Welcome to Bacchus Festival 2017, and thank you for coming.

There are many wines at today's tasting and we do not expect or recommend that you taste them all. We encourage spitting. It is the simplest and most efficient way to professionally taste wine. If tasting in this fashion (spitting) is new to you, please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff to demonstrate it for you. Done properly, it will provide your olfactory senses with the most memorable experience of the wine.

# **Woodberry Wine**

### Anne Amie 2016 Müller Thurgau

Grapes were hand-picked and brought directly to the winery in 1/2-ton totes in perfect condition. They were whole cluster pressed and placed into temperature controlled stainless steel fermenters, where they were slowly fermented at 45°F for maximum varietal character. The wine aged on its lees for four months before being bottled. Aromas of honeysuckle, key lime pie, white flowers, starfruit, kumquat, crushed gravel greet you with flavors of key lime, yellow grapefruit, golden delicious apple, pears. The finish is clean and refreshing.

\$18.95 reg \$16.30 sale

\$14.25 case

WW1

### Casa Santos Lima 2014 Colossal Reserva

"Colossal" is defined by something gigantic in place and time. Made from selected grapes grown in wide and beautiful areas of Casa Santos Lima vineyards, this lush, full bodied blend of touriga nacional, syrah, tinta roriz and alicante bouschet features intense color with gobs of ripe black fruit, spicy flavors, and a bit of smoke. Well balanced with smooth tannins and a long, full and pleasant finish. Wine Spectator 91 'Smart Buy' From Vinho Regional Lisboa, Portugal

\$16.00 reg \$13.75 sale \$12.00 case WW2

#### Constantia Glen 2016 Sauvignon Blanc

Daring aromas of passion fruit, peach and grapefruit, which unfurl into the most delicate array of spices with a single swirl of the glass. Here the tropical facade so slightly fades to expose underlying hints of fennel seed, white pepper and cardamom, neatly strung together by an uplifting, yet delicate perfume of mandarin. The wine's complex bouquet gains even more vibrancy once the citrus flavors encounter the palate's rich, creamy texture, which is achieved during maturation on the lees in stainless steel tanks for 4 months prior to bottling. A portion of 5% sémillon was incorporated into the blend to add some depth to the wine's otherwise racy acidity and rich core, resulting in a mouthfeel that demands a sip more. A classic Constantia wine, showing beautiful elegance, a well-defined minerality and the kind of structure that allows for superlative ageing under ideal cellaring conditions.

\$26.00 reg \$22.40 sale \$19.50 case WW3

### Couly Dutheil 2014 Chinon La Coulée Autumnale

100% cabernet franc. Bright red color. Distinctive nose where fruity and earthy notes intermix. A supple, fragrant Chinon exhibiting violets and red fruits. Medium weight Lovely, slightly spicy finish. Perfect food wine with poultry, more delicate red meat dishes.

\$21.00 reg \$18.10 sale \$15.75 case WW4

### Domaine Bois De Boursan 2014 Châteauneuf Du Pape

Bois de Boursan is produced from a blend of 65% grenache, 15% mourvèdre, 15% syrah and 5% other varieties. The vines for this wine range from 40-80 years of age. The terroir is rocks, clay, sand and limestone. Bois de Boursan is aged in large foudres that were previously used to make beer in the Alsace region. Just 3,200 cases are produced each year. This wine shows earthy aromas comingled with dark fruits. Lots of spice on the palate with leather/saddle notes to boot. Love the complexity. Best served at cellar temperature. The cool temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Bois de Boursan Rouge is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, grilled dishes, sausage and cassoulet. Bois de Boursan is also good with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms and pasta.

\$53.00 reg \$45.60 sale \$39.75 case WW5

### Domaine De La Tourade 2013 Gigondas Font des Aieux

The property has belonged to the family for several generations. Frédéric Haut, who is André Richard's son-in-law, is the 4th generation to take control of the winemaking responsibilities at the domaine. The assemblage is 80% grenache, 20% syrah, 10% mourvèdre. The grenache for the cuvée is from the domaine's oldest parcels, now 80+ years old and located in the Dentelles de Montmirail. Enticing aromatics. This is a very dark, awesome color almost of stewed prunes with soft plummy fruit driven nose. Rich chewy and elegant wine that fills the mouth and has an enormous lingering finish. A very high-quality Rhône wine that is ideal with all game and red meats.

\$36.50 reg \$31.40 sale \$27.40 case WW6

### Kenneth Volk 2014 Chardonnay Santa Maria Cuvée

The wine displays aromas of toasted oak and cereal grains initially, followed by more subtle aromatics of white peach and nectarine. On the palate, there are more tropical fruit flavors: pineapple and banana are creamy without being overly buttery. Nice amount of toast comes through. A beautiful balance of acidity, alcohol and texture blend to make this a delicious, easily-enjoyed wine. Consider pairing with sautéed scallops, roast sea bass, bouillabaisse and other white fish stews.

\$25.00 reg \$21.50 sale \$18.75 case WW7

#### **Morisfarms 2015 Mandriolo**

Great little blend 80% sangiovese, 20% cabernet sauvignon, syrah, petit verdot. Intriguing nose and palate – earthy notes, fresh red cherries with a bit of blueberry to boot. Juicy, a pleasure to drink – nicely balanced. Great with almost everything or nothing at all. Case buys encouraged. From Tuscany, Italy. Winner of Due Bicchieri ~ Gambero Rosso.

\$14.00 reg \$12.05 sale \$10.50 case WW8

#### Morrisfarms Barbaspinosa 2013 Monteregio di Massa Marittima D.O.C.

90% sangiovese, 10% cabernet sauvignon. This wine was born in 1996 and in the year 2012 we named this wine "Barbaspinosa", from a character of short story written by the great-grandfather Giuseppe Leo Morris for his children. The clay soil produces a wine with body and character that goes well with first and second courses. Its main characteristic aroma is that of black fruits, which follow through on palate, along with spicy richness and warm Tuscan earth. Memorable.

