

Hickory Wine Shoppe

The Grapevine

"We Know Wine"

News and Reviews

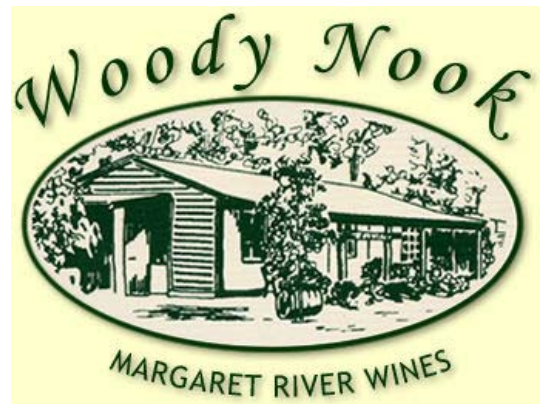
Our Woody Nook wine dinner at McElrath's restaurant was a great success, the food and wine pairing were excellent and we were very pleased that the winery owners Peter and Jane Bailey were able to join us for the evening. Lots of fun was had by all and we look forward to welcoming Peter and Jane back in the future.

Summer weather has arrived with a vengeance and we have added a whole slew of wines that perfect for summer sipping. Come by the store and ask us what's hot this summer.

Hickory Alive is going strong each Friday night through July. Remember you can come and sit in our outdoor area, drink great wine beer and have a front row seat to the concert. Get there early though as there are limited seats.

Santé

Allan Ghazarian



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Upcoming Tasting Dates

Regular Store Tasting

Thursday June 29th - From 5:30 to 8:30 A full description of the wines we will be inside the newsletter. There will be a \$5 charge for this tasting which will be refunded on purchases of \$50 or more. This is a great way to taste new and interesting wines before you buy.

Warmer weather has arrived and our outdoor seating area has re-opened. Come and enjoy a glass of fine wine or cold beer on picturesque Union Square.



The White Wines

2005 Vignerons de Saumur Saumur Loire France

The Saumur region of the Loire Valley is famous for producing sparkling wines, but the region produces some fine white wine as well. This wine is made from the Chenin Blanc grape and shows an almost clear color in the glass. On the nose it reveals aromas of apples and a hint of grapefruit. In the mouth it is light bodied with bright white fruit flavors and mouthwatering acidity. Just the ticket to sip while laying out by the pool..... \$8.99

2005 Kiss Chasey Chardonnay/Semillon/ Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River Australia

This is a great summer white from the Margaret River region of Western Australia. Displaying a pretty nose of gooseberries and candied citrus fruits, it is light and refreshing in the mouth with a rich core of ripe white fruit flavors and soft acidity. Just lovely on it's own on a warm day or with some light appetisers\$12.99

2005 Santa Ema Chardonnay Casablanca Valley Chile

Chile is producing some very fine wines these days. The first of two wines from Santa Ema, this Chardonnay shows ripe tropical fruits on the nose. Medium bodied with good acidity, it coats the mouth with ripe melon and pineapple fruit flavors with just a hint of hazelnuts. There is good intensity and length in this fine value white. Try it with sea bass.....\$9.99

Sélection de Maison

These are the wines that I have recently tasted and consider to be fantastic buys in their price range.

The “**No Brainers**” are great everyday wines in the \$12 and under category, the “**Insiders**” are wines in the \$13 to \$35 range that savvy wine drinkers snap up for their drinking pleasure and the “**Splurgers**” are the money is no object/ need to impress wines that guarantee success.

No Brainers

2005	Hugues Beaulieu	Picpoul de Pinet	\$8.99
	<i>A juicy white, perfect for summer parties</i>		
2004	Charles Back	Goats do Roam	\$8.99
	<i>A great Rhone look a like from South Africa</i>		
2003	Vino Royuelo	Tinto	\$5.99
	<i>Amazing value from Spain, drinking perfectly now!</i>		

Insiders

2004	Robert Stemmler	Pint Noir	\$29.99
	<i>A lovely balanced Pinot from California.</i>		
2004	Chatelain	Pouilly Fume	\$20.99
	<i>A superb Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire valley</i>		
2004	Viottolo	Shiraz	\$32.99
	<i>One of the best new wines coming from Australia.</i>		

Splurgers

2003	Argentiera	Donoratico	\$43.99
	<i>Possibly the next superstar wine from Italy.</i>		
2004	Two Hands	Lily's Garden	\$59.99
	<i>Just a little left of this superb Aussie.</i>		
2004	Dumol	Pinot Noir	\$78.99
	<i>Reference point Pinot from California.</i>		



Wine Quotes

"When there is plenty of wine, sorrow and worry take wing."

