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# Cellar Notes

November 2021

## Prestige Red - Under \$50

**RED - 2015 Lionello Marchesi Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy - \$49.00** - Brunello is the name given to the Sangiovese-based wine from Montalcino, aged at the winery for a minimum of 5 years, and made entirely from the singular 'clone' called Sangiovese Grosso. Critics agree 2015 is a truly exceptional vintage for Brunello di Montalcino, the finest since 2010, delivering excellent ripeness and admirable structure. This version offers great extract, lively and intense colors and vigorous yet polished tannins. It shows excellent depth of fruit as well as the backbone necessary for excellent cellar potential. It is approachable now, but it will be better in 3-5 years, with peak drinking in 12-15 years. Enjoy alongside older Tuscan Pecorino cheese, red meats, game, poultry, and dishes that include truffle.

## Collector Series - Under \$30

**RED - 2016 The Paring, Red Wine, California - \$29.95** - This Bordeaux-styled blend consists of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20%, Merlot, 20%, Cabernet Franc & 10%, Petit Verdot. Delivering rich aromas and flavors of deep black cherry, plum, violets, and oak, as well as hints of cocoa, and coffee, you are in for a multi-layered treat! With impressive fruit and lovely structure this is an ideal match for BBQ meats, grilled vegetables, or a well-seasoned roast leg of lamb. Enjoy today through 2025.

**93pts Jeb Dunnuck** - "...Brilliant notes of cassis, tobacco leaf, damp earth, cedary herbs, and graphite all emerge from this concentrated, remarkably pure, elegant Bordeaux blend that has building tannins and a great, great finish. It tastes like it costs three times the price."

**WHITE - 2018 Celler Frisach Vernatxa, Terra Alta, Spain - \$29.95** - This brisk and minerally white is made from 100% Vernatxa Blanca (Grenache Blanc) grown in the district of Terra Alta, about a 3-hour drive south of Barcelona near the Mediterranean. Aromas of tarragon and flinty smoke lead to lemon, pear, and herb flavors that lace together into a fresh and lively quaff. Very layered and complex, it shows brisk acidity and ripe soft lemon all laced with an intriguing 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 2023.

## Classic Series - Under \$20

**RED - 2017 Famille Perrin Vinsobres "Les Cornuds", Rhone Valley, France - \$19.95** - Aromas and flavors of spiced plum and dark berries arrive in spades, and are balanced with notes of spices and fleshy fruit. With mild minerality and soft vanilla we noted some smoky notes along with moderate tannins, making it ideal alongside grilled, roasted, braised or stewed meats, or with a wide variety of soft and hard cheese. Enjoy today through 2025. **92 Pts Wine Spectator** "A bright and fresh style, with a mix of raspberry, cherry and red currant coulis flavors, underscored by light bramble and mineral accents. Shows good juicy energy through the finish, revealing latent depth. Grenache and Syrah. Best from 2020 through 2025."

**WHITE - 2020 Lang Estate "Classique" Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley, Oregon - \$19.95** - This wine is so delicious it's almost too easy to drink. Carrying aromas and flavors of snappy fresh Granny Smith apple and Danjou pear, we're not sure why it's not designated 'Reserve'. This lively and refreshing white would be perfect for the Thanksgiving table, matched with salmon, or even as a sipper all by itself. Enjoy today through 2025. **91 Pts & "Editors' Choice" Wine Enthusiast** "A longtime leader in Willamette Valley Pinot Gris, Lange rings the value bell once again with this supremely refreshing wine. Apple and pear fruit and skin flavors atop bracing acidity are further expanded with backing minerality. It's consistent with past releases and every bit as good as ever."

## Award Series - Under \$15

**RED - 2017 Ravenswood "Old Vine" Zinfandel, Lodi, CA - \$14.95** - 80 miles east over the hills from San Francisco, this Lodi hot weather area is ideal for Zinfandel's sun-loving fruit. With textbook dark brambly black raspberry fruit concentration and a zesty, lively finish, this is a sure match for hearty stews and winter soups. This luscious red will also match well with braised meats, and especially lamb meatballs! Enjoy today through 2026.

**WHITE - 2019 DeMorgenzon "DMZ" Chardonnay, South Africa - \$14.95** - Blended from lots raised partly in stainless steel and partly in French oak, this lightly tropical Chardonnay expresses green apple, mild citrus, and vanilla making it stand out from more buttery versions. The fruit and mineral flavors mingle with bright acidity offering a fresh and clean finish on the palate. It will pair very nicely with white fish in brown-butter sauces, sage-butter chicken, or grilled seafood of most kinds. Enjoy today through 2024.

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