

Bacchus Festival

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Please Note: *Tonight's special pricing is just for you, and will be honored ONLY for orders placed this evening.*

Welcome to the 2019 Bacchus Festival, and thank you for coming.

There are many wines at tonight'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.

Table 1 Woodberry Wines

Château Montmirail 2017 Gigondas Cuvée de Beauchamp

Blend of 75% grenache, 15% syrah, and 10% mourvèdre sourced from old vines on the upper slopes of Gigondas. This benchmark Rhône red delivers lush yet bright fruit, great balance, and the essence of southern French 'garrigue.' Intensely concentrated, the dark fruit is in no way "cooked," with aromas of black cherry, cassis, blackberry and dried strawberry intertwined with black pepper, olives, and the Rhône Valley's signature herb-and-flower box of garrigue. On the mid-palate, this wine reveals the essence of Rhône mountain fruit. It is ready to enjoy now, but will reach its peak between its 8th and 10th birthday. So, stash a few bottles away in the cold reaches of your cellar. Decant for one hour. Food pairing: Young, it accompanies a good meal on a raised kitchen, game and cheeses; ripe, it accompanies meats in sauces and also cheeses.

\$36.00 reg

\$31.70 sale

\$27.50 case

WW1

Château Michel Cazevielle Origine 1922, St Chinian

Michel Cazevielle created Origine 1922 in tribute to his grandfather Paul who moved to Cazedarnes in the early twentieth century on a few small parcels of vines that the Cazevielle family will continue to expand. The castle now has 22 hectares of vineyards that extend on plateaus and clay-limestone hillsides. A blend of 20% syrah, and 80% grenache, aged 12 months in French oak barrels. The nose is dominated by the intense red fruits and enhanced by spicy notes and an earthy/woody touch bringing complexity. On the palate, the wine has rich dark fruits, good grippy texture and a long finish. A great little wine of Languedoc-Roussillon.

\$16.95 reg

\$15.00 sale

\$13.00 case

WW2

Domaine du Moulin Mauzac

This sparkling wine is the kind of wine that drives wine geeks wild! This pretty sip from the Gaillac region in Southwest France is produced from the indigenous mauzac grape and its fizzy bubbles are created using the Méthode Ancestrale - an ancient technique for producing sparkling wine that uses cold temperatures to halt the first fermentation. The wine is then bottled, fermentation resumes, and voilà - bubbles are created. The nose is reminiscent of apple cider! Fizzy, fruity, and refreshing; shows lively flavors of fresh peaches, green apples, and a touch of honey. Elegant yet playful, it is a great aperitif and Sunday brunch sip.

\$29.50 reg

\$26.00 sale

\$22.60 case

WW3

Domaine Seguinot-Bordet 2017 Chablis Vieilles Vignes

100% chardonnay from vines that average 80 to 100 years old. Bright, luminous and limpid. The nose is copious, fresh and expressive. It illustrates its maturity with bright colors, sparkling yellows and shining gold. The taste reveals its powerful nature, rich, charming and elegant. A harmonious combination of powerful richness, earthy accent and tender vivacity. The big, long obviously mineral finish is a perfect illustration of the wine's serious yet charming character.

\$32.00 reg**\$28.20 sale****\$24.50 case****WW4****Guilbard Frères 2018 Vouvray La Lanterne**

100% chenin blanc from vineyards in the northern part of the Loire, near the town of Tours in mostly calcareous soils. Nice amber-colored yellow with complex aromas revealing white blossoms. The expression in mouth is plump because of the body and good balance between residual sugars and acidity. It provides this Vouvray a lot of delicacy and a nice roundness in mouth.

\$25.00 reg**\$22.00 sale****\$19.15 case****WW5****Krasno 2016 Sauvignonasse, Slovenia**

Over the centuries, heroic winegrowers have tenaciously terraced the steep marly slopes below the little village of Krasno to plant their vines. Goriška Brda is the enchanting westernmost region of Slovenia, nestled halfway between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. This unique land produces distinctly mineral wines, with a character only found in Slovenia's Brda region. The Goriška Brda Wine Cellar, established in 1957 as a cooperative, is still fully owned by local wine growers, preserving viticulture in Brda in all its authenticity – among the vineyards grow fruit, olive and other trees. Vineyard and winemaking knowledge are passed from one generation to the next, and the viticulture practices remain hands-on and very traditional. Sauvignonasse, also known as Friulano, makes some of the most impressive and distinctive wines in Goriska Brda. The Krasno Sauvignonasse is all hand-harvested and fermented in stainless steel and aged in tank for six months on its lees. Brilliant gold in color with pronounced aromatics and wonderful flavors of hazelnut, almond, pear and white flowers. Round, rich and textured with great concentration and a long, intense finish, this stunning Sauvignonasse is a great showcase of this noble varietal in Slovenia

\$17.95 reg**\$15.85 sale****\$13.80 case****WW6**

Soléna 2016 Chardonnay

This wine is a blend from several of the region's best vineyards. The palette is quite complex, offering up fresh apple backed by honeyed pear, just baked croissant and clotted cream. The mellow finish is pure apple cobbler. Just 100 cases produced. From Willamette Valley, Oregon

\$25.00 reg**\$22.00 sale****\$19.15 case****WW7****Soléna 2017 Pinot Noir Grand Cuvée**

This Willamette Valley wine has a vibrant nose of plum, cherry, and rich blackberry syrup. The soft mouth feel gives way to flavors of dark fruit with savory elements of toasted almonds, tobacco, ripe olives and a light spice of clove. Classically styled and just lovely.

