

December Wine News

TOP WINE



Wine Spectator's Top-100 was recently revealed, and Leschi Market is proud to announce a small availability of the #1 wine!

Purchased and stashed in the cellar until just the right moment! This wine has long been sold out at the distributor. If you are interested, we urge you to call or email to reserve a bottle or two. This will go fast.

2011 DOW Vintage Port, 750 ml, \$92.99/\$84.99/\$76.49

Here is an excerpt from Kim Marcus' Wine Spectator review: "For its combination of power, quality and fair price, and for being the best of the best of an amazing vintage, the 2011 Dow's Vintage Port is Wine Spectator's 2014 Wine of the Year. This profile, enjoyable younger than is the norm, truly represents the modern style of Port. Wait at least until 2020 to crack open the 2011, though it will live much, much longer. As the fruit, sweetness, tannins and alcohols evolve, they will reach their climax in the sublime hedonism of a mature Vintage Port. Powerful, refined and luscious, with a surplus of dark plum, kirsch and cassis flavors that are unctuous and long. Shows plenty of grip, presenting a long, full finish, filled with Asian spice and raspberry tart accents. Rich and chocolaty. One for the ages. Best from 2030 through 2060."

Cheers & Enjoy!

Leschi Market's Wine Department

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ON THE SHELVES look for the red colored tags (matching our printed Wine News). They identify the wines featured here in The Wine News.

KEN'S PICKS

- 2009 Cadence Taptail Vineyard Red Mountain \$49.99/\$41.99/\$37.79
- 2010 Adriano Marco & Vittorio Basarin Nebbiolo Barbaresco Piedmont \$34.99/\$27.99/\$25.10
- 2013 Henri Bourgeois "Les Baronnes" Sancerre \$32.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
- 2012 Bodega Catena Zapata Malbec High Mountain Vines Argentina \$26.99/\$19.59/\$17.63
- 2012 Dunham Three Legged Red Washington \$22.99/\$18.69/\$16.82
- 2013 Fernlands Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand \$13.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

LISA'S PICKS

- 2009 Nota Bene Una Notte Red Blend Columbia Valley \$24.99/\$19.99/\$17.99
- 2011 Les Domaines Barons de Rothschild Lafite Réserve Rouge Bordeaux \$21.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

- 2013 Domaine Pierre Chauvin L'Argonnette Blanc Anjou Loire \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59
- 2013 Domaine de la Rablais Sauvignon Touraine Loire Valley \$16.99/\$13.09/\$11.78
- 2012 Hugel Gentil Blanc Blend Alsace France \$16.99/\$11.19/\$10.07
- 2013 Saget La Perrière Pinot Noir Loire Valley \$14.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

MIKE'S PICKS

- 2012 Forge Cellars Riesling Finger Lakes \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
- 2011 Charles Joguet Chinon Cuvée Rouge Terroir Loire \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
- 2011 Southard Syrah Stonetree Vineyard Wahluke Slope \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
- 2013 Brick House Dragon's Tale Gamay Noir Oregon \$35.99/\$29.89/\$26.90



Red Wines

2011 Figgins Estate Red Wine Walla Walla Valley \$112.99/\$97.99/\$88.19

“A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Merlot, the 2011 Figgins Estate Red is excellent in the vintage, with classic crème de cassis, lead pencil shavings, tobacco, bay leaf and toast giving way to a medium to full-bodied, elegant and seamless 2011 that has good concentration, plenty of sweet fruit and building tannin that emerges with more time in the glass. Classy, elegant and streamlined, it’s already approachable, but will be better in another couple years and drink nicely through 2026.”

–*Wine Advocate*, 93 points **New item.** Winemaker for Leonetti Cellar.

2009 Cadence Taptail Vineyard Red Mountain \$49.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

“An up-front, deliciously textured blend of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot and 17% Cabernet Franc that’s overflowing with bright plum, violets, wild herbs, pepper and wet stone minerality on the nose. Voluptuous, rich and seamless, with superb purity of fruit, it’s a mouth full of fruit for upwards of a decade. Drink now-2023.”

