



screwtop wine & cheese club

Club Red Tasting Notes

Sunday April 10th, 2011

Small Production, Unique Wines from Loire Valley and Languedoc

Vincent Pinard "Charlouse" Sancerre

Sancerre is one of the most, if not the most, well known sub-appellations of the Loire Valley. While they are more well known for their Sauvignon Blancs, they also produce some of the most elegant Pinot Noirs.

This offering from Vincent Pinard is the epitome of elegance. It is lightly oaked which adds a nice compliment in body to the ripe red cherry fruit, minerality and herbal characteristics. The body is medium and the texture is silky smooth. This is a great wine to enjoy by the glass or with your cheese and charcuterie platter.

\$54.99

Mas Laval les papres

The 2008 Mas Laval is an organic blend of 40% Syrah, 20% Carignan, 20% Grenache, and 20% Mourvedre from vines ranging in age from 25-70 years old.

Mas Laval has been a family-owned vineyard for more than three generations and is situated in the town of Aniane in the heart of the Languedoc in southern France.

All the grapes are hand-picked and each varietal undergoes a separate vinification, aging for six months and then blended and aged additionally in French Oak.

A soft and wonderfully elegant wine. Ideal with beef ribs or a Provence stew.

\$21.99

Bucheron Poitou-Charentes (in the Loire Valley)

Bucheron was one of the first French Cheeses exported to the U.S. It is made from goat's milk and has an ivory-colored pâte surrounded by a bloomy white rind. Its semi-soft texture makes it melt-in-your-mouth delicious once it is room temperature. Bucheron is *the* perfect cheese to pair with Sauvignon Blanc.