\$27.00 reg \$23.25 sale \$20.25 case WW9

### Wild Hog 2012 Zinfandel Nova Vineyard

Wild Hog Vineyard is a small family owned and operated winery and vineyard in the hills between Cazadero and Fort Ross on the Sonoma Coast. The owners, Daniel and Marion Schoenfeld, have transformed the rugged mountain property into a beautiful lush garden resplendent with vineyard, orchard, vegetable beds, and fragrant flowers. This is indeed a full, rich, smooth Zin from Nova Vineyard. Inviting aromatics and flavors of juicy red and black raspberries with a bit of smoke. The wine is bright, youthful and balanced with a good body and lingering finish. 309 cases were produced.

\$31.50 reg \$27.10 sale \$23.65 case WW10

### Château d'Orignac, Pineau de Charentes

Owned by Yvan Meyer, Château d'Orignac has won accolades in France and throughout the world. It is made from two-thirds grape must (Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot) with one-third Cognac and takes almost 10 years to produce, which results in an intense, complex nose of peaches, apricots, honey, almonds and Cognac and an unforgettably smooth texture on the palate. A delicious digestif. If you find full-strength brandy a little strong, this is a great alternative. Made from Cognac, but sweetened with red grape juice just after harvest, this is a rich nutty, figgy delight. A classic French dish would be to halve a ripe melon, scoop out the pips and pour in a generous slug of Pineau. Delicious and decadent.

\$35.00 reg \$30.15 sale \$18.75 case WW11

# **Great Lakes Wine and Spirits**

### Acinum 2014 Valpolicella Ripasso

Semi-opaque with a nose of almond and cinnamon spice. Quite dry on the palate with a very pleasant velvety texture. Rich in flavors of cherry, musk, spices and toast with hints of mineral. Longer, clean finish, Enjoy with red meat dishes, poultry, boiled beef and aged cheeses. From the Veneto region, Italy

\$26.00 reg \$22.40 sale \$19.50 case GL1

#### Cantele Primitivo 2014

100% primitive from Salento. Violet reflections in a deep red. Intense nose and spicy aromas with notes of Morello and sour cherry and prune. Aged in barrique for 6 months. Full-bodied with a velvety warmth and gentle tannins. Floral and spicy leathery notes follow in a superbly persistent finish. Ideal with game, roasted or braised meat and hard, aged cheeses. Drink now through 2020

\$15.00 reg \$13.00 sale \$11.25 case GL2

#### DO Ferreiro 2015 Albarino

Complex aromas of salinity. Also, exotic fruits with wet earth/herbal tones. The palate is textured with excellent acidity and layers of flavor that keep unfolding ~ white flowers, sea-infused aromas and some lemon zest freshness. But the minerality and salinity are more obvious in the palate, where the wine showed very tasty and precise, ripe and intense. This is among the finest 2015s from Galicia. *Critical Acclaim: RP92 The Wine Advocate* 

\$28.00 reg \$24.15 sale \$21.00 case GL3

#### Faust 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

This is a strong effort from Quintessa. This has an inky blue/purple color and notes of Asian plums, blackcurrants, road tar, and charcoal embers in a deep, wonderfully fruited, rich and savory, lush style. Drink it over the next 10-15 years. According to Robert Parker, "This is probably the best set of wines I have yet tasted from the Huneeus family."

\$62.00 reg \$53.50 sale \$46.50 case GL4

### Hanna 2014 Chardonnay

Great addition to you all purpose cellar. Straw-gold color with a nose of Bosc Pear, Meyer lemon, apricot jam, and caramel. On palate, light toast, vanilla bean, passion fruit and spice. The wine is notably vivid, bursting with juicy intensity, a viscous impression and a long finish. Classic Russian River Valley, California.

\$27.50 reg \$23.65 sale \$20.65 case GL5

### Matanzas Creek Winery 2013 Sonoma County Merlot

Merlot is on the comeback trail and you can easily see why. This one has a complex profile displaying red, black and blue fruits. The nose opens to a medley of red cherry and raspberry, Satsuma plum and sage, with a hint of cocoa powder in the background. The palate is sleek and savory, framed by vibrant acidity. Seamless tannins with notes of black slate and graphite carry through to a lengthy yet elegant finish. From Sonoma County, California

\$32.50 reg \$28.00 sale \$24.40 case GL6

### **Mount Peak Gravity Red Blend**

This blend, primarily of petite sirah, cabernet, and zinfandel, all from Monte Rosso, is the kind of "mixed blacks" red that will appeal to fans of wines like The Prisoner. It's so savory, redolent of anise, blackberry jam, and black cherry, but in a very fresh format. This hedonistic wine shows layered dark fruit, including elderberry and blackberry, followed by fig, black truffle and dusty cocoa. Parker flipped, calling it "Another exuberant whopper, the wine is an opaque purple color, with notes of pen ink, creosote, black truffle, blackberry, blueberry, and a hint of white chocolate in a full-bodied, massive, layered, rich and concentrated style." – 95 Points/The Wine Advocate

\$53.00 reg \$45.60 sale \$39.75 case GL7

#### Stags' Leap Winery 2016 Viognier

This viognier captures the variety's rich stone fruit characteristics, with hints of delicate honeysuckle and white pepper. There's a lovely floral and citrus blossom expression, adding to the wine's freshness and crisp acidity. Juicy apricot, white peach, hints of guava, and passion fruit are plentiful on the palate, leading into a lingering elegant finish. Balanced and refreshing wine with ample acidity and flavor nuances to pair nicely with a wide variety of cuisines.

\$33.00 reg \$28.40 sale \$24.75 case GL8

#### **Torres 2013 Salmos**

This Wine is a homage to the monks of the courageous Carthusian order, who arrived in 'Priorat', in 1095, where they cultivated vines. In 1835 a violent crowd destroyed the work of a lifetime and sacked the monastery, events which later culminated in the auctioning of church lands. In 1996 the Torres Family began work on the planting of vineyards on the slopes strewn with the hard, black slate-like "Licorella" stone. This wine is a blend of cariñena, garnacha and syrah. 2013 was an extraordinary year in terms of the weather conditions. Unlike the usual climate in the Priorat, namely very hot and dry, the rainfall in the vegetative growth stage was above average while summer temperatures were very mild. This meant the plants suffered no stress and the ripening cycle lasted between 12 and 15 days longer than in hot years. It also helped to balance the ripening of the skins (phenolic ripening) and that of the pulp. This has produced concentrated but balanced wines, healthy and well-ripened. A full package of aromas includes notes of cedar, vanilla, earthy spice and ripe black fruits. Ripeness is no issue on the palate, which feels intense but controlled. Flavors of berry fruits and black currant are chocolaty, with herbal spice notes. Finally, a long powerful finish tastes of spice-infused chocolate. Drink through 2023. 92 Points/Parker

