

# Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes: Saturday, November 3rd, 2:00 to 5:00 pm: Wicked Cellars Presents Wines of Burgundy

One of France's main wine producing regions is Burgundy in eastern France. There, in the valleys and slopes west of the Saône River, a tributary of the Rhône, hard working vignerons have produced world-class wines for 1,000 years.

The most famous wines produced here are dry red wines made from Pinot Noir and white wines made from Chardonnay grapes. Wines are also made from other grape varieties, such as Gamay, while small amounts of rosé and sparkling wines are produced in the region as well.

# Albert Bichot Cremant de Borgogne Brut Rosé \$21.99

Fine, even bubbles, beautiful pink in color with salmon highlights. Berries (blackcurrant & raspberry) on the nose with a touch of citrus, followed by a delectable palate bursting with vivacity and freshness. Ideal as an aperitif or with desserts (wild strawberry sabayon, plum meringue tart). It's sunny nature also makes it appropriate for Mediterranean and Asian cuisine

# Albert Bichot Borgogne Blanc Vielles Vignes 2010 \$18.99

Beautiful yellow robe with white gold reflections. The white flowers and citrus dominance of the nose leads on to notes of honey and dried fruit. The mouth is very well-balanced, skillfully blending vivacity and roundness.

#### Meuliere Chablis 2010 \$24.99

The wines of Chablis, Burgundy's most northerly region, are light, dry and famed for their minerality and crisp acidity. From the stellar 2010 vintage, this is hyper traditional, mineral driven, high acid Chablis with a tremendous focus, super-fresh green apple and finish.

## Roche de Bellene Borgogne Pinot Noir VV 2009

The nose carries volumes of Pinot Noir-style cherry/strawberry and woody herb. Likewise, there are beautiful fruits in the mouth, a bit of tannic grip and oak treatment, unusual at this level of Burgundy.

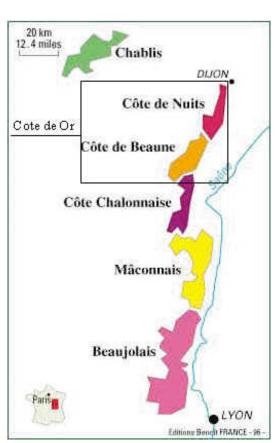
# Raphet Borgogne Les Grands Champs 2010

An absolute gem of a Bourgogne. Crushed raspberries and baking spices on the aromatic nose; the mouth is lively and juicy, with touches of white pepper and a delicious flood of ripe red berries. The finish is fresh, clean and sapid.

### P. Ferraud Cru Beaujolais Morgon "Les Charmes" 2009

Ruby, intense and brilliant splashes of youth, a beautiful appearance. The nose expresses notes of jammy red fruit, with wild notes and hints of stone fruit, sour cherry & plum. A palate of medium concentration, but rather round with a certain liveliness accompanies the wine until the finish, with notes of kirsch and stone fruit. The wine has fine structure and light tannins with a hint of firmness on the finish.

#### Burgundy falls into five major regions (each containing several sub-regions):



Chablis: The most northerly region, growing mostly Chardonnay for white wines that are quite crisp with acid using limited oak and displaying a smoky or steely minerality.

Cote d'Or (Containing Cotes de Nuits and Cote de Beaune): The most famous Burgundy region; where both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are grown for wines that express their varied vineyard locations, often exhibiting rich earthy notes and full fruit flavors.

Cote Chalonnaise and Maconnais: South of the Cote d'Or, these regions produce excellent value Chardonnay and Pinot Noir similar to wines from the Cote d'Or or Chablis, but usually fuller and made in a more modern or "new world" style.

**Beaujolais:** This region is known for wines made from the Gamay Noir grape, ranging from simple quaffing wines to the more structured and complex wines from the 10 Beaujolais Cru Villages such as Morgon.