



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

Cellar Notes

November 2020

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2017 Hunt & Harvest Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA - \$49.00 - This blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, and 1% Petite Sirah expresses deep blackberry aromas and exhibits layered flavors of vanilla, molasses, Italian roast coffee and wood spices. Aging in 25% New French oak adds structure and complexity to the fruit resulting in a supple, food friendly wine. With deliciously ripe flavors and a supple, lightly dusty tannin finish this hearty red from the Hall Family in Napa Valley is quite the winner. Enjoy alongside grass-fed beef, lamb, or roasted game. Enjoy today through 2028.

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2018 Chakana Estate Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina - \$28.95 - From the famous Mendoza region of Argentina comes this delicious Malbec grown in high altitude vineyards on the eastern slopes of the Andes. With generous blackberry and plum impressions accompanied by hints of black pepper and moderate tannins this hearty read shows lavish flavors of cedar, gingerbread, and plum with a cocoa powder finish. With impressive fruit and lovely structure this is an ideal match for BBQ meats, grilled vegetables, or slow cooked stews. Enjoy today through 2028.

90pts Wine Advocate - "Over the last half-a-dozen years the Twomey name has grown in stature. Not only for Merlots and Pinot Noirs but for its well-designed Sauvignon Blancs as well. This wine is exuberant and lasting on the palate. Its aromas and flavors of bright fruit and perky citrus should pair well with an alfresco dinner by the pool."

90pts James Suckling - "Crushed plums, mulberries and waxberries with a herbal undertone. Very lifted acidity with crunchy black cherries on the palate, yet it ends somewhat abruptly. A little steely."

WHITE - 2016 Zenato Lugana Riserva, Veneto, Italy - \$29.95 - Barrel fermented and extraordinarily fragrant this excellent non-Chardonnay alternative expresses lively tropical notes and brisk acidity along with concentrated guava and kumquat in a robust and bold fashion. This is a white wine that shares a similar textural richness and fullness that you might find in Chardonnay. Showing brisk acidity and ripe peach and apricot followed by honey, saffron, toasted almond and laced with a touch of smoke this beautiful white will be an excellent match for scallops, chicken in an Alfredo sauce, or any lighter meat dish. Enjoy today through 2022.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2018 King Estate "Inscription" Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon - \$19.95 - This wine is so delicious it's almost too easy to drink. With dark plum and ripe raspberry cigarbox notions it expresses mild notes of pepper riding on a super smooth texture. Not sure why that is not designated 'Reserve', this velvety red would be perfect for the Thanksgiving table, matched with salmon, and even as a sipper all by itself. Enjoy today through 2024.

91 Pts & "Editors' Choice" Wine Enthusiast "This new project from the estate offers ample production and a savvy price point. Best of all, it's mighty tasty. Aged in 30% new oak, this wine ripples in blackberry and black raspberry flavors, balanced by fresh acidity and ripe tannins."

WHITE - 2018 Budureasca Tamaioasa Romaneasca, Romania - \$18.95 - Grown on volcanic soil this wine expresses a Viognier/Torrentes style of wine delivering brisk tropical notes. Conveying very floral aromatics of vibrant orange blossom and pale honeysuckle, the dry palate follows through with a mild yet snappy pineapple character. A provocative wine terrific for book club gatherings or with mild cheeses and light appetizers. Enjoy today through 2024.

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2018 Chapoutier Bila Haut Cotes du Roussillon Villages - Roussillon, France - \$14.95 - From the south of France near Spain this district is known for producing dark red wines. This version packs in the flavors with deep extracted dark fruits, impressions of roasted herbs, gliding on a spicy undercurrent revealing dark chocolate and orange notes. A sure match for hearty stews and winter soups this luscious red will match with any richly flavored dish. Enjoy today through 2026.

93pts Jeb Dunnuck - "[This wine] showed nicely, with both freshness and richness, Clean blackberry, currants, violets, and a kiss of minerality all emerge from the glass, and it's medium-bodied, with beautiful depth of fruit and a great finish"

WHITE - 2016 Bennett Valley Cellars 'Bin 5757' Chardonnay, Sonoma County, California - \$14.95 Fermented in stainless steel, this "un-oaked" Chardonnay expresses bright apple and pear character with a hint of lemon zest and flint making it stand out from more buttery versions. The absence of barrel ageing allows the fruit and mineral flavors to mingle with the bright acidity offering a clean finish on the palate. It will pair very nicely with fresh fish, cheeses, and spicy cuisine. Enjoy today through 2022.

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