\$43.00 reg \$37.00 sale \$32.25 case GL9

### Two Hands 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Sexy Beast

This classy cabernet from Two Hands has a lot going on. No cassis bomb, it is actually quite red-fruited with an open and complex nature based around clayish earthy herbs and toasty chocolate notes. Obviously appealing now but with equal X factor, this is one to lay down or let unfold in decanter. For the price, this is one to try From McLaren Vale, Australia. 93 *Points/Spectator* 

\$34. 00 reg \$29.25 sale \$25.50 case GL10

### Twomey 2016 Sauvignon Blanc

One of the best California has to offer. Amazing nose with floral aromas plus tropical-passionfruit and guava, citrus, mandarin, kumquat and lemon-lime! On palate, refreshing acidity, rosehips, ginger, hazelnut, candied orange. The finish has notes of mango and limey citrus. Silver Oak's Twomey Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from two family-owned estate vineyards. Limited new release.

\$32.50 reg \$28.00 sale \$24.40 case GL11

## I-lixir

### Azienda Agricola Durin Riviera Ligure di Ponente Vermentino

The Basso family tends some 70 separate vineyards, both in the plains around the village of Ortovero and on the region's terraced and steep hillsides, three miles away from the sea as the crow flies. This is the inspired madness of vine growing in Liguria—so much so that there are only a few dozen full-time producers in the entire region. Yet for those stubborn, inspired few, what Liguria can give is nothing less than extraordinary. The thread that connects the wines of Liguria is indeed the sea: whites are limpid and invigorating: each bottle begs for Mediterranean cuisine and lively company. Handharvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled tanks. Aged in tank on fine lees. Aromas of honeycomb, citrus, yellow wildflowers. Delicate and fresh, very juicy; finish suggests lightly bitter almond.

\$27.00 reg

\$23.25 sale

\$20.25 case

IX1

### Criss Cross 2015 Petite Sirah

Yum, yum, yum! The winery criss crosses different vineyards to find the very best fruit. This one is inky in the glass with excellent density and richness and aromatics. Black and blue fruits are bold and up front, with a savory nuance. Rounds itself nicely in the finish. From Clarksburg, California

\$18.95 reg

\$16.35 sale

\$14.25 case

IX2

### The Fableist 395 2015 Merlot

A different expression of merlot this time. Bordeaux like on entry – earthy with a California streak. Shows lots of blue berries, black tea, bit of wet stone, decent tannins. Closes with a big, dry finish. From Paso Robles, California

\$26.50 reg

\$22.85 sale

\$19.90 case

IX3

### Gaspard 2015 Pinot Noir

This is a light hearted, charming find. 30-40-year-old vines from the Saint Porcain AOC. Semi-carbonic fermentation, aged 8 months in tank, lightly filtered before bottling. Nice cherry/berry nose and palate. Easy and delicious with gobs of bright fruit, a bit of earth and white pepper at the end. Great value from the Loire Valley, France

\$19.50 reg

\$16.80 sale

\$14.65 case

IX4

### **Gregory Perez 2015 Brezo Tinto**

Gregory Perez is one of the most talented winegrowers working in Bierzo today. The wine is comprised of mostly mencía, with a small percentage of garnacha tintorera from Horta and Villafranca del Bierzo. The grapes are 90% de-stemmed and 10% whole-cluster, fermented with wild yeasts in stainless-steel vats, and raised on the lees in vat. Gobs of blackberries, earthy notes are evident in the silky, sexy wine. Brezo Tinto is a fresh, ripe, floral, and spicy red wine to pair with meats of all kinds, especially sausages, game, and pork dishes. Just 3000 cases produced.

\$18.50 reg \$15.95 sale \$13.90 case IX5

### Isaac Cantalapiedra 2015 Cantayano

100% verdejo ~ delicious and unexpected example of this grape from central Spain. It is bright and vibrant with flavors of grapefruit, passion fruit and a touch of herbal lift. Full malolactic fermentation gives you the creamy texture and wood exposure completes the picture with a bit of nuttiness. From Castilla y León, Spain

\$23.00 reg \$19.80 sale \$17.25 case IX6

### Les Vignerons D'Estezarques 2016 Les Grandes Vignes Rouge

Unusual wine of 100% cinsault sourced near Avignon. Elegant notes of smoky red fruit, violets, sweet herbs and a note of baking chocolate. Rich with ripe cherry/berry flavors, and a mineral note followed by supple acidity and velvety tannins. Expressive with concentration of fruit but not overly extracted. Finishes with floral notes and a dash of black pepper. From the Southern Rhône Valley, France

\$17.95 reg \$15.50 sale \$13.50 case IX7

#### Monte Bernardi 2015 Chianti Classico Retromarcia

100% sangiovese. Clean, intense, with aromas of blackberry, black cherry and red plums, anise and spice, and orange peel. Fresh and fruity, medium-bodied, well balanced, with a nice structure, juicy acidity and a long finish. Great Tuscan addition to your cellar. From Panzano in Chianti.

\$25.00 reg \$21.50 sale \$18.75 case IX8

### Punch Vineyards 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

This special wine is made by a small group of Napa Valley artisans whose careers were built producing top-rated wines for prestigious vintners. "We got used to sipping from the golden chalice, all in a day's work – reserve blending trials, "aging checks" of library vintages, and of course comparative tastings of Napa Valley's best. To monitor quality in more real-life settings – like our back decks – we raided the occasional bottle from the QC lab. Or better yet, from the "secret" Public Relations stash. Then, we traded our booty with friends at other wineries. Yet, we could not afford to buy the wines we created! One day, in an oddly practical moment, we realized, "Hey, why not use our know-how and insider network to make a great wine that we and our friends can actually buy." The "who's who" of some of our group must remain a trade secret, but here we are... Punch Vineyards. For our mascot, we chose Punch the California Grizzly. We like to think of him as tough but playful – with an uncanny sense of taste." Punch Vineyards has all the hallmarks of a luxury Cabernet Sauvignon: concentration, complex flavors of black cherry, blackberry, mocha, spice and other notes. Toasty oak, soft, assertive tannins. Good structure and a long finish. Fabulous price!

