



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

# Cellar Notes

October 2019

## Cellar Selection - Under \$100

**RED - 2017 Delmas SJR Vineyard Syrah, "Rocks District", Milton-Freewater, OR - \$99.00** - Founded in 2007, Delmas and SJR Vineyard produce this beauty from the acclaimed 'Rocks District'. With 8.5% Viognier co-fermented with Syrah, this extremely sophisticated, elegant wine delivers complex, rich flavors of framboise, kirsch, and black plum with notes of white pepper, smoked game, bacon fat, baking spices, and black truffle. The texture is astoundingly supple with a sexy, silky edge. Enjoy this wine with smoked lamb chops or beef stew. Reaching maturity in approximately 8-10 years, it will clearly hold for approximately 15+ years. **94pts Wine Enthusiast** - "...herb and coffee notes are at the fore, followed by notes of herb, flower and spice. Broad, palate-coating blue fruit and coffee flavors follow. An insanely long, seemingly endless savory, coffee-filled, warm finish caps it off, kicking it up a notch. Give it time to open up."

## Collector Series - Under \$30

**RED - 2016 Langmeil "Hangin' Snakes" Shiraz Viognier, Barossa Valley, Australia \$29.95** - Featuring Shiraz from Langmeil's Freedom vineyard, planted in 1843, with 4% Viognier added, this combination carries ripe and juicy flavors showing black currants, black cherry and boysenberry with notes of cloves and cinnamon stick. The soft, velvety tannins add lovely structure while sweet and briary spice balances the juicy fruit through the long finish. Try today with barbecue pork or slow cooked brisket. **90pts James Suckling** - "A smooth, slippery and fragrant red plum- and raspberry-fruited style with easygoing appeal and plenty of depth in terms of flavor."

## Classic Series - Under \$20

**RED - 2017 Martin Ray Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma, CA \$19.95** - Winemaker Courtney Benham was walking through an old San Jose warehouse in 1990, and chanced upon 1,500 cases of wine, dating back nearly four decades, made by wine pioneer Martin Ray. Courtney purchased the brand, and has been committed to producing wines worthy of the Martin Ray name. This fruit-driven Cabernet provides aromas and flavors of wild blackberry, cassis, and red currant with a light oaky touch of caramel and vanilla. Medium-bodied, it combines structured tannins and perfectly integrated oak in a long lush finish. Enjoy through 2023 or today with pepper steak and stuffed mushrooms.

## Award Series - Under \$15

**RED - 2016 Matchbook Petite Sirah, Zamora, CA \$14.95** - As farm kids growing up, the Giguere brothers were veritable pyromaniacs, setting numerous things on fire—including the family wheat fields. In 2002, they planted the Matchbook Vineyard and in 2006 the winery was launched. Rustic, rugged and sassy aromas of plums, vanilla and black pepper lead to a dense rich mouthfeel, furnishing flavors of blueberry, plum, red apple, black pepper, and vanilla. It is big and bold on the palate and will show best with a juicy chop or steak. Best before 2023.

## Prestige Red - Under \$50

**RED - 2015 Woodward Canyon "Artist Series" Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla, WA \$49.00** - From the second winery in Walla Walla, this blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 4% Merlot, was sourced from highly regarded Estate, Champoux, Sagemoor and Spring Creek vineyards. Deeply colored, it shows a complex nose of baking spice, black olive and graham cracker along with aromas of ripe black fruits. Rich and elegant, notes of herb and blackberry bring integrated tannins for a generous and complex finish. As with all great Cabs, try this with a big juicy grilled steak. **94pts J.Dunnuck** - "The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series reveals a deeper ruby/purple color as well as loads of black fruits, tobacco leaf, cured meats, and bouquet garni notes. It's rich, medium to full-bodied, has background oak, and terrific overall balance. Give bottles 3-4 years and it will keep for 15-20+ years." Also: **93pts James Suckling** **92pts Wine Spectator**

**WHITE - 2015 Patz & Hall Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma, CA \$29.95** - This stunning, complex Chardonnay delivers layered aromas of fresh peach, orange peel, walnut, cardamom and fennel. On the palate you'll find lush, forward notes of pears, honeysuckle and creamy vanilla with notes of wet stone and tart green apple through a bright, pure finish. Pair with sesame chicken or a loaded turkey sandwich. Enjoy today through 2021. **92pts Wine Enthusiast** - "Rich in green apple and fig, this wine offers medium-bodied weight and breadth and grainy acidity. From the famous site planted to densely concentrated berries, it's fleshy and textured, with plenty of complexity from spice and oak." Also: **91pts Wine Advocate**

**WHITE - 2018 Greywacke Sauvignon Blanc, Marlboro, New Zealand \$19.95** - Greywacke, named after New Zealand's prolific bedrock, is the current project of Cloudy Bay former winemaker. This version is deliciously aromatic with ripe nectarine and lemon zest with lifted floral fragrances. It delivers classic pink grapefruit and tangerine flavors offering a generous, satiny, mouth-filling palate that finishes dry and crisp. Enjoy a glass with grilled fish or big garlicky prawns, today through 2021. **92pts W. Wong** - "Sauvignon Blanc doesn't get better than this ...attractive from start to finish, with excellent richness and balance. Its aromas and flavors stay long and pleasing on the palate." Also: **92pts Wine Spectator** **92pts James Suckling**

**WHITE - 2018 Jacques Bourguignon Chardonnay, Burgundy, France \$13.95** - Located in Burgundy, the Jacques Bourguignon winery sits in a critical wine region known as the Côte de Beaune, an area that sets the quality benchmark against which most global Chardonnay production is compared. This wonderful version provides rich aromas of lime, Granny Smith apple and light butter notes. Mouthfilling and rich in texture, the palate reveals Japanese pear and apple with hints of cream and baking spice and finishes exceedingly rich and invigorating. It will pair beautifully with salmon, tuna, or mild cheeses. Enjoy today through 2022.

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## Store Hours

Tuesday - Thursday: 10 – 6, **Fridays open until 7**, Saturday: 10- 5, **CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY**

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## Tastings

**TASTING HOURS:** Fridays, 3:00 until 6:30 - Saturdays from 2:00 until 4:30pm

<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Karen Kieser + October Wine of the Month Club Selections</b>
Saturday	Oct 5	Bargain vs Bankrupt Blind Tasting with VINO!'s Melody Price
Friday	Oct 11	Two Vintners with Mike Scott Distributor Representative
Saturday	Oct 12	Fantastic French Finds with Distributor Representative, Jenelle Glatzjager
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 14</b>	Professional Tasting at VINO! with Walla Walla Vintners
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	Small Plates at The Spokane Club with Walla Walla Vintners
Friday	Oct 18	OttellaWines with Winery Representative, Cole Cameron
Saturday	Oct 19	Andrew Latta Wines with Winery Representative, Joel Cook
Friday	Oct 25	Down Under Wines with Distributor Representative, Alex Van Amburg
Saturday	Oct 26	French Wines with Mike Scott Distributor Representative
Friday	Nov 1	<b>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Karen Lohrke Kaiser + Wine of the Month Club Selections</b>

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