\$35.00 reg**\$30.80 sale****\$26.80 case****WW8****Soléna 2017 Pinot Noir *Domaine Danielle Laurent Vineyard***

This tet de cuvée has an enticing and complex nose showing rich, dark brambly fruits, floral plus earthy notes. There are fresh cherry/berry flavors on palate with wonderful acidity and lightly nuanced oak/cedar notes and brown spice. This is elegant and age worthy. Very limited – just 600 cases produced. From Willamette Valley, Oregon

\$57.00 reg**\$50.15 sale****\$43.65 case****WW9****Tenuta di Angoris 2014 Pignolo**

This is a dark-skinned grape native to Friuli, in the northeast of Italy. It has a long-standing reputation for producing deep-colored and high-quality wines that were once popular with the monks of the region's ancient Abbazia (Abbey) di Rosazzo. It is now enjoying a renaissance in Italy, making wines that are tannic, brooding and rich, with blackberry and plum flavors. Structured with cedar box/sandalwood notes. Unique, perfectly balanced with a warm finish.

Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy

\$46.00 reg**\$40.50 sale****\$35.20 case****WW10**

Trinitas Elementis

This bold wine opens with aromatics of bright red fruit, vanilla bean and cocoa. The rich berry filled palate is mouth coating, and trails off with flavors of dark berries/cherries and chocolate. Everyone can use a case of this! WINEMAKER'S NOTES: I was tasked in the middle of harvest with making a red wine that would be ready for market the following spring. My idea was to make it in the style of an early to market Spanish red. I wanted to push bright red fruit and minimize aggressive tannin. So, I picked ripe and didn't over extract. Pump overs were slightly shorter but with maximum O2 and we pressed early. The blend consists of zinfandel (37%), merlot (24%), cabernet franc (16%), carignane (12%), petite sirah (7%), and mataro (7%)."

California

\$15.95 reg

\$14.10 sale

\$12.25 case

WW11

Table 2 Great Lakes Wine & Spirits

Beyra 2016 Reserva

70% tinta roriz and 30% touriga nacional from vineyards planted in the plateau area of Beira Interior wine region, at an average altitude of 700 meters, growing in schist soils. Vineyards are all of native varieties that are perfectly adapted to environmental and climatic characteristics created by the altitude, chosen one by one depending of the vintage. Spent 8 months in 2/3 American new oak barrels and 1/3 French. Fruity aroma with discreet minerality in balance with barrel aging notes. On palate, rich berries, raisins, spices, subtle notes of vanilla and toast. Fruity and persistent with fresh and elegant aftertaste. Try it with beef roasts, Iberian ham and cheeses. From Portugal's Beira Interior.

\$23.50 reg

\$20.70 sale

\$18.00 case

GL1

Bravium 2016 Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

From the far reaches of Mendocino, this elegant wine is pure and suave. Ruby red color with aromas of strawberry, rhubarb, rose petals, raspberry, wild berry, woodsmoke, damp soil, pine, and red cherry. A soft, juicy entry delivers concentrated berry patch flavors, balanced by sappy and savory whole cluster-derived notes, with medium acidity and a supple, mineral-driven undertone. Fine-grained tannins join spice notes on the creamy, beautifully layered mid-palate. This balanced wine has a great core of red fruit, stellar focus, just enough grip, and a complex finish.

\$36.50 reg

\$32.15 sale

\$27.95 case

GL2

2016 Cashmere Black

These vineyards in the warm growing region of Contra Costa County provide about 95% of the grapes for this dark red blend. Vines planted in sandy-soil and limited rainfall produce grapes of great flavor intensity and dark color. The wine is a blend of petite sirah, zinfandel, mourvèdre, and carignane. Velvety, full-bodied, complex red wine with blueberry, plum and violet aromas with enticing flavors of juicy cherry, vanilla. meat and roasted coffee lead to a rich, lengthy finish.

\$21.00 reg

\$18.50 sale

\$16.10 case

GL3

Cline 2017 Viognier, North Coast

Fruity, spicy aromas and flavors of peach cobbler and creme anglaise with a silky, bright, fruity medium body and a smooth, stimulating, medium-long finish that presents nuances of spiced yellow apple, nougat, and nectarine skin with fine, fruit tannins and a suggestion of oak flavor. Bright acidity lifts the mouthfeel for a refreshing, but still rich flavor profile. This is a very tasty, round, well-balanced and satisfying Viognier. Great buy at a tiny price.