\$45.00 reg \$38.70 sale \$33.75 case IX9

### Puramun 2013 Co-fermented Red

Jose "Pepe" Galante is widely considered the most important winemaker in Argentina's history. Chief winemaker at Catena Zapata from 1976 until 2010, Pepe showed the world that Argentina could make world-class wines. Puramun is Pepe's first-ever personal project owned by his family. Puramun means "harvest" and "search" in Mendoza's indigenous Mapuche language. Each Puramun bottle is the result of this passionate and endless search. This wine is 67% malbec and 33% petit verdot hand-picked together and co-fermented as a single lot, with 12 months in French oak barrels. Pepe created a serious wine with flavors of blue and dark fruits and a hint of minerality. Decanting is recommended to open all the complex layers this wine has to offer. Only 200 Wooden Six Packs.

\$55.00 reg \$47.30 sale \$41.25 case IX10

### Terre Margaritelli, 2015 Roccascossa

A blend of 70% sangiovese, 30% cabernet franc, Roccascossa is born in the heart of the Torgiano hills. With a deep ruby red color, persistent aroma, fruity, and a balanced taste makes Roccascossa the privileged interpreter of the colors, smells, atmosphere, and character of an authentic and sincere earth, that has always stood for purity, authenticity and excellence. Nice nutty notes with an attractive smoky nuances and hints of cured meat. Outstanding.

\$16.95 reg \$14.60 sale \$12.75 case IX11

### Union Sacré 2016 Riesling Fräulein

Union Sacré is the work of two friends, Xavier and Philip. Xavier is the winemaker and Philip writes and designs. Xavier is from a small city in the Rhône Valley in France and Philip is from an equally small city in Michigan USA. Despite their disparate origins they both have lived and worked together in California's Central Coast for nearly a decade. You have not heard their names, but they have both had their hand in creating wines that you've likely heard of and hopefully enjoyed. From the Riven Rock Vineyard. The wine is charming. Plump, rich with floral notes of lime blossom and a bit of lime pith as well. Just 210 cases made. Nothing like it, really.

\$24.00 reg \$20.65 sale \$18.00 case IX12

## Table 4 AHD Vintners

### Domaine Des Aubuisieres 2016 Vouvray Cuvée de Silex

Bernard Fouquet, a quiet-spoken man, is making some of the most serious Vouvray you'll find these days. He is regarded in France and the international press as one of the top Vouvray producers. No one succeeds better than Bernard in capturing the mineral tones unique to Vouvray's soil, with the marvelous balance of explosive fruit and titillating sensation of the Chenin Blanc grape. A sec (dry) Vouvray from 2 flint soil parcels. Entirely hand-harvested and only indigenous yeasts used. Fermented and matured in stainless steel thermo-regulated vats. Rich, ripe pears on the attack with minerals and pretty perfect acidity throughout. Mouth cleansing finish.

\$24.00 reg \$20.65 sale \$18.00 case AHD1

### Domaine des Pasquiers, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Plan de Dieu 2015

Perfumed plums and baked brambly fruit enriched by alluring notes of sweet chestnut greet you. Plan de Dieu AOC wines are made mainly from the grenache noir grape, blended with a minimum of 20% syrah and mourvèdre. Note the concentrated bouquet, rich in the flavors of red-berry fruits, spices and the scents of the garrigue also notes of leather, aniseed and licorice. From the Southern Rhône, France

\$20.00 reg \$17.20 sale \$15.00 case AHD2

### **Georges Vigouroux 2015 Pigmentum**

A selection of the best malbecs grown on the highest gravely and clay terraces in this AOC. Sure to provide pleasure, it has a beautiful red color with garrique as well as powerful red & black berry/currant fruit on the nose and palate. Bright, well balanced, round and inviting with rich, buttery tannin on the palate, topped off by a long finish. Amazing price! Perfect wine to accompany everyday meals as well as more elaborate dishes such as roast pork, leg of lamb, duck, beef tajine, cannelloni, chicken curry. From Cahors, France

\$15.00 reg \$12.95 sale \$11.25 case AHD3

### Illahe 2015 Pinot Noir Bon Sauvage

This wine from Oregon's Willamette Valley presents clear but not overwhelming notes of oak. The grapes from this vintage were taken from the lower part of our hill which were lighter and less influenced by the hot summer sun. The combination of 25% new oak and lighter fruit produced a very Burgundian wine. It opens with strong aromas of cedar chest and fresh plum with classic notes of cola and ripe olives. Subtle flavors of raspberry and strawberry, paired with dark flavors of black cherry and blackberry give this blend a strong backbone and bold palate. The smooth tannins and strong structure give the Bon Sauvage what it needs to survive in the bottle for years to come.

\$39.50 reg \$34.00 sale \$29.65 case AHD4

### Liparita 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, V Block

Spencer Hoopes planted his eight-acre vineyard in the Oakville AVA in 1989. Spencer's daughter Lindsay oversees full management of the winery. They work together, sharing that vision of great Cabernet Sauvignon from the Napa Valley. Lindsay is one of the youngest winery General Managers in Napa and one of a very small number of women who run wineries in the Napa Valley. 2013 was a stunning year in Napa Valley. This easy does it vintage allowed the winery to take their time and schedule just right picks. Full-bodied with a velvety texture. Pretty, lifted aromas of strawberry and currants are balanced nicely with ripe characters of cassis jelly candies, honeyed figs, forest floor and coffee confection. Expansive in the mouth, with abundant berry fruit, richly layered tannins and luscious sweet oak, the finish at once recalls the fresh liveliness of the nose while integrating the rich concentrated body of the wine with excellent dry and appetizing persistence. This is Classic Liparita Cabernet, powerful and pretty.

\$69.50 reg \$59.80 sale \$52.15 case AHD5

#### Ottella 2016 Le Creete

Old vine lugana, sourced from the "Le Creete" vineyard in the Veneto, where the soil has a high content of white clay. The harvest and selection of the grapes are done strictly by hand, in small lots. Aromas show immediate exotic hints, pineapple and grapefruit, with remarkable mineral sensations. Remarkable subtlety on the palate which does not renounce character. Richness, continuity and equilibrium fully satisfy the expectations of the taste buds. A persistent wine with good minerality and satisfying flesh. Pair this with marine and freshwater fish to emphasize the features of the wine. It goes very well with first courses of pasta or rice, it also provides pleasurable sensations when consumed with strongly flavored, seasoned cheeses.

