

# March Wine Bargains

## White Wines:

### **Bodegas Lan Rioja Blanco, 2017, Rioja, Spain**

This unoaked wine made from Viura gives up a floral, lightly herbaceous, melon-scented bouquet that opens up to reveal spicy melon and citrus flavors. It has good length and lovely overall balance that will work perfectly with fresh seafood, salads, and appetizers. \$11

### **La Cappucina Soave, 2017, Veneto, Italy**

This organically farmed wine from northern Italy is made from the Garganega grape. It's crisp and bright like Pinot Grigio, but we love the orange citrus fruit and honeyed almond notes and mineral. \$12

### **Frisk Prickly Riesling, 2017, Victoria, Australia**

This super fun, half sparkling Riesling opens with a fragrant nose of honeysuckle, fresh grape juice and apples with a hint of allspice. It gives plenty of uncomplicated spicy and grapey flavors, has just 9.5% declared alcohol and has a refreshing off-dry finish. Drink it now with anything spicy and Asian cuisine. \$13

### **Michel Gassier Cercius Blanc, 2016, Vin de France**

An interesting blend of Grenache Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc grown in the Rhone Valley, this wine is labeled "Vin de France" because of the blend in this region. No matter, it's an amazing bottle of wine for the price. The wine exhibits attractive freshness along with plenty of melony fruit intermixed with honeyed citrus, white currants, and flowers. Medium-bodied and long, with some underlying minerality intertwined with its delightful fruit character, it should drink beautifully over the next 12-18 months. \$15

### **Domaine Brocard Margot Chardonnay, 2017, Vin de France**

Domaine Brocard makes beautiful, classic Burgundies. This wine, however, is a new project from Brocard using fruit from the Loire, Languedoc, and Burgundy to make this beautiful chardonnay that has notes of Granny Smith apple, baked pear, tangerine and a crisp, mineral driven finish. Fabulous with grilled salmon and richer seafood dishes or grilled chicken. \$13

## **Red Wines:**

### **Domaine Cogne Pinot Noir, 2017, Loire Valley, France**

A bouquet of ripe yet delicate, fresh cherry and wild berry aromas intertwined with very nice spicy underwood flavors. Medium-bodied but intense and juicy, with ripe fruit, dusty cocoa and some minty flavors, this is a well concentrated and structured Pinot Noir with ripe tannins and intense fruit. \$14

### **Bodega Luzon "Luzon", 2017, Jumilla, Spain**

This unoaked blend of Monastrell and Syrah is fruit forward with loads of ripe fruit. It offers up an herbaceous nose with notes of sage, thyme, blueberry, and blackberry in a jammy, ripe style. It is an excellent value for drinking over the next 5 years. \$12

### **QU.ALE Rosso Salento, 2017, Apulia, Italy**

This is a delicious blend of Italian and international grape varieties from Apulia, the heel of the boot. Primitivo, Negroamaro, Merlot & Syrah combine to create a fantastic bistro style red. Big, rich, ripe blackberry and cherry fruit with some rustic notes, ripe tannin and no hard edges. Perfect for pizza and pasta. \$14

### **Domaine Pelaquie Cotes du Rhone, 2017, Rhone Valley, France**

Our tasting notes in this wine were simply, "Yum!". The wine is a blend of Grenache and Syrah which reveals abundant raspberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with a hint of spring flowers. Medium-bodied with good acidity, it should drink nicely for several years. \$14

### **Predator "Six Spot" Red Blend, 2015, Lodi, California**

From the folks at Rutherford Ranch Winery in Napa, this blend of Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Malbec is sourced from vineyards in Lodi. This "Rambo in a glass" style of wine is big, brambly, and briary, with wild berry, and chocolate covered cherry fruit with firm tannin and warm baking spice on the finish. Begs for burgers and barbecue. \$15

### **Las Perdices "Partridge" Malbec, 2017, Mendoza, Argentina**

This unoaked Malbec was sourced from 25-year-old vines in Agrelo. The nose offers up expressive aromas of violets, cinnamon, and black cherry. This leads to a medium-bodied, ripe, savory Malbec with good balance and length. Drink it over the next 3 years with roast beef or lamb. \$11

### **Vina Maitia "Roto" Cabernet Sauvignon, 2018, Maule Valley, Chile**

Vina Maitia is the husband and wife team of David Marcel and Loreto Garau. David is a French winemaker and Loreto had been making wine in Chile. They make small production wines from very old vineyards and practice organic viticulture. Their wines are always fresh and pure expressions of the grape and vineyard. This Cabernet Sauvignon with a splash of Syrah and Alicante Bouchet in the blend is bright and clean with notes of mulberry, plum and violets. On the palate there is pretty, ripe fruit and light dusty tannin. Sophisticated and focused, this is a great Cabernet for meatloaf or pot roast. \$14