–*Wine Advocate*, 93 points

2009 Fort Walla Walla Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley \$38.99/\$32.69/\$28.99

“Smooth and well balanced. It’s elegant, with savory plum and currant fruit. Rich aromas of coffee, chocolate mocha and a hint of vanilla. Soft tannins that provide a lovely finish. The oak cooperage complements but does not overwhelm the fruit. 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Merlot.”–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2010 Adriano Marco & Vittorio Basarin Nebbiolo Barbaresco Piedmont Italy \$34.99/\$27.99/\$25.10

“The cherry and plum flavors are matched by savory, licorice and mineral notes in this taut, sinewy version. Dense and concentrated, with lively acidity and energy on the finish. Presents a fine aftertaste of fruit, spice and mineral. Best from 2017 through 2028. “

- *Wine Spectator*, 92 points. **New item.**

2012 Darby ‘The Dark Side’ Syrah Columbia Valley \$29.99/\$26.19/\$23.57

Big, dark and inky with all the spice, fig and earth we’ve seen in previous vintages. The 2012 is perhaps Darby’s finest Dark Side. **New vintage.**

2012 Ridge Three Valleys Red California \$30.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“Composed of 82% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah and the rest Carignan and Alicante Bouchet. This sexy wine (14.2% natural alcohol) reveals lots of raspberry and black cherry fruit, medium to full body, beautiful purity, delicate notes of spice and no hint of oak. Enjoy this fleshy red now through 2018.” –*Robert Parker*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2011 Southard Syrah StoneTree Vineyard Wahluke Slope \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“Southard is the winery of the year as far as I am concerned when you factor in quality, price and the extra bounce that the thrill of discovery offers.” Paul Gregutt (August 2012). “Our first single-vineyard. Cocoa and baking spice surround a core of blackberry. We’re excited to watch this wine develop over the next few years. 98 cases produced.”

–Winemaker notes. **New item.**

2012 Arnoux et Fils Gigondas Vieux Clocher Nobles Terrasses \$30.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“The 2012 Gigondas Vieux Clocher Nobles Terrasses is beautifully perfumed and floral, with notions of spice-cake, red licorice, raspberry and crushed flowers all emerging from the glass. Comprised of 70% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre, this medium-bodied, sweetly fruited and textured effort should be enjoyed now through 2020.”

–*Wine Advocate*, 88-90 points

2012 Evening Land Seven Springs Vineyard Gamay Noir Eola-Amity Hills \$30.99/\$22.39/\$20.15

“Seven Springs was originally developed in the 1980s as the Oregon wine industry was beginning to take shape. As a result, we have some of the oldest vines planted in the Eola-Amity Hills and our Gamay is among the original plantings that date back to 1983. A very small block, we believe this may be the first commercial planting of the Gamay Noir grape in the United States.” –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2012 Dunham Three Legged Red Washington \$22.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

“Ripe and expressive, this tightly focused red displays raspberry, beet and plum flavors in equal proportions, finishing with refined tannins. Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sangiovese and Malbec. Drink now through 2016.” –*Wine Spectator*, 89 points

2012 The Leader Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

“This Cabernet way over delivers for the money! Full-bodied and drinking great now, it has deep, rich black fruit flavors along with ample silky tannins. Predominately Red Mountain fruit.”

–*Wine Enthusiast*, 90 points. **New item.**

2013 J. Albin Pinot Noir Lorelle Willamette Valley \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

Bright aromatics of Bing cherry and red fruit. Lively on the palate with red fruit following the nose and a deep note of black tea leaf on the back end. Moderate to high acidity, it is fantastic with seafood or roasted chicken. Recommended strongly for those looking for a bargain Oregon Pinot Noir on the light side. **New vintage.**

2012 Thomas Goss Cabernet Sauvignon McLaren Vale \$15.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

“Made by Ben Riggs and his winemaking team, this wine displays the trademark Cabernet Sauvignon characters; rich and generously loaded with mulberries, black cherries and spice on the palate, the finish is long lasting, delicious, dense and fruit-packed. Delivers all of that at an affordable price.” Winemaker notes’ **New vintage.**



2013 Hahn Winery GSM Central Coast California
\$16.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

“Inspired by the Rhône blends of southern France, our GSM combines the character of each component into rich layers of flavors and textures. Enticing fragrances of violets and blueberry come to the fore followed by notes of cardamom and cedar. The palate delivers layers of strawberry, red cherry and black pepper and cloves. 60% Grenache, 37% Syrah and 3% Mourvèdre.” –Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2012 Skouras Zoe Red Peloponnese Greece \$14.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

Skouras is a terroir-driven, estate-bottled winery at the forefront of quality Greek wine. This red blend is medium bodied, lively and fresh, with black cherry-blackberry fruit and hints of violets, anise and dried herbs. With no oak and soft tannins it makes a great BBQ red. 90% Aghiorghitiko, 10%, Cabernet Sauvignon. **New vintage.**

2012 Luccarelli Negroamaro Puglia \$13.99/\$10.69/\$9.62

From a vineyard hidden in the countryside around Sava, in the north of Salento, close to the Ionian arc. Persistent aroma, fruity, with black currant and wild fruit scent, spicy, with thyme notes. A full-bodied wine, soft and balanced with a long finish. **New item.**