\$22.00 reg \$18.95 sale \$16.50 case AHD6

### Piaggia di Vannucci Silvia 2014 Il Sasso Carmignano DOCG

Super interesting wine. Deep intense ruby red with a nose of Marasca cherries with elegant balsamic and spicy notes. Full and enveloping flavors, with the charming elegance on the palate that is typical of "thoroughbred" sangiovese. The blend is 70% sangiovese, 20% cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc, 10% merlot. After fermentation, the wine is transferred to small French wood containers, where it undergoes malolactic fermentation and remains for a least 15 months. During this period the wine is racked a few times to make it clearer and prepare it for bottling, which is done without subjecting the wine to any filtration or clarification processes in order to keep all its organoleptic properties intact. Complex on the nose, reminiscent of fruits of the forest jam, sweet spices, thyme and cocoa. Full-bodied and velvety with excellent balance between alcohols and polyalcohols, acids and tannins, with a lasting finish and a pleasant pure, fresh and fruity follow-through. It goes well with mature cheeses, red meat and game. Tuscany, Italy

\$35.00 reg \$30.15 sale \$26.25 case AHD7

### Tenuta Di Gracciano Della Seta 2015 Rosso di Montepulciano

Blend is 90% prugnono gentile, 10% merlot. A silky, elegant wine with bright red fruits (cherries/raspberries) on the attack accented with fennel notes. Longer, dry finish makes this a perfect food wine. From Tuscany, Italy

\$17.95 reg \$15.45 sale \$13.50 case AHD8

### Tenuta Ibidini 2015 Nero d'Avola Rosso

The 'Tenuta Ibidini' Nero d'Avola is intended for casual consumption. Wine is aged in steel vats for 6 months. The nose is intense and fruity with small red fruit and spices like licorice. There are hints of leather and mild game. Wine is fresh and velvety on the palate. Pair this Nero d'Avola with meat dishes and grilled vegetables.

\$15.95 reg \$13.75 sale \$12.00 case AHD9

#### Valle Dell'Acate 2013 Cerasuolo Di Vittoria

The Sicilian winery of Valle dell'Acate has a long and storied history amongst the top estates in Sicily, as the Jacono family can trace back their winemaking roots here to the nineteenth century. It is located in the southeastern corner of Sicily. The estate produces one of the finest examples of Cerasuolo di Vittoria, traditionally Sicily's greatest wine. Cerasuolo di Vittoria was the first red wine in all of Sicily to achieve DOCG status, and to this day it continues to be one of Sicily's greatest reds. The blend is 70% nero d'avola, 30% frappato. Delicately smoky aromas of red fruits, plum, camphor and herbs, lifted by a bright floral nuance. Enters plush and gentle, then a little tighter in the middle, showing very good focus to the plum and black cherry flavors. A pliant, shapely wine with outstanding purity, inner-mouth floral perfume and fine-grained tannins.

\$23.50 reg \$20.25 sale \$17.65 case AHD10

### Vina Robles 2012 Petit Verdot

Petit Verdot is a Bordeaux variety predominantly used for blending due to its dark color and high tannin in the finished wine. Indeed, at Vina Robles, a small percentage of this variety typically finds its way into our Cabernet Sauvignon wines for this purpose. However, we have found the variety exhibits richness and balance without the excessive astringency when grown in our estate vineyards. As such, we singled out a small lot offering from our Huerhuero Vineyard to showcase its exceptional qualities as a standalone wine. The grapes were handpicked in the cool morning hours and sorted in the vineyard. They were gently crushed and then allowed to ferment in small stainless-steel tanks. Various extraction techniques were implemented during the progressive stages of fermentation to enhance fruit flavors and balance mouthfeel. The wine was then transferred into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and spent 20 months in French oak barrels. The nose shows cherries and dark chocolate with hints of fine tobacco. Medium to full-bodied with cherry and cocoa powder flavors with a fine grain, chalky finish. Enjoy now through 2024. Yum!

\$29.00 reg \$25.00 sale \$21.75 case AHD11

### Barnard Griffin 2015 Syrah Port

Port-style wines are about intensely ripe grapes. In Washington, Syrah achieves tremendous maturity when allowed to remain on the vine for an extra few weeks. Vibrant, ripe raspberry and cherry fruit flavors are brought into focus by the attractive, warming spirit. Bittersweet chocolate, brown sugar and notes of baking spice chime in on the long satisfying finish. Everyone loves dessert, don't they?

\$26.00 reg \$22.40 sale \$19.50 case AHD12

## **AHD Vintners ~ Bubbles Table**

### Champagne Baron-Fuenté nv Grande Reserve Blanc Demi-Sec

This is a balanced and elegant Champagne, which is a hallmark of this producer. The vineyards are located in the Charly Sur Marne municipality of the Champagne area. The assemblage consists of 60% pinot meunier, 30% chardonnay and 10% of pinot noir. he Baron Fuenté Demi-Sec is pale yellow with a fine bead and aromas of apple, nectarine and pear. Plump and smooth with brioche notes, lots of berry fruit on the palate with a nice, long finish.

\$37.00 reg \$31.85 sale \$27.75 case BT1

### Champagne Lallier Grand Rosé Brut, Grand Cru

The assemblage is 65% pinot noir, 35% chardonnay. This Champagne is open-knit and balanced, featuring delicate flavors of citrus, wild berries, ginger, apple, toast, mineral-tinged chalk and smoke. Fresh, with a subtle finish.

