

# July Wine Bargains

## White & Rosé Wines:

### **Domaine Preignes "Greg & Juju White", 2018, Languedoc, France**

This lovely wine, made from Terret and Sauvignon Blanc is a juicy, fresh and straight-up delicious white that gives up plenty of lime, citrus and hint of grassiness to go with a lively and dry palate. A perfect summer white or meal starter, it's a great value and should be enjoyed over the coming year. \$14

### **Monte Volpe Primo Bianco, 2017, Mendocino, California**

This is a blend of seven different varietals: Tocai Friulano, Chenin Blanc, Arneis, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Cortese. The wine is rich and intensely fruity with appealing aromas and flavors of peach, key lime, hazelnut, and wet stone, with a hint of brioche aroma from the sur-lie aging. The wine is nicely balanced by crisp acidity and a long, lingering finish. \$10

### **Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc / Viognier, 2018, California**

A consistent winner from this Napa winery, this fragrant, stylish blend of Chenin Blanc and Viognier is the type of dry white we wish more California wineries would focus on. Think of a spring flower garden oozing with melon and citrus blossom notes. Fresh, light to medium-bodied, and dry, it is a food-friendly white to enjoy as an aperitif or with seafood over the next year. \$13

### **Mohua Sauvignon Blanc, 2018, Marlborough, New Zealand**

This medium-bodied 2018 Sauvignon Blanc is ripe and easy to drink, with aromas and flavors of passion fruit, pineapple and melon, accented by fresh herbs. It should be enjoyed over the next year or two with asparagus salad with goat cheese, or roasted salmon with dill. \$13

### **White Knight Viognier, 2017, Clarksburg, California**

Swooping in to rescue your palate from the ordinary, this sleek, rich Viognier will excite the senses and tickle your fancy. Flirtatious green apple, honeysuckle and white peach aromas playfully engage with flavors of pear and melon. A medium to full bodied white wine, with a balanced and sustaining finish. \$14

### **Acacia Vineyard Unoaked Chardonnay, 2016, California**

Bright and fresh, the 2016 Unoaked Chardonnay is all about the pure varietal character of the grape, without the influence of oak aging. The enticing aromas and mouthwatering flavors brim with citrus, Fuji apple and pear notes, with a hint of apple blossom. The clean, fruit-focused flavors culminate in a crisp finish, inviting you back for another sip. \$12

### **Bodegas Breca Rosé, 2018, Aragon, Spain**

"This deceptively pale-colored rosé is quite rich, aromatic and dense. Berry, watermelon, spice and vanilla flavors mingle in a plush texture, with just enough acidity to stay focused." 90 points, Wine Spectator \$11

## **Red Wines:**

### **Domaine Brunet Pinot Noir, 2017, Limoux, France**

Sourced from the coolest part of the Languedoc, this delicate Pinot Noir has lovely aromas of dusty cocoa and raspberry. On the palate, there's cranberry, Bing cherry and cinnamon. With texture like silk and taffeta, this Pinot Noir is perfect with herb roasted chicken, smoked duck and mushroom dishes. \$13

### **Gobanilla Monastrell, 2017, Jumilla, Spain**

Monastrell is purple/black in color with an alluring bouquet of underbrush, blueberry, and blackberry compote. Ripe, savory, and easy-going on the palate with a bit of underlying structure, this savory, medium-long offering can be enjoyed over the next 3 years. \$15

### **Hello World Cabernet Franc, 2018, Castilla La Mancha, Spain**

An odd name, but delicious wine from the land of Don Quixote. It is a dark ruby-colored wine with a spicy, herbal, red currant and black cherry scented nose. Medium-bodied, it offers gobs of juicy fruit with no hard edges. This pleasure-filled wine should drink well over the next 2-3 years. \$14

### **Domaine la Croix Belle Merlot, 2018, Languedoc, France**

This super delicious Merlot exhibits authentic varietal character, with chocolatey, herb-tinged, plum and berry fruit flavors. It displays good fragrance, spicy fruit, fine purity, and a clean, crisp finish. It should drink well for several years with grilled pork, meatloaf and roasted vegetables. \$14

### **Ridge Crest Cabernet Sauvignon, 2016, Columbia Valley, Washington**

Dark ruby-colored, it exhibits an attractive nose of toasty oak, pencil shavings, violets, espresso, black currant, and blackberry. This leads to a medium to full-bodied, supple, richly-fruited wine with excellent depth and grip, 3-5 years of aging potential, and a lengthy finish. \$15