\$13.99 reg**\$12.35 sale****\$10.75 case****GL4****Domaine de la Solitude 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge**

The 2016 vintage in the Southern Rhône was wonderful and this is a great example. This rich blend is 50% grenache, 25% syrah, 10% cinsault, 15% mourvèdre. Nose has a garrigue bouquet, rockrose flowers, anise, and black currants. On palate the wine is full-bodied, creamy, lush, plump with leather and savory notes, leather, red berries and stone fruit. It remains fresh and fruit-driven through the long spice inflected finish. Drink now through 2030. Wine Advocate - 93 Points

\$52.00 reg**\$45.75 sale****\$39.80 case****GL5****Domaine de Chevalier 2016 La Petite Lune Bordeaux Blanc**

Such a vibrant, fresh, fleshy sauvignon blanc blended meticulously with sémillon by the same team that brings the amazing Domaine de Chevalier Blanc - this is a hidden gem of a white Bordeaux. Fragrant with juicy green apple, clean white flowers, and mouthwatering ripe peach, this is a zingy, richly textured effort from two Bordeaux masters, Olivier Bernard of Domaine de Chevalier and Stéphane Derenoncourt, the sage of Saint-Émilion. The sémillon contributes the richness and texture of the body, while the sauvignon blanc supplies the vibrant acidity and fresh-cut grass and citrus notes. Lip-smacking good.

\$18.95 reg**\$16.75 sale****\$14.55 case****GL6**

Groth 2018 Sauvignon Blanc

A lovely wine from Napa Valley. Bright tropical and floral aromas (lemon zest, melon, hay) abound. The blend is 86% sauvignon blanc, 14% sémillon co-fermented and partially aged sur-lie. Juicy and pure citrus flavors reflective of the aromas. This is a robust wine with a big lush mouthfeel with good acidity. Well-balanced, it finishes long on the fading palate, with subtle ginger notes.

\$29.00 reg**\$25.50 sale****\$22.20 case****GL7****Neyers Vineyards 2016 Chardonnay Carneros District**

Rich, smooth, lush, old fashioned chardonnay with a nice toasty note. Crème brûlée at first with juicy citrus acidity for balance. The grapes are whole-cluster pressed, and fermentation was carried out in a mixture of new and used French oak barrels, using native, wild yeast, and periodic lees stirring. Malolactic fermentation also occurs naturally, without the addition of an artificial starter. The additional contact with the yeast lees after barrel fermentation results in a lovely aroma that the French call "Noisette" after the hazelnut character it resembles.

\$38.00 reg**\$33.45 sale****\$29.10 case****GL8****Northstar 2012 Merlot**

A stunning wine that straddles a new world/old world profile. The blend is 82% merlot, 16% cabernet sauvignon 2% petit verdot, aged 18 Months: 90% French oak barrels of which 55% was new oak. The 2012 vintage has rich concentrated aromas of black cherry, raspberry and bitter chocolate that lead into flavors of cedar and vanilla with a lingering toasted oak finish. Super smooth and rich. This highly structured wine was created to enjoy now, or for many years to come as it will age gracefully. Slides down very easily with a longer finish and a bit of heat! Enjoy!

\$45.00 reg**\$39.60 sale****\$34.50 case****GL9**

Quest 2016 Proprietary Red

New release from Austin Hope! The overall 2016 vintage delivered high quality fruit with above expectations on color and fruit intensity. Starts with rich aromas of caramel, fudge, cassis, coffee and turned loam. The palate follows through with milk-chocolate and black-cherry flavors, framed by chalky tannins and enhanced with a minty lift. Just a great value. Winemaker Notes: Vanilla, caramel, cassis, and red fruit aromas. Rich, clean berry flavors with firm tannins finishes with a long toasty, French vanilla. 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 15% Petit Verdot, 5% Petite Sirah. Critical Acclaim: WE93Wine Enthusiast

\$33.00 reg**\$29.00 sale****\$25.25 case****GL10****Ridge 2017 East Bench Zinfandel**

In 1999, this twenty-acre parcel in Dry Creek Valley was planted to zinfandel. As the vineyard matures, depth and complexity of flavor have increased. In 2017, the vines set a short crop with smaller clusters than usual, resulting in one of the most concentrated wines we have made from East Bench. Twelve months aging in American oak has softened tannins. Enjoyable upon release, this exemplary zinfandel will age for a further six-to-seven years. The fruit is organically grown with ripe blackberry, cocoa and mint on the nose. Brambly red berry fruit palate with a tannic grip, finishes with notes of underbrush and licorice. Well balanced, and dry with grippy tannins. From Sonoma, California. Critical acclaim: 91 Points – Jeb Dunnuck