\$62.00 reg \$53.35 sale \$46.50 case BT2

### Jean-Louis Denois nv Chardonnay Extra Brut

One of the rising stars of the Languedoc, Jean-Louis Denois makes exciting, world class wines that remain amazingly inexpensive, due to his location more than anything else. His vineyards sit in the very southwestern corner of France, at the foot of the Pyrenees, with perilously low-yielding vines, vinified with as little interference as possible. Jean-Louis focuses his work on the noble Champagne grapes. This cuvee is 100% organically farmed Chardonnay. The grapes are hand-picked and transported in small boxes. The grapes are pressed whole; only first-run juice is used. The wine is made in stainless steel. In the traditional method, the second fermentation is in bottle, after which it is aged for 4 years in bottle on the lees. Then it is gently riddled to remove sediment before corking. This fine extra-dry sparkling wine is a superbly stylish Blanc de Blancs, showing the estate's hallmark purity and ripe Chardonnay fruit. Its smoothness comes from 4 years of bottle age. It is a perfect expression of patient hard work. Very ripe, rich smooth wine best enjoyed on its own as an aperitif; also, perfect with shellfish, seafood, oysters or sushi. Less than three grams of residual sugar. Everyone can use a case of this one!

\$27.00 reg \$23.25 sale \$20.25 case BT3

#### R. H. Coutier Cuvée Tradition Grand Cru

Coutier's NV Brut Tradition Grand Cru is absolutely gorgeous. Scents of baked apple, brioche, spice and white flowers give the wine its brightness and focus. The Brut Tradition is 70% pinot noir and 30% chardonnay, with the pinot coming through in the wine's fruit profile and weight and the chardonnay adding lovely aromatic top notes. This is another superb Champagne from Coutier that delivers exceptional quality and personality for the money.

\$56.00 reg \$48.20 sale \$42.00 case BT4

### **Veuve Ambal Rivarose Brut Prestige**

Unusual blend for a bubbly but this one is perfectly delicious and 50% grenache 50% syrah. A gorgeous bottle of Provence rose with a fine and elegant sparkle. The nose offers up a fresh, soft scent of strawberry, raspberry and a little cherry. The mousse is mouth filling and fine. Flavors of red berries with a splash of watermelon and a little spice. Delicious and refreshing with a dry finish. This would be a classic party sparkling wine to be drunk as an aperitif. Also, very good with tapas style food, light salads and delicate risottos.

\$19.50 reg \$16.80 sale \$14.65 case BT5

# Imperial Beverage

### Beaucanon 2009 Cabernet Franc, Cuvée Louis

Everything about this winery is true to the winemaker's Bordeaux roots, including the vineyard management and winemaking. Rows are small and tightly spaced and terroir specific clones are used based on soil types. The 2009 bottling of this famed Cabernet Franc finds their 19-year-old vineyard blocks coming into their own and providing fruit of unparalleled depth and richness. Aromas are dark and intense; blackberry and blueberry fruit, cocoa, smoky tea and toasty oak. With a little time in the decanter or in your glass and more delicate notes of red cherry, lavender and mineral earth emerge to add depth and interest.

\$35.00 reg

\$30.10 sale

\$26.25 case

IB1

### Bodegas Cepa 21, 2014 Ribera del Duero Hito

Cepa 21 (Cepa means "grapevine" or "stock", 21 refers to the 21st century) is a new and ambitious project which was started in the mid-2000s. The winery and vineyards are on the "Milla de Oro". The philosophy behind these wines is forward-thinking and they are fashioned in a bright and modern style. Cepa 21 is Emilio Moro's sister project. This is the flagship wine from Cepa 21, and is 100% Tinto Fino from vines with over 25 years of age. It was aged for 14 months in new French and American oak. Lively and spicy with bright, tart fruity nose and attack. Silky and focused on the palate, offering bitter cherry/berry skin flavors that deepen slowly with aeration. Closes silky and long, with gentle tannins adding shape and grip.

\$18.95 reg

\$16.30 sale

\$14.25 case

**IB2** 

### Gorman Winery 2011 The Bully

This is a stunning, bold, dense wine chock-full of power and grace. The blend is 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot from the Red Mountain District and 5% Petit Verdot from the Columbia Valley. Aromatically intense, it shows gobs of dark fruits, with exotic spice notes plus a touch of leather and earth. Well balanced, dry finish is super long++. Aged 21 months in 80% new French oak. Just 750 cases made. From Red Mountain, Washington. Chris Gorman, the winemaker says "the wine is a Bully and the people that love it are Bullies, too!"

\$62.00 reg

\$53.35 sale

\$46.50 case

IB3

### Le Cru Aux Roches Pourries Morgon 2014

This is a Beaujolais from the lieu dit Cote de Py, which is the famous slope outside the town of Villié-Morgon and is considered to be the best lieu dit of Morgon. The granite and schistous soils sit on an alluvial fan at the highest point outside the town and impart more character and complexity to the wine. The name Morgon Le Cru Aux Roches Pourries refers to the "roche pourrie" (literally rotten rock), the crumbly, flaky rock rich in iron oxide and manganese which imparts a red ochre color to the soil. Grapes are harvested by hand from the best vineyard in the cru, and only the best clusters of grapes are selected for the wine. This is just a delightful and graceful all-purpose wine. Lots of juicy red fruits, medium weight, perfectly balanced. Serve at cellar temperature.

\$17.95 reg \$15.45 sale \$13.50 case IB4

### Loimer Grüner Veltliner Kamptal Langenlois 2015

The rules for Kamptal DAC state that Grüner Veltliner must be produced in a fresh style without botrytis or wood. Loimer places this wine in their "klassik" range and is intended to be a transparent snapshot of the varietal, the vintage and most importantly the Kamptal region. The grapes for this wine come from old vineyards around Langenlois and nearby areas. Both young and old vines for the wine grow mainly in loess and weathered gneiss soils. The grapes are selectively picked by hand in October. Then, following a short maceration time, they underwent fermentation in steel tanks – partly spontaneous, partly controlled. At the end of January, the freshly fermented wine was drawn off and then further matured on the lees until bottling. This wine is spicy, peppery, with bright green apple and even exotic notes like grapefruit. The very clear, juicy fruit and fresh acid structure play a crucial role for the mouthfeel and make this a very pleasurable wine to drink. Because of its structure and lengthy mineral palate, this is a wine of depth - even with its medium body. A perfect partner with cold cuts or fish like trout; also, good with veal and ambitious chicken dishes, cabbage.

