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**Good Evening, This tasting is going to be off the charts! I hope to see you all here!**

**Special Menu options: Pork Sausage stuffed Mushrooms or Shredded Beef Sandwich on French Baguette!**

**Soup Special: Asian Mushroom Soup...Gluten Free**

**Friday Special: Shredded Beef Sandwich w/ cup of Minestrone Soup \$12**

**Tasting: French Burgundy**

**When: Friday, February 20th**

**Time: 4-8 P.M.**

**Cost: Full pour \$32 Half Pour: \$19**

**The Wines:**

**2011 Domain Joseph Drouhin Chambolle Musigny \$72**

Medium red. Sexy aromas of raspberry, crushed stone, flowers, cinnamon and allspice; a real essence of Chambolle-Musigny. Ripe, dry and seamless, with a pliant texture and lovely inner-mouth lift to the flavors of pungent red berries, pepper, spices, flowers and stone. Very long and scented on the rising, vibrant finish. **92 Points Tanzer**

Chambolle-Musigny is a red wine, often regarded as the most « feminine » wine of the Côte de Nuits ; its intensity and delicacy express themselves with elegance and subtlety. To the eye, it presents a bright ruby hue with luminous highlights. It may darken a little over time but with no loss of impact. Its bouquet, easily recognisable, is composed of violet and small red fruits (raspberry, strawberry). With further aging it tends towards spiced ripe fruits and prune, or towards truffle, underbrush and animal notes. Rich, fragrant and complex, it lines the palate with silk and lace. Its delicate but fleshy texture in no way detracts from its solid and durable structure. On the sweet side with little trace of acidity, its tannins remain silky-smooth.

**2012 Mongeard-Mugneret Vosne Romanée \$65**

Floral, spice and berry flavors hold sway in this silky smooth red, which is pure and detailed, with a lingering spice- and mineral-tinged finish. Though firm, this also shows finesse.

**The village of Vosne Romanée entered in the Burgundy history in 636.** It was at the beginning of the 16th century that we first noted the name Mongeard in the registry. Since then and threw all the generations, the family is committed to their passion : Vine and Wine. The Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret, renamed since 1945, now operates, in the purist of the burgundy tradition, a large vineyard, from the Côte de Nuits to the Côte de Beaune, from Marsannay to the south of Dijon to Puligny-Montrachet, including all the most prestigious villages of the Côte : Gevrey-Chambertin, Vougeot, Nuits Saint Georges and Savigny les Beaune, the centre of the exploitation remaining in Vosne Romanée.

**2012 Domaine Joseph Drouhin Côte De Beaune-Villages \$47**

The 2012 Cote de Beaune was picked between September 20 and 28, and as well as Cote de Beaune fruit, the blend includes declassified barrels of village and premier cru. It has a simple dark cherry, red currant and pomegranate bouquet with crisp delineation and fine clarity for such a modest wine. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy, red currant and pomegranate fruit with a touch of spice on the brittle finish. Fine – what you might call a “breezy” entry-level Pinot. **89-90 Points Robert Parker**

### **2012 Vincent Girardin Santenay Terre Enfance \$30**

Coming from a family of winemakers for 11 generations, Vincent Girardin has kept the best of tradition, knowing open to modernity. Chez Vincent Girardin, the grapes are harvested by hand and sorted twice, once in the vineyard and in the winery once. These allow tries to eliminate all cluster which would not have the right maturity, nor better health. Pneumatic presses are to preserve this purity of the grapes.

Santenay Gravières is located on a clay and limestone soil of bathonien on gravel steep. The average age of the vines is 50 years. Harvesting is done manually with a light pressing and a 100% de-stemming. The vinification takes place in stainless steel tanks with a cold pre-maceration.

Breeding takes place 100% in oak barrels, 45% new barrels for a breeding period of 18 months on average. The wines are neither fined nor filtered. Santenay This wine is a delicious wine with good maturity and a lot of concentration. Strain Santenoy, Vincent Girardin has always believed in the future of Santenay!

### **2011 Aurélien Verdet Bourgogne Côtes de Nuits le Prieuré \$28**

Smoky and rich, suggesting black currant and violet notes, with a taut structure and hint of iron on the finish. 200 cases imported **88 Points Wine Spectator**

### **2010 Domaine Michel Prunier et Fils Côte de Beaune-Villages \$27**

The vines for this wine enjoy an eastern, south-eastern exposure to the sun, on the picturesque hillsides of the Hautes-Cotes de Beaune. This bright and lively wine drinks beautifully now, and will improve with some short to medium-term cellaring. Light to medium-bodied, the nose displays fresh strawberry notes with balanced acidity, and the palate shows soft and supple tannins.

**Cheers!**

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