

***Welcome to The 2019 Top 50 Tasting, and thank you for coming.***

***There are many wines at today's tasting and we do not expect or recommend that you taste them all. We encourage spitting. It is the simplest and most efficient way to professionally taste wine. If tasting in this fashion (spitting) is new to you, please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff to demonstrate it for you. Done properly, it will provide your olfactory senses with the most memorable experience of the wine.***







**Luli 2016 Syrah**

In all truth, it is hard to imagine a better syrah for the money than this deep and defined effort from Luli and, at no point, from its concentrated aromas of blackberries and spice to its flavors and structural solidity does the wine disappoint. It is full-bodied with a blast of dark fruit and a hint of peppery gaminess. Its slightly elevated acidity pushes its nominal tannins to the fore. If you fancy good syrah, take this one seriously, its modest price notwithstanding, and expect it to repay three to five of cellaring with handsome dividends. BTW, the wine is the result of teamwork between renowned winemaker Jeff Pisoni and Master Sommelier Sara Floyd.

**\$24.50 reg**                      **\$21.60 sale**                      **\$18.90 case**                      **AHD8**

**Vinca Minor 2017 Carignane**

Old vine and dry farmed with native yeast fermentation and 100% destemmed. Pressed dry into neutral French oak. Bottled un-fined and unfiltered. Lovely, with bright red fruits (sour cherry), with notes of fennel and sage. Just 750 cases produced.

**\$26.00 reg**                      **\$22.90 sale**                      **\$20.00 case**                      **AHD9**

**Weingut Brennfleck, 2017 Anna-Lena, Silvaner Kabinett**

This is a dry Franconian wine in the Bocksbeutel Clear with light green reflections, this wine presents itself in the glass. Its scent of flowers, apple and citrus fruits is incomparable. The bright fresh fruity taste displays an engaging texture punctuated with mineral traces and a hint of honeysuckle/orange blossom pops up mid-palate. A fine balance characterizes this wine as one of the best. A great 'entertainer' - but also harmonizes perfectly with light meat, vegetables, as well as classic asparagus dishes.

**\$24.00 reg**                      **\$21.15 sale**                      **\$18.50 case**                      **AHD10**













**Résonance 2016 Pinot Noir**

2016 was an exceptional growing season. The nose is very fruity, with both red and black fruit, and has delicate spices—licorice and cinnamon—and floral notes. The palate reveals a balanced wine, with an excellent freshness enhanced by lacy minerality, savory, earthy notes and the delicate flavors of cherries, blackberries, and raspberries. Burgundian styling. Just 4000 cases produced. From Willamette Valley, Oregon

**\$39.50 reg****\$34.75 sale****\$30.40 case****GL8****Sterling Vintners Collection 2017 Chardonnay Aluminum Bottle**

On your way to the beach? Picnic-ing? These chillable half bottles could not be more perfect! Light, easy drinking California chardonnay. The fruit for this wine was sourced from multiple Central Coast vineyards, including southern Monterey County, Paso Robles and Edna Valley. Each area bringing its own local terroir to the wine. Tropical and tree fruit on the nose and on the palate, accented with citrus. Although the wine saw a bit of wood aging, it is very subtle and does not interfere with the with the fruit.

**\$9.95 reg****\$8.80 sale****\$7.70 case****GL9**





**Masciarelli Trebbiano D'Abruzzo**

Fresh, flavorful and more serious than nearly all Italian white wines at this price point, Masciarelli has shown the world that the special clone of Trebbiano in Abruzzo can make some of the finest white wine in Italy. This delightfully expressive wine of 100% Trebbiano d'Abruzzo combines stone fruit with a round, concentrated mid-palate due to the clay content of the soil in which it is grown. The long finish displays the minerality of the wine attributed to the lime deposits found throughout Abruzzo.

**\$15.00 reg****\$13.20 sale****\$11.55 case****IB9****Rocca di Montegrossi 2016 Chianti Classico**

This is the estate's flagship wine; it is a blend of about 90% sangiovese, with canaiolo and colorino. It ages mainly in large casks and barrels made with Allier oak for 12-14 months. It is unfiltered, and after bottling it ages another 6 months prior to release. In the glass it is lively ruby, with bright violet reflections, and on the nose displays the rich fruity aromas typical of the varietals, particularly forest berry fruit and sour cherries. On the palate it is refined and graceful and well structured, with nice tannins and savory notes. Cool acidity propels the flavors through a long, satisfying finish. From Tuscany, Italy. Critical Acclaim: WS92 Wine Spectator

**\$24.00 reg****\$21.15 sale****\$18.50 case****IB10**

## ADDITIONAL NOTES