



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

Cellar Notes

June 2018

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2012 Merryvale Cabernet Sauvignon, St Helena, CA \$49.00 - This lovely, rich Cabernet was sourced from choice lots from the Merryvale Estate Vineyard located in the hills high above the town of St. Helena, as well as fruit from other top Napa vineyards. With 9% Malbec, 7% Cab Franc and 3% Petit Verdot added, we found intense aromas of blackberry, cassis, graphite, vanilla and baking spices. The palate shows intense notes of boysenberry, plum, blueberry, camphor, smoke, coffee, cedar, and sage. Pure and bright with a long fruity finish, try this opulent Cabernet with short ribs in red wine sauce sometime before 2024. Critics agree:

- **93pts James Suckling**, "...Full body, round and silky tannins and a fresh finish. Solid cabernet."

- **91pts Wine Advocate** - "...power without excess and sweet tannin, this wine is a rather classic Cabernet Sauvignon. With lots of black fruits, flowers and no hard edges, it's not a blockbuster, but very well-crafted. Drink it over the next 10-12 years"

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2014 Genoa Cellars 'Full Keel' Red Blend, Woodinville, WA -\$29.95 - Owners & winemakers Derek Berger and Scott Heinrich focus on red wines made from the very best vineyards in Washington State. Sourced from prime vineyards on the Red Mountain AVA, this delicious blend of 67% Merlot and 33% Cabernet Sauvignon balances the boldness of Cabernet Sauvignon and the softness of Merlot. 22 months in all French oak brings into focus elements of black raspberry, black cherry, plum, cedar and tobacco with mouthfilling tannins. Rich, bold and firm, suggested pairings include strongly flavored meats such as rack of lamb, venison and peppercorn steak. Enjoy today - 2022.

WHITE - 2016 William Church Viognier, Woodinville, WA \$29.95 -William Church Winery was established in 2005 by Seattle natives Rod and Leslie Balsley. Along with winemaker Noah Fox Reed, they share a devotion for making exceptional wines using old world winemaking techniques. With grapes sourced from Washington's respected Conner Lee and Gamache Vineyards, this sleek and polished Viognier conveys pure aromas of honeysuckle, yellow peach and white flower. On the palate, it is juicy with an impression of richness and a beautiful mouthful of stone fruit, apricot, honeysuckle and grapefruit zest. It stays vibrant all the way through the long and satisfying finish. We think this fresh and pure wine would be great with a beautiful summer salad! Enjoy today - 2020.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2016 Browne Family Heritage Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, WA - \$19.95 - The talent behind Browne Family Vineyards since its first vintage in 2005 is winemaker John Freeman, known for producing award-winning Washington wines. Largely Cabernet Sauvignon with the addition of 4% Petite Sirah and 2% Petit Verdot, this well balanced wine conveys concentrated aromas of bright cherry and blackberry. Notes of cocoa, cherry, blackberry, coconut, and chocolate truffle on the palate lead to long and smooth finish. Layered with texture that belies its silky smooth tannins, this wine's bright, clean acidity make it a perfect companion for red meat and savory dishes. Grilled steak, anyone? Enjoy today through 2022.

WHITE - 2015 Starmont Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, CA \$19.95 - Started over 25 years ago, Starmont has grown into its own winery with six wines and has recently moved to a new home in Carneros with a new state-of-the-art 'green' facility. This crisp wine displays fresh aromas of pink grapefruit, guava, lime and jasmine. A crisp and delicious entry leads to a bright mid-palate, good acidity and structure showcasing flavors of lemon meringue pie, tangerine, guava and a kiss of cream. Enjoy today - 2019.

- **91pts Wine Enthusiast** - "...medium-built and moderate-to-high in acidity. Tangy curls of lemon, lime and grapefruit evolve into a bristling back note of crispness that just begs for oysters."

Award Series - Under \$15

RED -2014 Dona Paula 'Black Edition' Red Blend, Lujan de Cuyo, Argentina \$14.95 -This enjoyable red blend begins with pleasant aromas of plum, black cherry, vanilla, a touch of red pepper and delicate notes of mint. The blend of 60% Malbec, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Petit Verdot reveals blueberry, plum, mocha, leather, spice and toasted vanilla on the palate. Nicely balanced with good acidity and a delicious smooth texture, it ends dry with more spice and good length. Perfect with a nice grilled steak at your next BBQ. Enjoy today-2020.

- **90pts James Suckling** "...A fresh and leaner style with black currants and blueberries. Full-bodied, minerally and crisp."

WHITE - 2017 Clos Pagas Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, CA \$14.95 -With grapes sourced from the estate Mitsuko Vineyard nestled in the volcanic hills outside of Calistoga, winemaker Robin Akhurst created this expressive Sauvignon Blanc showing impressive aromas of citrus, cut hay and a touch of jasmine. Crisp and refreshing, the palate provides flavors of lemon chiffon, pears, Gravenstein apples, kumquat, orange rind and fresh herbs. Beautifully balanced, the fruity finish is long and bright with a touch of honey. Enjoy today with California spot prawns and Thai seasoning.

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Store Hours

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>June 1</i>	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Laura Truitt + June Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
Saturday	June 2	Zuccardi Winery with John McCormack, Distributor Representative
Friday	June 8	Eternal Wines with Winemaker Brad Binko
Saturday	June 9	Novelty Hill Winery with Mike Scott, Distributor Representative
Friday	June 15	Varietal Blind Tasting with Courtney Larsheid, Distributor Representative
Saturday	June 16	To be Determined
MONDAY	June 18	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - PROFESSIONAL TASTING / - at Vino!
TUESDAY	June 19	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - SMALL PLATES TASTING / - at The Spokane Club
Friday	June 22	El Corazon Wines with Winemaker Spencer Sievers
Saturday	June 23	Montinore Estate Wines with John McCormack, Distributor Representative
Friday	June 29	To be Determined
Saturday	June 30	CLOSED for Hoopfest
Friday	July 6	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Laura Truitt + July Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
