



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

# Cellar Notes

March 2018

## Prestige Red - Under \$50

**RED - 2015 Muret Gaston Petit Verdot, Oakville, CA - \$49.00** - Winery owners Amy and Kyle Johnson discovered their ancestors, the Murets and Gastons, lived in adjacent villages in southern France. This discovery inspired their shared vision for their Muret-Gaston wines. 100% of the dark Petit Verdot fruit for this wonderful wine was sourced from the highly regarded Olsen Brothers Vineyard in the Yakima Valley AVA. Petite Verdot here provides their characteristically deep aromas of plum, blackberry, cassis and black currant leading to rich, bold flavors of black cherry, black pepper, mocha and spice. The fine grained tannins carry through the long fruity finish. Try this beautiful and approachable wine with filet mignon or venison stew. Enjoy today through 2025.

## Collector Series - Under \$30

**RED - 2014 Forgeron Zinfandel, Columbia Valley, WA - \$29.95** - Forgeron was founded by winemaker Marie-Eve Gilla in 2001. Born and raised in Paris, she has been awarded many accolades for her winemaking in the US as well as in France. When Marie-Eve arrived in Washington from France she hadn't even heard of Zinfandel, a novelty to her, notoriously difficult to grow and produce. On the nose, we found copious aromas of cloves, nutmeg, black raspberry, boysenberry, licorice and white pepper leading to a lively and spicy palate of dark chocolate, tobacco, boysenberry and brown sugar. This outstanding wine is smooth and creamy with balanced acids and tannins, finishing long and rich. Pair with flank steak with rosemary, olive oil, and balsamic vinegar. Drink now through 2020.

**WHITE - 2016 Turnbull Sauvignon Blanc, Oakville, CA - \$28.95** - The Turnbull winery is family owned in the Napa Valley. The grapes for this beautiful Sauvignon Blanc are sourced from the Turnbull Home Vineyard in the Oakville AVA. Winemaker Peter Heitz says, "One of my favorite wines to craft (and to enjoy), our classic Oakville, Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc is nervous enough to be interesting, crisp enough to quench, and delicious enough to thrill. The crisp aromas and fresh flavors are endlessly enticing." We found aromatics of melon, grapefruit, lemongrass and guava leading to lively citrus notes on the palate furnishing bright flavors of Meyer lemon, pink grapefruit and melon. Crisp and vibrant, with a medium body and a long focused finish, you'll find this most delicious with garlicky prawns and globe artichokes. Drink today through 2020.

## Classic Series - Under \$20

**RED - 2013 Purple Star Syrah, Yakama Valley, WA - \$19.95** - Winemaker Kyle Johnson came to our attention when he made superior wines for Olsen Estate in the Yakima Valley, now crafting delicious wines for his own label. This stunning Syrah opens with aromas of smoked meats, blackberry cobbler and black licorice, followed by flavors of black currant, crushed herb and smoky bacon. It's all backed by fine grain tannins creating a full mouthfeel and a long, smooth finish. Try today with slow roasted barbecue pork. Enjoy today 2020. (*Purple star wines donates 15% of their proceeds to Seattle Children's Hospital to benefit uncompensated care—a gesture they hope will lighten the financial burden of families overwhelmed by the expenses associated with critical medical care.*)

**WHITE - 2015 Cadaretta SBS, Columbia Valley, WA - \$18.95** - The Middleton Family created Cadaretta Winery in 2005 in the Walla Walla area, planted an estate vineyard, and started making award winning wines. We have consistently enjoyed their "SBS" bottling, using the initials of this 89% Sauvignon Blanc and 11% Semillon. Fresh and tropical with aromas of mango, peach and racy notes of lemon-lime, the flavors arrive vivid and crisp showing citrus, green herbs, lime and stone fruit. Its crisp finish makes this a perfect pairing for savory seafood or salad. **90pts The Tasting Panel** - "Smooth and ripe with fresh, juicy citrus and some nice depth; ripe, long and tangy." (*AB, Nov 2016*)

## Award Series - Under \$15

**RED - 2013 Folie a Deux Dry Creek Zinfandel, Sonoma County, CA - \$14.95** - Winemaker Domenica Totty crafts the Folie à Deux collection, this classic Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel is intense, juicy and jammy producing aromas of blackberry jam, dried rose petal, peach skin, ripe strawberry, and goji berry. Lightly blended with Petite Sirah adding sweet spice, boysenberry, mocha, cedar, black coffee, and a hint of oak. The bright fruit flavors are complemented by a soft, round mouthfeel and a long, supple finish. For a zesty pairing, serve with grilled skirt steak and rack of lamb with caponata. Enjoy today - 2019.

**WHITE - 2016 Monte Zovo Soave, Veneto, Italy - \$14.95** - The Cottini family began in the wine business in 1925. Their Soave is refreshing, dry and elegant, revealing vibrant aromas of fig, melon, pears and green apple. Made from Garganega and Trebbiano di Soave, the palate is light yet generous providing fresh flavors of ripe honeydew melon, lime zest, white peach and pink grapefruit. It has a wonderful crisp acidity and finishes fresh and clean with rich mineral notes. Enjoy today - 2020, with delicate risotto dishes, hors d'oeuvres or main courses of fish.

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## Store Hours

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

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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

<b><i>FIRST FRIDAY</i></b>	<b><i>Mar 2</i></b>	<b><i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Lenora Lopez Schindler + Mar Wine of the Month Selections</i></b>
Saturday	Mar 3	Wines of Veneto with John McCormack, Distributor Representative
Friday	Mar 9	Five Star Cellars with Vin Monaco, Winery Representative
Saturday	Mar 10	Idilico & Robert Ramsey with VINO!'s own Melody Price
Friday	Mar 16	Lauren Ashton with John McCormack, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Mar 17	To Be Determined with Amber Park, Distributor Representative
Friday	Mar 23	Sineann Winery with John McCormack, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Mar 24	Wagner Family Wines with VINO!'s own Grant Gondry
MONDAY	Mar 26	Hahn Family Wines - PROFESSIONAL TASTING / - at VINO!
TUESDAY	Mar 27	Hahn Family Wines - SMALL PLATES TASTING / - at The Spokane Club
Friday	Mar 30	Italian High C's with Mike Scott, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Mar 31	Quady Wines with CJ Zihlman, Distributor Representative
Friday	Apr 6	<b><i>FIRST FRIDAY! New Art + Apr Wine of the Month Selections</i></b>