

March Wine Bargains

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White Wines:

Fiuza & Bright Alvarinho, 2016, Alentejo, Portugal

Alvarinho is the same grape as Spain's Albariño. Fresh, zesty and bright, it has spicy ripe apple, some grapefruit notes, nice richness on the mid-palate and hints of mineral on the finish. We love it with calamari or grilled shrimp or oysters. \$10

Marques de Riscal Verdejo, 2017, Rueda, Spain

This fresh and bright Spanish white delivers an assertive perfume of citrus, spring flowers, and spice box. Nicely balanced on the palate with lively acidity and a solid core of fruit, it will drink beautifully over the next 12-18 months. It pairs well with shellfish. \$10

La P'tit Envie Corbieres Blanc, 2018, Languedoc, France

This white Corbieres is made from Vermentino, Roussanne and Marsanne and is one of the finest dry white wines made in the south of France. The honeyed, floral, nutty, fruity nose soars from the glass. Rich and medium-bodied, with loads of fruit, this is an excellent example of a dry white wine. Drink it over the next 1-2 years with rich seafood dishes, pork loin, ham or roast chicken. \$15

Rustenberg Chenin Blanc, 2018, Stellenbosch, South Africa

This wine is fermented and aged in stainless steel to preserve the freshness and beauty of the fruit. It's old vine Chenin Blanc (20-35 year old vines) and has a crisp pineapple and citrus-scented bouquet that is lively and vivacious. The palate is medium-bodied with touches of orange rind and dried mango with good definition on the finish. Serve it with turkey or pork chops or baked salmon. \$14

Chateau Gaillard Sauvignon Blanc, 2018, Touraine, Loire Valley, France Organically farmed!!

Beautiful Sauvignon Blanc that is farmed organically and biodynamically. The nose reveals melon and citrus aromas. Light to medium-bodied and silky-textured, this amazing value is loaded with ripe, candied lemon and apple flavors, providing for a delightfully tangy and refreshing personality. Drink it over the next 18 months with briny seafood and salads. \$14

Domaines Paul Mas "Côté Mas Blanc Méditerranée", 2018, Languedoc, France

A full liter bottle of deliciousness. 35% Grenache Blanc, 25% Vermentino, 25% Chardonnay, & 15% Sauvignon Blanc has vibrant notes of citrus, grapefruit, and a touch of tropical fruits. Refreshing, with well-balanced acidity. Pairs well with chicken, fish and curry, but also great on its own just watching tv on the couch. \$14 / liter

Craftwork Chardonnay, 2018, Monterey, California

A new wine sourced from vineyards in gorgeous Monterey, California. Aromas of red apples and pear are followed by a lively blend of tropical fruit and citrus flavors. Striking the perfect balance of a rich, creamy palate with firm acidity, it is a versatile wine that pairs particularly well with grilled seafood, roast chicken, pasta in cream sauce, and shrimp scampi. \$14

Red Wines:

Dry Canyon Cellars Pinot Noir, 2017, California

A delicious, easy-drinking Pinot Noir that delivers the goods for not much buck, this Pinot Noir comes mostly the Central Valley. Giving up lots of juicy Bing cherry, strawberry & spice, this medium bodied, rounded, well-made and thoroughly enjoyable effort will drink well for 2-3 years. It's a killer value. \$13

Perfectus "Rosso", 2016, Veneto, Italy

Been to Italy or an Italian bistro and had a delicious red served in a carafe? This wine could totally fit that bill. It's made from Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot but don't think this is going to be a blockbuster. It's a soft & fruity, slightly rustic red that is oh so easy to drink. There is plenty of raspberry fruit, as well as an attractive spiciness & smooth, medium-bodied, lush flavors. Drink this mouthfilling charmer over the next couple of years with classic Italian cuisine or meatloaf or rotisserie chicken. \$7

Fantini Sangiovese, 2018, Abruzzo, Italy

A knockout value, the Fantini Sangiovese has a medium ruby color and is accompanied by sweet currant, cranberry, and cherry fruit with hints of dusty cocoa and spice. This graceful, supple-textured, fruit-driven effort will provide pleasure over the next 1-2 years. Goes easy down the gullet with sausage, rich chicken and mushroom dishes and *anything* with tomato sauce. \$12

Bodegas Volver Paso a Paso Organic Red, 2018, Castilla La Mancha, Spain

Made from 100% Tempranillo, this red is aged in French oak for 6 months. Another selection that over-delivers from importer Jorge Ordonez. Dark ruby-colored, it offers attractive spice and red and black fruit aromas with a touch of toasty oak influence. Medium to full-bodied, the wine has plenty of forward, ripe fruit and good length. Drink this tasty value over the next two years with pizza, grilled meats and tacos. \$13

Chateau Fontareche "Selection Vieilles Vignes" Corbieres, 2018, Languedoc, France

Wine Guy Rob *loves* wines from the Rhone. They offer such great value for the amount of wine they deliver; almost at any price point. This blend of Carignan, Syrah, Mourvedre and Grenache tastes like a high class Cotes du Rhone. The wine offers a surprisingly ripe, rounded style to go with notes of wild strawberries, jammy black raspberry and peppery herbs. It's drinking beautifully today, but will reward a bit of cellaring & will drink nicely for the next 5 years. Enjoy it with lamb, beef & game. \$13

Bodegas Nieto Senetiner "Camila" Malbec, 2018, Mendoza, Argentina

The nose reveals spicy blue fruits, black cherry, & floral aromas followed by a forward, flavorful, supple-textured wine with gobs of savory fruit & excellent length. It's fabulous with pulled pork, Prime Rib, charcuterie & burgers. \$11

Montes "Classic Series" Cabernet Sauvignon, 2017, Colchagua Valley, Chile

Aurelio Montes has done so much to change the landscape of Chilean wine. He was the first to plant hillside vineyards and makes incredible wines at every price point. This classic Cabernet has notes

of toast, spice box, violets, black currant, and blackberry. In the glass it has ample fruit, tasty flavors, and beautiful balance. Drink it over the next 5 years with grilled meats and burgers. \$14