



Handy Hint: Cut out these notes and tape them to your bottle(s)!

Cellar Notes

January 2018

Cellar Selection - Under \$100

RED - 2012 Catena Zapata 'Argentino' Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina - \$99.00 - Catena Zapata was founded by the Zapata family in 1902 and this Malbec represents a family's 100 year journey to produce a Malbec that can stand with the great wines of the world. We think this Malbec does just that and the critics agree! Pair with lamb chops, beef tenderloin, and goat cheese. **98pts James Suckling** - "Very dense and powerful with a tight palate of blue fruit and raspberry undertones. Salty with wonderful length and intensity." **94pts Wine Advocate** - "The 2012 Argentino is a blend of grapes from Adrianna and Nicasia vineyards in the Uco Valley. The nose made me think of meat broth and vegetable concentrate." (LG, Aug 2015) **92pts Wine Spectator** - "A rich, focused red, with blueberry and boysenberry flavors... Slate and pepper notes show on the powerful and well-sculpted finish, delivering plenty of savory accents. Drink now through 2022." (KM, Nov 2016)

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2014 Woodward Canyon 'Artist Series' Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, WA - \$49.00 - Rick Small and his wife Darcey founded Woodward Canyon in 1981, creating one of Washington's most respected wineries. Pair this wonderful wine with braised beef short ribs. **93pts + #83 2017 Top 100 Wine Enthusiast** - "Fruit for this wine comes from top [vineyard] sites... It brings aromas of black currant, black cherry and herbs along with generous barrel spices. The black-fruit and coffee flavors are lush and full, bringing a real sense of hedonism and delight." (SS, Sep 2017) **92pts Wine Spectator** - "Well-built, with a firm backbone wrapped in rich and expressive notes of blackberry, green olive and clove, lingering toward big but refined tannins. Drink now through 2025." (TF, Jul 2017)

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2016 Moulin de la Gardette Gigondas Petite Gardette, Rhone, France - \$29.95 - For five generations the Meunier-family has made wine at Moulin de la Gardette (the name refers to an old wind mill at lieu-dit Gardette). Gigondas is the name of the area in southern France along the Rhone River, and this producer employs organic viticulture with minimal use of pesticides to express the best use of the terroir. This wonderful Rhone is 50% Grenache & 50% Syrah with aromas of cherry, plum, blackberry and spice. Fruit forward on the palate with flavors of mulberry, black pepper, cherry and dark red berry fruits. Focused tannins leave you with a long finish with notes of baking spices. Enjoy today with grilled lamb.

WHITE - 2015 Quilt Chardonnay, Napa Valley, CA - \$29.95 - Made by Joe Wagner, a fifth-generation Napa winemaker (his family founded Caymus Vineyards in Napa in 1971), this complex Chardonnay provides tropical aromas of caramelized pineapple, honeydew melon and stonefruit. Dry, medium bodied and silky in the mouth with rich, round flavors that coat the palate, it delivers apple tart, buttered toast, salty popcorn and butterscotch, finishing long and satiny with toasty oak notes. The good acidity gives balance to the layers of assertive fruit, butter, and oak. Pair with smoked trout salad with mustard dressing; drink today - 2020.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2014 Tenuta Sant'Antonio Monti Garbi Ripasso Superiore, Veneto, Italy - \$19.95 - Located in the eastern part of Valpolicella, this Ripasso represents the middle ground between Valpolicella and Amarone. After pressing the dried grapes for Amarone, they use the skins in a second fermentation of Valpolicella, thus, Ripasso, meaning "re-pass." This blend of 70% Corvina, 20% Rondinella and 10% Oseleta reveals silky notes of black raspberry, plum, blueberry, caramel and sweet spices on the nose and palate. The finish is velvety and smooth with spice notes. Enjoy with meat ragout and Italian sauces.

WHITE - 2014 Route Stock Chardonnay, Carneros, OR - 19.95 - California's Carneros region is the vineyard source for this Chardonnay. We found beautiful aromas of tropical fruits, almond, guava and white peach. The palate is rich and full with caramel apple, pear and ripe citrus. Toasty oak lingers on the creamy yet elegant finish. Enjoy with sole filets through 2019. **90pts - Wine Enthusiast** - "Fresh and complete, with subtle oak and ripeness, this white shines in a lilt of pear, lime and tangerine, showing plenty of minerality. It remains bright despite medium weight." (VB, Mar 2017)

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2014 Cabriz Colheita Seleccionada Red, Dao, Portugal - \$12.95 - In The Quinta de Cabriz winery was created in 1989, making deep red wines from the same grapes used to make the finest dessert-styled Porto. This version is from 40% Alfrocheiro, 40% Tinta Roriz and 20% Touriga, delivering rich flavors of plum, black currant, white pepper and savory herbs. **90pts + #46 Top 100 (2016) - Wine Spectator** - "...concentrated flavors of dark cherry, roasted plum and dried raspberry, layered with rich, spicy notes. White chocolate details show on the finish, accented by hints of pepper. Drink now through 2020." (KM, Jun 2015)

WHITE - 2016 Mason Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, CA - \$14.95 - Randy and Megan Mason started Mason Winery in 1993 and pride themselves in creating wines true to their varietal character. This Sauvignon Blanc has lovely orange blossom and floral aromas. Medium bodied and well-balanced, it displays a round and juicy texture complimented by a lingering, bright finish. Try with grilled prawns with fresh melon salsa. **90pts + #57 Top 100 - Wine Spectator** - "Clean, smooth and crisp, offering a lip-smacking mix of pear, melon and Key lime flavors, with plenty of intensity on the finish. Drink now." (MW, Oct 2017)

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Store Hours

Tuesday - Thursday: 10 – 6, ***Fridays open until 7***, Saturday: 10- 5, **CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY**

Tastings

TASTING HOURS: Fridays, 3:00 until 6:30 (First Fridays until 7:30) - Saturdays from 2:00 until 4:30pm

FIRST FRIDAY	Jan 5	FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Em Jackson + January Wine of the Month Club Selections
Saturday	Jan 6	Staff Picks Under \$20.00 with John Allen
MONDAY	Jan 8	Woodward Canyon - PROFESSIONAL TASTING / at VINO!
TUESDAY	Jan 9	Woodward Canyon - SMALL PLATES / Spokane Club
Friday	Jan 12	Greek / Crete Wines with John McCormack, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Jan 13	Top 100 Wines with Grant Gondry
Friday	Jan 19	Christopher Michael Wines with Amber Park, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Jan 20	Watermill Winery with Mike Scott, Distributor Representative
Friday	Jan 26	Gamache Vintners with Roger Gamache, Winery Representative
Saturday	Jan 27	Bargain Wines Under \$15.00 with Tina Rupp
Friday	Mar 2	FIRST FRIDAY! w/New Artist + March Wine of the Month Club Selections
