

Rose wines play well at the Thanksgiving table and here is a delicious Sicilian Rosato!

2022 Bonavita Rosato Terre Siciliane IGT Sicily, Italy –“The 2022 Rosato appears far more red than Rosé in the glass. An enticing bouquet blends sweet strawberries and spices with rose petals and wet stones. This is a total pleasure, soft and enveloping, mixing ripe melon and nectarine with ginger nuances. A brisk, acidic core maintains lovely freshness. It finishes crisp and long, with a cranberry-like concentration, yet leaves the mouthwatering for more as sour cherry notes fade. As is usually the case with the Bonavita Rosato, as good as it is today, this wine can easily evolve over two to three years in a cold cellar. Simply stunning. (70% Nerello Mascalese, 20% Nerello Cappuccio & 10% Nocera.” (6/24 Vinous) **Reg price \$29.99 / On Sale in Nov.: \$19.99**

Yes, off dry Riesling plays well at the Thanksgiving table but can be off-putting to some. This dry Alsatian gem is a crowd pleaser!

🍷 **2020 Domaine Leon Boesch Riesling Luss Alsace, France** – This dry, organic, Demeter certified biodynamic Riesling has notes of unripe apples, sour lemon drops, yellow peaches, mango and turmeric. It is a fresh, full bodied (for a Riesling) wine with a crisp, gravelly finish.

Regular price \$32.99 / On Sale in November: \$23.99

Silky Pinot Noir from the Loire Valley!

2020 Joel and Sylvie Cirotte Domaine La Croix Saint-Laurent Sancerre Red Loire, France – (100% Pinot Noir) When Sancerre makes a red it is always Pinot Noir! Deep garnet in color with flavors of black fruits, cherries and spices. Silky, powerful and harmonious. Drink for +10 years.

Regular price \$31.99 / On Sale in November: \$23.99

Cru Beaujolais is an excellent thanksgiving choice!

2022 Domaine M & C Lapierre Chateau Cambon Brouilly, Beaujolais France – “Light in colour and wonderfully fragrant: cherry stone aromas. In the mouth, the wine has a subtle lightness that draws its tension from the minerality. Fine-grained tannins and the delicacy of the fruit complete the picture of a wine rich in finesse, whose structure is reminiscent of elegant Burgundy à la Ponsot, but which also brings granite and slate to the fore.” (P. Moser & U. Sautter)

Regular price \$34.99 / On Sale in November: \$24.99

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 reviewer's 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, Vinous and BH, and thus those are primary review sources. We will also occasionally use reviews from Decanter (the premier UK wine journal). Each review source also has reviewers that are better in some specialty than 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 ENVIRONMENT

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.