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Bonjour Everybody

LATEST WINE & VINES NEWS

As explained in our August newsletter 2009 was exceptional. A Dull damp month of may was quickly followed by 15 weeks of hot weather with NO RAIN ! This caused some difficulties with wine making owing to the heat but in general all seems well & we expect 2009 to be classed as a very good year.

I hope you all got the August newsflash re collecting wine ex Calais and the new excise duty of €2.46 a bottle + 21.5% VAT in Ireland - outrageous !!! We are now top of the pile for all the wrong reasons as usual . Top in taxing and top in supporting non European wines ! Plus it is also possible we are tops when it comes to consuming wines with unhealthy doses of additives . Most of the New world wines being consumed in Ireland are shipped in large volume & chemically stabilised after long sea journeys before bottling (mainly in the UK) . As a vine owner at least you have an alternative . Owning your vines insures your wine comes from the source containing only natural substances .

Here is the Calais info again just in case you didn't get it

You can now collect your wine from "Le Chais" in Calais - a storage facility used by UK wine clubs.

The costs are as follows:

Your wine	€1.70
French TVA / vat 19.6 %	€0.33
Transport to Calais	€0.50 approx.

Total €2.53 a bottle = £2.20 stg.

The cost of storage in Calais is 4.50 euro per case of 12 bottles . Your wine can be stored up to 1 year for this price. So your wine to Calais would be € 2.90 a bottle or £2.52 stg approx.

Remember you have to pay 1 euro extra for wood aged wines. Please contact us directly if you wish to collect wine from Calais .

WINES ORDERING:

Last chance to get wines in 2009 ! All orders need to be with us before the **14th of NOVEMBER** as lots of strikes are promised in France & shipping will probably not be possible after the 20th November ! You have been warned ! So now is the time to get your Christmas wine requirements sorted out . Get your order in **BEFORE NOVEMBER 14th** (cheque or direct transfer needed before shipping as explained in our August newsletter)

We can now offer a service where by you can leave your wine in bond in Cork and also for our UK clients we can deliver to London city bond. It adds .10 cents / 10 pence to a bottle but allows you to avoid paying the duty until you need the wine and have it available at short notice (2 days on average)



Harvest festival :

Quieter this year as we gave people the opportunity to visit at anytime during a 2 week period. Quieter - but very enjoyable. Many thanks to those who made the journey and joined in with the festivities . Photo's will be posted on our website shortly . We look forward to our May get together !

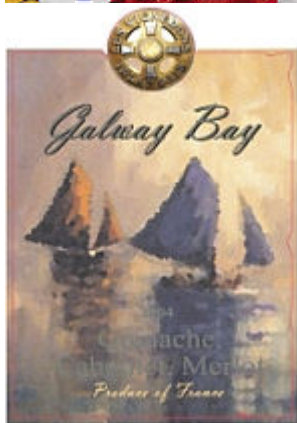
The sun is still shining here & its 23 °c at mid-day so it's still a great time to visit ! In fact we regularly get daytime temperatures in the mid to high teens during December , January & February meaning that anytime between now & next March / April when the real heat begins to return can be a very pleasant time to visit and the wine tastings go on and on and on Bring your brunch to the cave & myself or Serge will re heat if necessary ! and you can enjoy a bottle from your own barrel!!

We are interested in getting a few groups together to share the experiences of been a Vigneron (wine maker) . We can offer some very good rates in our holiday apartments to facilitate this adventure! If you are interested in getting your own group together please e-mail us @ vineowners@lvi-noblevine.com or you can contact Sean for bookings! Tel: 087-228602

See Page 3 for a very special offer for Vine Owners & Friends

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All Good Things come to an end !!! We are reaching the end of our stocks of Galway Bay Red 2004 . I hope you all agree that it is / was indeed "a good thing" as It has matured very nicely over the years it has been bottled . It is now however getting towards the end of it's drinking life so with our stocks dwindling down we have decided to give everyone a last chance to stock up for Christmas at a really special price – Just €3.70 per bottle

Taking into account the exorbitant Irish duty and Vat rates mentioned on the previous page and its effect on the pricing structures of the bottle of wine here - €3.70 represents the average excise / duty & Vat of a bottle of basic wine – so I think you will agree that this is a really good price . Quantities are somewhat limited so get your order in quickly – First come first served until stock is gone. **See order form on back page . It is impossible for us to supply without payment with order as we do not have funding to cover the up front duty & vat payments.**



Plans for our big Burren festival to be held between 28th & the 30 of May 2010 are progressing well . This will be a spectacular event combining food , wine , music & sporting events all in aid of Cancer Care . It will be a type of a twinning of the Burren valley & the Cévennes Mountain region of France It will be a weekend of entertainment when the Mediterranean meets the Atlantic & The Camargue comes to Connemara . The line up for the concerts and the food and wine fair are almost completed .We will have a brochure available before Christmas.

Send your Order by Post with cheque for €155 made payable to LNV to: LNV, Tallawroe , Craughwell , Co. Galway

A special selection of wines available exclusively to vineowners from associates here in the Languedoc region . Prices include duty paid & delivery.

