



# Springs Liquor Outlet Newsletter

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## Dear Valued Customers,

Multi-colored leaves and the snow-capped Peak, football parties and visiting relatives, pumpkins, snowboarding tourists, and hockey jerseys... Fall has officially begun. And with these much-anticipated events, we are sure you seek that perfect drink for the ambience of the season, the celebration of competition, and the exhilaration of friends and family. Look no further, for in this issue, we offer a glance into port wine, fun cocktails and pumpkin beer. And for your additional enjoyment, our next Family Card weekend is on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Family Card members receive 15% off all non-sale wines and liquors. Beer remains at 5% off, and there is no discount on kegs or cigarettes. No rain checks; no exceptions. Remember that you must be registered at SLO to receive the Family Card Discount. Discounts from other stores will not be honored, including recent memberships from the Colorado Liquor Outlet.

"We'll Leave the Cooler on for You." - **The SLO Staff**

**Wine Racks** – It's cold outside. The sun has long set. Dinner has passed. Your guests' attention is beginning to wane. And it is here, amid polite conversation and sated appetites that you desire something more to warm your gathering than the cooling fire and conventional coffee. Perhaps you are searching for "liquid fire in the stomach... inflamed gunpowder," something with "the tint of ink... the sugar of Brazil in sweetness, and the spices of India in aromatic flavor." \* Yes, you are in search of Port, The Douro Valley's answer to after-dinner wine. Although a variety of stories exist that tell exactly why Portuguese wine makers decided to add brandy to their wine, all stories agree that in the late seventeenth century, Britain turned to Portugal for wine. Thus, port, a classic fortified wine, was birthed. And not simply any wine enhanced by any brandy may call itself a port. Although South Africa, the United States, and Australia have produced note-worthy "port types," to guarantee quality, only wines produced in the specified region of Douro, adhering strictly to the rules of production and aging, are considered ports. In order to attain its vivid, smoldering taste, this wine's fermentation process is interrupted. Normally, yeast and sugar from grape juice combine to make wine. With port, however, a clear, flavorless, grape-distilled brandy is added, killing the yeast, thereby stopping fermentation and locking in sweetness. Excluding the white port, there are two basic styles of port: Ruby and Tawny. Ruby Ports are aged for a short time in wood and are bottled to mature; these hold a fruity, peppery flavor. These also include Vintage ports, the finest of ports, which must be bottled within two years and are quite unique as they are wrapped in a sultry, overwhelming flavor that warms and caresses the throat. Late-bottled vintage ports are typically Vintage ports from "good" rather than acclaimed years. Then, there are Tawny Ports, spicier with a chocolate-like aroma and a nutty flavor. They are aged in wood and then filtered and bottled, ready to drink right away. Aged Tawnies are from 10- to 40- year-old ports, and discriminating tasters agree that 20-year old Tawnies are ideal because older years may be closer to liqueurs than ports. Whichever port you choose, you'll want to serve it at room temperature (65°F). Fill your guests' glasses not more than halfway so that they may sip at a gradual pace and attain the full flavor of your chosen port. For centuries, English gentlemen have gathered in drawing rooms to smoke cigars, discuss life, and enjoy the luxurious taste of port. Now we invite you to do the same, with your chosen accompaniments, amid polite conversation and sated appetites.

– **Heather McGhee**

\* Wine Encyclopedia

## SALES & SPECIALS

### Family Card Specials

#### 20% off Everyday Low Price Canyon Road All 750ml

Les Janelles All 750ml  
Blackstone All 750ml  
Jacob's Creek All 750ml  
Cavit All 1.5L  
Mad Dogs & Englishmen  
Brancott Sauvignon Blanc  
Easton Amador Zinfandel  
All BV Century Cellars 1.5L  
Hedges Three Vineyard Red  
Krug Cab, Merlot, Chard

**Sacha Lichine Cabardes** – Blend of Cab, Merlot, Syrah, and Grenache from Languedoc-Roussillon (southern France). Intense nose of red fruits, with hints of spices, and solid tannins. This is a hidden gem. **\$6.39** with Family Card discount

### Wine Sales

#### BBQ Wine (Blow Out) \$4.99 original price \$7.99

Hartwell Mistique Cab...\$29.99 (was 53.99)  
Souverain Reserve Cab...\$22.99 (was 32.99)  
d' Arenberg Ironstone Pressing...\$41.99  
Big Horn Cab Sauv...\$19.99  
**McGuigan Black Label Shiraz...\$7.99**  
And more...

### Beer Sales

#### Marten's Low Carb 6pks...\$6.49

And more...

All Sales and Specials may end anytime without further notice. While supplies last. No rain checks.

### Port Trivia

- There are 48 grape varieties permitted in the production of Port.
- "Brandy" used to fortify the port is called *aguardente* in Portugal.
- Vintage dated Tawny Port is called Colheita
- Each vineyards are classified from A, for best, to F, for worst.
- The six best port grape varieties: Touriga nacional, Tinta cão, Tinta roriz, Tinta barroca, Touriga Francesa, and Tinta amarela.

