

May Wine Bargains

White & Rosé Wines:

Bodega Naia “Las Brisas”, 2016, Rueda, Spain

This blend of Verdejo, Viura & Sauvignon Blanc is a perennial Best Buy. Beautifully aromatic with a complex perfume (particularly for its humble price) of fresh herbs, peach, melon, and nutmeg. Crisp, savory, and concentrated on the palate, it is delicious with salads and fresh seafood or with appetizers at a party. \$14

Chateau Saintongey Blanc, 2016, Bordeaux, France

Predominantly Semillon with 25% Sauvignon Blanc, this dry crisp white has aromas of Acacia flowers, ripe pear and pink grapefruit. 3 months aging in French oak gives the wine some roundness and richness. Fantastic with roast chicken. \$10

Rustenberg Chenin Blanc, 2017, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Chenin Blanc is the darling of South Africa and this beauty has aromas of preserved lemon and minerals. The palate is well balanced with plenty of ripe citrus fruit on the entry, making way of tropical notes towards the middle and finish: passion fruit and a touch of lychee towards the finish. This is a Chenin Blanc with plenty of character. \$13

Chateau Tour de Beraud Blanc, 2017, Rhona Valley, France

This blend of Grenache Blanc, Roussanne & Marsanne reveals lovely white currant and honeyed citrus notes in its perfumed nose. It possesses delicious, heady fruit, medium body, and gorgeous freshness as well as vivacity. The beauty of these wines is their forward fruit, so they're not meant for aging. Enjoy over the next year with rich seafood or light pork dishes. \$14

Acacia Chardonnay, 2016, California

This stainless steel fermented wine offering crisp, lively fruit, attractive, buttery, tropical fruit flavors, excellent purity, and a stylish, medium-bodied finish. The emphasis is on fruit and freshness. Pair it with garlic shrimp or crab cakes. \$12

Mulderbosch Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon, 2017, Stellenbosch, South Africa

The Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon has a delicate nose of fresh strawberry and rose petal, nicely defined and offering plenty of fruit. The palate is rounded on the entry, quite plush for a Rosé with red cherry and strawberry fruit, leading to a sweet, mouth-pleasing finish. This is not a shy Rosé. \$14

Red Wines:

Dry Canyon Pinot Noir, 2016, California

Giving up lots of pomegranate, juicy Bing cherry, strawberry and spice, this medium-bodied, rounded, well-made and thoroughly enjoyable effort will drink well for 2-3 years. It's a killer value. \$12

Legado del Moncayo Garnacha, 2015, Campo de Borja, Spain

There are some tremendous values to be had in old-vine Garnacha in the sparsely populated DO of Campo de Borja. Dark ruby red in color with a fragrant perfume of pure cherries, on the palate it is savory, easy-going, and a terrific value for drinking over the next 3 years. \$12

Chateau La Condemine Corbieres, 2015, Languedoc, France

Predominantly Carignan with a splash of Grenache, Mourvedre & Syrah, this wine makes you want to stand up and give a big high five. It's super delectable and they packed a ton of wine into that bottle. It offers lovely aromas and flavors of blackberry, black tea, and black cherry (with an emphasis on the cyanic bitterness of the pits). Truly palate-staining and bright, with generous ripe black fruit persistence, this is a wine to reach for on regular occasions. It will impress your novice and wine snob friends alike. \$14

Mc Nab Ridge Winery "Fred's Red", NV, California

Named for the original McNab Dog, Fred accompanied Alexander McNab on the boat to America from Scotland in the mid-1800s. Fred was the first in a long-line of herding dogs known worldwide. It's a kitchen sink blend of 8 varieties including a healthy amount of Zinfandel. It's a broad shouldered, burly, jammy red that is definitely styled for backyard barbecues. It's legendary with burgers & ribs. \$13

Zolo Malbec, 2016, Mendoza, Argentina

Malbec, how we love thee. Delicious, inexpensive, great with a steak or just on its own...We dare you not to like this variety. The wine begins with deep aromas of plum, blackberry, raspberry, perfumed violet notes, a good dose of spice and a little coffee. \$13

Murphy Goode Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015, California

The complex Cabernet Sauvignon (with 18% Cabernet Franc) exhibits a saturated ruby/purple color as well as a sweet, complex nose of black fruits intermixed with spice, underbrush, and tobacco. It reveals structure, aggressive tannin, and wood in addition to copious black fruits. Drink it over the next 3-4 years. \$14