

# April Wine Bargains

## White & Rosé Wines:

### **Masi “Masianco” Pinot Grigio / Verduzzo, 2017, Veneto, Italy**

This is a really fun blend of Pinot Grigio & Verduzzo (an indigenous grape variety). The Verduzzo grapes are dried for several weeks before being fermented (called appassimento) to concentrate their flavors. The result is a delightful wine with notes of peach pit, citrus, honey and melon. It's a fabulous wine for a picnic or a day at the beach. \$15.00

### **Casamaro Verdejo, 2018, Rueda, Spain**

The 2018 Casamaro is 90% Verdejo and 10% Viura fermented and aged entirely in stainless steel to keep the fruit fresh. Medium straw-colored, it displays a nose of baking spices, mineral, citrus, almond and apricot. Crisp, balanced, and intense in the mouth, this will drink beautifully with briny seafood over the next 2 years. \$13.00

### **Zolo Sauvignon Blanc, Mendoza, Argentina**

This Sauvignon Blanc strikes a balance between the New Zealand style and California style. The nose is clean with aromas of grapefruit and fresh herbs. On the palate some more tropical notes of guava and passionfruit come through. This will pair beautifully with fresh fish and salads. \$13.00

### **Domaine de Montmarin Viognier, 2017, Languedoc, France**

This Viognier is so pretty and exotic with aromas of honeysuckle and peach, flavors of tangerine and apricot and a rich, full bodied mouthfeel. So good with teriyaki chicken and pork chops with mango salsa. \$13.00

### **Hayes Valley Chardonnay, 2017, California**

A balanced style of Chardonnay with apple and pear aromas, flavors of toast, coconut, baking spice and toasted almonds. Would be divine paired with chicken Cordon Bleu and grilled salmon, \$15.00

### **Petit Pont Rosé, 2018, Languedoc, France**

Woo hoo!! Rosé season is back! Our favorite time of year. The Petit Pont Rosé, a blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Merlot has beautiful strawberry and cherry fruit, crisp acidity, a lovely floral notes on the finish. Super versatile with food, especially good with fried chicken. \$11.00

## **Red Wines:**

### **Promesses de France Pinot Noir, 2016, Vin de France**

This ruby colored Pinot Noir has tell-tale cherry and cranberry notes as well as some cinnamon and cracked pepper spice. There's just the slightest hint of ripe tannin on the finish that gives the wine some backbone. \$12.00

### **Les Darons 2017, Languedoc, France**

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate gave it 89-91 points and said, "Bold cherry, blueberry and pomegranate fruit all burst from the glass in the 2017 Les Darons. It's medium to full-bodied, amply concentrated and rich, with plenty of satisfying fruit, suave tannins and absolutely no oak. **For the money, it's an exceptional value.**" \$14.00

### **Santa Maria la Palma "Le Bombarde" Cannonau, 2016, Sardinia, Italy**

Cannonau is what the Sardinians call Grenache. It's bold with big, black cherry aromas followed by more subtle nuances of spice, tobacco and cracked black pepper. Although the wine tastes very dry, it is not without its softness and plushness in terms of texture. Perfect with a big plate of pasta with Pecorino cheese. \$12.00

### **Elvi Wines "Vina Encina", 2014, Ribera del Júcar, Castilla La Mancha, Spain**

A delicious blend of 33% Bobal, 26% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 20% Tempranillo aged in French and American oak for 5 months. The nose is fruit forward with aromas of cherry, strawberry, and black raspberry along with spice and floral notes. Ripe, richly-fruited, and balanced, this flavorful effort is likely to evolve for 1-2 years and can be enjoyed over the next 5-6 years. \$13.00

### **Cité de Carcassonne Cabernet Franc, 2017, Languedoc, France**

Medium bodied and ripe with an almost Pinot Noir-like nose of red cherries and fresh herbs. It is medium-bodied, soft, velvety, and exhibits a flavor profile composed of red and black berries, cracked pepper, and herbs. Drink it over the next 2-3 years with roasts or meatloaf. \$14.00

### **Estampa Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon / Petit Verdot, 2016, Colchagua Valley, Chile**

Most of the wine aged in barrel for 10 months. Aromas of cedar, tobacco, violets, spice box, black currant, and blackberry set the stage for a ripe, firm, moderately structured blend that is a very good value meant for drinking over the next 4-5 years. \$14.00