\$26.00 reg \$22.40 sale \$19.50 case IB5

### Quady North, Applegate Valley 2014 Viognier Ox Block

Descended from the Quady Port family of California, Herb Quady has set up shop and vineyards in the Rogue and Applegate valleys of southern Oregon where he produces a fine array of Rhône and Bordeaux varietals and blends. The fruit is sourced exclusively from the awkwardly steep "Ox-Block" at their very own "Mae's Vineyard." Peach pie, apricot, and citrus rind aromas. The wine is textured, with medium body, but has a sense of minerality, with a crisp finish. Notice the perfect balance on this wine. Just lovely as an aperitif or with lighter fare.

\$28.00 reg \$24.10 sale \$21.00 case IB6

#### Saddleback Cellars 2013 Rancher Red

Nils Venge is considered a cabernet master and is an icon among his winemaking peers. This is a bold blend of 83% cabernet sauvignon, 10% petit sirah, 3% syrah. Only 316 cases produced. The juice fermented on the skins for fourteen days, going through a combination of punch-downs and pump-overs twice daily during this period. After pressing, the wine was racked into 60% new French and 10% new American oak barrels and left to age for 24 months. During this time native malolactic fermentation occurred. This wine was bottled filtered. Brimming with aromas of wild cherry and lavender, this Bordeaux style blend is named for the winery dog Chloe. With a rich midpalate and chewy tannins on the finish this is a delicious fruit forward wine that would pair wonderfully with spare ribs. Oakville, Napa Valley

\$37.00 reg \$31.85 sale \$27.75 case IB7

### Shannon Ridge 2013 High Elevation Wrangler Red

This is an exciting wine with aromas of ripe cherry, blackberry, tobacco and rich chocolaty notes. The flavors include blackberry, dusty cherry, cinnamon spice and sweet tobacco. It's a rich, polished wine with supple tannins, nice balance and a lush, lingering finish. Great blend of 44% zinfandel, 43% syrah, 11% petite syrah, and 2% cabernet sauvignon. Critical Acclaim: 90 Points Wine Enthusiast

\$18.00 reg \$15.50 sale \$13.50 case IB8

### Tenuta Santa Maria Pràgal Rosso IGT

A rare blend of corvina with syrah and merlot that is produced from fresh and partially dried appassimento grapes, Semi-velvety with red fruit, dark spice, tobacco and black tea notes, resulting in this enticing, warm and round wine with very good balance. Medium weight, nice tannins and a BIG long dry finish from the Veneto, Italy.

\$19.00 reg \$16.35 sale \$14.25 case IB9

# **Old Bridge Cellars**

### Greywacke 2016 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough NZ

One of the most sought-after Marlborough Sauvignons, demand must follow owner Kevin Judd around - he was chief winemaker at Cloudy Bay for 25 years before deciding to go things alone. Intriguing fenugreek seed and bacon fat aromas evolve into elderflower and citrus. On the palate, intense gooseberry and fenugreek dominate, with elderflower and honeysuckle providing some richness, followed up by slight mineral notes. Although vibrant, the acidity is kept in check, making this a well-balanced wine. Veteran Kevin Judd has turned out another fine effort. Passion fruit and pea tendril aromas impart a welcome green edge that's never overwhelming, picking up layers of white grapefruit on the plump, medium-bodied palate. The finish is intense, long and citrusy.

\$25.00 reg \$21.50 sale \$18.75 case OBC1

### 2014 Greywacke Wild Sauvignon, Marlborough NZ

Fresh scents of lemon verbena tea, menthol and smoke. Boasts terrific clarity, energy and cut to its flavors of tangy citrus fruits, white stone fruits and minerals, along with a complicating tropical fruit element. Sappy, dense Sauvignon Blanc with terrific underlying structure. This wine was bottled in November of 2015 following nearly a year in barrel and several months in tank. The Wild Sauvignon is routinely slightly higher in alcohol and lower in acidity than Judd's stainless-steel version. Winemaker Notes Fermented entirely with naturally occurring yeast, this is an alternative style of Sauvignon Blanc that is both intricate and textural. An inviting combination of fragrant patisserie-like aromas and fresh herbs – the sweet scent of lemon meringue and apricot seems to meld with a tarragon-like herbal quality and a hint of smokiness. The palate is succulent and packed with stone fruit and vanilla, finishing crisp and long with a flinty dryness.

\$28.50 reg \$24.55 sale \$21.40 case OBC2

### d'Arenberg 2014 Hermit Crab Viognier/Marsanne

Winemaker Notes: Wonderfully aromatic covering a broad spectrum of characters from white stone fruits and citrus through to ginger, spice and raw nuts. The palate is equally as giving with good fruit generosity, well etched, crisp acidity, and a super fine grapefruit pith like phenolic tail. The overall combination of these features deliver a fruit driven wine that tails off to a long, savory and mouth-watering finish. A versatile wine that can be equally enjoyed on its own, aperitif style, or with a wide range of spicy foods, white meat and seafood-focused dishes. Critical Acclaim: Wilfred Wong of Wine.com. After a memorable visit to the winery in 1996, I basically fell in love with the d'Arenberg wines. Two decades later, I still find the wines to be some of the world's finest. The 2015 d'Arenberg Hermit Crab is simply beautiful. The wine's aromatic notes and rewarding palate textures pair it perfectly with Dungeness crab in a ginger, onion sauce.

\$17.50 reg \$15.05 sale \$13.15 case OBC3

### Giant Steps 2015 Pinot Noir

Critical Acclaim: 94 points Wine Front: 'The first release of a new 'Yarra Valley range' out of Giant Steps. Hand-picked, wild yeast, no fining or filtration. The winemaking doesn't sound compromised, and nor does the shape and flavor of the wine in the mouth. It's sour-sweet in a positive way, ripped with dry herbs and cherry-plum, with cranberry and crushed dry spice notes aplenty. It's succulent, it's tangy, it's spicy and yet it's firm and strong. It speaks of a top-notch vintage, and producer."

\$45.00 reg \$38.70 sale \$33.75 case OBC4

### d'Arenberg d'Arry's 2010 Original Shiraz/Grenache

This wine is named in honor of d'Arenberg principal, Francis d'Arenberg Osborn, who is universally known as d'Arry. A lifetime in wine has seen d'Arry recognized as a Winemakers Federation of Australia Patron and a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to the wine industry. This wine displays a level of finesse and freshness that we don't always encounter in other vintages of the same wine. In a somewhat surprising contrast to this, the wine also displays a dense and varied array of fruit characters, from bright lifted purple plums and rhubarb through to more spice and herbal notes such as sage and cardamom, into even more complex earthy flavors of beetroot and ash. The sweet and savory fruits are further complemented by a fine, slightly gritty tannin, ensuring the wine lives both long on the palate and long in your cellar, were you to show the patience and restraint required.

