

# May Wine Bargains

## White & Rosé Wines:

### **Santa Maria La Palma Vermentino "Aragosta", 2017, Sardinia, Italy**

Pinot Grigio lovers take notice! This is a bright, crisp, dry white from the beautiful island of Sardinia. Flavors in the glass run from grapefruit and melon to crisp pear and Golden Delicious apple. There's a hint of bright minerality on the finish. "Aragosta" means lobster and this wine is indeed fabulous with shellfish. Cheers! \$12

### **Maison Vialade White, 2018, Languedoc, France**

Whoa! A really fun, aromatic blend of Marsanne, Roussanne and Sauvignon Blanc for \$9?! Sign us up!! The Marsanne and Roussanne bring some richness and flavors of peach pit and almond and the Sauvignon lends crisp notes of quince, fresh herbs and white currant. Fantastic as an aperitif or with delicate fish dishes.

### **Chateau Brochot Gascogne, 2018, Gascony, France**

This blend of Colombard, Ugni Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc is a show stopper. It should definitely be on your list of go-to summer wines. The nose is all guava and papaya. On the palate there's some grilled citrus, orange blossom and subtle spice. It's a versatile white that will work for picnics, backyard barbecues or dinner on Tuesday. \$14

### **Essay Chardonnay, 2017, Western Cape, South Africa**

This is a refreshing style of Chardonnay with bright pineapple and apple notes, apple blossom and citrus aromas, and a hint of baking spice and toasty oak on the finish. Great with herb chicken on the grill and fresh salmon. \$13

### **Paul Direder Rosé, 2018, Wagram, Austria**

***Liter bottle!!***

Known affectionately as "Paul D", this rosé is made from 100% Zweigelt. It will prove a treat for drinking anytime over the next nine months. Brimming with Bing cherry, strawberry and rhubarb, it offers crisp, thirst-quenching refreshment, with invigorating aromas of fresh herbs and white pepper. \$12 / liter

## **Red Wines:**

### **Murphy Goode Pinot Noir, 2016, California**

The gents at Murphy Goode have been making fantastic wine in northern California since 1985. They are now under the umbrella of the Jackson Family estates & they've gone from strength to strength. Good Pinot Noir is one of the toughest things to find for our bargain sheet. One sip & we knew this was a winner. It has soft currant and cranberry fruit, light tannin, hints of dusty cocoa & baking spice. \$13

### **Ludovicus Garnacha, 2014, Terra Alta, Spain**

This organically farmed Garnacha is a real steal. Fermented in stainless and aged in oak for 3 months, it has sexy kirsch, licorice and raspberry notes that jump from the glass of this medium ruby-hued wine. Ripe, round and generously endowed, it should be consumed over the next 1-2 years to take advantage of its exuberance and freshness. \$13

### **La Maialina Chianti, 2014, Tuscany, Italy**

A perennial Best Buy in the wine press, this is a broad shouldered, richer style of Chianti with dark red berries, flowers and minerals. The fruit is rich and ripe with no hard edges. Enjoy this with classic Italian fare over the next few years. \$12

### **Alexander Valley Vineyards "Temptation" Zinfandel, 2015, California**

The folks at Alexander Valley Vineyards make a whole host of different wines all of which represent great value. They've been one of our favorites for the last 16 years (not to mention they're great people). This Temptation Zinfandel is aged for 15 months in American oak. This purple hued wine has earthy aromas of plum, strawberry jam, fruit leather, black cherry and apricot. There are ripe flavors of red cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry, cocoa powder and black pepper. This mouth-filling medium bodied wine is a crowd pleaser with a structured, juicy fruit finish. \$14

### **Domaine Herbe Sainte Syrah, 2018, Languedoc, France**

This is a fruit forward, easy to understand style of Syrah perfect for Spring and Summer. It is loaded with juicy blueberry and black cherry fruit, a hint of cracked pepper and a dusting of cocoa on the finish with ripe, smooth tannins. Excellent with burgers and barbecue. \$12

### **Las Casa de la Vacqueria "Corral A18" Carmenere, 2017, Maule Valley, Chile**

This Carmenere with 15% Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend has an alluring nose of cedar, smoke, mocha/coffee, violets and blueberry. Smooth-textured, easy-going with excellent grip, this tasty wine is a fantastic value meant for drinking over the next 5-6 years with roast lamb, bacon, or grilled peppers and zucchini. \$12

### **Hayes Valley Meritage, 2016, California**

Big high five to the Hayes Valley winery. We love everything in their portfolio. This Meritage is 40% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, & 13% Malbec aged 12 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels. Aromas of black cherry, chocolate, slate, and mushroom. On the palate flavors of blackberry, baking spices, and vanilla. Medium acidity, medium tannins, long finish. Pair with grilled lamb with goat cheese or mushroom soufflé. \$15