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Acme Wine Co. Weekly Update...

Betts & Scholl

The wines of Richard Betts and Dennis Scholl have been receiving quite a bit of attention in recent weeks. The October 15th issue of the Wine Spectator will feature Betts & Scholl's 2004 Grenache "The Chronique", as one of Australia's "Benchmark" wines. This wine is available now, and priced at twenty-six dollars even. This wine of pure Grenache along with its sibling known as the "O.G." are produced from extremely low yielding, ancient vines. The "O.G." was named the Star Selection of The Best New Wines in the World by Food and Wine magazine. It is also currently available and is twenty bucks a bottle. These two wines were made with the help of Christian Canute, formally of Rockford and current winemaker at the family winery of Rusden.

In addition to Betts & Scholl's three Australian wines we also have wine available from their two other projects. Richard and Dennis teamed up with none other than J. L. Chave to make both Hermitage Rouge and Hermitage Blanc. Considering their impressive pedigree it should be no surprise that these are special wines. As Richard says, "you won't find flashy and new, only an endless, elegant, and beguiling array of never-ending flowers, spices, and earth that can only come from one place."

The newest Betts & Scholl project brings them back to Napa where they are collaborating with Randy Lewis, making a Syrah of unbridled opulence. This wine will arrive at the warehouse the first week of October and will cost fifty-two dollars per bottle.

Arcadian Winery

Layers of complex aromas and an amazing depth of flavor... That pretty well describes each of Joe Davis' Arcadian Pinot Noirs.

In any given year Arcadian produces between five and eight vineyard designate Pinot Noirs. Joe's obsession is to produce each of these wines as closely as possible to INAO Grand Cru Burgundy standards. For Joe this begins with leasing vineyard land and farming it himself as opposed to simply purchasing fruit. He travels to France each winter to purchase oak trees at auction from which Arcadians barrels are made. There is no aspect in the evolution of the wine in which Joe is not hands on.

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Besides great wine, the real end to all of Joe's hard work is a sense of place with each wine. Because he farms each vineyard identically, harvests fruit at the same levels of ripeness, and ages the wines in identical oak barrels for same amount of time you can actually taste the uniqueness of Pisoni, Fiddlestix, Sleepy Hollow, Dierberg, and Rio Vista vineyards, rather than someone's interpretation of the vineyards.

We are happy to have the five aforementioned wines currently available. The 2001 Pisoni is sixty dollars, 2002 Fiddlestix is thirty-nine, 2003 Sleepy Hollow thirty-five, the 2003 Dierberg is thirty-eight, and the 2003 Rio Vista is fifty dollars.

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