



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

Cellar Notes

October 2021

Cellar Selection - Under \$100

RED - 2011 Belair-Monage, St Emilion, Bordeaux, FR - \$99.00
Chateau Belair-Monage is a Bordeaux wine from the appellation Saint-Émilion located on the famous “right bank” of Bordeaux’s rivers where Merlot and Cabernet Franc take first position in the blends. This 94-point version from 2017 is managed by the Moueix family of Chateau Petrus in Pomerol. Already 10 years from the vintage and ready for 10-14 more years of drinkability, we were lucky to find this jewel for you. **92+pts Wine Advocate** - “The dense ruby/purple-colored 2011 offers gorgeous aromas of kirsch, crushed rock, raspberries and subtle oak are followed by a medium-bodied, concentrated mouthfeel that suggests low yields and impeccable winemaking. A star of the vintage, it should be... drunk over the [next] two decades.” -Robert Parker, **93pts James Suckling**, **95pts Wine Enthusiast**, **93pts Wine Spectator**, **92pts Decanter**.

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2017 Kontos Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, WA - \$49.00 - This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon comes from three respected vineyard sites in the Walla Walla AVA: Summit View, Les Collines, & Seven Hills. Winemaker Cameron Kontos followed in his father’s footsteps from Fort Walla Walla winery to his own family named Kontos winery, whose symbol is a beautiful dragonfly displayed on their label. We found the wine to express intense cassis, dark plum and extracted blackberry aromas and flavors. Medium-full bodied and nearly black in the glass, its dark and dusty nature plays out with an extensive delineated finish. A rich and delicious example of fine Walla Walla Cabernet, match this with braised beef or egg noodles topped with butter sauce and white truffle. Enjoy today - 2030.

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2016 Titus Evans Syrah, Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley, WA - \$29.95 - Reflecting the darker nature of Syrah’s range of expression, we were immediately taken with the cigar box and smoky aromas that leap from the glass, introducing its lush, ripe black fruit and dark raspberry flavors. With deep extraction and mouth-coating flavors hinting at cedar, pipe tobacco, and baking spices, its concentration suggests fine age ability for 10-12 years from the vintage. Stylistically this Syrah lies between the slightly restrained versions from France, and the often dense and more juicy ones from Australia. Rustic dishes like game, roasted vegetables, sausages, and pepper stews stand up to this wine’s character. Enjoy today - 2028

WHITE - 2019 Trimbach Pinot Blanc, Alsace, France - \$22.95
From the northeast corner of France along the German border are the cool and beautiful gentle hills of the Alsace region famous for some of the country’s most elegant and food-friendly white wines. A white cousin of Pinot Gris, we were struck by a silky arrival of pink grapefruit and white peach impressions, all flowing along on a rich lemony-cream texture. This pristine white offers a snappy floral finish. An extraordinarily fine example of its style, you’ll find this easy to pair with fish, cheese and egg dishes: quiche Lorraine, pasta and pesto, or with Thai green curry. Enjoy today - 2025. **91pts James Suckling**

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2017 Prunotto “Occhetti” Langhe Nebbiolo, Piedmont, Italy - \$19.95 - At the foot of the Alps in northwestern Italy, Nebbiolo grapes deliver a wide range of expression largely dependent on the local growing areas. Langhe represents a large district that contains smaller unique micro-climates named Asti, Barolo, Barbaresco, and others. With grapes sourced from the Langhe area this lighter-bodied version delivers a bright and refreshing, early-drinking, cranberry/pie cherry notion-filled red without the tannic tightness common to more expensive versions, making it a fine match for pappardelle with wild boar sauce or aged cheeses. Enjoy today - 2023.

WHITE - 2019 Amity Pinot Blanc, Willamette Valley, OR \$19.95 - This delicious white exhibits flavors of white nectarine, chamomile, and light citrus. It is medium-to-full-bodied with good acidity, and would be an ideal match for scallops or white fish such as tilapia or halibut. Enjoy today - 2025. **92pts & Editors’ Choice, Wine Enthusiast** - “This is a zesty, fresh, lip-smacking style. Tangy flavors of apple, melon and lime collide in a tasty collage. The acidity is buoyant, and the hints of lemon verbena and citrus skin add both depth and nuance.” Paul Gregutt

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2017 Nine-Stones Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia \$14.95 - Here is a Syrah style that launched the “Shiraz invasion” from Australia a decade ago. Dark and juicy with a broad entry and pure fruit expressions of black currant and plum, this red virtually bounces with pleasure. Just enough tannins to give it a delightful grip, the impression is definitely for near-term enjoyment (3+ years). Try this with burgers on the grill, pizza, or spaghetti with a spicy red sauce. We think it will put a smile on your face. Enjoy today - 2024.

WHITE - 2020 Scarpetta “Frico” Friulano, Friuli, Italy - \$14.95
Friulano is one of the most famous white grape varieties found in the Friuli region of northeastern Italy, noted for its charming grace and spirited freshness. We found this vibrant white delivering notes of tropical fruits, pears, and peach, with a hint of green apple, notes of citrus, minerality, and herbs along with a lively crisp tang on the finish. One of the most food-friendly wines, it can be paired beautifully with seafood such as scallops, fish, or shrimp, or roasted vegetables and salads. Enjoy today - 2024.

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