\$39.00 reg**\$34.35 sale****\$29.85 case****GL11****Sella & Mosca 2014 Tanca Farrà**

50/50 blend of cabernet sauvignon and cannonau. Aromas of mature fruit with herbaceous and tarry notes with leather, tobacco, game, ripe black-skinned fruit. Nose carries over to the smooth juicy complex palate along with notes of cloves, balsamic, ripe olives and a hint of roasted coffee bean. Rich, full-bodied, dry, well balanced, harmonious palate. Aged 12 months in barrel – part in second use French barrique and part in oak casks. Decanting recommended. Pretty special from Alghero, Sardinia

\$36.00 reg**\$31.70 sale****\$27.50 case****GL12**

Table 3 Imperial Beverage

Beaucanon Estate 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

The Beaucanon Estate winery focuses on sustainable and organic methods. Louis de Coninck, the winemaker, originates from France. 89% cabernet sauvignon with 10% petit verdot and 1% malbec Opaque in the glass with a big mouthful of black cherries and blueberries on entry. Dense with medium oak with hints of pepper and spice. Nicely balanced. Outstanding price for Napa juice

\$39.00 reg

\$34.35 sale

\$29.85 case

IB1

Berton 2017 The Black Shiraz

A mild summer and cool nights resulted in a long ripening period with good fresh fruit flavors. Fruit was harvested late February to early March in the middle of the night under cool conditions allowing for fresh fruit flavor and minimum oxidation. This vintage stands out with rich, ripe and juicy characteristics with great length and depth of color. This is a bold example of the Australian style Shiraz with deep color and aromas of blackberry and plum with notes of spicy oak. The palate is intense with rich plum, blueberry and mocha notes. The tannins are dense and balanced allowing for great structure and a lengthy finish. From Coonawarra and Padthaway, Australia.

\$15.00 reg

\$13.20 sale

\$11.50 case

IB2

Compania Bodeguera de Valenciso Rioja Reserva 2010

Valenciso continues to fashion one of the greatest of all Rioja wines. This 2010 Rioja Reserva is the finest in a string of great Rioja Reservas from this superbly run bodega, but don't just take our word for it. Tim Atkins, Master of Wine, and Decanter magazine awarded the 2010 96 points. The wine is adorned with a deep purple robe, explosive aromatics, finely polished fruit, and captivating spice tones. Produced from 100% tempranillo, it offers savory scents of red and black fruits, ripe woodland berries, sandalwood, cinnamon, and deft touches of vanilla from oak barrel ageing. In the mouth, the wine unfolds slowly and persistently in true Rioja Alta fashion to reveal a wellspring of fruit, spice, and warm wood flavors. Moreover, layers of complex flavors continue to tantalize the palate and linger long after the wine slips down the throat. And once again in 2010, Valenciso's Reserva strikes the ideal balance between fruit and structure, characteristics that have consistently earned international acclaim. We suggest serving the extraordinary wine at cool room temperature (60°-62° F) after an hour or more of aeration. However, there's no need to be in a hurry; this Rioja Reserva will evolve in a glass or decanter for several hours. If stored properly, the 2010 Valenciso Rioja Reserva will continue to mature in bottle and drink beautifully a decade or more from now.

\$46.00 reg

\$40.50 sale

\$35.20 case

IB3

Greywacke 2017 Sauvignon Blanc

Forget flamboyant Marlborough sauvignon blanc; this restrained example is a pure and elegant expression sourced from both the Wairau Valley and an elevated site in the upper Awatere. It offers delicate aromas of elderflower, nettles, chamomile and citrus. Light to medium in body, a short period on lees has brought a textural element to the mid-palate, before the fresh but balanced acidity provides a flourish on the finish. Packed with flavor. Always one of Marlborough's top sauvignon blancs, made by former Cloudy Bay winemaker Kevin Judd. A very stylish wine. High scores from Decanter (92) and Vinous (90) From New Zealand.

\$26.00 reg**\$22.90 sale****\$19.90 case****IB4****Hauer Hierà 2016 Terre Siciliane IGT**

The fruit comes from the Aolian Islands just off the north coast of Sicily. It is a blend of indigenous grapes: nero d'avola, alicante and nocera. Medium weight with a rich, fragrant bouquet of dark, wild berries, sweet spice, tobacco and chocolate along with earthy notes characteristic of dry soil. This is velvety, complex, with smooth tannins, fresh, fruity flavors, fennel dust, balsamic notes and acidity. Maintains wonderful balance and a luscious, bright style.

\$32.00 reg**\$28.20 sale****\$24.50 case****IB5****La Spinetta 2015 Barbera Ca di Pian**

Sourced from younger vines grown in two sites: Castagnole and Costigliole. The vines are 6-20 years old and grow on calcareous soil at 300 meters above sea level, at a southern exposure. Harvest usually happens in the last week September to early October, after which time, the grapes are fermented in rotofermenters for 6 to 7 days. The wine then ages for 12 months in a mix of new and old, medium toasted, French oak barrique. Malolactic fermentation takes place in the barrique. The Ca di Pian Barbera is aged for another two months in bottle before its release. The 2015 Barbera d'Asti Ca' di Pian is bold, plump and juicy, all qualities that make it an excellent choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Dark blue and purplish berry fruit, chocolate, spice and new leather are all pushed forward in this pretty great value from an outstanding producer.

