

Greeting Salutations and Slainte!

I just want to take a brief minute to update you on a few things. First, we have a tasting scheduled for tomorrow night (Friday the 8th). It's going to be a little different because we are doing both beer and wine. We have an opportunity to have a brewery rep from Troegs Brewery in Harrisburg Pa. to be here, so why not right? We were the first store in Virginia to pick up their product and have had a long standing relationship with the Troegner Brothers and are proud to offer you the chance to meet someone from the brewery and sample their beers. In addition to Troegs, we are also letting you sample a selection of Argentine wines from Kysela Pere et Fils. Come meet Monty Rhodes, our new Kysela rep and join us from 6p-9pm.

Mothers Day is this Sunday, so our annual Mothers Day tasting is Saturday the 9th from 1p-4p with Jay Olexa from Republic National. We've selected a few "Mom" wines that we know she'll love. We also have a great selection of gift bags to choose from (you know you get points for wrapping). First, you'll have a chance to try **Duckpond Cabernet and Chardonnay** from the Columbia Valley in Washington State. At **\$11.99 a bottle**, they knocked my socks off! The Chard has the right balance of oak and fruit, it's buttery, creamy with lemon/lime and apple. I hate to be a stereo type, but I'm not the biggest fans of chardonnays, but this one is truly impressive. Now for the cab, I flat out think it tastes like a \$25.00 cabernet. It's medium bodied, loads of cherry flavors, a little smoke and vanilla, and it's my latest go to cab. We are also going to try **Chateau Ste Michelle's Eroica Riesling**, widely considered the finest riesling in the U.S. It's a joint venture between the vineyard and Dr. Loosen from Germany. Many of you riesling fans have had his "Dr L" riesling in the past. It's \$25.59 a bottle, but mom's worth it, right? Our final wine for Saturday is **Veramonte's Primus** for \$22.99 from Chile. It's a big wine that needs to breath or you can even age it for a few years. It's a silky cab, that's loaded with berry and earthy flavors.

I'm out of time, so it's a short newsletter (much to your relief, I'm sure!)

All the best

Charlie