



Handy Hint: Cut out these notes and tape them to your bottle

Cellar Notes

December 2017

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2013 Baer Arctos Red Blend, Columbia Valley, WA - \$47.00 - Started in 2000 by Lance Baer, the winery today is overseen by his sister, Lisa and father, Les, after Lance's passing in 2007. Winemaker Erica Orr creates this gorgeous red blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon with 8% Cabernet Franc and 8% Petit Verdot. It opens with aromatics of anise, violet and dill leading to big bold flavors of black cherry, black olive, and wild blueberry preserves, seamless and silky on the palate with fine tannins and a lengthy smooth finish. *93pts. - International Wine Report* "There is a polished texture to this wine and an almost Bordelaise feel that is striking considering the heat of the vintage. This wine is a joy to savor right now as this is beautifully done by head winemaker Erica Orr. Best 2016-2029." (OB, May 2016) *91pts Wine Enthusiast* - "...Aromas of high-toned herbs, wood spices, cocoa, cassis and a mixture of maraschino and dark cherries are followed by a full palate, overflowing with generous fruit flavors." (SS, Sept 2016). Try today through 2020 with chargrilled steak or roast lamb.

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2014 Amelia Wynn Syrah, Bainbridge Island, WA - \$29.95 - Founded in 2008 on Bainbridge Island, Amelia Wynn is a small lot winery producing Bordeaux, Rhone, and Northern Italian-style varietal wines. Owner and Winemaker Paul Bianchi sourced grapes for this beautiful wine from the Dwelly Vineyard in the Walla Walla AVA. At 100% Syrah shows aromas and flavors of dark ripe plum, brambles, tobacco, vanilla bean, wet slate and milk chocolate. Deep, dark and powerful, the impressive finish is long with hints of toasted vanilla. Pair with braised lamb with pickled onions. Enjoy by 2021.

WHITE - 2015 Roserock Chardonnay, Willamette Valley, OR - \$29.95 - The Domaine Drouhin winery sources grapes for this wine from the Roserock vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. This beautiful Chardonnay leads with clean, fresh aromas of apple, honeydew, white flowers, and a touch of nuttiness. On the palate, the wine is generous and round, with flavors of citrus, white peach, almonds, and spice. The delicious combination of minerality and richness leads to a long refreshing finish. Try with a seafood dinner of crab or prawns. *91pts Wine & Spirits* - "Scents of caramel and pear give this wine an attractive first impression. Texturally, the wine is thoroughly seductive, its firm cushion of fruit lined by a snappy saline tang that provides contour and mouthwatering complexity." (Aug 2017)

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2014 Tomas Cusine Vilosell, Catalonia, Spain - \$19.95 - Vilosell is from the Thomas Cusine winery that was founded 10 years ago in the village of El Vilosell, in the province of Lleida. This wine is a blend of 40% Tempranillo, 30% Syrah, 30% Garnacha. We love this wine and found blackberry, black raspberry, white pepper and clove on the nose. Intense and structured on the palate, furnishing an explosion of dried blueberry, boysenberry, cocoa and vanilla with vivid mineral/slate tones. The finish is long and persistent leaving a smoky note behind. Try this today - 2020, with lamb meatballs or grilled venison.

WHITE - 2016 Illahe Vineyards Viognier, Willamette Valley, OR - \$19.95 - Illahe (*pronounced Ill-Uh-Hee*) is a local Chinook word meaning "earth" or "place" or "soil". This 100% Viognier reveals expressive aromas of stone fruit, apricot, tangerine, honey blossom and wet stone. It is tropical and creamy with notes of pineapple, mandarin orange, banana peel, mango and kiwi. There's a good, solid line of acidity through and through that lets the tartness linger for a deliciously long finish. The mouth-watering acidity and off-dry palate makes this wine a crowd pleaser and would be amazing with pan fried halibut with coconut rice. Drink today - 2019.

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2015 The Federalist Zinfandel, Sonoma County, CA - \$14.95 - Alexander Hamilton was a man of many curiosities and talents. In his spirit, this classic Zinfandel embraces the uniquely American tradition of aging wine in charred bourbon barrels. Blended with splashes of Petite Sirah and Merlot and aged 6 months in bourbon barrels, it marries intense aromas and flavors of raspberry, blackberry and black pepper with rich caramel, vanilla, clove spice and smoke. A vivid and elegant wine with a lively, fresh berry-like finish, we suggest you try with a charred barbequed steak. Enjoy today - 2020.

WHITE - 2016 Cvne Rioja Monopole Viura, Rioja, Spain - \$14.95 - Cvne Winery still sits on its original site in Haro, in the northwest of the Rioja province where it was founded in 1879. This Monopole white is a fresh, flowery and fruity wine, with a predominance of Mediterranean white fruit. On the nose we found seductive scents white flowers, apple and fresh tropical fruit. Made from 100% Viura (Macabeo), the palate shows zesty flavors of apple, melon, stonefruit, wet stone and herbs with crisp acidity and a clean, pure finish. This fresh white is an ideal companion for appetizers, fish and seafood. *91pts James Suckling* - "Always a delicious white with sliced apple, melon and green pear character. Medium body, bright acidity. Lively finish. Drink now. (Jul, 2017)

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Tastings

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

<i>FIRST FRIDAY</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art by Em Jackson + December Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
Saturday	Dec 2	Croatian/Italian Wines with VINO's Own John Allen
MONDAY	Dec 4	Long Shadows Wines - PROFESSIONAL TASTING / - at VINO!
TUESDAY	Dec 5	Long Shadows Wines - SMALL PLATES TASTING / - at The Spokane Club
Friday	Dec 8	Brian Carter Wines with Joel Cook, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Dec 9	Gordon Estates with CJ Zilman, Distributor Rep
Friday	Dec 15	Purple Star Wines with Kyle and Amy Johnson, Winery Reps
Saturday	Dec 16	Holiday Bubbles with VINO!'s own Terry Knight
Friday	Dec 22	Holiday Wines from Matchbook with Dustin Lewis, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Dec 23	Dunham Cellars with CJ Zihlman, Distributor Representative
Friday	Dec 29	Wines to be Determined with Sarah Pierce, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Dec 30	Bookwalter Wines with CJ Zihlman, Distributor Representative
Friday	Jan 5	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art by Em Jackson + January Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