2012 Peirano Estate Vineyards “The Heritage Collection” Petite Sirah Lodi California \$16.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

Peirano Estate has been farmed by the same family since the 1800’s. They are now the oldest continually operated vineyard in Lodi, California with many vines over 100 years old. From these vines comes this Petite Sirah, inky dark and tasting of berries, cinnamon, earth, oak and even a hint of smoke and dark chocolate. A bold vintage, this year. Remember, Petite Sirah is not Syrah or Shiraz, but a separate grape altogether originally called Duriff. **New item.**

2013 Bodega Renacer Malbec Punto Final Clásico Mendoza
\$15.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

Dark purple hues lead into spicy perfumes of liquorice and black cherry. These follow through to the palate which adds a touch of vanilla and caramel from the French oak. It is rounded and juicy, with hints of chocolate alongside the rich black fruit. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2013 Henri Bourgeois “Les Baronnes” Sancerre
\$32.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“The lime-green 2013 Sancerre Les Baronnes is a modern classic of the region and a good example to demonstrate the polished aromatic yet authentic, pure and elegant style of Henri Bourgeois’ wines. This medium-bodied, juicy yet minerally structured and zesty Sauvignon from 20-to 40-year-old vines offers attractive white fruit flavors intertwined with piquant citrus.”

– *Wine Advocate*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2013 àMaurice Cellars Viognier Gamache Vineyard Columbia Valley \$28.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“The 2013 was a very warm year, which brought more volume to our Viognier. The result of the warm year was a more moderate acid level and higher alcohol with a rich texture. Soft fruit notes of apricots, nectarines, mandarin oranges and honey. Refreshing ripeness gives way to blanched almonds on the expressive finish. 230 cases made.”

–Winemaker notes

2013 Napa Cellars Chardonnay Napa Valley
\$23.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

“Aromas of fresh floral notes, toasted apple strudel, tangerine rind and pear blossom excite the senses. The palate consists of crème fraîche and baked shortbread, which create a soft, round mouthfeel with an extended finish of toffee and crème brûlée. The balanced acidity gives this Chardonnay its approachable character.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Pala Vermentino di Sardegna Sardinia Italy
\$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

Straw colored with greenish reflections. Persistent floral and herbaceous aromas with notes of thyme. Medium to full-bodied on the palate with good balance and a long finish. Serve with seafood dishes and lightly seasoned soups. **New vintage.**

2013 Fernlands Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand
\$13.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

Bright green herbal fruit aromas, with hints of lime and lemon and a touch of capsicum and gooseberry. Lovely, bright green fruit with hints of gooseberry, citrus and cut-grass characters on the palate. A solid backbone of zesty acid with a clean, fresh finish. Double Gold at the 34th San Francisco International Wine Competition. **New vintage.**



Always at Leschi Market, mix and match any six bottles of wine for a 10% discount.



Best Sellers At Leschi Market

WHITE WINES

1. 2013 Oisly et Thesee Touraine Sauvignon Blanc Les Gourmets \$8.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
2. 2013 Mont Gravet Cotes de Gascogne Blanc \$9.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
3. 2013 Domaine Talmard Macon-Chardonnay \$12.99/\$10.29/\$9.26
4. 2013 Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand \$18.99/\$11.19/\$10.07
5. 2013 Wente Vineyards Riva Ranch Arroyo Seco Chardonnay \$24.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
6. 2013 Anne Amie Estate Cuvée A Müller-Thurgau Yamhill-Carlton \$13.99/\$12.79/\$10.97

RED WINES

1. Estrella Reserve Red Lot #3 California NV \$7.99/\$4.69/\$4.22
2. 2012 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon South Africa \$14.99/\$7.99/\$7.19
3. 2012 The Ghost of 413 Red Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59
4. 2012 Ryan Patrick Vineyards Rock Island Red Wahluke Slope \$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

5. 2011 Domaine de la Brunley Cotes de Ventoux \$11.99/\$8.39/\$7.55
6. 2010 Dante Red Blend by Pozzan California \$10.99/\$8.39/\$7.55

ALL WINE > \$15

1. 2012 Mark Ryan The Chief Red Wine Columbia Valley \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
2. 2012 L'ecole No. 41 Red Wine Columbia Valley \$23.99/\$18.69/\$16.82
3. 2013 L'Ecole No. 41 Columbia Valley Chardonnay \$24.99/\$20.59/\$18.53
4. 2009 Chateau Teyssier Montagne Saint-Emilion Bordeaux \$22.99/\$19.69/\$17.72
5. 2012 Domaine Garnier et Fils Chablis \$19.99/\$15.99/\$14.39
6. 2010 Foundry Vineyards Red Columbia Valley \$20.99/\$17.79/\$16.01

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