

May Wine Bargains

Red Wines:

Cigar Box Pinot Noir, 2015, Central Valley, Chile

This wine is made from a single old vine vineyard. Black cherry and violet notes mingle with smoky warm baking spice. Hints of red cherries, raspberries, and strawberries are balanced with a touch of vanilla and leather. \$15

Quinta da Pacheca, 2013, Douro, Portugal

Portuguese reds continue to top our leader board of exceptional values in the wine world. The Douro region is where Port is made and there are a growing number of producers making dry red wines there. This red is a blend of indigenous varieties and has a deep ruby color. The nose is floral with hints of blue and black fruits. On the palate there's lots of rich fruit, some toasty oak and a finish of dusty cocoa. Wine Enthusiast gave it 90 points. \$12

Ziobaffa Super Tuscan, 2013, Tuscany, Italy

This organically farmed blend of Sangiovese (the Chianti grape) and Syrah is a fabulous spring red with roast chicken or pork. The mouthfeel is smooth, the palate oozing with the flavors of red fruit, plums, blackberries and strawberries with interesting hints of licorice and spice. \$12

Cellers Unio "Perlat", 2015, Montsant, Spain

A blend of Garnacha, Carignan & Syrah from the donut shaped Montsant region, which surrounds the Priorat. It has a very perfumed, fragrant nose, full of violets, smoky bacon and dark fruit. The palate is medium bodied with firm tannins that would benefit from a burger or well-marbled steak on the grill or some time in bottle (or both!). \$13

Ogier "Artesis" Cotes du Rhone, 2015, Rhone Valley, France

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate gave it 89 points and said, "More black fruit driven, with lots of black olive, tapenade, pepper and earth, the 2015 Cotes du Rhone Artesis is medium to full bodied, nicely textured and concentrated on the palate. It's a seriously good Cotes du Rhone that will evolve gracefully through at least 2023. The blend of the 2015 is 60% Grenache, 35% Syrah and 5% Mourvedre. \$15

Dancing Coyote Petite Sirah, 2013, California

This wine has an inky, ruby/purple color, notes of cassis, blueberry, blackberry fruit, and lots of fresh herbs; particularly rosemary and mint. This is a full bodied beauty that will drink well over the next 5 years. \$15

Margarett's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014, California

This is a delicious, lush style of wine that is typical of the vintage. Loads of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, a touch of licorice and cigar box. The wine is savory, delicious and an absolute pleasure to drink from the moment the cork is pulled. \$14

White & Rosé Wines:

Recorba Verdejo & Sauvignon, 2015, Rueda, Spain

This fresh springtime white is an absolute joy to drink. It's juicy and has a firm, crisp texture, with apple, lime and mineral flavors. It's unoaked and all the better for it. It's perfect for delicate seafood. \$12

Rauzan "Grand Louis" Sauvignon & Semillon, 2016, Bordeaux, France

Lovely pineapple and pink grapefruit notes soar from the glass. On the palate, hints of kiwi emerge with a touch of grassiness. The palate is well balanced, fresh and vibrant with crisp acidity. \$12

Rudi Weist "Hooked" Riesling, 2014, Nahe, Germany

Grown in the Nahe region of Germany, shows a classic Nahe profile, it is very racy and sleek. There are notes of mineral, green apple and pear in the nose. On the palate the wine has superb balance, with notes of pear and white peach fruit. Riesling's refreshing acidity makes it an excellent match to Asian or Indian cuisine. We also love it with steamed crabs. \$12

Roblar Chardonnay, 2014, California

Yum. Sourced from their estate in Santa Barbara as well as other Central Coast areas, this Chardonnay is California through and through. We love the rich, tropical fruit, toasty oak and hint of butterscotch. It's has lovely depth and opulence and finishes with underlying acidity to keep everything balanced. \$12

Chateau La Tour de Beraud Rosé, 2016, Languedoc, France

This rosé blend of Rhone grapes is a delicious, textured, yet always fresh and balanced rose that gives up lots of ripe cherry, strawberry and framboise aromas and flavors. It's a classy, thoroughly enjoyable wine that will drink nicely for the next 8 months. \$13