\$34.00 reg**\$29.90 sale****\$26.00 case****IB6**

Lavau 2016 Châteauneuf du Pape

From a fabulous vintage in the historic village between the towns of Orange and Avignon, in France's southern Rhône Valley. This is a blend of 50% grenache, 40% syrah and 10% mourvèdre from vines that are on average, 40 years of age. The terroir is sandy soils found in the Baratin vineyard. The grapes are 100% destemmed. The wine is aged in a combination of 50% new, French oak barrels and the remaining 50% of the wine is aged in tank for 12 months before bottling. Medium bodied, early drinking wine with a forward, red berry core of fruit. Amazing price!

\$44.00 reg**\$38.75 sale****\$33.70 case****IB7****Domaine Raffault 2017 Chinon Rouge**

The fruit for Domaine Jean-Maurice Raffault's Chinon Rouge comes from vineyards on sandy, alluvial soil near the Vienne River. This origin gives a supple, fruity Chinon that is perfect for early drinking. The wine's dark cherry and raspberry flavors are best appreciated with a slight chill. The wine also has a bit of earthiness, a touch of cocoa dust and mineral that appears midpalate through finish. Raffault's Chinons are wonderfully expressive wines that go harmonize with a wide variety of classic French dishes, while their natural fruity acidities make them fine matches for Asiatic cuisine, grilled fish, and spicy American foods. For wines of such depth and complexity, they also represent remarkable value.

\$15.95 reg**\$14.10 sale****\$12.25 case****IB8****Supremus Toscana IGT 2013**

Delicious blend from the Maremma of 75% sangiovese, 15% merlot, and 10% cabernet sauvignon. Aged in oak barrels and barriques 14 months followed by six months of bottle aging. Has an intense nose with nuances of violet, red berries, cherries, vanilla, leather, espresso and chocolate. On the palate, a core of dark cherry fruit in this nicely layered, inviting red. Powerful finish.

\$32.50 reg**\$28.60 sale****\$24.90 case****IB9**

Viña Reboreda 2016 Godello

100% Godello from 40-year-old vines planted in chalky-clay soils on steep slopes overlooking the Miño River in the D.O. of Ribeiro. Pale, brilliant yellow-gold. Lively citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complemented by suggestions of honeysuckle and dusty minerals. Spicy and focused on the clean, medium-bodied palate, offering incisive Meyer lemon, melon and quince flavors and a deeper touch of honey that emerges on the back half. Finishes with very good focus and stony persistence, leaving behind a crisp, lemon pith flourish. From Spain's Galicia region.

\$17.50 reg**\$15.40 sale****\$13.40 case****IB10****Viña Vik 2017 Eulila**

Blend of 48% carmenère, 30% cabernet sauvignon, 22% syrah results in this juicy, plump wine. Leathery notes with ripe dark fruits. Super smooth and perfectly balanced. Ends in a long, clean finish. From Cachapoal Valley, Chile

\$27.00 reg**\$23.75 sale****\$20.65 case****IB11**

Table 4 Rocca di Montegrossi

Rocca di Montegrossi is located in the heart of Chianti Classico – just outside Monti in Chianti, about 7 kilometers from Gaiole. Marco Ricasoli-Firidolfi, is a descendant of the historic winemaking family that can be credited with having put Chianti on the map of the world's best wines. The winery, whose restoration and modernization were completed in 2000, is located near the Romanesque Church of San Marcellino. Welcome Marco!

Rocca di Montegrossi 2017 Chianti Classico

A blend of 85% sangiovese, with canaiolo and colorino. This is the estate's flagship wine. Aging takes place mainly in large casks and barrels made with Allier oak for 12 months. Wine is bottled unfiltered and rests in bottle for 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 harmonious and well structured, with nice tannins and savory notes.

\$24.00 reg \$21.15 sale \$18.40 case RDM1

Rocca di Montegrossi 2012 San Marcellino Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

This is "the best of the best", produced only in great vintages. The blend is 95% sangiovese, 5% pugnello. Notes of dark cherry, smoke, plum and flowers gradually open up in the glass. The wine is concentrated on the palate, silky smooth. It is accessible now but truly age worthy. Critical acclaim: 94+ Vinous. From Tuscany, Italy

\$50.00 reg \$44.00 sale \$38.25 case RDM2

Rocca di Montegrossi 2015 Geremia

A powerful, intense wine that also displays elegance and balance, bringing out the character of the terroir. Intense ruby, with violet nail, and with complex aromas that bring to mind sour cherries, currants and other wild berry fruit, mingled with licorice and vanilla. A wine of great structure and complexity, with a core of black fruits on the palate is plush, soft and velvety, thanks to its richness and the perfect ripeness and integration of the tannins. Blend: 85% merlot, 15% cabernet sauvignon

\$54.00 reg \$47.50 sale \$41.35 case RDM3

Table 5 AHD Vintners

Abbazia di Novacella 2018 Kerner

A delicious white wine: white rose, orange zest and alpine herbs make up the intense fragrance. It is vibrant and focused, with the racy palate delivering juicy yellow peach, tangerine, jasmine and white pepper. All is framed in crisp acidity that lends balance and tension. From Alto Adige, Valle Isarco, Italy, it is WE - Editor's Choice 92 points.

