



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

Cellar Notes

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Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2019 Adobe Guadalupe "Jardin Secreto", Baja, Mexico - \$42.00 Adobe Guadalupe made history in Baja by being the 6th winery in the valley and holds a high standard for a new generation of Mexican wines, currently found on the most renowned restaurants in Mexico and Southern California. This "Secret Garden" red delivers an earthy, creamy, medium-full bodied, artful blend of Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cinsault bringing elegant acidity along with delicate tannins making this wine lively and rich at the same time. A benchmark for Baja, it has a robust nose, is smooth and delicious with hints of oak and spices, chocolate and pepper, leather and a dark berry finish. It will continue to mature gracefully for 6 to 9 more years. Enjoy today - 2028, with grilled vegetables, pork, or chicken.

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2018 Reserve Elouan Pinot Noir 'Missoulan Wash' - \$29.95 - Drinking perfectly today, this is the last version of Elouan's 'Missoulan Wash', honoring the effects of the Missoula Floods on the growing conditions of specific Willamete Valley vineyard sights. Matt calls this "A Cab drinker's Pinot" for its dense cherry, blackberry, mocha, earth, and a chocolate/cherry finish with nicely integrated oak. It will make a lovely companion for honey garlic glazed salmon. Enjoy today - 2026. **91 points Wilfred Wong** - "The 2018 Elouan Missoulan Wash Reserve Pinot Noir shows excellent weight on the palate... deliver[ing] aromas and flavors of sandalwood, black fruit, and oak. Pair it with grilled lamb chops."

WHITE - 2020 Masseria Li Veli Verdeca, Salento, Puglia, Italy - \$25.95 - Li Veli features little-known native grape varieties from Puglia in southern Italy's 'heel of the boot'. Not much Verdeca is grown in Puglia, and almost none outside the region, so it's exciting to see a 100% varietal Verdeca wine like this one. Askos is a Greek word for a type of wine container, harkening back to the pre-Roman days when the Ancient Greeks colonized Puglia. Winner of Italy's highly regarded Gambero Rosso award of "Tre Bicchieri" (**Three Glasses, their highest rating**), this vintage shows its typical fresh apple and floral aromatics delivering light tropical citrus-layered flavors with yellow stone fruits and mint all woven together in this expressive white. Pop the cork on a warm afternoon and drink it with a salad laden with avocado and shrimp. Enjoy today - 2025.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2018 Famille Lafage Rouge, 'Tessellae' Carignan Villes Vignes, Côte Catalanes, France - \$19.95 - In the tradition of Rhone Valley's popular 'GSM' blends, this one comes out a winner! With plenty of lively and generous textures showing flavors of red cherry and light berry fruits with light tannins, this Tessellae 'old vines' is assembled from vineyards on schist soils which produces a familiar 'French' expression resembling a woody perfume mixed with peppery dark fruit and mushroom. We expect this to pair well with barbeque beef, lamb, and grilled vegetables. Enjoy today through 2027. **90 points Jeb Dunnuck** *Tasted out of bottle, the 2018 Côtes Catalanes Tessellae displays a spicy, complex style that carries vivid red and blue fruits, leather, licorice, tree bark, and peppery herbs aromas and flavors. Playing in the more medium-bodied end of the spectrum, it has solid purity of fruit, silky tannins, and a good finish. Enjoy this plump, pleasure-bent effort over the coming 3-4 years.*

WHITE - 2020 Naia Verdejo, Rueda, Spain - \$17.95 - The village of La Seca is considered the top area of Rueda and it makes sense that most of the region's oldest vines are found in this commune. Bodegas Naia brought attention to La Seca twenty years ago and this bright and snappy, tropical white is easy and refreshing, truly dancing across the palate. Bone-dry and classic, this is 100% Verdejo at its best! Bring on the sunshine!! Roast chicken or a savory onion tart would be appropriate on the menu. Enjoy today - 2024. **91 points Vinous** - "...Sharply focused and vibrant on the palate, offering chewy citrus and orchard fruit flavors complemented by bitter quinine and bay leaf nuances. Finishes taut, focused and long, leaving echoing citrus fruit and floral notes behind."

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2018 Falesco Vitiano Rosso, Tuscany, Italy - \$14.95 - This informal but elegant mid-weight red benefits greatly from a short decanting. It offers plenty of cherry fruit with balanced touches of tobacco and leather along with hints of spice inviting roasted pork and chorizo sausage, or nearly anything lamb will do well. Enjoy today - 2026. **91 points Somm Journal** - "This blend of 34% Sangiovese, 33% Merlot, and 33% Cabernet Sauvignon boasts a stark, earthy profile. Tobacco, espresso, and balsamic lead the way to sinewy black cherry."

WHITE - 2020 Domaine de JOÿ L'èclat, Côtes de Gascogne, France - \$14.95 - An especially enjoyable blend of Columbard, Ugni Blanc, Gros Manseng, and Sauvignon Blanc, it arrives light, crisp and bright, it shows nice balance and freshness. Our tasters were reminded of Jolly Rancher Green Apple, and Dionne says, "It's Yummy Fresh! - and all-day drinker" Notes of ripe kiwi, pineapple, and starfruit, finish with a lively minerality calling for shellfish specialties like scallops, mussels, or clams. Enjoy today - 2025.

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