

# Mt. Carmel Wine & Spirits Co.

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*"Wine is bottled poetry."*

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

## TASTE WINES FROM RHONE AND PROVENCE SATURDAY

Wines from the South of France have always been great values but are also among the most versatile. Tomorrow we'll taste you on some great examples, including the staff & customer favorite Houchart Provence Rose, a flavorful white made with Rhone varietals, a robust Vacqueras, and ending up with 2013 Domaine **La Roquete Piedlong Châteauneuf-du-Pape** (the stablemate of the prestigious **Vieux Telegraph**). So stop by Mt. Carmel Wine & Spirits Co. this Saturday, July 29th, from 1-4:30pm and bring the gang. It's free to all so please stop by!

## WINE OF THE WEEKEND



### 2015 Domaine de Durban Beames-de-Venise

To many a wine lover Beames-de-Venise brings to mind the wonderful dessert Muscat produced there. What many don't know is that this area in the Southern Rhone is absolutely ideal for Grenache, grown on its sunbaked slopes covered in garrigue. This town enjoys the elevated Cru status in the same way that Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Gigondas do but its wines are typically softer and more approachable in their youth yet retain the structure to age remarkably well. Priced far below its prestigious neighbors, Beames-de-Venise represents tremendous value as well. Domaine de Durban blends their Grenache, with some Syrah and a tiny bit of Mourvedre. It has that classic herbs de Provence and ripe cherry on the nose and palate, with an inviting lively acidity. Aged in neutral oak and possessing soft tannins, it's the ideal companion for grilled meats and summer fare.

**This sells elsewhere for \$19.99**

**Our normal sale price is \$17.99**

**Now only \$15.99 this weekend only!**

## BARGAINS AND CLOSEOUTS

### 2015 Cellerier des Dauphins Cotes du Rhone

2015 was a great vintage in most all of France and the southern Rhone was no different. Cellerier des Dauphins may be the Rhone's largest producer but they took full advantage of this can't miss vintage. While this is hardly a small estate wine, we were surprised by the quality of this Cotes du Rhone. There's dark cherry fruit with hints of pepper. This would be a great value at its suggested price.

**\$7.99 (was \$9.99)**

*for those who missed out, we were able to get more of this fantastic white value.*

### 2013 Adobe White, Paso Robles

A great wine for summer, Adobe White boasts exotic aromatics due largely to the high percentage of Viognier (38%) in the blend. The Grenache Blanc (35%) lends body while the Sauvignon Blanc (25%) contributes a crisp character. On the palate it's less than bone dry with hints of mango, white peach, and orange zest. This is a beauty on its own but pairs perfectly with summer salads, as well as Asian and spicy dishes.

**\$5.99 (was \$13.99) only a few more cases**

***Can't miss wines for summer...***

**2016 Sartarelli Verdicchio Classico**

If you want to find the best white wine value in Italy it may very well be Verdicchio. All the better when it's from a great producer. Sartarelli's Verdicchio is dry, lively, and rich with minerals and white fruit. This would be a delight with white meat dishes and light summer fare.

**\$9.99 (was \$14.99)**

**2016 Côte Mas Rosé Aurore, South of France**

If you want to put pretension aside and grab a bargain that checks off all the boxes for what you look for in a rosé this is it. Dry, lively, refreshing, and full red fruit flavor, this is the perfect wine for your outdoor entertaining. How much of a value is it? You even get 33% more.

**\$9.99 1 liter bottle (was \$14.99)**

**Gazela Vinho Verde**

Gazela Vinho Verde has been one of our most popular summer wines for many years. This slightly spritzy quaffer from Portugal is refreshingly light in alcohol, yet dry, floral, citrusy, and lively. Both White and Rosé at the same silly price.

**Only \$5.99 for either white or rosé**

**Vigneti del Sole Montepulciano d'Abruzzo**

A clear step above your average Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Vigneti del Sole is fantastic when first opened but actually improves if you leave some for the next day as the screwtop makes for an easy closure. The only problem with that is not finishing it the first night! About as perfect as it gets for the barbecue and outdoor entertaining. Medium-bodied, fruit-forward and absolutely delicious.

**Only \$7.99**

**2015 Caparzo Sangiovese Toscana**

The great Brunello di Montalcino producer Caparzo also knows how to make the perfect summer red. This is primarily Sangiovese with a touch of Merlot added to soften it for early consumption. It has all the cherry fruit you'd want in a Sangiovese but with generous body and richness - maybe no surprise considering it's from a Brunello producer. This is a perfect barbeque wine.

**\$9.99 (was \$14.99)**

*a fantastic new Bordeaux arrival*

**2015 Chateau Gromel Bel Air Bordeaux**

A luscious yet inexpensive Bordeaux from the great 2015 vintage - what's not to like? This blend of Merlot and Cabernet is downright classy, exuding the kind of richness and texture you would typically look for in a much more expensive example.

**\$9.99 (was \$11.99)**

**2005 Duval-Leroy Blanc de Blancs Champagne Clos des Bouveries**

Clos des Bouveries is an entry by Duval-Leroy into the luxury Champagne market. The 100% Chardonnay comes from Duval-Leroy's own vineyard in the Cote de Blancs, made from old vines that bring out rich Chardonnay flavors while accentuating the minerality. 2005 was a great vintage for Chardonnay in Champagne. This was partially barrel fermented to elicit extra body and richness. It is only now showing its promise and entering into its prime. Drink it now and over the next 10 years.

**\$49.99 (This easily has the quality of a \$100 Champagne) only a few bottles left!**

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