\$26.00 reg

\$22.90 sale

\$19.90 case

AHD1

Domaine Albert Mann 2016 Auxerrois Vieilles Vignes

The Albert Mann estate from the Barthelmé family is considered by Robert Parker as the elite of Alsace. With good reason, as the house delivers wines of great depth and even some exceptional Burgundy-style reds, a rare sight in the region. The estate is certified organic since 2000 and has applied biodynamic principles since 1997. This cuvee is produced from the Auxerrois varietal, a grape often mistaken for Pinot Blanc, or often assembled to it. There is an engaging purity in the wine, balanced by nice acidity and a cleansing finish. It is marked by flavors of acacia honey, white flowers, quince, golden delicious apple, peach and smoke. From Alsace, France

\$26.00 reg

\$22.90 sale

\$19.90 case

AHD2

Domaine de Roche-Guillon Clos de la Tour Fleurie 2015

Bruno Copéret has produced an impressive wine from this small vineyard on his property. 100% gamay. It is still young, full of smoky wood and juicy Bing cherry fruit flavors. Lush and pretty hefty. The tannins and the concentration are considerable, making this wine age worthy. Drinking beautifully now 93 Points/WE

\$25.00 reg

\$22.00 sale

\$19.15 case

AHD3

Domaine des Terres Falmet 2016 Cinsault

These vines are 70 to 100 years old, grown at high elevation. The wine is concentrated and balanced, Silky, medium bodied red, with hints of black cherry/berry flavors, having the rare combination of black tea, black pepper and garrigue spices, with very soft tannins. This is a heckuva value with a lovely big long finish and a cellaring potential of 10 years from the Languedoc, France.

\$16.95 reg

\$15.00 sale

\$13.00 case

AHD4

Godelia Mencia Bierzo 2012

This wine has a strong personality with a complex, elegant, concentrated nose. It displays ripe red fruit notes enveloped in aromas of mineral and wildflowers along with spicy notes. Smooth and elegant on the palate with cherries, black plums and blackberries. Pleasant tannins and a persistent and lingering finish make this Spanish wine a winner.

\$26.00 reg**\$22.90 sale****\$19.90 case****AHD5****Habit Grenache Noir 2018, Demetria Vineyard**

216 cases produced, biodynamically and organically farmed in Santa Ynez Valley. Bright berry fruit, with balsamic hints plus earth and spice. Silky, intense, peppery. Picked and sorted by hand, foot stomped (!), followed by a three-day cold soak. 20% whole cluster, fermented in open top fermenters, punched down by hand 2 times daily, then pressed and aged in neutral French oak on the lees for 6 months. Racked once just before bottling. Really special, rare, unique. Wow!

\$37.00 reg**\$32.60 sale****\$28.35 case****AHD6****Klaus Lentsch 2016 Bachgart**

100% blauburgunder (pinot noir) 12 Months of aging, 50% in tonneaux and 50% in third and fourth passage barriques followed by at least 12 months in bottle. Light ruby-red in color with a garnet glow and intense smoky bouquet of red berries, Marasca cherry, earth with a tinge of spice. On the palate it is soft, silky and round with a balanced, medium body, a fresh finish with finely-spiced tannins, and a distinctive mineral presence. A graceful wine, recommended with light hors d'oeuvres, white meats, beef, lamb, poultry, duck, game, and cheeses.

\$29.00 reg**\$25.50 sale****\$22.20 case****AHD7**

Silver Ghost 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

This is a silky blend of 90% cabernet sauvignon, 5% cabernet franc, 5% petit verdot sourced from Rutherford, Calistoga and Yountville vineyards. The wine was aged 22 Months, French Barrique (50% new). It is a rich, full-bodied beauty crafted from some of the finest vineyards in the Napa Valley. The wine is deep in color with aromas of black cherry, blueberry and cassis leaping from the glass. On the palate, Silver Ghost reveals layers of red and black fruit intermingled with mocha, toast and savory spice. A sumptuous texture rounds out the long finish. Heckuva price for Napa juice.

