



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

Cellar Notes

May 2020

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2015 Chateau de Lescours, St. Emilion, Bordeaux, France \$44.00 - From the right bank of the Bordeaux region, where the soils favor Merlot, this delicious find is comprised of 80% Merlot and 10% each of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon from vines averaging 45 years. Expressing dark blackberry and wood-influenced smoky vanillin it should be a beautiful match with roast duck, braised red meats, and aged cheeses. Enjoy today - 2029.

91pts Wine Enthusiast - *"This vintage is richly endowed with black fruits and ripe tannins. It has weight, layers of wood aging, acidity that plays with the smoky berry flavors and rounded aftertaste. The estate dates back to the 14th century, although vines were not planted until the 19th. Drink the wine from 2021."*

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2015 Latta "Latta Latta" G-S-M, Columbia Valley, WA -\$29.95 - Former winemaker for Charles Smith (K-Vintners) now on his own, Andrew Latta crafts all of his wines with a deft hand displaying a fine touch for plush textural feel and extraordinary acid/tannin balance. Mouthcoating flavors suggesting dark fruits, charcuterie, and hints of cranberry carry across the palate with purity and grace. Try with braised short ribs or roasted game. Enjoy today - 2027.

92pts & "Editors' Choice" Wine Enthusiast - *"This wine is a blend of 44% Grenache, 32% Mourvedre and 24% Syrah, with fruit coming from Upland and Freewater Rocks Vineyard. The aromas pop, with notes of orange peel, kirsch, red fruit, black pepper, black fruit, herb, smoked meat and earth that bring a lovely sense of purity. Plush, pillowy red-fruit and orange-peel flavors coat the palate, lingering on the extended, fruit-filled finish."*

WHITE - 2018 Miner Viognier, Paso Robles, CA - \$29.95 Deep florals with concentrated pear and apricot waft out of the glass, but the stunner for us came with the notes of lavender and jasmine that followed along. Texturally weighty, there is a bright, persistent character to the acidity that keeps it refreshing for these warm nights ahead. Whole cluster-pressed and then fermented in stainless steel tanks, this vibrant Viognier displays tropical and stone fruit characteristics with a consistent balance of natural acidity and intense concentration. This elegant white will match well with fettucini Alfredo, roast chicken, shellfish, or dishes with creamy butter sauces. Enjoy today - 2021.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2017 Casasmith "Cervo" Barbera, Northridge Vineyard, Wahluke Slope, WA - \$19.95 - Barbera grapes grown in Washington reveal a broader dimension than their Italy-grown counterparts. This wine showcases an enveloping richness suggesting extracted dark fruits along with a clear touch of its familiar red berry tartness. We found tangy citrus flavors in Mexican dishes to be a good match. Enjoy today - 2024.

93pts Jeb Dunnuck - *"One of the best expressions of this variety outside of Italy... Its vibrant purple/ruby color is followed by a fresh, complex bouquet of blue and black fruits, leafy herbs, vanilla, and spice. It's terrific on the palate as well, offering medium to full body, tons of fruit, and remarkable purity."*

WHITE - 2015 Talbott Chardonnay "Sleepy Hollow", Santa Lucia Highlands, CA - \$19.95 - Made by one of the Central Coast's most storied Chardonnay producers this complex white evokes concentrated tropical notes for which the Sleepy Hollow Vineyard is famous. Medium-weight textures show off an almond character much like a mature Meursault from Burgundy might evoke. This rich supple white calls for simpler straightforward cuisine. Roast Chicken or Savory Pear Tart would be appropriate on the menu. Enjoy today - 2021.

91pts Wine Advocate - *"Opening with gregarious guava, warm pineapple and honeydew melon notes with hints of allspice, toasty oak and cashew pieces, the 2015 Chardonnay Logan Sleepy Hollow Vineyard has a medium to full body and pleasant oiliness to the texture, with bombastic tropical and savory flavors that give great persistence."*

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2017 Jean-Luc Columbo Cotes du Rhone, France \$14.95 - One of the go-to wineries for the Cornas region making Cotes-du-Rhone blends, this version consists of Grenache, Mourvedre, and Syrah expressing medium-full body and a dark fruited complexity. Delivering plush textures and flavors of ripe black cherry, plum and menthol with touches of smoke, it will pair well with savory meat dishes or roasted root vegetables. Enjoy today - 2022.

Wine Enthusiast "Best Buy"

WHITE - 2014 Eschenhof Holzer Gruner Veltliner, Austria \$14.95 - Austria's crisp, spicy Grüner Veltliner is their nation's most widely planted wine grape, and is by far their flagship wine. We favored its fine acidity and crisp minerality on the palate expressing big flavors of green apples, tart peach, grapefruit and spice along with the variety's trademark citrus aromas and hint of white pepper. Eschenhof Holzer's version perfectly reflects the Wagram region and will pair well with a wide range of foods. Try with fish & chips, salad, or roasted vegetables. Enjoy today - 2023.

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