\$22.00 reg \$18.95 sale \$16.50 case OBC5

### d'Arenberg 2014 Footbolt Shiraz

Joseph Osborn was a successful racehorse owner and Footbolt was the pride of his stable. In 1912 he made the hard decision to sell his horses to purchase the d'Arenberg property. The wine showcases McLaren Vale through and through! Here is the epitome of great Shiraz from our world-renowned region. This is a wine that seduces. The nose is loaded with black pepper and baking spices. Licorice and aniseed aromas are lifted by bucket loads of red and black plummy berry fruit. It's not just fruit and spice on the nose here though. This is a complex wine showing fresh mushroom and forest floor characters with subtle hints of aged oak and scented glimpses of seasoned leather and pipe tobacco. The seduction continues on the palate with a foreboding rush of dark fruit, blood orange, charcuterie, and peaty earth. All wrapped around a robust concentrated core of chewy, round tannin. This vibrant tannin line carries through to a long, spicy, mineral finish. A wine any lover of Shiraz will happily be seduced!

\$24.50 reg \$21.10 sale \$18.40 case OBC6

### Penley 2013 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon

Aromas consist of violets, black currant leaf, ripe wild berries and integrated spice notes. Mulberry and blackberry characters drive the palate and are enhanced by a young tight tannins and elegant complex cedar oak, so typical of the Penley Style. A very generous mid palate with a hint of licorice and chocolate lingers on the finish. The Penley Estate Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 has aromas of blackcurrant, violet, wild berry and smoked spices. Complex, tight structure with flavors of mulberry and blackberry, followed by a hint of licorice and chocolate that runs the length of the palate. This wine is medium-bodied with fine, oak tannins and beautiful acidity. This is a well-priced, solid wine and a favorite @ Wine Sellers.

\$24.00 reg \$20.65 sale \$18.00 case OBC7

#### John Duval 2012 Plexus SGM

This is legend John Duval's classic Southern Rhone blend sourced from top quality old vine Barossa vineyards. This is a must try for anyone who loves Barossa wines and also folks who enjoy wines from regions like Châteauneuf-du-Pape where blends like this originated. John's wines are rich, pure, med-full bodied and have exquisite balance. Winemaker's notes: "My aim with Plexus is express the wide spectrum of red fruit flavors from Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre and also provide structure with a seamless balance and long finish. Traditional, low intervention winemaking techniques are employed with Plexus, allowing the wine to be approachable in its youth, but also have medium term cellaring potential for 8-10 years. Fermentation was done in small open stainless-steel fermenters. The wine was then matured entirely in fine grain French oak hogsheads (300-liter barrels), just 10% new oak, with the balance 3-6-year-old barrels, for 15 months. The wine is crimson purple-red, with an array of red and black berry aromatics, wild berries and cassis. On the palate the wine shows generously, with soft texture and fine tannins. Flavors of blackberry and dark cherry with hints of Asian spice and Christmas cake." Critical Acclaim: 94 points James Suckling Duval's regional red, which melds Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre together seamlessly, is a stunning rendition in the 2012 vintage. The Barossan origin is strong in all aspects of the wine, which shows deep blackberries and other red fruits on the nose in addition to some gently earthy and tarry meat accents, hints of nutty oak and a sense of vibrant ripeness. The palate delivers redder than expected fruit flavors. Grenache speaks strong here. Tannins are soft, supple and layered, and the wine occupies every corner of the mouth. Starts bright, builds full, finishes long, fades slow. Drink now.

\$47.50 reg \$40.85 sale \$35.65 case OBC8

### John Duval 2014 Entity Shiraz,

Made by one of the all-time icons of Australian winemaking, John Duval (ex-Penfolds Grange winemaker), the 2014 Entity is exclusively sourced from old-vine vineyards in the Barossa and Eden Valleys. Winemaker's Notes: "My aim with Entity is to produce an elegant Shiraz true to the Barossa. The 2014 Entity again includes some Eden Valley Shiraz to help maintain the elegance and style of Entity. Traditional, low-intervention winemaking techniques were employed with Entity, allowing the wine to be approachable in its youth, but with ample structure and fruit depth to allow areat potential for improvement in the bottle under good cellaring conditions, for at least 10-12 years. In the cellar fermentation with submerged cap and small open stainless-steel fermenters. The wine is then matured for 15 months, in 35% new, fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 liters) and the balance in 2, 3 and 4-year-old hogsheads. The nose shows a dark fruit expression of blackberry and plum, giving way to some lifted floral notes and savory, spicy French oak. On the palate the Entity is full bodied and generous with excellent concentration of blackberry fruit. Textured layers of fruit, balanced acidity and fine, long tannins will enable good cellaring potential." Critical Acclaim: 93 points Vinous; Inky ruby. Powerful aromas of blackberry, violet and wood smoke are complemented by a hint of cola that emerges with air. Sweet, seamless and full-bodied, offering ripe cassis, blackberry, floral pastille and licorice flavors given spine by a core juicy acidity. Deepens and becomes spicier on the penetrating finish, which features building tannins and a lingering floral nuance.

\$42.00 reg \$36.15 sale \$31.50 case OBC9

### Chambers nv Muscat, Rutherglen AU

Sourced from material aged between six and ten years old, this wine is the foundation of the style; displaying the fresh raisin aromas, rich fruit, spiced orange and crème caramel with great length of flavor on the palate which are the mark of all the Muscats of Rutherglen. While these wines are seen as after dinner drinks, try serving them as an aperitif, particularly in winter. A small glass goes a very long way, warming the mind as well as the stomach. And remember that a bottle, once opened, will keep for some months without deteriorating, providing it is recorked after each serving.

Critical Acclaim: Wine & Spirits, Here's a steal: a half bottle of rich, stylish muscat for \$16. This is filled with luscious, plump peach flavor, perfumed tart cherry notes with a rummy,

\$17.95 reg \$15.45 sale \$13.50 case OBC10

sugarcane sweetness in the finish. Serve it with hazelnut ice cream.