



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

Cellar Notes

December 2018

Prestige Red - Under \$50

RED - 2015 Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Australia - \$49.00 - Comprised of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon and splashes of Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc, this wine is intensely fragrant with aromas of blackcurrant, cedar and mushroom with a fine sage-like herbal lift. This stunning Cab provides plump, juicy flavors of cassis, dried cranberry and blackcurrant, followed by notes of vanillin, chocolate and spicy oak. Enjoy this elegant wine with a nice rack of lamb and portabella mushrooms.: **92pts + #58 Top 100 of 2018 - Wine Spectator**, *"Opens with a fresh green accent... giving a savory, peppery note to the plush, velvety cassis and plum core. Finds balance between grace and power... Drink now through 2028"* **91 pts, James Suckling**, *"Ripe summer berries with a sense of brightness and freshness. Red fruits and some leafy, herbal edge, too. The juicy and elegant palate has a gently herbal, succulent and tangy style."*

Collector Series - Under \$30

RED - 2013 Fattoria Selvapiana Pomino Petrognao, Tuscany, IT - \$29.95 Managed by Selvapiana, owned by the Antinori family, this blend of Sangiovese 60%, Cabernet Sauvignon 20% and Merlot 20% (a classic "Super Tuscan" style) is soft and supple yet big and bold. The aromas focus on fine nuances of forest berry, red currant, pressed violets and mild spices. Opulent flavors of black cherry, boysenberry, mocha and cinnamon toast integrate with fine tannins on its round and generous finish. Pair with braised veal or Osso buco. Try now through 2023. **90pts, James Suckling**, *"Dark leafy notes with earthy accents too. There's a spicy thread of dark plums and blackberries, leading to a savory and slightly meaty palate. Some chew through the finish. Drink or hold."*

WHITE - 2015 Tranche Pape, Walla Walla, WA - \$29.95 - Owned by Michael and Louri Corliss, Tranche Estate occupies a spectacular site in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, east of Walla Walla. Hand-harvested from the Blue Mountain Estate Vineyard and fermented in egg-shaped concrete, winemaker Andrew Trio creates this elegant blend of Viognier, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Clairette Blanche and Picpoul Blanc. We found expressive aromas of melon, pear, apple and straw. The palate was smooth, elegant and chalky with flavors of melon, pear, apple, toast and minerals. This energetic white Rhone blend finishes long, dry and focused. This wine would pair wonderfully with roasted duck or steamed lobster. Cellar through 2021.

Classic Series - Under \$20

RED - 2014 Walla Walla Vintners Petit Verdot, Walla Walla, WA - \$19.95 - Winemaker VonMetzger knows great wine begins in the Vineyard. Walla Walla Vintners, known for traditionally crafted, elegant and age worthy wines, sources fruit not only from their own Estate Vineyard, but also from some of the oldest and most acclaimed vineyards in the state. Still carrying on in that tradition, you'll find their warm 2014 vintage produced this deeply flavored red with aromas of black pepper, oak spice, and red currant. 100% Petite Verdot is sourced from three vineyards, Frazier Bluff, Minnick Hills and WWV Cut Bank Estate; you'll find its rich, lush mouthfeel providing graceful flavors of violet, plum & crushed stone leading the way for a supple, lingering finish. Enjoy today through 2023 with beef stew or rack of lamb.

WHITE - Dama "Cowgirl Blanc", Walla Walla, WA - \$19.95 - With a blend of 60% Chardonnay and 40% Viognier from the Mill Creek Vineyard, this refreshing multi-vintage blend is a true porch-sitter and will delight you all year long! We found rich, aromas of tropical fruits leading to lush flavors of butterscotch, apple, peach and apricot with light oaky vanilla notes. This wine is smooth and creamy, with perfectly balanced tannins and a bright lemon zest finish. Great as an aperitif or with a spicy grilled shrimp with rice and mango. Drink now - 2020.

Award Series - Under \$15

RED - 2016 Pendulum Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, WA - \$14.95 - 90pts + #82 Top 100 of 2018 Wine Spectator, *"Sleek and well-defined, with expressive black cherry and savory spice flavors that finish with polished tannins. Drink now through 2023."* The talent behind Browne Family Vineyards since its first vintage in 2005, winemaker John Freeman created this luxurious Cab showing gorgeous aromas of blackberry, raspberry, vanilla and wood spice, and offering flavors of cherry cola, chocolate and black plum. Notes of leather and toasty oak linger on the long and satisfying finish. Enjoy this red with a chargrilled steak with mushrooms, now through 2021.

WHITE - 2017 Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc/Viognier, Napa Valley, CA - \$14.95 - Sophisticated and easy to enjoy, this super-popular blend of 83% Chenin Blanc and 17% Viognier offers fresh aromas of honeysuckle, green herbs and citrus notes of lemon meringue pie. The palate shows bright flavors of white peach, melon, pineapple and zesty citrus. Balanced acidity carries through on the clean finish with lingering notes of lemon-lime. This versatile wine pairs well with a huge range of dishes, from light salads to seafood. **90pts + Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast**, *"Crisp, lively and refreshing, this medium-bodied wine offers a tangy citrus flavor and a light mineral accent that adds complexity. It's a natural pairing for seafood."* Enjoy today - 2022.

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Store Hours

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

OPEN - Two Pre-Christmas Mondays!

OPEN 10:00 - 6:00 - December 10 and 17

Tastings

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

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| <i>FIRST FRIDAY</i> | Dec 7 | <i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Kurt Madison + Dec Wine of the Month Club Selections</i> |
| Saturday | Dec 8 | Steele Wines with Vino!'s Tina Rupp & Distributor Rep Abby Tighe |
| MONDAY | Dec 10 | World Class Walla Walla Wines - PROFESSIONAL TASTING / - at VINO! |
| TUESDAY | Dec 11 | World Class Walla Walla Wines - SMALL PLATES TASTING / - at The Spokane Club |
| Friday | Dec 14 | Global Bubbles - with Mike Scott, Distributor Rep |
| Saturday | Dec 15 | Daou Vineyards - with VINO!'s own Grant Gondry |
| Friday | Dec 21 | Gamache Vintners with Jessica Gamache, Winery Rep |
| Saturday | Dec 22 | Who Do You Think You Loire with VINO!'s Melody Price |
| Friday | Dec 28 | Planeta Wines with James Martinelli, Distributor Rep |
| Saturday | Dec 29 | Celebrate the New Year Wines with VINO!'s Connie Christalaw |
| Friday | Jan 4 | <i>FIRST FRIDAY! Art from Kurt Madison + Jan Wine of the Month Club Selections</i> |
