



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

Cellar Notes

June 2021

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2018 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA \$49.00 - The core of Faust comes from Quintessa's Coombsville Estate as well as vineyards in Rutherford and Oakville. This wine jumps out of the glass with aromas of fresh black cherry and plum. Layers of savory cherry compote, earth, cedar and graphite are rounded out by a long finish with hints of dark chocolate, balanced acidity and minerality. An excellent match for meaty menus. **94pts James Suckling** - "Very attractive aromas of blackcurrants, black olives and dark leather with some cedar. It's full-bodied with firm, silky tannins and a refined, polished finish. Shows finesse and focus. Grows on the palate. Really delicious now, but will improve with age. Drink or hold." Enjoy today - 2030.

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2017 Isenhower Grenache "Rara Avis", Yakima Valley, WA -\$29.95 - The Rara Avis (Latin for Rare Bird) has a brilliant red hue and enticing aromas of dried cherries, damp earth, minerals, with hints of dried sage and white pepper. With 86% Grenache and 14% Mourvèdre, the hand-picked, hand-sorted, and 100% destemmed grapes were fermented to dryness by yeasts native to their respective vineyards. The blend spent 18 months in used French 500 liter oak barrels prior to bottling. You'll find this perfect for entertaining alongside fire-grilled picnic fare. Enjoy today - 2024.

WHITE - 2019 Argyros Assyrtiko Blend "Atlantis White", Greece - \$28.95 - Estate Argyros is a leading estate in Greece, the premier private vineyard owner on the island of Santorini as well as one of the oldest wine families in the country. They have been continuously producing amazing wines for more than 110 years. The vines themselves average 45 years of age producing a piercing, yet full throttled white wine that seems to channel the sunshine of this beautiful Greek island. Assyrtiko makes 90% of the blend and the wine is aged in stainless steel tanks to preserve its fresh and vibrant character. Look for the slight saline note and a refreshing dried lime citrus and herb character before the weightier palate carries pear, brulee and light apricot notes through the dry finish. Enjoy by 2023 with grilled fruits de mer.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2015 Mazzei "Tirreno", Maremma, Tuscany, Italy - \$19.95 - The Mazzei family, owners of Chianti Classico's highly esteemed Castello di Fonterutoli, took the helm at the Belguardo estate in the 1990s after recognizing the area's potential for quality winemaking. A true "super-tuscan", consisting of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Alicante, and 5% Petit Verdot, its aromas exhibit ripe, red cherries, and dried lavender with herbal notes and spice. The palate demonstrates intensity, elegance, and vibrancy with blackcurrant notes, a firm structure and a savory finish. Pairs well with pasta in a meat sauce, grilled meats and stews, and roasted vegetables. Enjoy today - 2025.

WHITE - 2014 Trimbach Pinot Gris Reserve Personelle, Alsace, France - \$19.95 - One of the leading producers and most widely respected names in Alsatian wine, the Trimbach family name has long been recognized for holding the highest standards for winemaking in the region. This is a quintessential French Pinot Gris showing clarity, depth, and precision. **93pts Wine Enthusiast** - "A lifted, ethereal note of bitter almond suggests the beginnings of evolution. The palate, on the other hand, still seems closed but displays a streamlined concentrated core of flawless dryness and precise bundled freshness. This is taut, precise and sure to develop. The finish is lasting, refreshing and clean. Drink now through 2030."

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2019 Can Blau Montsant, Spain - \$14.95 - This full-bodied wine is a blend of Carinena, Syrah and Garnacha displaying complex layers of dark berries, lavender, spice, minerals, and black pepper. Well-balanced and easily approachable - the peppery plum and tobacco-y black cherry characters have nuances of nutmeg in the low tannin finish. Drink this through 2023 with easy-going fare from grilled sausages to red sauced pastas.

WHITE - 2019 Blanville Vermentino, Pays d'Oc, France - \$14.95 - From the clay-sandy soils of Pézenas, this humble, low-intervention Vermentino (locally known as Rolle) is ripe with the southern France sun, and tight with fermentation and ageing in stainless steel. Golden apple, light pear, apple blossom is tightened with pear skin and finishes with a pithy tangerine and river stones. Simple and honest, and proper with your equally simple shellfish dishes. Enjoy today - 2022.

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