

May 2022 Wine Bargains

Mix and match any 12 or more bottles and get an additional 20% discount!

White & Rosé Wines:

#1 - Casal Garcia Vinho Verde, 2021, Minho, Portugal *Liter Bottle!!*

Spring in a bottle! AND it's a big bottle! Big high five to the Portuguese for over delivering on the wine front. This fresh, fun, spritely white is all citrus zest, fresh spring flowers and green apple. The nose is simply beautiful, just what you want from this type of wine. Unoaked, this comes in at just 9.5%, which will make it something particularly useful for a hot, summer day. This is a pleasure to drink, and don't hesitate. It may hold a while, but it will never show better than when fresh. Bravo!! \$10

#2 - Three Pears Chenin Blanc / Viognier, 2020, California

There are a couple of wineries in California making wines from this blend and we're surprised there aren't more. It's an absolute beauty and a fun bottle of wine to drink. 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 food over the next year. \$12

#3 - First Creek Sauvignon Blanc, 2020, New South Wales, Australia

This family owned winery in the Hunter Valley was started by Gordon Silkman and his daughter Liz. She's the winemaker and crafts this crisp, clean and light bodied wine with aromas of lemon and grapefruit, some steeliness and a touch of honeysuckle. Delightful with salads and fresh seafood. \$15

#4 - Secret Cellars Chardonnay, 2020, Central Coast, California

Elegant and well-balanced, Secret Cellars Chardonnay offers aromas of citrus zest, honeydew and apple with hints of vanilla and baking spices like cinnamon and nutmeg. Juicy tropical fruit and citrus flavors follow and the wine's finish is crisp and refreshing. So good with fish tacos and grilled chicken. \$15

#5 - Armas de Guerra Mencía Rosado, 2021, Bierzo, Spain

Fragrant aromas of cherry blossom, incense, potpourri, and black raspberry lead to a dry, fruity, lively offering that should prove incredibly versatile at the table over the next 12-18 months. Enjoy with cheese & charcuterie, grilled fish and any picnic fare. \$13

#6 - Stone Cap Riesling, 2020, Columbia Valley, Washington

This wine is sourced from a family vineyard in the new Goose Ridge appellation across from Red Mountain. Sunny, ripe peach and apricot aromas and flavors are accented with notes of honey and apple. Fresh and juicy, this wine offers a balance of zesty acidity and lively fruit. So good with steamed crabs, oysters and spicy Asian cuisine. \$10

Red Wines:

#7 - Jeremie Huchet "Chapeau Melon" Rouge, 2020, Vin de France *Organically Farmed!!*

One of the Loire's rising stars, Jeremie Huchet is a fourth-generation winemaker making his mark in Muscadet. Having taken over the family estate in 2001, Jérémie immediately went about purchasing some fantastic vineyards (which now total 169 acres), and slowly converting everything to organic viticulture. A blend of Pinot Noir & Gamay (the Beaujolais grape), it bursts with aromas of berries, plums and cherries. Medium-bodied, rich and hearty, with a fleshy core of fruit, lively acids and ripe tannins, it is fantastic with grilled salmon, mushrooms dishes and lighter chicken and pork dishes. \$13

#8 - Evodia Garnacha, 2019, Aragon, Spain

This fun, fresh, juicy fruit driven Garnacha is all strawberries, cherries, spring flowers and cracked pepper. It's a perennial Best Buy in the wine press and it is a wonder how they cram this much flavor and personality into one bottle of wine for this little money. It's fantastic with BBQ, picnic fare and sausages. \$13

#9 - Domaine Pélaquié Côtes du Rhône, 2020, Rhone Valley, France

This 50/50 blend of Grenache and Syrah is a fruit forward & juicy effort that has lots of classic Southern Rhone red & black fruits, peppery herbs, and lavender in its charming, medium-bodied personality. It has excellent purity, is balanced, elegant & best drunk over the coming couple of years with roast beef, stews & sausages. \$15

#10 - Ercole Barbera, 2020, Piedmont, Italy *Liter Bottle!!*

Boom. Pronounced (AIR-koh-lay), this is a big bottle of bistro style red that is absolutely delicious. Plump and juicy, it bursts from the glass with sweet red berries, flowers and spices, all in a style best suited for drinking over the next few years with classic Italian dishes and pizza. \$15

#11 - Bliss Family Vineyards Zinfandel, 2017, Mendocino, California

Zinfandel. As American as hot dogs, baseball and apple pie. Don't BBQ without it. Burgers are so much better with a glass of Zinfandel. Briary, brambly, and oh so delicious. This one is from the cool climate vineyards of Mendocino in northern California. The wine reveals an earthy, spicy bouquet with scents of raspberries, cherries, and strawberries. Medium to full-bodied with good briery fruit, an edgy note, decent acidity, nice spice, and true varietal character, it will provide plenty of smiles over the next 3-4 years. \$14

#12 - Barricas Cabernet Sauvignon, 2020, Mendoza, Argentina

The nose is ripe, with red and black fruit aromas intermixed with some herbal tones and notes of black pepper and baking spices, a textbook Cabernet, with ripe tannins and good suppleness. Lovely on its own or with steak. \$13