



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

Cellar Notes

June 2022

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2017 Torres "Salmos" Priorat, Spain \$48.00 - From the Mediterranean side of Spain just south of Barcelona the Priorat district is known for producing hearty, richly flavored red blends. A blend of 50% Cariñena, 40% Garnacha and 10% Syrah, the wine comes on full bodied, ripe, and layered. We found heady fruit displaying berries, flowers, some chocolate notes with walnut undertones. Polished and balanced, it will be an excellent match for meaty menus. **92pts W. Spectator** - *"A polished and engaging red, with packed-in flavors of kirsch, ripe currant and anise, flanked with mountain herb, espresso and spice elements. A nicely integrated acidity keeps this harmonious and balanced. Carignan, Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2029."* **93pts James Suckling, 91pts W. Enthusiast, 90pts W. Advocate.**

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2018 Canvasback by Duckhorn, Red Mountain, WA - \$29.95 - Named for the Canvasback duck, which is native to the Pacific Flyway, this wine is crafted from 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Syrah, 1% Malbec, cultivated by some of Red Mountain's finest growers. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is juicy with flavors of black plum and black Raspberry, finishing with polished tannins. You'll find this perfect for entertaining alongside fire-grilled picnic fare. Enjoy today - 2024. **93pts Wine & Spirits** - *"A dark and heady wine, all crushed berries and dark spices, this cabernet marries sumptuous oak spice with deep, powerful fruit. A big and burly classic from Red Mountain, this wine's tannins feel powerful and balanced at once."* **92pts James Suckling, 92pts W. Spectator, 91pts W. Advocate, 90pts W. Enthusiast.**

WHITE - 2021 Turnbull Estate Grown Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, CA - \$29.95 - Our tasters were massively impressed with Turnbull's estate-grown, vibrant, and thoroughly refreshing take on this 100% Sauvignon Blanc. Medium bodied and totally dry with bright and lively fruit expressions of lemon, orange, and shades of pineapple, it arrives with a crisp minerality, all mouth filling and sexy! Fermented in 52% stainless steel, 36% concrete, and 12% terracotta, it resulted in the distinct layering of flavors we find so enticing. Enjoy by 2025 with grilled fruits de mer.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2018 Dry Creek "Heritage Vines" Zinfandel, Sonoma County, CA - \$19.95 - This delicious Zinfandel, blended with 22% Petite Sirah and 1% Carignan, presents enticing aromatics of boysenberry, cranberry, and plum with hints of coriander and dark chocolate. On the palate, Zin's characteristic brambly flavors of blackberry and black cherry take center stage without becoming juicy or jammy, finishing with a tangy brightness. Very perfumed, complex, and ageable, this will combine well with tangy-spicy foods from the BBQ. Enjoy today - 2028. **91pts W. Spectator** - *"A spirited red, with a supple texture and well-layered black cherry, licorice and grilled sage flavors that pick up speed toward fine-grained tannins."* **91pts Wilfred Wong, 90pts W. Enthusiast.**

WHITE - 2020 Conde Valedmar Blanco, Rioja, Spain - \$19.95 - Matt and Tina were very impressed with this blended Spanish white while visiting Valdemar's Walla Walla winery, recently opened by the Bodegas Conde de Valdemar winery of Spain. With a mix of easy grace and brisk freshness, both aromas and flavors are friendly and open. Tangy acidity accompanied by suggestions of apple, melon, and nectarine reflect a somewhat tropical impression. The winery suggests this as a delicious pairing with smoked seafood, meats and cheese, or pasta with cream sauce. Enjoy today - 2025.

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2017 Mas Carlot "Généralions" Red, Costières de Nîmes, Rhône Valley, France - \$14.95 - This ripe, rich red blend comes from the western edge of southern France's Rhône Valley. Our tasters were wow'd by its intense dark fruit and excellent balance. Drink this today - 2025 with full-flavored fare from grilled sausages to well-roasted vegetables. **90pts W. Enthusiast** - *"Time and aeration coax out elegant blackberry and cassis on the nose of this robust blend of 55% Grenache, 40% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre. It's full bodied and densely concentrated but bristling too, shaded by mineral, crushed earth and a lingering spray of garrigue."*

WHITE - 2020 Vetriccic V "Île de Beauté" Blanc, Corsica, France - \$14.95 - Translated to "Isle of Beauty," this Corsican white consists of a stainless steel fermented, 50/50 blend of Chardonnay and Vermentino that literally smells like a sunny spring day. Bursting with fresh apple, peach, citrus, honeysuckle and gentle spice notes, this enticing dry white will perk up your day in no time. Easy drinking, fleshy, clean, and polished, enjoy on its own or with lighter fare today through 2022.

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