

Weekly Tasting – Thursday 6p-8p; Fri & Sat 12-6

French Family Wines from Andrieux et Fils Presentation by Lyle Hebert of Continental Wines Saturday 3p-6p

1. Escale (un-oaked) Chardonnay - \$13.00

From vineyards in the Mediterranean, this 100% Chardonnay is made in Stainless without any oak, so it has great fruit but is also crisp and clean enough to be refreshing in the summer. Well, even if the summer is already over, you can drink this and dream about it ☺ This wine has a radiant golden color with green reflections. The nose is very aromatic with notes of peaches and hints of passion fruit. Rich and full on the palate with a long, lasting finish. And the price makes a quality wine seem even better for a gathering.

2. Andrieux et Fils, Côte du Rhône White – \$15.25

This CDR blend of Viognier 50%, Clairette 30%, and Grenache Blanc 20% is vinified in Stainless and is 13.5% Alcohol. So, good fruit, clean, and lower in alcohol makes this an ideal summer wine. High alcohol and hot weather are not a good pairing. The Viognier dominates the aromas of honeysuckle, peaches, apricot, and soft floral hints; leading to a rich, but refreshing finish.

3. Escale Cabernet Sauvignon - \$13.00

From the Pays d'Oc appellation of the Mediterranean. It is 100% Cabernet made in Stainless without any oak. It has a deep red color with a nose of nice red and dark fruits. On the palate there is a silky texture with flavors of cassis and blackberries followed by a very nice structure and complex finish. And, once again, a great price for a party.

4. Andrieux et Fils, Côte du Rhône Villages Red – \$16.50

In a limited part of this region, the AOC **Côtes du Rhône-Villages** may be used, in some cases together with the name of the commune. Old Vines give this wine finesse and elegance. 80% Grenache, 15% Syrah, & 5% Mourvèdre. All Stainless Steel. A deep ruby color, sweet aromas of black cherries, raspberries, and licorice. Full-bodied and fine tannins, it delivers a long and complex finish.

5. Andrieux et Fils, 2009 Vacqueyras, Cuvée André “Vieilles Vignes” - \$21.50

90 Points Wine Spectator: “Ripe and very pure, with beautifully unadorned bitter cherry, violet and sandalwood notes backed by fresh mineral and light spice notes. The finish is long and silky. Drink now through 2013. 850 cases imported.” (02/11) **90 points and a Best Buy, Wine & Spirits**: “Violet scented and purple-plum filled, this is youthful and edgy. A sense of minerality comes up with air, firming the wine while the pleasantly gritty tannins add extra staying power. Give it a year or three, then pour with flank steak.” (02/11)

The blend is Grenache 75%, Mourvèdre 20%, and Syrah 5%, vinified in French Oak.

Limited to the stock on hand. No orders available.