

June Wine Bargains

Sparkling, White & Rosé Wines:

Baron de Breban Sparkling Rosé, NV, Provence, France

If you're not the kind of person who drinks bubbles just because (we definitely are), you're still going to need some this month. Graduations, Dad's Day, Pool Party, or that Summer Cook Out, nothing gets a party started like the pop of a great bottle of sparkling. Light and balanced aromas of strawberry, cranberry, and cherry blossoms. Juicy and vibrant in the style of Provence. \$13

Chilensis Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, 2017, Maule Valley, Chile

Beautifully aromatic Sauvignon Blanc with notes of pink grapefruit, lemon-lime and peach pit. There's a pretty minerality and a beautiful mouthfeel thanks to several months of aging in neutral oak. Perfect for fresh seafood and fish. \$11

Kermit Lynch Verdicchio, 2016, Marches, Italy

Kermit Lynch is a longtime importer. His name on a bottle of wine is a near guarantee of great quality. Even knowing that, we were blown away by how much wine is stuffed into this bottle for so little money. Verdicchio is the perfect grape to capture the essence of the green, rolling hills of Italy's Le Marche region, along the Adriatic coast directly east of Tuscany. The wine offers up an enticing array of mineral, acacia, and ripe peaches in a generous, soft-textured style. This pure, clean white shows outstanding balance, not to mention tons of personality. \$13

Cline Cellars Viognier, 2017, California

Just say vee-oh-nyay. This grape was totally obscure in the mid 80's and now it is rising to rockstar status. Viognier could truly be said to be the hedonist's white grape variety, with aromas and flavors reminiscent of apricots, May blossom, honeysuckle, ripe peaches, & musk. Fantastically rich and aromatic and bone dry. We love it with grilled chicken or pork with fruit salsa. \$12

Gooseneck Vineyards Chardonnay, Navarra, Spain

A gorgeous bouquet of orchard fruits followed by a creamy mouth-feel of butter and green apples, wrapped in an elegant composition with a hint of oak. \$15

Anne de Joyeuse "Camas" Rosé of Pinot Noir, 2017, Languedoc, France

The 2017 Rosés are just starting to really spread their wings and all of that beautiful fruit is blossoming. This Rosé is bursting with aromas of cherries, strawberries, spices, and herbs. This is a dry, medium-bodied, super-flavorful rose with excellent ripeness, as well as admirable body, glycerin, and length. This knock-out wine would make a magnificent accompaniment to sushi and Asian cuisine. \$13

Red Wines:

Belles Eaux Pinot Noir Velvet Label, 2016, Provence, France

Big high five. Pinot Noir is always one of the most popular wines on our bargain sheet. And it might be the toughest ones for us to find each month. We taste through lots of underachievers to find the shining star (you're welcome). Oodles of red cherry fruit, raspberry and a hint of dusty cocoa and cinnamon spice. So delicious with grilled salmon, mushrooms and duck. \$15

Claude Vialade Carignan Old Vine, 2015, Languedoc, France

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate said, "Coming from 50-year-old Carignan vines, the 2015 Côtes Catalanes Claude Vialade Premium Vieilles Vignes Carignan is a great example of the variety and exhibits textbook black and blue fruits, violets and spice in a medium-bodied, supple and downright charming package. At 13 bucks, it's a total steal, and is ideal for readers looking to taste pure old vine Carignan!" \$13

Viña Temprana Old Vine Tempranillo, 2015, Campo de Borja, Spain

This wine hails from the beautiful Campo de Borja region, in the foothills of the Iberian Mountain Range and is made from old vines. It is an elegant, dark ruby-colored effort displaying a Pinot Noir-like nose of sweet and sour cherries, minerals, earth, and herbs. Remarkably, for a wine in this price range, it is filled with finesse as well as elegance. Drink it over the next 1-3 years. \$12

Maggio Petite Sirah, 2016, Lodi, California

There is nothing petite about Petite Sirah, and it's not everyday you see one on the shelves. But you'll return to this one again, once you try it. Laden with sweet fruit - black raspberry, black currants and black cherry, crushed floral notes, sweet warm spices, toffee and coffee. The palate has it all going on too - it has a supple weight and generous flavors but nice freshness with baking spice and toasted oak trailing on the finish. For those who like full-bodied, full-throttle fruit reds, this is one for you. \$13

Sur de Los Andes Malbec Reserva, 2013, Mendoza, Argentina

This Malbec exhibits lots of primary blueberry, blackberry and raspberry notes intermixed with a touch of wood, medium body and ripe tannins. It's fantastic with burgers and barbecue. \$15

Alta Vista Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina

This Cabernet Sauvignon delivers aromas of spice box, plums, dark cherries, pencil shavings, cassis, and a hint of chocolate. Ripe and succulent, this balanced effort over-delivers in a big way. Enjoy it over the next 5 years. \$12