## Timely Cocktails

### **Smashing Pumpkin**

- 1 oz. Vodka
- Orange Juice
- Splash Champagne
- Orange Slice

In a tall glass, add vodka and orange juice. Top off with champagne and garnish with an orange slice. The Smashing Pumpkin can be served straight up or over ice.

### **Ghost Cocktail**

- 1 ¼ oz. Smirnoff Vanilla Twist
- ¼ oz. Half and Half
- ¼ oz. Simple Syrup
- ½ oz. Godiva White Chocolate Liqueur

Garnish with Shaved White Chocolate. White Chocolate Rim.

### **Halloween Cocktail**

- 2 oz. Whiskey
- 3 oz. Orange Juice
- ½ oz. Triple Sec
- ½ Lemon Juice

Shake all the ingredients in a shaker with ice and strain into a collins glass. Garnish with olives.

### **Dracula's Kiss**

- 1 oz. EFFEN Black Cherry Vodka
- ½ oz. grenadine
- Cola

In a tall glass, pour in the grenadine and coat the bottom of the glass. Add ice, EFFEN Black Cherry Vodka, and then fill with cola. Add cherries and spiders for garnish.

**EFFEN VODKA:** In Dutch “effen” means smooth, even, and balanced. Imported from Holland, EFFEN vodka is made using a continuous distillation process that distills the vodka hundreds of times before it is bottled. **750ml - \$29.99 at SLO**

## Pumpkin Beers

Beer can accommodate a host of ingredients besides commonplace barely and hops. In spring, the zest of lemon and lime, in summer, cherry beers, and in autumn, it's all about pumpkin, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Look for these featured pumpkin beers to compliment the season.

**Lakefront Pumpkin Lager** is brewed with pumpkins in the mash, spices added during the boil, and lightly hopped. The rich specialty grains and lager fermentation combine to produce the taste and texture of pumpkin pie.  
*6 pack bottles - \$6.99*

**Buffalo Bill's Pumpkin Ale** is amber style ale, brewed originally George Washington, brewed with fresh roasted pumpkins, malted barley. Cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg are added.  
*6 pack bottles - \$7.99*

## **Upcoming Events**

**Family Card Weekend – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**If you would like to receive the Newsletter and the Family Card Weekend notice via email, please send your request to [support@slo1.net](mailto:support@slo1.net)**

## **Portugal Port Vintage Chart**

| Vint | Score | Note                        |
|------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 2003 | 94-97 | Not yet rated               |
| 2000 | 97    | <b>Classic</b> , hold       |
| 1997 | 96    | Outstanding, hold           |
| 1995 | 92    | Outstanding, hold           |
| 1994 | 99    | <b>Classic</b> , hold       |
| 1992 | 94    | Outstanding, drink/hold     |
| 1991 | 93    | Outstanding, drink/hold     |
| 1987 | 88    | Very good, drink            |
| 1985 | 93+   | <b>Classic</b> , drink/hold |
| 1983 | 92    | Outstanding, drink/hold     |
| 1982 | 84    | Good, drink/hold            |
| 1980 | 90    | Very good, drink/hold       |
| 1978 | 84    | Good, drink                 |
| 1977 | 97    | <b>Classic</b> , drink/hold |
| 1975 | 80    | Good, drink                 |
| 1970 | 95    | <b>Classic</b> , drink/hold |
| 1967 | 88    | Very good, drink            |
| 1966 | 93    | Outstanding, drink/hold     |
| 1963 | 98    | <b>Classic</b> , drink/hold |
| 1960 | 87    | Very good, drink            |
| 1958 |       | Good, drink                 |
| 1957 |       | Very good, drink            |
| 1955 |       | Outstanding, drink          |
| 1954 |       | Very good, drink            |
| 1952 |       | Good, drink                 |
| 1950 |       | Very good, drink            |
| 1948 |       | <b>Classic</b> , drink      |
| 1947 |       | Outstanding, drink          |
| 1945 |       | <b>Classic</b> , drink      |
| 1942 |       | Very good, drink            |
| 1938 |       | Good, drink                 |
| 1935 |       | <b>Classic</b> , drink      |
| 1934 |       | Outstanding, drink          |
| 1931 |       | <b>Classic</b> , drink      |
| 1927 |       | <b>Classic</b> , drink      |
| 1920 |       | Very good, drink            |
| 1917 |       | Very good, drink            |
| 1912 |       | <b>Classic</b> , drink      |
| 1911 |       | Good, drink                 |
| 1908 |       | Outstanding, drink          |
| 1904 |       | Outstanding, drink          |
| 1900 |       | Outstanding, drink          |

Source: Wine Spectator online, Into Wine

### Top 10 Signs You Are Too Old to Be Trick or Treating

10. You get winded from knocking on the door.
9. You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.
8. You ask for high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say, “Great Keith Richards mask!” and you’re not wearing a mask.
5. When the door opens you yell, “Trick or…” and you can’t remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.
3. You have to carefully choose a costume that won’t dislodge your hairpiece.
2. You’re the only Darth Vader in the neighborhood with a walker.
1. You are picky about what candy you get so it will not stick to your dentures.