Ovid, "The Art of Love" (circa. A.D. 8)

The Red Wines

2003 Santa Ema Reserve Merlot Maipo Valley Chile

Our second wine from Santa Ema. This wine is made from the Merlot grape and displays a bright purple/black color in the glass. It offers up aromas of chocolate, plums and a hint of coconut. In the mouth it is medium bodied with a fine core of ripe black fruit flavor. Very soft in texture the wine has a charming plushness that is hard to find at this price point. A very nice value that will be delicious with some roasted prime rib.....\$12.99

2003 Peirano Estate Barbera Lodi California

The Barbera grape is indigenous to the Piedmonte region of northern Italy. Over a hundred years ago, Italian immigrants brought cuttings from their local vineyards with them to the US and planted vines in various parts of California. Today these vines are not easily found but when well tended they can produce fine wines. This example comes from the Lodi region and reveals enticing aromas of licorice, smoke and black fruits. Medium bodied it has fine fruit density delivering ripe black fruit flavors that have good definition. The finish is smooth and savoury. Try it with some veal scaloppini.....\$14.99



2005 Las Moras Malbec San Juan Argentina

The Las Moras winery has been winning many awards in Argentina of late, including the prestigious winery of the year award. Tasting through their lineup it is easy to see why. This wine is made from the Malbec grape and displays a brooding purple/black color in the glass. On the nose it offers up aromas of roasted meats, licorice and blackberries. Medium to full bodied it is very lush on the palate and packed with ripe black fruit flavors. The finish is long and smooth. A great value, try it with some barbecued spare ribs.....\$7.99

2004 Red Head Studios Yard Dog Southeastern Australia

This wine made by one of the hottest new wineries in Australia is made from an interesting blend of 60% Petit Verdot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Malbec. Dark purple in color it delivers aromas of blackcurrants, tobacco and smoke. Full bodied and very ripe it coats the mouth with black fruit flavors and spice. The finish is very long with good freshness and a hint of minerality. A super value, try it with a grilled ribeye steak.....\$10.99

2004 Nord Sud Syrah Languedoc France

This wine comes from the Languedoc region of southern France. Dark ruby in color it reveals aromas of smoky bacon, blackberries and pepper. Full bodied and stuffed with ripe black fruit flavors, the wine is fruit forward but also has good structure. The finish is long and clean. Try it with some smoked duck.....\$14.99

Micro Brew Beers



As many of you already know, we have started to carry an ever increasing range of micro brew beers. We have managed to source some terrific offerings from all parts of the US and around the world. We sell them as singles or by the six pack (10% off) as well as by the glass. Here are a few that I recommend you try.

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| Coopers Pale Ale | Theakston's Old Peculiar |
| Chimay (a high gravity beer) | Alagash Triple |
| Ruddles County | Alagash White |
| Old Speckled Hen | Meantime London Porter |
| Sweetwater 420 | Fullers London Pride |



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Regular tasting Thursday June 29th

Case Of The Month

If you don't have enough time to come and browse the wine racks for your everyday drinking wines, then why don't you just purchase our case of the month. It's so easy and such a good deal, a case of hand picked wines at a special price that is simply too good to resist. All you have to do is decide if you want all red wines, all white wines or a 50-50 split of red and white wines.

This is a great and inexpensive way to experiment with new wines and to develop your palate further. The wines in this month's case are:

Red Wines

2003 Solo Rosa
2003 Gatekeeper Shiraz
2004 Yard Dog
2000 Chateau Norbert
2003 Vina Royuelo
2002 Oberon Cabernet

White Wines

2005 Firefly Chardonnay
2005 Santa Ema Chardonnay
2004 Montes Sauvignon Blanc
2001 Red Slate Riesling
2005 Las Moras Viognier
2004 Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio



You can get one bottle of each wine or two bottles of each red or each white for the low price of **\$120.00** + Tax. This is a saving of \$23.88 off the regular price of \$143.88. A great deal if ever there was one.

No Substitutions please.