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Valentine's Wines and Brews

THIS MONTH WE'VE SELECTED WINES THAT GO PERFECTLY WITH STRAWBERRIES OR CHOCOLATE OR CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES.

Veuve Clicquot Demi-Sec Champagne \$49 is not as dry as Brut style champagne. It has a touch of sweetness which pairs perfectly with chocolate covered strawberries.

Moet Chandon Nectar Imperial \$44 has a splash more sweetness than the Veuve Clicquot Demi-Sec which makes it great with chocolate covered strawberries and other delicate sweets as well.

Clos de Paulilles Banyuls Rimage 2003 \$22 It pairs perfectly with chocolate. This wine is from France and is fortified to retain its natural sweetness in a style similar to port. A lovely wine.

For our Beer Lovers: Lambic Frambois \$8.99 is a Belgian raspberry ale in a wine bottle. It is a lovely brew with delicate flavors and a lovely balance. Enhance the romance of this beer with fresh chocolate covered strawberries.

Calendar of Events

COMPLIMENTARY WINE TASTING EVERY SATURDAY from 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

February 3 – Dessert Beers and Big Foot Ale, just cause!

February 10 – Sweet and Sparkling Wines Perfect for Valentines

February 17– Sicily vs. Tuscany

February 24– Zinfandel Fest Over 20 Wines!

SUNDAY SEMINAR

February 18th, 3-4:30pm: Port & Dessert Seminar

Back by popular demand. This will be one of only 2 port seminars offered this year. Learn to identify the difference between tawny and ruby ports and vintage vs. non-vintage ports. Desserts will be served. A perfect Valentines gift for that sweet tooth in your life.

Cost: \$40 Club Discounts with restrictions apply.

Parking is available: on our lawn and driveway; the driveway behind our store after 4PM; and

next door at International Jewelry after 4PM.



Wine Stop News

Every Saturday from 12 -3 tune in to KRATER 96.3 for The Wine Stop Wine Minute and listen to Kim's wine tip of the week. It might be hard to believe, but it is actually her voice traveling the airwaves.

Valentines Day is around the corner and we are taking pre-orders for Chocolate Covered Strawberries: double dipped and decorated with white chocolate swirls, nestled on a cookie, and topped with a chocolate "Happy Valentines Day" wafer. 3 for \$9, 6 for \$16.50, 12 for \$30 They will be available for pick up Feb 12, 13 & 14.

For those interested in the chocolate without the strawberries. We are also accepting pre-orders for our hand crafted Truffels each box of 6 is \$10.95

For those interested in celebrating with caviar and champagne, call us to pre-order your caviar needs.

Our Zinfest on 2/24 is meant to blow your zinfandel loving mind. So mark your calendars. Make sure not to miss it.



Liane's Corkey Trivia

Stock car racing has grown to be the second most popular professional televised sport in the U.S. Only NFL football has higher T.V. ratings. Its fans are considered the most brand-loyal in all of sports. As a result, Fortune 500 companies sponsor NASCAR more than any other sport. NASCAR is an acronym for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR). Unlike other sports where the big game is the capstone at the end of the season, the biggest NASCAR race starts off the season. The Daytona 500 will be off and running on February 18 this year. Tickets range from \$125 to upwards of \$1200 per seat.

It's hard to imagine that such a lucrative sport had its origins in bootleg whisky, but then again maybe not. There was a time in this country when rum runners were treated like drug runners, and the full force of the law was brought to bear on bootleggers and moonshiners. After prohibition, rather than outlaw alcohol, our government decided to take a cut and tax it instead. Bootleggers and moonshiners didn't like the new tax and Government revenue agents went after them with a vengeance.

Bootleggers transported their whisky in cars which looked as normal as possible from the outside, like a car that you'd take to the grocery store. Essentially, they looked like the stock cars that you would find in your neighborhood showroom. But under the hood, the cars were anything but stock. Bootleggers tweaked their engines for more horsepower. In addition to the supercharged engine, they also installed heavy shock absorbers and springs in their cars so that when they had a full load of moonshine, their cars would not sag.

Junior Johnson was one of the early stock car drivers who honed his driving skills running moonshine. He invented the "bootleg turn". Traveling at full speed, with a roadblock up ahead, he could slam on his breaks and make his car turn 180 degrees around and run right back at the cops who were chasing him. While driving his car, he was never caught.

Needless to say, he was doing so well on the racetrack, he planned to give up bootlegging. But it was that one "last" job where a sting was set up for him since they never could catch him in a car. As he walked over to check out a still, he was arrested. He spent 11 months in prison. When he got out, he gave up bootlegging and focused completely on stock car racing.

His first big win at the Daytona 500 was in 1960. Despite the fact that his car was at least 10 miles per hour slower than the other cars, he had discovered the concept of "drafting" running

close behind another car and taking advantage of its “slipstream” to gain additional speed.

He was always innovative he was the first to use radio communications between the driver and the pit crew. He also approached the cigarette manufacturer RJ Reynolds to do corporate sponsorship of NASCAR. It’s because of him that NASCAR is what it is today.

His federal conviction was just one of those things that didn’t sit well with him, he didn’t want it on his record. In 1986, President Ronald Regan gave him a presidential pardon and his record was wiped clean.

Being a good old boy from the south, he was a modest man of few words. When asked about how he felt about being a living legend, he describes himself as being, “fairly successful”. Junior, we tip our glass to you Here’s to being “fairly successful”. Cheers!



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- Box of 3** chocolate covered strawberries for \$9
- Box of 6** chocolate covered strawberries for \$16.50
- Box of 12** chocolate covered strawberries for \$30

Other items available for Pre-Order

Assorted box of 6 hand crafted truffels \$10.95

Caviars

California Select Estate Osetra \$62

Truffled Tiger Eye Whitefish \$23

Golden Whitefish \$16.50

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