



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

Cellar Notes

May 2018

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2015 Tenuta San Guido Guidalberto Red Blend, Tuscany, Italy \$49.00 - Tenuta San Guido is a Bolgheri wine producer created by Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, of the renowned Antinori family. Their second wine, Guidalberto, delivers this beautiful red blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot. Revealing profound aromas of black cherry, blueberry and chocolate, the textures are round and full, furnishing flavors of raspberry, black cherry, mocha and leather with spice notes. We suggest pairing with pasta Bolognese, grilled pork or beef. Critics agree:

- **94pts James Suckling**, "...a full body, dense and velvety tannins and a persistent finish that caresses your palate"

- **93pts Wine Enthusiast**, "... the bright, savory palate doles out juicy raspberry, red cherry, tobacco and white pepper alongside fine-grained tannins."

- **91pts Wine Advocate** - "...You feel the lush softness of the second grape... This is a solid buy from Bolgheri."

- **91pts Wine Spectator** - "Bright black currant and blueberry fruit shine in this red. Best from 2019 through 2028."

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2012 Cougar Crest Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley -\$29.95 - Created by winemaker Deborah Hansen, this 'wow' Cabernet Sauvignon offers rich aromas of black cherry, cassis, tobacco and caramel. Supple, ripe and juicy, offering flavors of velvety blackberry, rich plum, olive, herbaceous spices and mocha with hints of cedar and a bit of stony earth. It's a medium-full bodied wine with freshly balanced acidity and a persistent, spicy finish. This sounds like an amazing wine to pair with a juicy BBQ steak! Enjoy today - 2020.

WHITE - 2016 Merryvale Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, CA \$29.95 - Merryvale was the first winery built in the Napa Valley after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933. Sourced from different regions in the valley, this beautiful white showcases the unique varietal expression of Napa Sauvignon Blanc. 10% Semillon adds depth and mid-palate weight. We found fresh aromas of grapefruit, lime, mandarin and melon showing excellent tartness balanced with good textural richness. Citrus and stone fruit flavors mix with subtle hints of spice leading to a clean and refreshing finish. We suggest pairing with garlicky prawns or chargrilled squid. Enjoy today - 2020.

- **90pts Wine Spectator** - *Vibrant and juicy lemon notes are mouthwatering up front... Shows terrific clarity and intensity.*

- **90pts Wine Enthusiast** - "...this unctuous wine remains crisp in edgy acidity, with lean flavors of lemon and grapefruit..."

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2013 Wines of Substance Stoneridge Merlot, Columbia Valley, WA - This beautiful (K-Vintners) Charles Smith 100% Merlot reveals fabulous aromas of red and black currant, blackberry and dark cherry. Full-bodied, sexy and gorgeously textured, it furnishes complex layers of toasted coconut, chocolate truffle, black currants, graphite and herbal notes. Try today through 2022, with veal chops and Portobello mushrooms.

- **93pts Robert Parker's Wine Advocate** "...offers a full-bodied, sexy, gorgeously textured style to go with lots of black currants, plums, graphite and licorice. ...a beautiful Merlot that will drink well for 10-12 years."

- **93pts & Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast** "...jazzy aromas of raspberries, blackberries and graphite that lead to plump plush layered fruit flavors. ...unabashed sense of deliciousness, ...a finish that won't quit."

WHITE - 2016 Ottella Lugana DOC Le Creete Bianco, Lombardy, Italy \$19.95 - The grapes for this 100% Trebbiano di Lugana were sourced from a small parcel called 'Le Creete' at the southern end of Lake Garda in Northwest Italy. The nose is fresh with a predominance of green pear, herbs, citrus and wet stone. The palate is rich and well balanced with exotic notes of pineapple, candied fruit and citrus with a delicate minerality. Refreshing and dry, this wine would be lovely alongside lake fish dishes. Enjoy through 2021.

- **91pts & Editor's Choice Wine Enthusiast** - "This elegant wine opens with enticing white spring flower... The vibrant palate offers juicy white peach, nectarine and yellow apple flavors."

- **90pts. Wine Spectator** - "...juicy and balanced, with an appealing mix of blood orange pulp, melon, stone and pickled ginger flavors."

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2015 Masseria Li Veli Passamante Negroamaro, Salento, Italy \$14.95 - The big vineyard of Negroamaro grapes located next to this winery in the Salento region is beside a forest called "Passamante". This 100% Negroamaro has marked aromas of ripe and fleshy red fruits, notably cherries, followed by spicy notes of cinnamon and nutmeg. Rustic, lush flavors of ripe cherry, plum, caramel and cocoa accompany a well-defined acid streak making it fresh and pleasing. Pass the antipasti and salami, please! Enjoy today-2020.

WHITE - 2016 Sartarelli Verdicchio Castelli Di Jesi Classico, Le Marche, Italy \$14.95 - The picturesque town of Jesi is famous for its deliciously drinkable, fresh and structured Verdicchios, and this one is a beauty! Its ripe aromas of sweet peach, acacia, apricot and fresh almond fill the glass. A lively freshness on the palate offers flavors of golden delicious apple, melon and green tea with hints of cinnamon and lemon zest. Pair this delicious white with grilled fish or a cold seafood salad alongside fresh crab and seafood salads. Enjoy through 2025.

- **94pts Decanter Magazine** "...shows bright natural acidity with a mineral overlay. ...grapefruit and lemon sherbert notes here."

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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

<i>FIRST FRIDAY</i>	<i>May 4</i>	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Dan Harris + May Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
Saturday	May 5	Spring Wine Cocktails with VINO!'s own Tina Rupp
Friday	May 11	Wines of Australia with Mike Scott, Distributor Representative
Saturday	May 12	Mothers Day Favorites with Amber Park, Distributor Representative
MONDAY	May 14	Duckhorn Vineyards - PROFESSIONAL TASTING / - at VINO!
TUESDAY	May 15	Duckhorn Vineyards - SMALL PLATES TASTING / - at The Spokane Club
Friday	May 18	South African Wines with John McCormack, Distributor Representative
Saturday	May 19	To be Determined
Friday	May 25	Palencia / Monarcha Wines with Courtney Larsheid, Distributor Representative
Saturday	May 26	CLOSED for Memorial Day Weekend
Friday	June 1	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! With New Art + June Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
