



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

Cellar Notes

August 2018

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2013 Zuccardi 'Jose' Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina - \$49.00 - The third generation of the Zuccardi winemaking family sourced grapes for this 100% Malbec from old vine vineyards in selected micro-regions in the Uco Valley. Medium bodied on the palate, furnishing layers of dark cherry, blackberry, black tea and chicory, leather and coffee, its French oak aging provides hints of tobacco and chocolate. Try before 2021, perhaps with wild rice and mushroom stuffed peppers, or a blue cheese burger! **94pts James Suckling** - *"Wow. This is exciting. Blackberries, flowers, dark fruit and hints of walnut shell here follow through to a medium to full body, fine tannins and a juicy finish. This is tight and polished. Give it two or three years to soften, but it is already very pretty."* **91pts Wine Advocate** - *"There is good ripeness and depth here, a mixture of red and black fruit with some spiciness and hints of rockrose and wild herbs. The palate is medium-bodied, with very nice balance, fine-grained tannins and very good length."*

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2016 Guardian Cellars Chalk Line Red Blend, Woodinville, WA - \$29.95 - We think this blend of 42% Cabernet, 28% Syrah, 28% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot is a perfect drinker. It reveals ripe blackberry, plum and black raspberry aromas followed by round, voluptuous flavors of ripe wild blackberry and plum jam join with notes of vanilla latte and roasted coffee along with black pepper. The finish is dense, lengthy and generous accented by mellow mocha notes. Although terrific now, this is age-worthy wine! If you want your friends to think you splurged on a fancy bottle or just want a wonderful bottle of red for yourself, crack open of bottle and enjoy with a juicy steak. Enjoy before 2023. **92pts Wine Spectator** - *"Densely structured, yet retains a sleek sense of grace, offering smoky blackberry, stony mineral and spice flavors that persist toward broad-shouldered yet refined tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Petit Verdot."*

WHITE - 2016 Castello di Spessa Collio Pinot Bianco, Italy - \$29.95 - Castello di Spessa's vineyards date back to pre-Roman times; the first document attesting to a wine sale at the castle is dated 1559. Today the estate proudly boasts a production system that is equipped with the most modern technology. Their Pinot Bianco is a polished white with enticing scents of apple, wildflowers, and pineapple. The palate is round and elegant, offering pear, melon, fig and soft caramel. Dressed with a tantalizing note of butter, this wine is well-balanced with a long and persistent finish. Ideal with light appetizers, delicate fish risotto or vegetable soups. Enjoy today - 2020.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2016 De Cérvoles Garnatxa, Costers del Segre, Spain - \$19.95 - The Cérvoles winery vinified their first harvest in 1997. This "Garnatxa" was produced from Grenache grapes sourced from their vineyards located near the renowned Priorat region of Spain. A juicy and fresh wine, it produces fine fruity aromas of strawberries, blackcurrants and blackberries. Medium bodied with a lovely freshness on the palate, we found flavors of black plum, blackberry, leather, currant, blueberry and tobacco. The finish is long and fruity, and will combine well with poultry, tapas and antipasti. Drink today through 2021.

WHITE - 2016 Rocca delle Macie Moonlight White, Italy \$18.95 - Rocca delle Macie produced their first vintage in 1973. Today, filmmaker Italo Zingarelli's son Sergio stands at the helm of the winery. A blend of nearly equal parts of Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Vermentino, and Trebbiano, this beautiful white delivers lovely aromas of white flowers, pineapple, and honeysuckle. Medium bodied on the palate revealing stonefruit, white peach, melon and light citrus notes, its fresh mineral notes blend perfectly with shades of citrus on the smooth, fruity finish. Great as an appetizer and goes perfectly with dishes based on seafood, soft cheeses and white meats. Enjoy today through 2020.

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2016 Renegade Black Label Merlot, Walla Walla, WA - \$14.95 - A relative newcomer, Renegade Wine Co. is the second label from Sleight of Hand Cellars which was founded in 2007 by Trey Busch and Jerry and Sandy Solomon. They've consistently created gorgeous, award winning wines that have tons of fruit, texture, balance, purity and freshness. This impressive Merlot reveals aromas of vanilla and cedar, blackberry pie, clove and a hint of pepper. Subtle tannins and its smooth finish with lingering spice make it ideal for pâtés or other charcuterie, pork or veal roasts, and even hamburgers. Try today through 2022.

WHITE - 2016 Domaine Lafage Novellum Chardonnay, Roussillon, France - \$14.95 - This gorgeous Chardonnay represents one of the best white wine values coming from anywhere in the south of France. 100% Chardonnay, 30% aged in barrel, the remainder was aged in stainless steel tanks *on the lees of Viognier*. Plenty of lovely aromas and flavors of tropical fruits, peach, honeysuckle, apricot and pineapple jump from the glass offering clean, fresh acids, a medium-bodied mouthfeel and a delicious, lengthy finish. Try with vegetable risotto or baked chicken breast. **92pts Wine Advocate** - *"A sensational wine that will compete with wines five times the price, the 2016 Novellum Chardonnay is the real deal... White peach, crushed rocks, spice and brioche notes all emerge from this medium to full-bodied Chardonnay that has depth, layered texture and length. Buy it."*

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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>Aug 3</i>	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Mark Moore + August Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
Saturday	Aug 4	Blind Varietal Tasting with VINO!'s Melody Price
Friday	Aug 10	Wines from Portugal with VINO!'s Grant Gondry
Saturday	Aug 11	Bordeaux Beauties with VINO!'s Tina Rupp
MONDAY	Aug 13	Seghesio Family Vineyards - PROFESSIONAL TASTING / - at VINO!
TUESDAY	Aug 14	Seghesio Family Vineyards - SMALL PLATES TASTING / - at The Spokane Club
Friday	Aug 17	Bookwalter Winery with Courtney Larschied, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Aug 18	To Be Determined
Friday	Aug 24	Winescape Wines with Bill Butterfield, Winery Owner
Saturday	Aug 25	Summer Sparklers with Mike Scott
Friday	Aug 31	To Be Determined with Joel Cook, Distributor Representative
Saturday	Sept 1	Closed
Friday	Sept 7	<i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art by Mark Moore + September Wine of the Month Club Selections</i>