\$39.00 reg**\$34.35 sale****\$29.85 case****AHD8****Viña Herminia 2014 Rioja Crianza**

Cherry and ripe-cherry tones in the glass. Has hearty, complex and fruity aromas, with rich tones of dark fruits, good oak notes, cherries, plums with balanced and elegant oak. Round on the palate, rich, spice notes, viscous and creamy. Satiny smooth, long and balanced finish with plenty of silky tannins. From Rioja, Spain, nicely priced.

\$20.00 reg**\$17.60 sale****\$15.30 case****AHD9****Vallone 2016 Susumaniello Salento Rosso**

Susumaniello is a delightful word to pronounce and means 'little donkey' in Puglian dialect, a nod to its traditionally high yields if left unchecked. The lesser-known susumaniello grape is native to the Brindisi area, and possibly related to sangiovese. It had almost disappeared, but Vallone were one of the pioneers of its rediscovery, planting 10 hectares of bush vines on their Castelserranova estate, up the coast from Brindisi. Though capable of abundant yields, ruthless crop thinning transforms the quality - Vallone's vineyards manage just 30hl/ha. Fermented and matured in stainless steel. Ripe black fruit aromas lead to an easy palate of rich, robust plummy fruit accented with earthy/funghi notes plus a bit of smoke - perfectly balanced by fresh acidity and lightly floral notes.

\$17.95 reg**\$15.85 sale****\$13.80 case****AHD10**

Table 6 Mix of Six

CHATEAU JEAN de BEL AIR 2015 BORDEAUX—GOLD MEDAL PARIS

Owned by Bertrand Gonzales the Chateau is located in Sauveterre de Guyenne in the far eastern edge of the Entre-deux-Mers. The Chateau Jean de Bel Air is composed of 60% merlot and 40% cabernet sauvignon. Its beautiful color reveals its concentration and richness, and aromas of black fruits. It is a balanced wine with strong tannins.

CHATEAU CHAUVET 2015 BORDEAUX—GOLD MEDAL LYON

The Chauvet family have produced wine here for more than a century. The property is in the Entre-deux-Mers in the commune of Saint Hilaire-du-Bois. This is a right bank Bordeaux composed of 35% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot, 30% cabernet franc and 1% malbec from vines averaging 35 years of age.

CHATEAU HAUT-MOULIN 2015 BORDEAUX— GOLD MEDAL LYON

The estate has been in the same family for four generations, the vineyard has been managed by Christophe Chapron since 1992. The operation has grown, leading to the expansion of the winery in 2011 and a gradual move towards organic viticulture. The wine is 90% merlot, 10% cabernet sauvignon from vines averaging 20 years.

CHATEAU HAUT-BARDIN 2015 BORDEAUX—GOLD MEDAL PARIS

The Chateau is located in Saint Martial in the Entre-deux-Mers region. The estate was owned by a Japanese family until its acquisition by Christian Dumas in 2000. The wine is 70% merlot and 30% cabernet sauvignon from vines averaging 20 years.

CHATEAU FLORIE AUDE 2015 BORDEAUX—GOLD MEDAL BORDEAUX

The estate is located in the Aubie et Espessas village, near St. Andre de Cubzac with a vineyard planted on hills and table lands. The wines are supple and round and composed of 85% merlot and 10% cabernet sauvignon and 5% cabernet franc from vines averaging 30 years

CHATEAU TALAISE 2015 BORDEAUX—GOLD MEDAL MACON & LYON

The Chauvet family owns this property. The arrival of the brothers Gerard, Gilbert and Claude marked the beginning of a new era for Vignobles Chauvet. Chantal Dalla-Longa, Gerard's daughter, and Gregory, his son, now manage the estate which now covers 45 hectares. 70% merlot and 30% cabernet sauvignon from vines averaging 35 years of age.

\$94.00

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Table 7 I-Lixir

Banyan 2017 Gewurztraminer

This has an extremely juicy nose with orange blossom, poached pear, bubblegum and gardenia—one of the most aromatic bottlings around. The palate is bone dry with a chalky flavor and backbone, with hints of plumeria giving warmth and richness. Serve chilled - it is a great match for anything spicy especially Thai, Vietnamese, and Indian foods. From Monterey, California, this wine was #38 WE Top 100 Best Buys of 2018.

\$15.95 reg

\$14.10 sale

\$12.25 case

IL1

Dômaine LaGrange Tiphaine Ad Libitum 2018

The blend is côt (malbec), gamay, and cabernet franc. The wine has great color and a nose that hints of juicy cherry fruit. On palate, cherries, berries, espresso bean, hint of earthy truffle and a bit of limestone. The fruit is hand harvested; the varietals are vinified separately, blended and then tank aged. Exquisite balance ~ cellar temperature will reward! From the Loire Valley, France.

