



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

Cellar Notes

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Cellar Selection - Under \$100

RED - 2018 Delmas SJR Vineyard Syrah, "Rocks District", Milton-Freewater, OR - \$75.00 - This 8th vintage from Delmas and SJR Vineyard in the acclaimed 'Rocks District' brings an extremely sophisticated, elegant wine delivering complex, pure flavors of framboise and black plum with notes of white pepper, smoked game, bacon fat and baking spices. The texture is astoundingly supple with a sexy, silky edge. Enjoy this wine with smoked lamb chops or beef stew. *93pts & 'Cellar Selection' Wine Enthusiast* - "Coming from the edge of the rocks district and blended with 8% Viognier, pure Huckleberry, flower, olive, orange peel and coffee aromas are the opening hand. It follows with abundant palate coating blue fruit flavors with an almost creamy feel. The flavors persist on the coffee and blue fruit-filled finish. It's a rich, fruit forward expression ...with impressive staying power and a very long life in front of it. Enjoy today-2032."

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2017 Castello di Nieve Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy \$48.00 - Barbaresco and the neighboring Barolo district produce some of the longest-lived red wines in all of Italy. The grapes for this wine come from some of the most respected vineyards in the Barbaresco district of northern Italy. Made from 100% Nebbiolo from vines that average 30 years of age. Allowed to mature in wooden vats for two years to smooth the tannins and develop complex flavors, it is both impressive and age-able. This is a true beauty displaying a light color with deep flavors and aromatics suggesting cherry, licorice, white pepper, and violets. The palate shows fine tannins on the lengthy finish carrying a slight hint of eucalyptus. Match this with braised beef or egg noodles topped with butter sauce and white truffle. Enjoy today - 2030.

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2017 Buil & Gine Priorat, Spain \$28.95 - Priorat is a wine producing district south of Barcelona along the Mediterranean coastline of Catalonia Spain. Noted for its rocky soils and rustic rural feel, Priorat wines reflect the hearty nature of its people. This blend of Garnacha (Grenache) and Cariñena (Carignan) delivers dark and compacted black fruit flavors laced with notes of pepper, licorice, raspberry and tarragon. Deeply garnet in color it leaves spicy impressions without being heavy and carries just modest tannins. Rustic dishes like game, roasted vegetables, sausages, and pepper stews stand up to this wine's character. Enjoy today - 2027

WHITE - 2018 Greysac "Le Blanc", Bordeaux \$29.95 - This is a brand new release from Chateau Greysac, Le Blanc de Greysac, which is 100% Sauvignon Blanc from 15 year-old vines within the Medoc. The nose offers Meyer lemon, lime zest, and a hint of tangerine. On the palate we noted crisp green apple and citrus, with a backbone of lemon pith and refreshing minerality. Best served chilled for afternoon drinking, but it shows greater balance as it warms moderately. Ideal for summer dinner parties or an afternoon by the pool. You'll find this easy to pair with white meats, salads, vegetable dishes, cold gazpacho, or salmon rillettes. Enjoy today - 2023.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2017 Morisfarms Morellino di Scansano, Tuscany, Italy \$18.95 - Tuscany's Mediterranean coastline is the home of a group of wineries and vineyards that date back to Etruscan times. Here the word Morellino is their name for the Sangiovese grape which provides the backbone in most of Tuscany's red wines. Famous for being fruity, ethereal and slightly tannic. Here the district of Scansano brings out the blackberry, black plum and spicy nature of their Morellino grapes, making it a fine match for pappardelle with wild boar sauce or aged cheeses. Enjoy today - 2023.

WHITE - 2017 Rocky Pond Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley \$18.95 - 100% Sauvignon Blanc from a new winery to us! Rocky Pond winery is located on the north bank of lake Chelan in Manson. Fermented in stainless steel, warm climate vineyards yielded a somewhat tangy white wine with notes of star fruit and litchi in its beautiful aromatics. It finishes with crisp note of white grapefruit and white pepper. This would be an ideal match for scallops or white fish such as tilapia or halibut. Enjoy today - 2023

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2018 Frontera Red Blend "After Midnight", Chile \$14.95 - This "mystery blend" red wine from Chile struck all the right notes in a recent tasting with our staff at VINO! With its open expression of fleshy dark fruit and its light to medium bodied character displaying tart blackberry and Moreno cherry flavors, it makes for an easy coif for everyday enjoyment. Try this with burgers, pizza, or spaghetti with a spicy red sauce. We think it will put a smile on your face. Enjoy today - 2024.

WHITE - 2017 DiStefano Sauvignon Blanc, Columbia Valley \$14.95 - Sauvignon Blanc grapes typically generate flavors that are reminiscent of citrus fruits, most often grapefruit and lime, with an undercurrent of lean minerality. This elegant little gem containing 10% Semillon displays flint and stone, lime peel, warm pineapple and white peach along with hints of white pepper, finishing with a zesty tang. Fermentations are done in stainless steel tanks, with extended lees contact yielding added complexity. Try pairing with goat cheese, zucchini, or delicate fish like sole. Enjoy today - 2022.

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