

June Wine Bargains

White & Rosé Wines:

Masera Gavi, 2017, Piedmont, Italy

This fresh, lovely white from northern Italy is made from the Cortese grape. It's an excellent Pinot Grigio alternative and is a classy, elegant wine laced with peaches, flowers and spices. The medium-bodied Gavi reveals good balance, with excellent ripe fruit and crisp acidity on the finish. So good with salads and seafood. \$13.00

d'Arenberg "Stump Jump" White, 2017, McLaren Vale, Australia

From the bottom to the top, the folks at d'Arenberg makes wines that are delicious, accessible and well priced. This white is a blend of Marsanne, Roussanne, Sauvignon Blanc & Riesling. Don't let that last grape worry you in to thinking it's sweet. It's absolutely bone-dry wine with aromas of almond, peach pit, apricot and honeysuckle. The Sauvignon Blanc is showing through on the palate with flavors of fresh herbs and grapefruit. A super fun wine to enjoy with grilled chicken with pineapple salsa and fresh fish. \$12.00

Radley & Finch "Viking Point" Sauvignon Blanc, 2018, Western Cape, South Africa

This Sauvignon Blanc offers notes of grapefruit, gooseberries and mineral in its lively aromas. Medium-bodied, detailed, rich, and intense, it displays a flavor profile bursting with citrus fruits and minerals. Pairs beautifully with shrimp with pasta and fresh summer vegetables. \$12.00

McManis Viognier, 2017, River Junction, California

The McManis clan has been farming for five generations and started making wine in 1998. They farm and sell grapes to lots of wineries but are able to hand pick the grapes that go into their own wines. This Viognier is a knock out beauty. Classic aromas of honeysuckle and apricots jump from the glass of this medium-bodied white. With good acidity as well as freshness and no evidence of wood, it should be enjoyed over the next year with chicken curry, or pork chops with apricot glaze. \$12.00

Columbia Winery Chardonnay, 2016, Columbia Valley, Washington

This is a serious overachiever. I was *shocked* when I heard the price after tasting it. It's made in a rich, toasty style with tropical fruits and hints of vanilla giving way to a medium-bodied, nicely textured and fresh feel on the palate. Staying classy and balanced, it's a superb value to enjoy over the coming couple of years with roast chicken and grilled tuna. \$13.00

Azul y Garanza Garnacha Rosé, 2018, Navarra, Spain

organically farmed!!

Medium pink-colored, it offers up a delightful perfume of cherry blossom, strawberry, and raspberry. Dry, concentrated, and refreshing on the palate, it has excellent volume, good balance, and a medium-long finish. Drink it over the next few months with any kind of picnic fare. \$14.00 Liter Bottle

Red Wines:

DuBoeuf "Wild Flower" Pinot Noir, 2017, France

George DuBoeuf, the king of Beaujolais, fashions this pretty Pinot Noir from vineyards in the south of France near the Mediterranean. This fruit forward, fresh and lively red is so fun and delicious. Its aromas are classic Pinot Noir with cherry and red berry mixed with a dense, plummy mouthfeel. This is not a wine to set on its side and wait for a few decades before you open. Instead, this is a wine that perfectly denotes the freshest characteristics of the grape. Enjoy it with salmon on the grill. \$12.00

Latido Wild Garnacha, 2017, Navarra, Spain

When it comes to Spanish reds, dark black-fruited grapes like Tempranillo and Monestrell get all the glory. But Garnacha - the Spanish-native grape the French call Grenache - is more important quantitatively and delivers more fun for the buck, too! This is 100% Garnacha made in stainless steel tank, and it's a terrific summer red. Juicy and ripe and loaded with plump strawberry and blackberry fruit, this gains a little extra interest from a lightly herbal note and fine-grained tannins. Terrific BBQ red! \$11.00

Domaine Pelaquie Cotes du Rhone, 2015, Rhone Valley, France

This Cotes du Rhone, which is a 50/50 split of Grenache and Syrah that was raised all in stainless steel tanks. Strawberries, raspberries, dried herbs and dusty cocoa characteristics all emerge from the medium-bodied, rich, chewy Southern Rhône that has good freshness and sweet tannin. It's a terrific Côtes du Rhône to drink over the coming 4-5 years. \$14.00

Chateau Les Granges, 2016, Bordeaux, France

Packed in wood cases!

This is a soft and spicy wine, with new wood and ripe berry fruits. From the Entre-deux-Mers region, it is full of fresh blackberry and red cherry fruit with a soft texture and is polished and well defined with lovely purity on the finish. \$13.00

Bodega NQN "P15" Malbec, 2017, Patagonia, Argentina

Dark ruby-colored, it delivers a spicy, black cherry and black raspberry perfume. This is followed by a medium-bodied, easygoing wine with oodles of fruit and no hard edges. Drink it over the next three years with beef, sausages and burgers on the grill. \$13.00

Hyatt Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015, Yakima Valley, Washington

Hyatt is a small winery that's doing it right. Established in 1983, they make great wines at reasonable prices that are stinkin' good. Sourced from their vineyards in the Rattlesnake Hills AVA, their Cabernet Sauvignon is a great value and shows complex berry flavors that are typical of this part of Washington. The aromas are pure Cabernet Sauvignon, while the wine's mouth-feel is lush and supple with balanced tannins which makes it a more versatile and less edgy Cabernet. \$13.00