\$22.00 reg

\$19.35 sale

\$16.85 case

IL2

Domaine Migot 2018 Cuvée Gamay

This cool wine has a serious nose with leather, cedar block, dark fruit rich, dark red fruits with a dash of citrus pith (!). Excellent acidity plus surprising bright red fruit shines at finish. This is a tiny production from an obscure region located at the French/German border along the Mosel river. Côtes du Toul, France

\$27.00 reg

\$23.75 sale

\$20.70 case

IL3

Field Recordings 2017 FRANC

This bright wine has a classic nose with floral hints, red and black cherries. Vivid flavors follow the nose adding blueberries, currants, herbs, and white pepper. Silky smooth, with a bit of heat on the long-lasting finish. From Paso Robles, California and just a great value.

\$24.00 reg

\$21.15 sale

\$18.40 case

IL4

Herman Story 2017 First Time Caller

This is a huge and hedonistic, sensual wine with enticing aromatics. It is an opulent 100% late picked petite sirah with gobs of extracted, exotic dark fruits accented with brambles and black pepper. Also has hints of violet and orange muscat with a healthy dose of spice. Just 273 cases made. Drink now: decant over several hours, cellaring potential: through 2029. From Paso Robles, California

\$65.00 reg**\$57.20 sale****\$49.75 case****IL5****Puramun 2017 Chardonnay Paraje Altamira**

One of the wines that first showed the world Argentina could make outstanding wines was a 1990 Chardonnay by Pepe Galante, who is considered the most important winemaker in the country's history. With Puramun he produces an elegant and complex wine in a Burgundy style that yet expresses its Paraje Altamira terroir. Silky with bright apple fruit and the perfect amount of toast. Lingering finish that invites you back for more. An amazing price for this elegant and complex wine, with only 500 cases produced. Suckling – 93 Points From Valle de Uco, Mendoza.

\$27.50 reg**\$24.20 sale****\$21.05 case****IL6****Three Wine Company 2016 Old Vine Mataro**

This is a spectacular blend of 81% mataro, 4% carignane, 7% black malvoisie, 7% petite sirah, and 1% alicante bouschet. Established over 127 years ago, the Spinelli vineyard is still being dry-farmed and is growing on its own roots. The vineyard has extremely sandy-loam soil, Delhi Sandy Loam, resulting in low vigor and extremely low yields. The dusty nose of violets, ripe black-cherries, and chocolate is draped with rich French vanilla, Provençal herbs, tobacco leaf, and a minerality that sneaks through to the finish. The petite sirah adds structure, color, and blue-fruit character while the black malvoisie adds softness and a perfumed raspberry aroma. Just 555 cases produced. Due to a high level of anti-oxidants, mataro is an exceptional aging wine. Don't be afraid to cellar this vintage for five to ten years. From East Bay, Contra Costa County

\$26.00 reg**\$22.90 sale****\$19.90 case****IL7**

Three Wine Company 2017 Zinfandel

This is a good all-around full-bodied performer from Matt Cline. It has effusive berry and brown spice aromas. On palate, mouth filling plums, raspberry and blackberry flavors with nuances of dried herbs plus light oak tones. Fairly full-bodied palate from Contra Costa County, California. Critical Acclaim: WE 91 Points/Best Buy

\$17.50 reg**\$15.40 sale****\$13.40 case****IL8****Weingut Peter Lauer 2017 Saar Riesling Barrel X**

For purists, there is nothing like the Saar. Saar shows intensity without weight, grandiosity without size: rocks and acidity. Frank Schoonmaker put it best in his 1956 tome *The Wines of Germany*: "In these great and exceedingly rare wines of the Saar, there is a combination of qualities which I can perhaps best describe as indescribable – austerity coupled with delicacy and extreme finesse, an incomparable bouquet, a clean, very attractive hardness tempered by a wealth of fruit and flavor which is overwhelming." Yes, this is the Saar. Peter Lauer, founded in 1830, is currently one of the greatest estates in this sacred place. Unlike neighboring wineries focused on the production of sweeter styles of Riesling, Lauer has become synonymous with precise, bone dry and off-dry expressions, crafted from some of the Saar's best vineyard sites. 'Barrel X' is Lauer's entry-level, off-dry cuvée, showing complex notes of limey citrus, green apple, and salt. The wine's residual sugar is balanced by lightning-like acidity and strong backbone with a super clean finish. A steal for the price!

\$24.00 reg**\$21.15 sale****\$18.40 case****IL9****Zaha 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Toko Vineyard**

Complex floral and fresh herbal/earthy aromas with gobs of dark, rich fruit flavors. The wine was aged 14 months in used French oak. The limestone rich soils of the Uco Valley add finely grained tannins and savory minerality. This cabernet has good acidity and balance, fabulous finish long finish, along with a remarkable price. From Argentina.

\$42.00 reg**\$37.00 sale****\$32.15 case****IL10****Zensa 2016 Nero D'Avola**

Intense aroma of blackberries and blueberries. The palate is soft and silky, bursting with spicy flavors of black pepper, dark chocolate, wild berries and vanilla. An easy/peasy rosso from Sicily, Italy.

\$17.95 reg**\$15.85 sale****\$13.80 case****IL11**

Additional Notes



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