2007 "La Gravette" Rouge (AOC Coteaux du Languedoc)
A soft fruity wine with a slight peppery finish
An AOC Coteaux du Languedoc for just €10.90

2007 "Coeur de Gravette" rouge (AOC Pic st. Loup)
95% Syrah , 5 % Mourvedre
A big Syrah - smooth and clean on the pallet with bags of fruit and character . I have been tasting this wine over the last few vintages and feel it is worth listing !
Normal retail price €16.50 Price to vineowners €13.95

2007 /2008 "La Gravette" Blanc Vieilles vignes
90% Rousanne , 10% Grenache blanc
12 months in oak gives a toasty buttery nose with hints of honey and a caramel long finish . A gastronomic white wine .
Normal retail price €15.50 - But to you – Just €12.50

Domaine Coston (AOC Coteaux du Languedoc) Terrasses du Larzac. This region is one of 4 in the Languedoc which are now making the most exciting new wines in the world . We are working closely with the Coston brothers to be able to offer you their wines at very special prices . All wines are produced organically from certified biologically produced grapes . Very small production with limited bottles available at present :

Their basic wine is **Domaine Coston - Saint Guilhem le Désert 2007 / 2008** - A Cabernet Franc / Grenache blend .
It is available to you at a great price of €9.50 per bottle

Domaine Coston - 2007 Terrasses du Larzac
Syrah / Grenache / Mourvedre / Carignan
This wine shows the potential of this region . It is a rich fruity wine with a smooth long finish and no oak
Normally retails at €15.50 - Yours for just €12.90

Domaine Coston - 2005 Les Garigoles
An oak aged Syrah / Mourvedre
This is a big wine - Full bodied with a rich caramelised nose .
This is one for very special occasions
Retailing at over 20 euro in France - Yours for just €15.50

--More info on all these wines on our website--

A mixed case: 2 of each of the above for 155 euro delivered to your door ! – Order Below

Payment with Order Please

Limited quantities available so please order quickly

Name: _____

Address: _____

ITEM: **Mixed Case of La Gravette & Coston for €155**

Row No.: _____

PPS Number: _____

Special!
PRICE



€199 for 1 Week

Special Winter Offer for vine owners & friends
Price Valid for November , December , January & February

Why not take this opportunity to get away from the horrible Irish Winter weather for a week . Come and visit the vineyard , drink some wine & stay in our holiday apartments in nearby Canaules at a Special Offer price of just €199 for a week available to all vine owners and friends . While we can't promise you scorching heat there should be some nice sunshine & pleasant temperatures in the mid to high teens most days . Each apartment can comfortably accommodate 6 people plus the 2 larger apartments can accommodate 8 so €199 is a very good price . If you have not been over to visit the area previously it is the ideal time to make your first trip . You will have pleasant weather and quiet roads . Most of the main tourist attractions remain open year-round & there will be none of the crowds or delays of the peak Summer season . With 15 top class golf courses in the region the golfers among you will be spoilt for choice . Unlike Ireland there are a multitude of things to do & places to visit here at this time of the year for all members of the family. As well as our own vineyard in Saint-Jean-de-Serres there are numerous others in the area which welcome visitors. If you would like to find out a bit more about what there is to do here then please download our tourist guide which we have created specially for guests staying in the apartments . You will find the guide at the bottom of the home page on our apartments website : www.canaules.com . Just scroll to the bottom of the page (just above the weather forecast) & you will see it.



If you are interested in taking up this offer then contact Sean either by e-mail at bookings@canaules.com or by telephone at **087-2228602** . Ask him to tell you about the pleasant afternoon he spent on the beach near Sète (pictured on the left) last weekend while the weather was so bad at home in Ireland . As well as Sète there are numerous other nice towns and villages within a short distance which are all worth visiting during your stay . Plus there are many reasonably priced restaurants and cafés nearby the vineyard and the apartments where you will be pleasantly surprised by the value available compared with home . The food is excellent & cheap and the wine is cheaper & even more excellent !

All apartments have UK TV channels plus Irish radio stations . They are decorated to a high standard with everything you would expect to have in your own home . For photo's check out the Apartments page on our website: www.canaules.com .It's not Ibiza here or the Costa Del Sol but if you fancy a relaxing week in high class accommodation with nice weather in pleasant surroundings then talk to Sean . Maybe you can get over here on time to witness the wonderful colour of Autumn in the Languedoc (below) or maybe even to do your Christmas shopping at the famous Uzes market ☺



Come and stay for a week using the special offer price above & if you decide to come back and visit again during the Summer (July & August) we will deduct the €199 off your Summer stay
*cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer code - Booking must be made before December 31st

AVAILABLE WINES – ORDER By NOVEMBER 14th

WHITE WINE	COST per BOTTLE	INFO
Galway Bay White 2007	€5.68	*Very Limited Stocks
St. Jean de Serres Sauvignon 2008	€5.68	
St. Jean de Serres Chardonnay	€5.68	
RED WINE	COST per BOTTLE	INFO
La Petite Colline d'Espere 2007	€5.68	
The Hooker 2007/08	€5.68	
Colline d'Espere Reserva 2006	€5.68	
Colline d'Espere 2004	€5.68	
Galway Bay 2004	€3.70	*Special Offer Price

Please use Order Form below to place your order



WINE ORDER FORM

Payment with Order Please Limited quantities available so please order quickly



Name: _____

Address: _____

Row No.: _____

PPS Number: _____

WINE DETAILS	No. of Bottles	Bottle Cost	TOTAL
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID :			

Because it is necessary for us to pay Irish Excise & Vat up front we must receive payment for all orders before we can ship them out to the customer . Please include cheque for full amount with your order . Wine will not be shipped unless payment has been received

Send your Order by Post with cheque made payable to LNV to:
LNV, Tallawroe, Craughwell, Co. Galway