



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

Cellar Notes

February 2021

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2015 Schiavenza Barolo Serralunga d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy - \$49 - 'Schiavenza' (sharecropper) brothers Vittorio and Ugo Alessandria revitalized this property in the mid 1950's. Things are thriving under second generation brothers-in-law, Luciano Pira and Walter Anselma, employing a traditional foundation of organic farming and Slovenian botti, (4x size barrels). This bottling is an excellent example of classic Barolo, opening with eucalyptus and menthol, deep violet and black fruit character in a lithe frame. Ideally, we would cellar this wine until 2030 for a mind-blowing experience, but it would match well today with braised meats, firm cheeses, roasted vegetables and polenta. Enjoy today through 2033. 93pts James Suckling - "Some savory aromas here with warm stones, iron, coal smoke and darker cherry notes. The palate is concentrated and carries sweetly spiced black cherry and plum flavors in attractively juicy form. Drink or hold.", 92pts Wine Spectator, 91pts Wine Advocate

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2015 Seghesio "Old Vine" Zinfandel, Sonoma Valley, CA - \$29.95 - One of California's most respected Zinfandel producers here delivers a dark and impressive version from vineyards with an average age close to 75 years. Exhibiting aromas and flavors of briary cherry, dusty sage and rustic black raspberry, it finishes with a zesty freshness. It's medium to full-bodied, has plenty of tannins, and is beautifully balanced. It will keep for a decade. Enjoy today - 2028. 94pts Wine Advocate "Medium to deep garnet-purple, the 2015 Zinfandel Old Vine offers a beguiling nose of crushed blueberries, Black Forest cake and crème de cassis with hints of dried roses, licorice, incense and tilled soil. Full-bodied, rich and with wonderful purity, it has an amazing frame of ripe, grainy tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing long and perfumed.", 94pts Jeb Dunnuck, 93pts Wine Spectator

WHITE - 2017 Bertani Soave "Vintage Edition", Veneto, Italy - \$29.95 - In this fabulous white about 40% of Soave's traditional Garganega grapes are picked in September and traditionally fermented without skin contact. The remaining grapes are picked in late October and fermented on the skins, a tradition widely practiced the 1930s. An intense perfume of white flowers and honeysuckle arrives with notes of peach and apricot, suggesting its complexity and surprising personality. On the palate the acidity is silky smooth delivering unusually vivid and dry flavors of gooseberry, peach and apricot, with a long and lingering aftertaste. This beautifully complex white will match well with white meats and rich fish dishes such as seared scallops or grilled halibut. Enjoy today - 2022.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2015 La Nerthe "Les Cassagnes" Côtes-du-Rhône, France - \$19.95 - This historic Côtes-du-Rhône property is composed of a 30+ year old vineyard with soils rich in calcareous sandstones on gently undulating slopes. Made from equal parts Grenache and Syrah and aged in traditional concrete and stainless steel vats, this offers Châteauneuf-du-Pape lovers an amazing value. Serve this classic traditional French red with red meat dishes, particularly beef and lamb, or with stews and hearty bean soups, charcuterie and cheeses. Enjoy today - 2024. 91pts James Suckling - "There's a level of polish to this wine that belies its humble Côtes du Rhône Villages origins. Attractive spicy red fruit aromas lead to a plush, fluid palate. Lots of fleshy fruit." 91pts Wine Enthusiast

WHITE - 2019 Jean-Marc Brocard Bourgogne Blanc "Kimmeridgien", Burgundy, France - \$19.95 - Closer in style to the purity of Chardonnay wines from Chablis, the chalk-white soils (aka Kimmeridgien) in western Burgundy impart a subtle minerality to this otherwise generous and warm style of Bourgogne Blanc. The Brocard family have been vigneron for 50 years and using sustainable, organic practices to do so. Check out the baked bread notes alongside the generous and squeaky-clean golden apple impressions of this wine. The palate shows almost stone fruit ripeness with silky balancing acidity. Try with crisp, cheesy Gougères, spaghetti with clams, or soft white cheeses. Enjoy today - 2026.

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2014 Chandler Reach Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington - \$14.95 - Established in the Yakima Valley in 1997, and currently producing less than 3,000 cases annually, Chandler Reach maintains some of the older Merlot vines in the Yakima Valley on their small estate. With deeply fruited concentration with lots of richness and medium tannins you'll find it ideal with roasted turkey or chicken, or even a meaty beef brisket. You may notice a slight sediment from bottle age. Enjoy today - 2023.

WHITE - 2019 Pasqua Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy - \$14.95 - Unoaked, this crispy white arrives with a golden hue in the glass. Take a sip and it's all about white flowers, clean citrus and firm stone fruit. White floral scents and notes of peach and citrus are followed in the mouth by grapefruit, pear and green apple skin with a seam of fresh acidity. Fresh, harmonious and well balanced, this will be a perfect match for seared scallops and would stand up well to spicy dishes. Enjoy today - 2024.

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